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Happy February



SCCA has posted the 50th National Championship Runoffs schedule to the Runoffs home page at www.scca.com/runoffs.

The 2013 edition of the famed event will take place Sept. 16-22 at Road America, in Elkhart Lake, Wis. A special celebration will begin Thursday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m., including a retrospective on the first 49 events, featuring some of the great names from the past, and a party that will be sure to go down in history as well.

The event will return to its tradition of three days of racing (Fri-Sun) to accommodate the celebration activities. The official week will begin with practice on Monday, Sept. 16, followed by three-straight days of qualifying, in which each class will make one appearance on track per day. The schedule is subject to revision for any reason up until Aug. 26, 2013

The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

The winter blahhhhs!

As this edition of the *Blower* reaches you, we will have been through our first cold weather of the year. Where, oh where are the dog days of summer? Not in northeast Ohio I tell you!

Enough with the obvious and on to more pleasant thoughts, the racing season to come. As I type this article, many of you will already have been trying to figure out what to do to get that extra tenth of a second of a lap at Nelsons, Mid-Ohio, the Glen or where ever your venue of choice is. Me personally, do I get the XXL suit or the XL? I guess it depends on how much I work out and do those table pushups... you know where you push the table and food away from you so you can feel better and healthier.

We would like to get a Mentor Program started. We need experienced former

drivers who have since left racing, to help out our newer, younger drivers who need help with their car and to generally help in any way possible. So if you know any former drivers that have an itch to just offer advice or turn a wrench, please let them know.

If you have any questions, or comments about how we do what it is that we do, or you need an answer to anything that we can help you with, please feel free to either call me or any other Board member. Our phone numbers are listed in the monthly issue of the *Blower* newsletter.

My phone numbers are:

- (216) 212-4520 cell, all days from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- (216) 289-0840 home, all days from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

I also encourage you to make an appearance at one or more of our monthly Board meetings. We would really like to get new ideas, think out of the box and do more to make your racing experience more fun! We meet the first Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted in the *Blower*) at the Captains Club, 34820 Vine Street, Eastlake, at 7:00 until we're done.

I look forward to seeing you!

Your humble servant,

Pete Sedlak

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Monthly Meetings

Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the private room at Captains Club, 34820 Vine St., Eastlake, OH. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower*.

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Neohio Region SCCA, BOT Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2013 - Captain's Club, Eastlake

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Duane Harrington, Tara Oram, Jeff Blumenthal, Jim Pracker, Pat Prill, Mike Puskar, Pete Sedlak, Greg Vandersluis, Jim Dietz, Peggy Dietz, Jim Leagan, Dorothy Harrington

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

Bob Doernberg, Denny Freeman, Dan Koplow

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Duane Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as corrected: Jim Pracker/Roland Hahn – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION to accept treasurer's report as presented. Roland Hahn/Jim Pracker – Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

- Forgot to request from banquet committee last meeting a \$300 budget for the event, which does not include trophies. MOTION to accept budget proposal from banquet committee for Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) – Hahn/Prill – Approved.
- Chairman of the Board nominations for 2013 year. Nominations for Pete Sedlak and Jim Pracker. Vote – Pete Sedlak carries. Pete will serve as Chairman of the Board for Neohio for 2013 year.
- Welcome to all incoming elected officials for the 2013 year and beyond – Trustees: Denny Freeman, Dorothy Harrington and Jim Leagan.
- Thank you to all who have been here, supported and contributed to Neohio. We wish those well

that now move on: Jim Dietz, Duane Harrington, and Debbie LaFond.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- It is noted, that Stephanie Hahn has accepted the position of Comp Board Chairperson, from the outgoing Debbie LaFond.
- Received email from Sandi Kryder, as the Neohio event in July is currently NOT listed. Pete will follow-up with contact to Jude who handles scheduling and listings for Great Lakes Division.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently at 474 members. Think with being year-end and holidays many have put off renewing right away. Those individuals whose memberships have expired have been contacted for renewal information.

RALLY

- Greg Lester reported that the Ohio Winter lives and will be put on February 2nd! The rally starts in Solon and back. Need help with entries and volunteers – spread the word! It is a great, family friendly, fun, scenic event!
- Will again have a local HAM radio club to help out – gives them experience and we get workers from it.

SOLO

- Jeff Blumenthal has delivered last pack of radios to equipment with Jim Pracker.
- Bill Snow and Carleton Kirsch have agreed to head up the solo committee.
- Dan K. was trying to work with Randall Park Mall for pavement, Al Gaudino had mentioned the new management over at

Geauga Lake and Bill Crowe still has the connection at Lakeland. Pete will contact Bill Crowe and get that information to Bill and Carleton.

- They were notified that Jim Pracker has possession of the solo equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Banquet is February 9th at Harry's Steakhouse. Cash bar starts at 6:00, dinner starts at 7:00. Shirley Hull is trying to finalize guest speaker. Hoping for Eric Prill, but depending on schedule, may be Steve Harris. Topic to speak of where SCCA is headed in 2013 and beyond, especially regarding the Majors program being implemented.
- Email blast will go out with invite. Paid RSVP confirms reservation to Peggy. Debbie handling trophies. Bob Roberts will again MC the event.
- We need someone to do the website. Gary has said his time is complete. Roland had some suggestions and will get pricing to Peggy and the Board for review/approval. Jeff B. has stated that he will be webmaster, if someone helps with the set up. Noted that we do need site with forum capabilities. Possible mini blogs as well from Boards.

NEW BUSINESS

- Roland brought up Rally Cross information. Carleton has agreed to be Rally Cross chairperson with assistance from Pete. Greg L. knows folks from Detroit that do it and will pass along those contacts.
- Roland showed interest in chairing Social Committee

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

February 28-March 2 SCCA National Convention, Southpoint Hotel, Casino and Spa, Las Vegas, Nevada

March 5 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting and Competition Board Meeting, Captain's Club, Eastlake, OH

March 23-24 WDC / Summit School

APRIL

April 2 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting and Competition Board Meeting, Captain's Club, Eastlake, OH

April 13 Tech & Driver Physicals, Nelson Ledges
Safety Day, Nelson Ledges

US Majors Tour 2013 Events

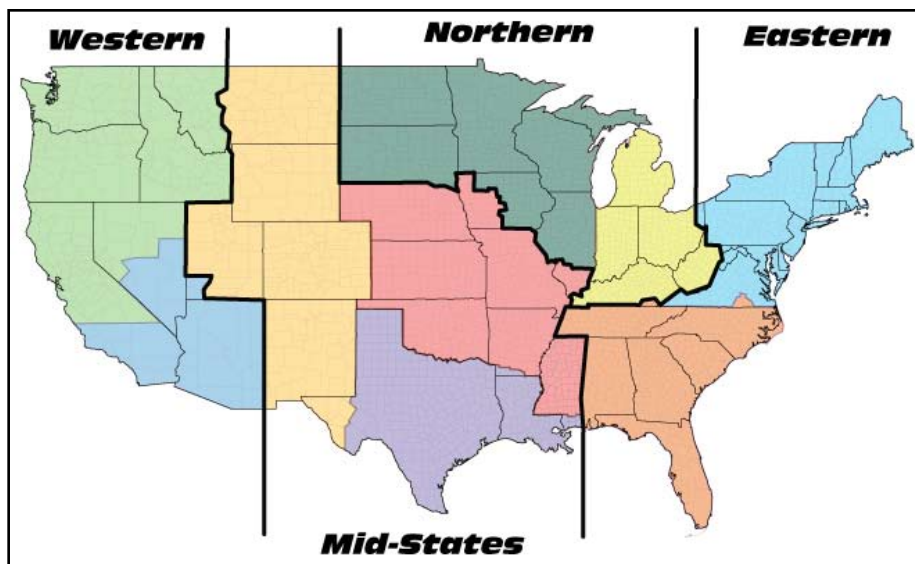
In 2013, the U.S. Majors Tour will conduct Championships in four separate Conferences - Eastern, Northern, Mid-States and Western.

Eastern Conference Events

- Jan. 4-6* - Sebring Int'l Raceway
- March 15-17* - Road Atlanta
- April 19-21* - VIRginia Int'l Raceway
- May 3-5* - Summit Point Raceway
- May 31-June 2* - New Jersey Motorsports Park
- July 5-7* - Watkins Glen International

Northern Conference Events

- May 25-26* - Michigan International Speedway
- May 31-June 2* - Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- June 14-16** - Road America - Weathertech Chicago Region June Sprints
- July 13-14* - Gingerman Raceway



- Aug. 3-4* - Gateway Motorsports Park (Joint event with Mid-States)

Mid-States Conference Events

- March 8-10* - Circuit of the Americas
- April 6-7* - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- May 24-26* - Pikes Peak International Raceway
- July 6-7* - High Plains Raceway
- Aug. 3-4* - Gateway Motorsports Park (Joint event with Northern)

Western Conference Events

- Jan. 25-27* - Auto Club Speedway
- April 27-28* - Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- May 25-26* - Pacific Raceway
- July 6-7* - Portland International Raceway

* - Denotes Doubleheader Race Weekend

** - Denotes Single race weekend plus bonus groups double

Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

NEOHIO is re-starting its Solo program!

Our 2013 goal is to build a quality Solo program that will provide a safe and fun atmosphere for performance driving, which will raise awareness of our region and increase membership. Our current focus is to locate and secure places to conduct our events.

Solo programs increase region membership and provide a path for those interested in national Solo events and club racing. Having a solid Solo program is important to NEOHIO's growth and success.

Stay up to date by signing up for the Solo email newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/tZL8r>.

If you have ideas and/or want to get involved in the planning and organizing of our Solo program, contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179 or billsnow@mac.com

GLD Rally Championship Update

The 2013 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship series kicked off with Detroit Region's Son of Sno*Drift on January 12th and the Ohio Winter Rally on February 2nd. The next GLD Championship event is the Detroit Region's Twilight Tour on April 27.

A full schedule and current GLD Rally Championship point standings will be posted on the SCCA Great Lakes Division website.

- 2/16/2013 **Cabin Fever Rally**, Rochester, NY. Finger Lakes Region, SCCA. www.flr-scca.com.
- 2/16/2013 **WinterChallenge Rally**, Barre, Vermont. New England Region, SCCA. www.ner.org.
- 2/24/2013 **Name TBA**, Erie, PA. Misery Bay Region, SCCA. www.mbrscca.org.
- 3/9/2013 **Absolute Zero**, Tug Hill Plateau, NY. Central New York Region, SCCA. Cny-scca.com.
- 4/13/2013 **Twilight Tour**, Ann Arbor, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org.
- 10/18-10/20/13 **US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC)**, Washington D.C. Details will be released in the spring.

Time Trial

By Chairman Denny Freeman

We are working to get some dates set up so you and ALL your friends can see who exactly is the fastest on the pavement.

Come out and start seeing who can drive and deliver when it counts. Start a friendly competition and go from there.

Watch for more information as the season approaches.

Denny

Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes?

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Rally Cross

By Chairman Carelton Kirsch

I'm happy to announce that the Neohio Region is putting together a Rally Cross program this year. This is the first time the region has had a RX program.

For those of you not familiar with RX, it's basically a solo on dirt. It's good for the Region to get a RX program going because it reaches a broader range of new members. This is something we are currently lacking.

Nelson Ledges Road Course has offered the use of their land and ample dirt for us to hold our events.

We are aiming to host 4 events this year, but have not yet set the dates. Watch for updates as we move forward.

We would love to have you come out and try something new.

Get down and dirty with RX!

See you in the dirt,

Carelton

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for various events for region – especially in off season. More thoughts/ideas to follow after the banquet.

- Pat inquired if no email for blast (Andy W. does), who gets contact info – and that would be Laura O. who does *Blower* – to make sure all members get notified of banquet and *Blower* information.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. – Hahn / Pracker - Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Tara Oram

Ohio Winter Rally History Wanted

The "OWR" was first organized in 1966 by the MG CarClub, Lake Erie Centre, in cooperation with the Marshall Mustang Owners' Club. It was a standard feature on the MGCC's annual competition calendar through the 1980's, before finding its current home with Neohio Region, SCCA. It was a qualifying event through the entire history of the long-lamented Ohio Rally Championship (ORC) series.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the first Ohio Winter Rally, we are starting to gather a bit of the event's history. If you have any documents and/or memorabilia, especially from the early years, we'd love to see it. We want to record for posterity some of the event's lore in order to be able to recognize those who have made the event "memorable". If you have a good story about you or a friend on a past Ohio Winter Rally, please share it. The statute of limitations has undoubtedly run out. If you can pinpoint the location, year, and identity of those who broke one of the rally's 3 simple rules, that would be great. There are several pieces of road just waiting to be re-christened.

Please contact Greg Lester at 330-256-6531 or WGregoryLester@gmail.com.



Since John Petrone, GT3 Volvo Champion, didn't get out to race this season he is still keeping up with his racing skills in the off season.

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ACTION NEEDED

Please update your e-mail address with SCCA National office.

This will help all communications regarding Neohio events to be forwarded correctly.



Ohio Winter Rally, February 2, 2013

Fifteen teams ran this year's Ohio Winter Rally on Saturday evening, February 2, 2013. The rally was the second round of the 2013 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship series. Returning Rallymaster Ken Swarm laid out a 115 mile course that led from Solon to Painesville via the Chagrin River valley, and returned via the Warner Hollow covered bridge, Mesopotamia and Middlefield. The rally finished at the Auburn Inn, a somewhat rustic tavern near LaDue Reservoir.

After a major January thaw, complete with warm rain early in the week leading up to the rally, there were worries that this might be another year of muddy roads. Luckily, a cold west wind brought some "lake effect" snow in the 2 days leading up to the rally. Road conditions were nearly perfect – fresh snow cover and little ice. Even though snow fell during the rally visibility was decent, and, unlike some years, there was no heavy drifting to contend with.

It was most heartening to see 7 Novice teams enter the rally. We sincerely hope to see these competitors return to contest future rallies.

It was also nice to have a large contingent of amateur radio operators willing to spend their evening providing a communications net over a 3 county area (a tradition started by former Rallymaster Tom Kimball). Some of these "hams" doubled as control workers – an arrangement we intend to exploit more fully in the future.

See complete leg by leg results on this page.

2013 Ohio Winter Rally Rally

Final, audited results
2/3/2013 3:23



Pos.	Class	O/A	Car #	Driver	Navigator	Vehicle	Leg #:			A2	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	C1	C2	C3.1
							Off. Mile:	Sec A	Sec B									
1	E1	1	1	Ron Johnstonbaugh	Jack von Kaenel	2008 Mitsubishi Evo X	8	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	E2	2	2	Dave Sellers	Janis Ford	1996 Chevrolet Banetta	9	1	5	3	0	-1	1	2	-1	-2	-1	0
3	E3	3	3	John Fishbeck	Kurt Dost	2006 Subaru Impreza 2.5i	13	2	4	7	1	-1	0	-1	-1	-2	5	0
4	E4	4	4	Michael Wojacek	Sam Lister	1995 Hyundai Elantra	48	2	23	23	0	-2	6	1	3	6	15	2
5	S1	5	5	Adam Spieszny	Piotr Roszczenko	1992 Eagle Talon TSI AWD	68	20	30	18	8	-3	-11	7	-1	-4	11	3
6	L1	6	6	Bob MacDonald	Jeff Arendas	2008 Toyota Tundra	93	15	47	31	12	3	4	11	18	-2	20	9
7	N1/S2	9	9	Erik Kaunz	Kurt Hiller	2006 Subaru WRX Sti	133	27	57	49	-5	-22	6	15	1	-10	-16	21
8	N2/S3	10	10	Martin Trawicki	Michael Rohaley	2002 Subaru Forester	134	43	42	49	40	-3	-10	9	4	-4	-8	37
9	N3/S4	14	14	Akhil Kejriwal	John Meade	Subaru Outback	135	47	66	22	11	-36	-22	-19	-6	7	-6	13
10	N4/S5	11	11	Brandon Legath	Tiffany Thuma	2008 VW R32	187	49	90	48	24	-25	-11	48	-10	14	-17	-23
11	S6	12	12	Jay Dumbreck	Logan Flaherty	Subaru WRX	221	43	128	50	-15	-28	61	14	23	-14	28	-13
12	N5/S7	8	8	Ben Burgean	Alan Camyrc(?)	1987 BMW 325is	223	47	141	35	15	-32	-46	-46	14	-7	22	-8
13	S8	13	13	Bill Crowe	Carleton Kirsch	2006 Saturn Ion	253	59	123	71	12	47	11	26	-33	8	45	12
14	N6/S9	7	7	John Voegeli	Tony Krneevic	2001 Subaru Impreza	321	95	199	27	83	-12	28	100	30	36	-5	2
15	N7/S10	15	15	Abi Erande	Luis De La Torre	2013 Chrysler 300	350	32	164	163	-8	-8	49	-14	39	-45	-17	50

NOTE: "-" indicates late arrival at a control.

Chairman: Greg Lester AA8XN
Rallymasters: Ken Swarm N8PPT, Greg Lester AA8XN
Course Precheck/Safety Steward: Bryan Bartzi KF8G
Control workers: Pat Karl N8ONI, David Rickon NF8O, Matt Welch W8DEC, David Hawke, Paul Bell KD8BXY, William Ohlrich N8DOA, Carl Geddeon KB8VXE, Tom Lipovits
Radio Communications/Sweep: Pat Karl N8ONI, Melissa Carpenter, Ken Kane KG8DN, and probably others

2012 Annual Awards Banquet

Neohio's Annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Harry's Steakhouse in Independence.

Bob Roberts was the Master of Ceremonies at the 60th Anniversary of Neohio. Butch Kummer, Director of SCCA Club Racing, spoke about the Majors program and upcoming changes to National races.

Neohio Longevity Awards were presented to:

- 50 Years: Martin Dodenhoff
Larry Gorjup
Thomas Yeager
- 40 Years: Frederick Baker
Marvin Gray
Bob Roberts
- 35 Years: Bernard Vandersluis
- 30 Years: Mark Defer
C. Patrick Kane
Jerrel Meitzler
Kathryn Meitzler
Tara Oram
Michael Puskar

Driver Recognition Awards were presented to the following Neohio Region Champions:

- DSR Allen Franzolino
- ITS Greg Schnell
- ITE Daniel Koplow
- ITA Greg Vandersluis
- ITC Bill Shearer
- ITR Bob Roberts
- T1 Greg Vandersluis
- T2 William Moore
- GT1 Al Gaudino
- GT2 Harry Belizaire
- GT3 Mike Cyphert
- EP Jim Llewellyn
- HP Mike Sestilli
- FST Randy Shinn
- SM Bob Kucera
- AS Tom Sloe
- SSB Bob Piekarczyk
- SRF Dave Lancaster



Mike Sestili is Driver of the Year.

Driver Recognition Awards were presented to the following Great

Lakes Division National and Regional Champions:

National

1st Place:

- GT1 Ryan McManus
- GT3 Mike Cyphert
- STO Fred Baker
- T1 Greg Vandersluis
- T2 William Moore
- SSB Keith Jones
- FC Jim Dietz
- GTL Joel Hipp

2nd Place:

- STO Rich Jones
- T1 Tom Sloe
- SM AJ Roderick
- FP Scott Lunder
- FV Guy Bellingham
- F500 Jeff Blumenthal

3rd Place:

- GT1 Al Gaudino
- AS Tom Sloe
- EP Gary Martz
- SRF David Lancaster

Regional

1st Place:

- HP Michael Bennett
- ITE Daniel Koplow
- ITC Jim Royal
- ITS Greg Schnell
- FST Randy Shinn



Neohio Region Championship Awards

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2nd Place:

HP Michael Sestili
ITA Greg Vandersluis
ITC Bill Shearer

3rd Place:

SM Bob Kucera
ITE Jerry Waltenberger

Tire Rack SCCA Solo National
Champion Awards were presented
to:

Dan Wandsahl-A Modified-1st

Andrew Pallotta-F Prepared-4th

The Driver Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Bryan Farnham, Formula Vee Driver. This award is presented to a road racing driver that is in their first year of competition racing that shows improvement and diversity in their racing skills.

The Driver of the Year Award was presented to Michael Sestili. This award is presented to the driver that earns and submits the greatest total number of Regional and National points from any recognized SCCA Division.

Annual Awards

The Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award recognizes a volunteer official who, year after year, is dedicated to motorsports in the Neohio Region. The award is presented in appreciation of the longevity of Neohio volunteers and was presented to Duane Harrington.

Michael and Judy Sherwin instituted the Thomas Prescott Memorial Award. This trophy is to be given to a Neohio competition driver who exemplifies the individual competitive spirit of amateur SCCA racing. It shall be awarded to an otherwise unheralded Competition Driver whose individual competitive spirit and desire to win has characterized his/her racing

season. The trophy was presented to Jim Dietz.

The Reed Andrews Friendship Award is in recognition of the importance of friendship and good sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing. Reed is recovering from a stroke and was not able to attend the banquet. Peggy Dietz awarded the trophy to Dorothy Harrington.

The Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial Award was created for Sportsmanship – devotion to the sport, conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results. This year the award was presented to Bob Roberts.

The Tommie & Bill Benham Memorial Award is presented to a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty. This award was presented to Debbie LaFond.

Trustee Awards were presented to Bill Shearer and Nate Janoviak.

The RE Award was presented to Laura O'Neill.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Neohio Region Events in 2012 including:

- Strongsville Fiat
- B&B Appliance, Jeff Blumenthal
- Lake Erie Printing, Jim Dietz
- Carbotech, Mike Puskar
- Mazza Vineyards, Bob Mazza

Congratulations to all!



Mike Sestili with crew.



Debbie LaFond Received the Tommy and Bill Benham Award.



SCCA Announces 2013 U.S. Majors Tour Schedule At PRI

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 29, 2012) – Sports Car Club of America President/CEO Jeff Dahnert unveiled the U.S. Majors Tour schedule today at the Performance Racing Industry Show in Orlando, Fla. The highest level of amateur racing in the United States, the Majors schedule provides each Conference with a mix of tracks to form a geographic season-long championship.

“The U.S. Majors Tour schedule is one that many pro series would envy,” said Dahnert. “Our drivers will compete at legendary and renowned circuits such as Sebring, Road Atlanta, VIR, Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, Road America, Circuit of the Americas and Portland International Raceway. Complimenting these venues are a host of Club Racing driver favorites to form four great Conference schedules.

All Majors Tour events on the schedule are doubleheaders, with the exception of the Chicago Region June Sprints, which will keep its traditional single race format.

Each Conference will crown a champion in all 28 Runoffs-eligible classes. Drivers will score their best finishes in two-thirds of a Conference’s races. In the Eastern Conference, that means eight of the 12 available races; the Northern Conference will count seven of nine, and the Western Conference tallying six of eight races. The Mid-States conference would currently count seven of 10 races, but may see an additional race weekend added in the coming weeks.

The Gateway Motorsports Park event, August 3-4, will count in both the Northern and the Mid-States Conference.

As previously announced, points will count toward that Conference’s championship, as well as to the SafeRacer National Series point championship and the traditional Divisional Championships.

Additionally, six premiere races will make up the BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour – Sebring International Raceway, Auto Club Speedway, Circuit of the Americas, VIRginia International Raceway, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and Watkins Glen International.

The 2013 U.S. Majors Tour schedule, by Conference affiliation, is:

Eastern Conference

- January 4-6
Sebring International Raceway
- April 19-21
VIRginia International Raceway
- May 3-5
Summit Point Motorsports Park
- May 17-19
Road Atlanta
- May 31-June 2
New Jersey Motorsports Park
- July 5-7
Watkins Glen International

Northern Conference

- May 25-26
Michigan International Speedway
- May 31-June 2
Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
- June 14-16
Road America (June Sprints)
- July 13-14
GingerMan Raceway

- August 3-4
Gateway Motorsports Park

Mid-States Conference

- March 8-10
Circuit of the Americas
- April 6-7
Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- May 24-26
Pikes Peak International
- July 6-7
High Plains Raceway
- August 3-4
Gateway Motorsports Park

Western Conference

- January 25-27
Auto Club Speedway
- April 27-28
Buttonwillow Raceway Park
- May 25-26
Pacific Raceway
- July 6-7
Portland International Raceway

The qualification path to the 50th National Championship Runoffs will be announced during the PRI show in Orlando, Fla., in December, following a discussion and vote at the SCCA Board of Directors meeting.

More information on the U.S. Majors Tour, the BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour, and the SafeRacer National Series is available at www.scca.com.

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DATES	NATIONALS	REGIONALS	SCHOOLS	OTHER/SCCA	VINTAGE	OTHER/PRO
March 23 & 24			WDC/Summit			
March 30 & 31						
April 6 & 7						
April 13 & 14		WDC/Summit (M)				
April 20 & 21		STC/PIRC Restricted Double Reg'l	STC/PIRC			
April 27 & 28						
May 4 & 5						
May 11 & 12						
May 18 & 19		MVR/Nelson - Reg'l (18) / Dbl Reg'l (19)		MVR/Nelson-18 - PDX & CT		
May 25, 26 & 27	WMR/MIS- Dbl Nat'l or Majors 24-26	GLN/Glen-Dbl (25 & 26 ONLY)				Indycar/Indianapolis
June 1 & 2		OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Nat'l/SuperTour 5/31-6/2				Indycar/Detroit
June 8 & 9						Nascar/Pocono
June 15 & 16		WDC/Summit (M)		OVR/Mid-Oh-RestReg'l IT/Miata Shootout-Tent		Grand-AM-Rolex/Mid-Oh
June 22 & 23		FLR/Nelson Dbl (NY)				
June 29 & 30					SVRA/Mid-Ohio	Rolex/Glen-6hr
July 6 & 7	FLR/Glen Majors 5-7-Test 4	NEO/Nelson Rest Nat'l/Rest Reg'l				Indycar/Pocono
	NEO/Nelson Rest Nat'l/Rest Reg'l					
July 13 & 14	SBR & DET/Gingerman-Major	WDC/Summit (M)			PVGP/PIRC	Indy/Toronto-Nascar/NHMS/A
July 20 & 21		GLN/Glen			PVGP/Schenley Park	Vintage Bikes/Mid-Ohio
July 27 & 28				WMR/Grattan-Dbl Reg'l		ARCA/NJMP
August 3 & 4	STC/PIRC-Rational + Bonus Nat'l Groups	STC/PIRC Rest Reg'l for IT & Reg'l ONLY classes				ALMS/Indycar/MO-Nascar/Pocono
		WDC/Summit (M)				
August 10 & 11		Cincy/Mid-Oh Rest Dbl Reg'l + PDX 9-CT 10				Nascar/Glen
August 17 & 18						Nascar/Mid-Ohio
August 24 & 25						
August 31 & September 1 & 2		WDC/Summit-Dbl (M 8/31-9/2)				Indycar/Baltimore
		OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Reg'l 8/31-9/1+PDX 8/30				
September 7 & 8						
September 14 & 15		FLR/Glen Dbl (NY)				
September 14 - 22	SCCA RUNOFFS	ROAD AMERICA	ELKHART LAKE, WI			
September 21 & 22						Nascar/NHMS
September 28 & 29		MVR/Nelson-D		MVR/Nelson - PDX		Rolex/LimeRock
October 5 & 6		GLN/Glen (5)/Enduro (6)/Test (4)	GLN/Glen School (4)	OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Reg'l		
October 12 & 13						
October 19 & 20		NEO/Nelson-Rest Quad Reg'l				



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