



# The Blower

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## Upcoming Events

July 6-7, 2013

Firecracker Double Regional/  
Restricted National

*April Showers Bring  
May Flowers*



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## The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

Spring has finally sprung!

Tis the season to hear loud, crude, obnoxious sounds; I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR!

We've had our Safety Day at Nelsons. I would like to personally thank all the drivers who came out and helped us with the scenarios that help break the winter cobwebs out of the Safety Team and corner workers heads.

I am looking forward to our Racing season with more excitement than in the past.

We have plenty of good road racing on the schedule, plus Solo is back, and we have added Rally Cross and Time Trials!

The weekend of July 6-7 we will have our Firecracker Double Regional/Restricted National/Racing Experience.

The double Regional will run on Saturday, the Restricted National on Sunday, with the Race Experience doing their stuff on both days!

We set this up so drivers could spend some time with their families and celebrate the birth of our Great country. The Racing Experience class will race a little on each day, so they can see what happens with the different groups and hopefully we can gain some new members to our SCCA family. And of course our last race of the year, the Spooktacular Quad Regional in October.

I hope that the new season brings you patience, lasting friendships or renewed friendships, wins, lessons, and most of all have FUN!!!

Your humble servant,  
Pete Sedlak

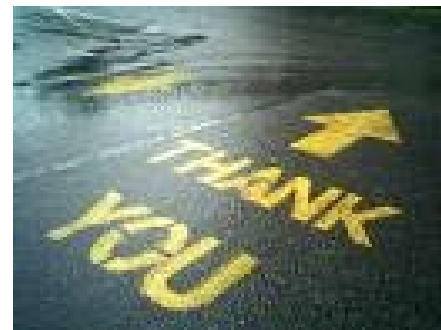
## *Congratulations!*

We are pleased to announce that Congratulations are in store for some of our members.

William R. Hornack joined on  
5/1/78-35 year member

James M Sperk Jr joined on  
5/1/78-35 year member

Thank you gentlemen for your dedication to our Great sport!





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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  
Meeting Minutes | April 2, 2013

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Sedlak, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker, Pat Prill, Duane Harrington, Peggy Dietz, Jim Leagan, Dorothy Harrington, Denny Freeman, Dan Koplow  
**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Doernberg, Mike Puskar  
**GUESTS:** Welcome to all.

Pete Sedlak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION** to remove specific wording in the draft documentation of the secretary's minutes. *Pat Prill /D. Koplow – Approved with no objections.*

**MOTION** to accept the Minutes as corrected: *Jim Pracker/Duane Harrington – Approved.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Transparent on where the monies were allocated for the banquet. Showing why there was a loss.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report as presented. *Jim Pracker / Denny Freeman – Approved.*

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:**

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**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:**

- **MOTION** to accept proposed Racing Experience event to be held with our National/Regional event. *Duane Harrington/Peggy Dietz – Approved.*
- Still waiting on rules from Terry Ozment (on vacation). May waive the sanction fee and insurance may be same as a PDX event.
- Possible enduro to be in schedule (short) where one person could do the whole thing.
- Comp board meeting will be scheduled after hear back from Terry O.
- Would like Racing Experience on both days for the new people to see what we do – each day – all aspects.
- Daily schedule in final stages. Wants all costs in stone before proposal to board for approval.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 475 members.

**RALLY:** No report.

**SOLO:** Still working on securing Bill Crowe Steward license. Planning meeting scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Inventory tentatively scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

- The excitement is spreading about our program starting up again and more people are spreading the word. Good things to come!

**RALLYCROSS :**

- Will be attending Ohio Valley Region's event on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Will know more next meeting.

**TIME TRIALS:**

- Will sit down with Kerrie of Nelson to discuss date openings. Trying to match with Nelson FunDays too to possibly help with expenses. May have opportunity to promote our day within the other car clubs and other regions. Interest strong from NY.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Safety Day is schedule for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Lots of scenarios being planned. Steel Cities has offered to pitch in some money to assist with expenses.
- **MOTION** to accept budgets as presented – *Jim Pracker / Jim Leagan – Approved.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **STREET SURVIVAL SERIES:** Approached at convention to be part of an event in a joint effort with Misery Bay/Steel Cities/Mahoning Valley and us. We would only be volunteering to help out and learn. No costs. Training, as we would like to run one in possibly September at Lakeland. Flier and information is available on our website via a link. Would need to check water situation (is hydrant college's or city- meter). We have the cones and classroom availability to coincide.
- Jim Pracker stated he already has two regional novice permit requests: one open wheel and one A-Sedan.
- Dorothy Harrington, on behalf of GLD registrars, asks that worker's also register for an event on Motorsportreg.com. This will help with head count for food and chiefs to plan their rotations.
- Website is up. Simple, not busy – but still a work in progress. Believe we have forum capabilities, will check.
- Roland's resignation from last meeting was not accepted and properly received, so will be null and void.
- Rich Nester is no longer DA for Emergency Services in GLD, and Denny Freeman has been appointed that position.
- Pete requested reimbursement from board on his travel expenses from Convention and spring training events. It was denied as explained that prior request is requested versus after the fact. Also, we have not reimbursed for those events for a while, as just not in our budgetary limits at this time. Request withdrawn.
- Steel Cities would like to borrow our transponders for their Driver School on April 20<sup>th</sup>. **MOTION** to allow usage of our transponders for the Steel Cities Driver School – *Duane Harrington /Leagan – Approved.*
- *Open discussion on GLD state of affairs and SCCA usage of membership monies to purchase race tracks.*
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. – *Vandersluis / Koplow - Approved.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram  
April, 2013 – Approved|Final

# DATES TO REMEMBER

May / June 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 6	May 7 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12 
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18 MVR/ Nelson- Reg'l/DbI Reg'l	May 19 MVR/ Nelson- Reg'l/DbI Reg'l
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31 OVR/Mid- Ohio DbI Nat'l/ Super Tour	June 1 OVR/Mid- Ohio DbI Nat'l/ Super Tour	June 2 OVR/Mid- Ohio DbI Nat'l/ Super Tour
June 3	June 4 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9 Solo Event Lakeland Community College
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16 
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22 FLR/Nelson DbI (NY K)	June 23 FLR/Nelson DbI (NY K)

## Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

The region will run four events at Lakeland Community College on June 9, August 11, September 15, and October 13. On-line registration for Solo events will be managed through MotorsportReg.com. Registration information will be announced very soon.

Sign up for the Solo program's email newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/tZL8r> and be sure to 'Like' the Solo's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NeohioSccaSolo>.

If you want to get involved with the Solo program or have ideas, contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179.

## Time Trial

By Chairman Denny Freeman

We are pleased to announce the date of our first Time Trial event.

The date is August 17th. This event will run with the normal fun day at Nelson Ledges.

For more info call Denny at (440) 689-0991.

### **Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes?**

Contact Bob Doernberg,  
Membership Secretary  
216-276-2652  
or  
doenbergr@aol.com

## Rally Cross

By Chairman Carelton Kirsch

As of this edition, we have come up with a tentative schedule:

- June 15 - Probably a test and set up the course day.
- August 4
- September 8
- Date in October to be announced later.

We are really excited to see this program get going, as with Solo you can use your street car for this, all you need is a helmet and a seat belt.

Please come out and watch, and then play, I promise some fun in the dirt!

Carelton

## U.S. Majors Tour Schedule (by Conference affiliation)

### Eastern Conference

- 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

- May 24 - 26 - Pikes Peak International

- July 6 - 7 - High Plains Raceway
- August 3 - 4 - Gateway Motorsports Park

### Western Conference

- May 25 - 26 - Pacific Raceway
- July 6 - 7 - Portland International Raceway

\*Denotes BFGoodrich Tires Super Tour event

## GLD Rally Championship

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

- 10/18-10/20/13 **US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC)**, Washington D.C. Details will be released in the spring.

### DRIVERS:

How do you get your information about upcoming races and club announcements?

How can we as a region better serve you in this manner?

Please e-mail or call me with your information:

[speedchaser43@yahoo.com](mailto:speedchaser43@yahoo.com)

or

1.216.289.0840

Thanks for your reply.

Pete Sedlak  
Neohio R.E.

By Chaplain Gray

## COMEBACK

Rush to the theater on September 20 so you can see the U. S. release of the movie Rush, the story of the epic F1 battle in 1976 between James Hunt and Niki Lauda. Having won 5 races, Lauda seemed a certainty for his second consecutive World Driving Championship when on the second lap at the fearsome Nurburgring, his Ferrari crashed, was hit by other cars, and burned. He was finally pulled from the wreckage by 4 drivers. Injuries including severe burns and toxic fume inhalation caused a priest to administer last rites. Lauda himself says he was slipping away into death, but he decided to fight back. Severe burns

on his head caused blood soaked bandages, but 6 weeks later his iron will brought him 4<sup>th</sup> in the Italian GP. Jackie Stewart called it the most amazing comeback in sports. Lauda lost the title by one point to Hunt after being 1 of 3 drivers who pulled out of the final race of the in Japan due to dangerous wet conditions. He did go on to win 2 more F1 titles.

In Wadsworth, Ohio, Mike Cramer, my former crewman and former SCCA driver and worker continues his 1 ½ year the fight back from a stroke that was originally deemed fatal. Through great effort, faith, prayer, and the incredible support of his family and friends, he continues to make progress, small step by

small step. Working in a pool and on a recumbent step machine, he is improving his walk. By pushing and pulling weight machines, Mike is regaining his strength. He can now write short messages and say "Hi" and "Bye" understandably. Happily, Mike's great personality is also back. It has been a long way here and there is still a ways to go but the comeback is on.

The ultimate inspiration for Mike and his family is the biggest comeback of all. Over 2,000 years ago, Jesus came back from the dead to give us all hope for new life. All you have to do is ask Him.

Chaplain Marvin Gray  
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## Looking for the Best Place to Store Your "Baby"?

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## ACTION NEEDED

Update your e-mail address with SCCA National office to make sure all communications regarding Neohio events are forwarded correctly.

### Needed:

Pictures of you racing, any on track photos for the new website.

Please only include photos that you or your family and friends have taken.

No professional photos that you have been given, they will have a copyright to the photographer, and we don't want to have any problems.

Thanks,

Pete Sedlak

RE Neohio Region

Please send the photos to speedchaser43@yahoo.com.

2013 GLD NeDiv DRAFT Schedule						
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/Indianap olis
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/M O- 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/Baltimor e
		OVR/Mid-Ohio-Dbl Reg'l 8/31-9/1+PDX 8/30				
September 7 & 8						
September 14 & 15		FLR/Glen Dbl (NY)				
<b>September 14 - 22</b>	<b>SCCA RUNOFFS</b>	<b>ROAD AMERICA</b>	<b>ELKHART LAKE, WI</b>			
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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## I'VE GOT IT - YOU WANT IT

## Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads are a privilege to Neohio members. Each ad will run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, please contact *The Blower* newsletter editor to remove the ad.

### CARS

'08 Pontiac Solstice T2, great condition, < 7500 total miles. Contact Bill at 440-821-6421.\*\*

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