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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green

Upcoming Events



Another event planned for September or October. Contact Bob MacDonald for information about becoming a coach.

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Great news! The Solo group has acquired some pavement. The new pavement is adjacent to The Captain's Club in Eastlake. Pablo Chois, Joe Blaha and others have been working tirelessly with the city of Eastlake to be able to hold events at that location. Keep an eye out for the date of the first event there. Tentatively it is set for July 31, but be sure to check the website for the announcement.

Speaking of the website, we will be having a new region and solo website shortly. Thanks to the group spearheading this effort and supplying ideas.

In this issue we have included race results from recent SCCA events. Thanks to Debbie LaFond for providing the list.

With the Runoffs coming back to Mid-Ohio this year, there will again be a 5K race to benefit Pediatric Cancer foundations. I will be able to supply more information next month. In the meantime, contact Jason Stine at stine.jason@gmail.com.

Attempts are being made to schedule another Tire Rack Street Survival early this fall. Our earlier TRSS in May was very successful and we already have a student and parent interested in attending the next event we hold.

There was an article in the Record-Courier on July 14, 2016 written

by Mike Sever that covered the new zoning proposition for Nelson Ledges. I will attempt to paraphrase the article and hit the high points. The track was a non-conforming use of Rural Residential zoning, but was grandfathered in since Nelson Ledges was there before the area was zoned. So the area needed to be rezoned, but there was not an existing zoning district applicable. The Portage Regional Planning Commission approved a draft of a new zoning district. The draft now goes to the Nelson officials for review. After public hearings, the new zoning will go to the Nelson trustees for discussion and a vote. The new zoning would be called Entertainment Motorsports Commercial (EMC-1). This zoning has been used before for motorsports facilities. If you have driven by the Nelson Ledges facility, you will see that the area has been cleaned up. The barn is gone, the trailers have been removed and the "grainery" and house trailer have been removed. Buildings within the grounds have not been touched because they are waiting for the zoning change to become effective. After that happens, I expect that changes will occur rapidly. The track is available for rental. For information on renting the track, contact Fred Wolfe at (330)977-0111.



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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 Winking Lizard, 25200 Miles Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146. 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 - June 7, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Bob Nick, Kerry Klotzman, Jim Pracker, Jeff Blumenthal, Pablo Chois, Bob MacDonald, Gail Green

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Oram, Blaha, Lancaster, Lunder

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:02 pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. **MOTION** to accept the minutes as presented. *Klotzman / Chois – Approved.*

TREASURER’S REPORT: **MOTION** – to accept report as presented. *MacDonald / Gail Green – Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Nelson Ledges track time available. Best to contact them directly. Work continues at the site.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No report this month.

MEMBERSHIP: 546 members. (10 memberships expiring from previous month)

SOLO: -We have pavement! Events scheduled for Eastlake Captains parking lot. First date is July 10th.
-Progress continuing on new website update.
-Solo trailer was broken in and our generator was stolen. Pablo will research cost for a replacement.

RALLY: No report this month.

STREET SURVIVAL: Plans for upcoming event are progressing. Last planning meeting scheduled for Monday 6/13.
- Discussions underway with other schools for future events. Also, may collaborate with another Club to do an event together.

HALL OF FAME: It was mentioned that Chuck Stoddard was pleased with the HOF award. The Porsche/Stoddard event was successful.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP! Nominations are requested for September. Members are encouraged to Consider getting involved. There will be openings for Trustees and also Regional Executive position.

Next Meeting: July 5th @ Winking Lizard on Miles Road in Bedford.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:51pm. *MacDonald / Gail Green – Approved*

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal
6/7/16 Approved

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE / JULY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31
August 1	August 2 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7
August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21
August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28



The 2016 SCCA National Championship Runoffs Presented by Garmin VIRB returns to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the first time since 2005. The 53rd annual running of the most prestigious amateur road racing event will be held September 19-25, 2016.

The 2016 Runoffs will utilize Mid-Ohio's "pro course" configuration for the duration of the event. The pro course is the 13-turn, 2.258-mile configuration that continues straight from Turn One to the approach to the track's famed Keyhole turn.

High Demand for Ohio Land

(7/20/16) The intrinsic value of land spiked this morning in Lexington, Ohio, as competitor registration opened for the 2016 SCCA[®] National Championship Runoffs[®], presented by Garmin VIRB, at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

When dawn broke, the paddock within Mid-Ohio was just peaceful, open land. But at 9am Central Time when Runoffs online registration opened, that space was suddenly segmented into plots no larger than 80'X50' -- and became the most valuable acreage anywhere in the United States to many SCCA Club racers who will call that square "home" for a week or two later in September.

Within the first 90 minutes of registration being open, 300 drivers had already made their intentions clear that they would be competing in the 2016 Runoffs at Mid-Ohio. By sunset, that number had grown to almost 400 competitors. That is a marked increase to the 310 racers that registered on the first day

for the 2015 Runoffs at Daytona International Speedway. And for those that haven't yet registered but plan to compete in this year's Runoffs, there's still plenty of time to file entries online.

This year's 53rd running of the annual SCCA National Championships marks a return to Mid-Ohio's 13-turn, 2.258-mile road circuit that twists its way through Central Ohio. The Runoffs were last held there in 2005 when the SCCA closed a 12-year Runoffs residency at the venue. But the winner-take-all National Championship is back, and all 28 Runoffs-eligible classes will have 23-lap races from September 23-25, rain or shine, to claim victory and bragging rights.

Make plans now to attend the 2016 SCCA[®] National Championship Runoffs[®], presented by Garmin VIRB. Racing fans would be hard pressed to find a better weekend of motorsport competition anywhere in the world.

2016 SCCA Runoffs Registration

Registration for the 2016 SCCA[®] National Championship Runoffs[®], presented by Garmin VIRB, is open.

The winner-take-all SCCA[®] National Championship Runoffs[®], presented by Garmin VIRB, will consist of 23-lap races September 23-25 on the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course's 2.25-mile, 13-turn layout for all 28 Runoffs-eligible classes. Each Class will get a 15-minute qualifying session each day -- Monday through Thursday -- to set starting grids. The fastest time over the four days will earn the Tire Rack Pole award, to be presented during Thursday's all-participant party. The Thursday night party, on site at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, will also honor the newly crowned SCCA Worker of the Year selections.

Of note for 2016, based on survey data from participants, qualifying sessions will run at a similar time in the day as scheduled races. Also this year, some qualifying sessions will run as "seamless." The class marked first on the schedule will run for 15 minutes, while the second class will move from grid and stage in pit lane just prior to the conclusion of the previous group. When the first class or group has received the checkered flag, the second group will be released. Cars that are safely stopped on track but need assistance getting back to the paddock will remain until the second session in the seamless qualifying is complete. These sessions are clearly marked on the full schedule, and will only share time on the grid, not the track.

By Chaplain Gray

Story Book Endings

What a year it has been so far! Trans Am has had great celebrations of its 50th anniversary with Historic Trans Am cars at Sebring. It was followed up by a Gala with former Trans Am Participants Tommy Kendall and others prior to exhibition races back at the home of the Pony Cars, Detroit. Sadly, one of the T/A cars ran with false advertising reading Detroit Rocks across the hood. We all know that Cleveland Rocks.

Then there is the great achievement of that kid from Akron. Amy Ruman won the Trans Am title and leads this year. Of course there is that other kid from Akron who brought Cleveland its first major sports championship in 52 years, LeBron James. The Cavaliers are the only team in NBA history to win the title after being down 3

games to 1 in the championship series. About 1.3 million crowded downtown Cleveland to celebrate.

Across the pond amazing endings also occurred. In the English Premier League, Leicester City Football (soccer) Club won the title despite being 5,000-1 underdogs at the start of the 38 game season. The season before they had spent 140 days in last place in a 20 team league. It was their first top level championship in their 132 year history.

A skip across the English Channel will get you to Le Mans where history repeated itself. The year 1966 saw the Ford GT MK II of Chris Amon and Bruce McLaren lead a three car GT sweep to win at the Sarthe Circuit to beat Ferrari for the first time in three tries. Ford followed it up with wins in 1967-1969 including the famous

All-American win with Dan Gurney and AJ Foyt at the helm in 67.

Ford brought four of its new GTs to the French party this year. A win at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and a nasty crash at Spa preceded the 24. Qualifying saw the Ford take the top two spots in the GTE PRO class ahead of Ferrari. Despite balance of performance adjustments after qualifying to both the Fords and Ferraris and after an initial challenge from Porsche faded, it was 1966 all over again. The US based Ganassi Ford team beat the Risi Ferrari and Ford also took places 3-5. A triumphal return indeed!

While this life can be hard, yours can have a storybook ending. Turn to God, for His promises for an abundant life are true.

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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Race Results

By Debbie LaFond

Congrats to the following Neohio drivers:

June 18-19 Sprints at Road America

Dan Weyls - Formula Continental - 1st & 4th

Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 41st & 22nd

June 25-26 Majors at Watkins Glen

Ryan McManus - GT1 - 3rd

Aaron Quine - GT2 - 2nd

Dan Harding - GT2 - 10th & 6th

Tom Sloe - A Sedan - 4th & 1st

Michael Galati - E Prod - 2nd & 2nd

David Strittmatter - F Prod - 4th & 6th

Jason Stine - H Prod - 8th & 6th

Gib Stine - H Prod - 9th & 7th

AJ Roderick - SM - 17th & 18th

Robert MacDonald - SM - 30th & 23rd

Jeff Blumenthal - F 500 - 6th & 6th

Chris Drcole - STU - 3rd & 3rd

Congratulations to our Neohio drivers who went to Bert Olson Double Majors at GingerMan Raceway the weekend of July 9-10, 2016:

T2 - William Moore - Sat. 3rd

SM - Jonathan Davis - Sat. 4th &

Sun. 1st - his first Majors win!!

SM - Robert MacDonald - Sat. 19th & Sun. 22nd

SM Dan Harding - Sat. 25th & Sun. 25th

FV - Brian Farnham - Sat. 6th & Sun. 5th

GTL - Joel Hill - Sat. 3rd & Sun. 2nd

EP - Michael Galati - Sun. 2nd

EP - Matt Miller - Sat. 7th

FP - Ken Alderson - Sat. 4th

HP - Jason Stine - Sat. 7th & Sun. 6th

HP - Michael Sestili - Sat. 9th & Sun. 8th

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Great Lakes SCCA 2016 Race Schedule (As of 11/18/2015)

DATES for 2016	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
January 21 - 23		National Convention	Las Vegas, NV	South Point Conf. Center
March 12		Spring Training	Findlay, Oh	Findlay Inn
April 2 & 3				
April 9 & 10				
April 15 - 17				
April 23 & 24	Waterford			
April 30 & May 1				
May 7 & 8 (Mothers Day)				
May 14 & 15				
May 21 & 22		SBR, DET & WOR @ GM (D)		PDX ON SUNDAY (5/22)
May 28, 29 & 30 (Memorial Day)				
June 3 - 5			OVR @ Mid Ohio	
June 11 & 12				
June 18 & 19 (Father's Day)				
June 25 & 26		WMR @ GRA (D)		SVRA @ Mid Oho
July 2, 3 & 4 (4th of July)				
July 9 & 10			SBR & DET @ GM	
July 15 - 17		OVR @ Mid Ohio (D)		Friday 15th) - TBA
July 23 & 24				
July 30 & 31				INDY @ Mid Ohio
August 5 & 7		Cincy @ Mid Ohio (D)		PDX (Friday 5)
August 12 & 13				NASCAR @ Mid Ohio
August 13 & 14			WMR @ GRA	
August 20 & 21				
August 27 & 28				
Sept. 3, 4 & 5 (Labor Day)				
Sept. 10 & 11				
Sept. 15 - 18	Test Days for Runoffs - Mid Ohio			
Sept. 19 - 25	Runoffs - Mid Ohio			
Oct. 1 & 2				
Oct. 7 - 9		OVR @ MO (D)		PDX @ MO (Friday 7th)
Oct. 15 & 16				
Oct. 22 & 23				
Oct. 29 & 30				
Nov. 5 Note ES Time Change	GLD Scheduling Meeting in ????			
Nov. 12 & 13				
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Majors
GM-GingerMan	GRA-Grattan	Q= Quad Only 1 sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
NL-Nelson Ledges	MO-Mid Ohio	MIS-Mich Internat. Speedway	WAT-Waterford Hills	
NCM - National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park		PIRC-Pittsburgh International Race Complex		

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Congrats to our Regional drivers who finally got some racing for the season at Mid-Ohio this past weekend at the OVR Ohio Valley Sprints.

Aj Roderick - SM - 16th and 11th
Todd Ayers - SM - 22nd and 24th

Robert Kucera - SM - 23rd and 17th
(not bad for a Rookie)
Phil McSherry - FST - 1st both days!
John McFarland - ITA - 4th and 3rd
(new car - great results)
Rob Piekarczyk - B Spec - 1st both days
Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 5th Saturday

G. Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 16th and 17th
Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1st both days
Michael Bennett - HP - 3rd & 6th
Gary Simmons - EP - 3rd & 4th (not bad for a flagger!)
Jim Dietz - FC - 2nd & 5th



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I'VE GOT IT- YOU WANT IT Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads for Neohio members run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, contact The Blower newsletter editor to remove the ad.

CARS

'99 Acura Integra ITS #13, always a winner, price cut from \$11,000 to **\$7,500**/offer; '91 Lotus Elan M-100, low miles, original owner, great track car! Price cut from \$9,850 to **\$7,500**/offer. Pat Kane, 440-785-3432.***

2005 MINI Cooper S. 6 speeds, loaded. 97,325mi., plenty of updates/modifications, super clean, well maintained. \$7,000/OBO. Bill Snow 216-659-1179.***

RV & TRAILER

26' Sunnybrook Towlite Camper (metal frame) Rear Queen Bedroom, sleeps 6, heat & A/C, microwave, EG hot water, EG refrigerator & 40 gallon fresh water holding tank (EG=Electric gas). Microwave & A/C require 120 volt hook up. Balance of

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MISC

Triumph-TR-3 Engine; FIAT 600 Engine. Larry at 216-321-6045, 10 AM to 5 PM.**

EB 6500x Watt Honda Generator. Great for job site, back up power at home & race trailer. 120/240V, 20A & 30A service, quiet for size, 26 hours of run time. \$1850. Bill Snow 216-659-1179.***

MOTOROLA SP 50 long track radio system. Includes 3 radios, 2 headsets, 2 car wiring harness w/antenna, push to talk button, belts, manuals, chargers & hard case. New batteries in all radios. \$750. miatidds1@gmail.com. Photos upon request. Mark Iati, www.stowdental.com or 330-328-7925.***

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