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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green

Upcoming Events

Neohio Solo
"Spring Training"
at Pitt Race on April 30

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Well it's April. If you have not filed your taxes yet, you have less than a week to accomplish that task. I worked for a well known income tax preparation company for four years and am aware of the anguish many people are going through during the last week of tax prep. I'm sure many participants and workers were feeling the same anguish last weekend at Mid-Ohio when the facility was covered with snow for their first event of the year. I understand the event proceeded after a days delay. I applaud the drivers, participants, workers and volunteers that participated in less than favorable conditions.

If you have driven by the Nelson Ledges race track you will have noticed some changes. Renovations have started. Now if this were a more newsworthy story then the broadcast media would be all over the story, trying to get the news out there first. I also realize that there are people that feel they have to have the first pictures on Facebook and other social media sites. A request has been made by the track management that the only release of pictures and information come through the Nelson Ledges Facebook page. This is not to say that we, the racing community, will not be kept informed of the progress of events. We will be informed, but at their pace. So please respect their wishes. I'm sure we will get updates, but at their pace.

This next item will bring us a bit of reality. I know it's only April. But September 6 is only five months away. That's only five Trustee meetings away. September is the first month that we accept nominations for officers that run your club named Neohio Region, SCCA. There will be three Trustee positions open along with Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Assistant Regional Executive and this year Regional Executive. The trustee positions are three year terms, Regional Exec is a two year term with a limit of two years and the rest are one year terms. Please consider taking a part in the leadership of Neohio. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the trustees or other officers.

Save the Date! June 18th

Neohio SCCA is planning a Street Survival event to teach safe driving skills to new drivers. Details to be announced soon.

Information about Street Survival can be found at www.streetsurvival.org/schools.

Email jblumenthal@bbappliance.com if you'd like to be notified when details are available.



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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 | March 1, 2016 |

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Joe Blaha, Bob Nick, Kerry Klotzman, Jim Pracker, Scott Lunder, Jeff Blumenthal, Pablo Choïs, Dave Lancaster, Bob MacDonald, Gail Green

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Tara Oram

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Green at 7:04 pm.

Nomination made for Jim Pracker as Chairman. Green/Blaha - Approved

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: **MOTION** – to accept report as presented. Green/Choïs – *Approved.*

Discussed Banquet finances. Negative cashflow for event approx \$1000 due to expenses for Trophies.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Banquet was a successful event. Attendees happy. Food and service was good. Discussed possibility of using snail mail for invitations next year as an alternative way to reach our members.

Discussed progress at Nelson Ledges. Still no confirmed sale agreement. Offered suggestion to revive the “Nelson Council” member/participant group to assist as progress is made.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No Report. Discussed possible changes to Regional Championship series if we race. We received very few responses from Driver’s poll.

MEMBERSHIP: 543 members. 7 expiring memberships in February. 6 new memberships in January.

SOLO: -First event scheduled for 4/30 at Pitt Race Solo pad. Will be more of a test event, not a points event.

-Discussed move to using software from Pronto (same as National SCCA uses). Has slightly higher initial cost than AXWare but renewal is cheaper. Pablo will confirm SCCA National will continue with this platform before offering a proposal.

-New cones will be needed. SCCA National office has good price/source. Will wait to order until we have secured pavement.

-Offer from fellow member to wrap Solo Trailer with graphics in exchange for vendor signage. Pablo to confirm conforms to SCCA guidelines, then offer for approval.

-Offer from fellow member to design/host a Solo website. May also be possible to link and/or take over our main site.

Pablo will ask for a more specific proposal to be presented to Board.

RALLY: No report but comments given that event was smooth and quick. Better promotion of this 50th Anniversary event might have yielded higher turnout.

STREET SURVIVAL: Meeting results from 2/17 presented. Target date for first event is 5/7/16. Next planning meeting is 3/8/16.

HALL OF FAME: Duane reported the HOF portion of the banquet went well. Good participation and response from enshrines.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: - Joe requested clarification of bylaws regarding restriction of Dual region members holding position on Board. Selection of Neohio as Region of Record required for Dual members to be on Neohio Board.

-Duane volunteered to chair next year’s banquet. Will secure venue for 3rd weekend in February 2017

Next Meeting:

MOTION to adjourn at 8:30pm. *MacDonald/Lunder – Approved*

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal
MARCH 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL / MAY 2016

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

Road Rallies

Upcoming Rallies:

April 16, 2016	Twilight Tour , Ann Arbor, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event. www.detroit-scca.org .
June 18, 2016	Moonlight Monte , Detroit Region, SCCA - GLD Rally Championship event.
July 30/31, 2016	??, Detroit Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event.
September 11, 2016	POR , Detroit Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event.
October 1, 2016	Cadillac Color Tour , Detroit Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event.
October 15, 2016	Johnny Appleseed , Neohio Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event.
October 29(?), 2016	Lake Erie Covered Bridges , Misery Bay Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event. www.mbrscca.org
November 19, 2016	Pavement Ends , Detroit Region, SCCA. GLD Rally Championship event.



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Neohio's Solo committee is working hard to put the final touches on the 2016 Solo Season.

The committee met on February 18th to review updates, discuss the upcoming Solo School and bring new committee members up to speed. The meeting was productive and positive. As the program continues to grow, the support from Neohio members does too. Thanks!

The first event of the season will be a Solo School on Saturday, April 30th at Pitt Race. This event will be held in conjunction with

Track First's Motorsports Expo (learn more at <http://bit.ly/TrackFirstExpo>).

The Solo School is designed to teach novices the basics of AutoX/Solo. Attendees will learn how to handle different course elements with 1:1 in car instruction and out of car group reviews.

After lunch a Solo course will be developed which will allow the attendees to put it all together and run an entire course.

First time? No problem. We have loaner safety gear!

This is a great opportunity to give AutoX/Solo a try or sharpen your skills.

Registration is now open for the Solo School. Save time and money by registering early. Register at <http://bit.ly/NeohioSoloSchool>. Questions? Contact Solo Chair, Pablo Chois pablo.chois@gmail.com.

Stay up to day on all of Neohio's Solo Stuff @ <https://www.facebook.com/NeohioSccaSolo/>

Submitted by Bill Snow

SCCA Runoffs Presented by Garmin VIRB Schedule Features 28 Races

The much anticipated event schedule for the 2016 SCCA[®] National Championship Runoffs[®] presented by Garmin VIRB at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course was released, with 28 separate races following four days of qualifying to crown the best and brightest amateur race car drivers in the country.

The winner-take-all event will run 23-lap races for all 28 Runoffs-eligible classes September 23-25, with each class getting a 15-minute qualifying session each day Monday through Thursday, to set the grids.

Of note for 2016, based on survey data from participants, qualifying sessions will run at a similar time in the day to the races. For instance, the Spec Miata class races at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday; likewise, each of its four qualifying sessions come in the late morning.

Also this year, some qualifying sessions will run as "seamless"

qualifying. 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.

"The years at long tracks like Road America and Daytona provided the luxury of a high on-track capacity," SCCA Vice President and COO Eric Prill said. "Returning to Mid-Ohio's 2.258-mile layout, with the expectation of a large event attendance, had us thinking creatively on the schedule.

"Participant feedback was the primary driver for the changes. Previous

Runoffs at Mid-Ohio and Heartland Park had a day off during qualifying, which was not favorable to the driver population in our surveys. Given the anticipated turnout, it would be difficult to run the event with much fewer than 24 qualifying groups. So the best solution for everyone to run every day is to have 15-minute sessions, and to cut out several of the transitions. It is an ambitious schedule, but one that our event chiefs support to provide the best possible experience for the racers."

Qualifying runs Monday, September 19 through Thursday, September 22. 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 All Participant Party, on site at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, will also honor the newly crowned SCCA Worker of the Year selections.

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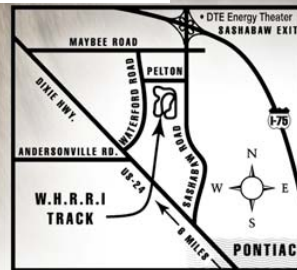
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MISC
FREE: 2-35 gal. drums for race gas (buy race gas in bulk for use at track); 2-5 gal. pails w/spouts; 5-gal. kerosene can; misc. aluminum/steel pieces; misc. auto paints/solvents; fiberglass repair resin/cloth; cleaning fluids-stuff the movers won't take. Mike Cyphert, mcyphert@walterhav.com; office (days) 216-928-2897; evenings 330-963-4894.**

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