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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green



At the 1972 American Road Race of Champions, which we now know as the Runoffs, Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter proclaimed the week of November 20-26 as American Road Race of Champions week.

In recognition, the future President of the United States was awarded an honorary SCCA membership.

The photo shows the Governor seated in Tom "Ralph" Fraser's Formula B racecar holding the plaque commemorating his membership.

Photo by Hal Crocker originally published in SportsCar in February 1973 issue.

It is hard to believe that it's July already! In September, we need to have plans for our 2016 road racing season pretty much completed. We have two tentative dates chosen for our Pitt-Race, either May 14 or May 21.

Three regions are trying to get a meeting with Nelson Ledges management to try to bring racing back to Nelson Ledges. The three RE's are hopeful and will do their best to try to pull this off. I have not been to Nelson Ledges lately, so I do not have any idea about what has been accomplished and what has yet to be done. I do know that the track was due for its SCCA inspection this year, but that has not been done as far as I know. I will keep everyone informed through *The Blower*, Neohio website and Facebook. Yeah, I said Facebook. I am learning to use it.

The next thing that has to be done is the nomination of officers for the upcoming election in November. Nominations will start at the September meeting which will be held at The Captains Club in Eastlake.

Neohio offices that need to be filled are Assistant Regional

Executive, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and three Trustee positions. If you have an interest in helping to run the region, this is your chance. If you have questions about any of the positions, please come to the meeting on August 4th at the Captains Club. If you think the Captains Club is a little farther than you would like to go, do not hesitate to offer up a new location. As long as the location has a quiet meeting room and the availability to purchase dinner and beverages, we can consider it. We need a location where we can carry out the region's business without having to yell above music and talking. The Captains Club has been great, but we can move the location around so the meeting location is more convenient for different members.

Lastly, it was mentioned that my comment about the new SCCA website may have been a little "over the top" last month. If you were upset about my comment, I apologize for it. Maybe I should have a second person read my article before I submit it.

Jim

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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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Great Lakes Division website: <http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/>

New Website - www.neohioscca.com

Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | February 3, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Dorothy Harrington, Duane Harrington, Dan Koplow, Joe Blaha, Tara Oram, Kerry Klotzman, Bob Nick

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Peggy Dietz, Jeff Blumenthal, Scott Lunder

GUESTS: Welcome to all!

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

MOTION to accept the minutes as presented. Klotzman/Koplow – Approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: No Report.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: General discussions regarding Nelson Ledges. Still no cooperation and from the information regarding some of the “improvements” it sounds as if will be difficult to get approved as an SCCA track in the future.

- The man who was passing out flyers at the office complex was found and talked to by Kerry. The gentleman was so excited about the facility, yet had actually no clue or couldn’t answer any pertinent questions regarding the venue, facility, schedule, updates, etc. - just that it was a great place.
- Jim Green was granted permission by the board to move forward with working with Pitt Race for a 2016 date.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No Report.

MEMBERSHIP: Current membership at 550.

SOLO: Nothing to report – Just working towards next event.

RALLY: No Report.

STREET SURVIVAL: Jeff was proposing a tentative date of October 10th for a Street Survival event.

HALL OF FAME: Dorothy stated that she would like something in the Blower for nominations.

- A couple of names were mentioned to do some history on for a possible nominations, Chuck Stoddard and Roger Penske.
- Dorothy asked for a small budget to send out remaining trophies to inductees. **MOTION** to approve \$25 budget for shipping costs for HOF inductee trophies. Koplow/Blaha – Approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Convention is moving back to Las Vegas.
- It was discussed if we should continue the Neohio Regional Championship, and it was determined that, we could let it go.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2015. **MOTION** to adjourn 7:48pm. Du. Harrington/Oram – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
June, 2015–Approved | FINAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY / AUGUST 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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
August 3	August 4 7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	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	August 29	August 30

Jackpot! SCCA National Convention To Return To Vegas

The SCCA National Convention, slated for Jan. 21-23, 2016, will move westward to the South Point Hotel and Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Convention will return to a more familiar format that is focused on leadership development and skills training within the Club.

The Convention will encompass three key components throughout the three-day event - a Leadership Summit, Annual Meeting and SCCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The main focus surrounding this year's program will be that of leadership training, on the Regional level.

Though times and a full schedule are yet to be confirmed, the annual meeting and welcome reception will be held on Thursday

late afternoon, followed by two days of training and capped by the SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet on Saturday night.

The training component of the Convention will focus on three principal parts - technology integration, event and Club marketing and Regional program development.

Many of those aspects will be tied together. Seminars on effectively using a website, including the new SCCA.com, and social media to develop and encourage competitors and volunteers to attend events, will be a part of the program.

Effective Region marketing techniques are also on the docket, including real-life examples of

successful event leaders and the way they reach their audience. Discussions on products and techniques that attract new members, and at the same time resonate with the current customer base, will take center stage.

Efficient event execution, including specialty roles, will fill the third column. The convention will seek to offer training, meeting and networking opportunities for as many aspects of club leadership as possible. The offering will range from the essential functions needed to execute events, such as Solo Course Design and Club Racing Tech, to leadership skill sessions focused on volunteer recruitment and retention, communication and program development.

Hot Summer Specials!

Mobil 1™ Full Synthetic Lube, Oil & Filter
\$69.95*
Special include... Lube, Oil, Filter
Tire Rotation & Seasonal Safety Inspection

5-TIME
TOP SHOP
National Contest
WINNER!
MotorAge MAGAZINE

Air Conditioning Performance & Leak Check
\$29.95*
Check System Pressures, Clean Condenser,
Check Cabin Filter, Check Air Flow & Blower Speeds,
Check System Performance, Leak Check System.

RAD AIR
COMPLETE CAR CARE

*Appointments necessary. Fleet vehicles, up to 7 cars. Mobil 1 & New included. Diesel, synthetic oils, seasonal changes or other oils, \$2.00. Shop and shop supplies & labor extra. Please present coupon prior to service. Not valid with other offers, coupons or specials.

*Appointments necessary. Fleet vehicles, full-size and up to 1000 cc. Diesel systems \$10.00 additional. Please present coupon prior to service. Not valid with other offers, coupons or specials.

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By Chaplain Gray

Going Pro

Recently, I have drove down Route 422 from Cleveland toward Warren. As I approached the Route 282 cutoff to Nelson Ledges, a big sadness came over me. My car so desperately wanted to turn right. From a high of 12 or so events, the Nelson scorecard for SCCA in 2015 is Zero. What to do in the new reality? I am going pro.

The last few years I have served at the odd World Challenge, Trans Am and Mazda MX5 Cup race. My dance card this year includes 3 Trans Ams and 2 Pirelli World Challenge events. As of now, I have 2 down, 3 to go. Well, I have been to the track for 2.

In early May, I flew to a race for the first time in 50 years of attending races. I was filling in for Dan Lacy who drew the short straw and had to go to a wedding in Hawaii. The fun started while I waited for a rental car at the Atlanta airport. My reservation called for the cheapest car available. When I asked what my hot rod was going

to be the rental rep said, "Anything you want." Sitting in front of me was a Nissan Z Car, a Camaro, and a Dodge Challenger and they were all on special for only \$15 a day more. I could personally afford that, so a short time later, I was heading North in the black Dodge. It was a Trans Am race after all and Cameron Lawrence has been cleaning up in TA 2 with his.

At the track, I had a great support from the Trans Am folks who were sharing the weekend with Drift Atlanta. The drifters do have amazing car control, but I still have problems with sports that are scored by judges. They did draw a great crowd with the long lines for their autograph session. The Trans Am autograph session, not so much. I joked that they needed more good looking young drivers and one of them responded, "We were young when it started."

Despite a wreck at the beginning of the TA2 race, Trans Am put on a good show with Ohio drivers doing very well including an Amy Ruman

with Ruman Racing overall win and Kryderacing's Dave Pintaric's sixth place.

As for race 2, well my trip for the Sunday World Challenge race at the Detroit GP was a wash, actually a wash out, canceled due to the standing water on the track. I was able to ferry Dan and another staff member to the airport after very nearly getting really stuck in the parking lot.

So, as with many things in life, when God closes one door He opens another. While I miss Nelson, I am blessed to be serving for 2 great series whose staff and teams have welcomed me. Pro is good! Mid-Ohio and Road America here I come. What door is God opening for you?

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Solo Double Feature Weekend: Toledo & Packwood

SCCA Great Lakes Division Championship Rallies

- September 12, 2015 - **POR**, Indian River (?), MI. www.detroit-scca.org
- October 3, 2015 – **Clare Color** Tour, Clare, MI. www.detroit-scca.org
- October 17, 2015 – **Johnny Appleseed**, Bolivar, OH. www.neohioscca.com
- October 25, 2015 – **Lake Erie Covered Bridges**, Ashtabula, OH. www.mbrscca.org
- November 21, 2015 – **Pavement Ends**, Lansing, MI. www.detroit-scca.org

*Watch for date changes
& additional rallies.*

Two National Solo events are going strong this weekend (7/18-7/19/15): Toledo Match Tour and Packwood ProSolo. Toledo marks the final Match Tour of the season and Packwood comes just a week after a Champ Tour occupied the same site in the picturesque Washington Mountains.

Live timing for both events is available at <http://sololive.scca.com/>.

Neohio Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame committee is accepting nomination for this year's class. Please send nominations to Dorothy Harrington or anyone on the committee. The due date for nominations is **October 31, 2015**.

Dorothy Harrington
Hall of Fame Chair

Neohio Region has a rich history of our members bringing honor to the region and/or contributing to the greater good of SCCA racing. Based on that history, the Neohio leadership has decided to create a Hall of Fame honoring Neohio members. The Hall of Fame class will be inducted at the Neohio annual banquet.

Nominations can be made through out the year. Nominees can be any member that has served or brought the Neohio Region to where it is today. Members should send nomination letters (email messages) along with an SCCA bio of the individual to Hall of Fame Chairperson.

The Hall of Fame committee will review the nominations and narrow down the number of potential inductees based on the criteria, the nomination letter and the bio. In subsequent years, the final determination will be done by Hall of Fame members and the committee. The nomination deadline is October 31 of each year.

Purpose

To honor those who contributed to the region through their volunteer work or who brought honor to the region for their accomplishments.

Criteria for Membership

- Does not have to be a current Neohio member, but has to have made contributions to the region or SCCA while a Neohio member.
- The person spent a substantial amount of time as a Neohio member.
- For a driver, it has to be someone who has brought honor to the region for his/her accomplishments on the national or professional level.

Nominations

- A Neohio member has to make the nomination

The nomination must include a letter including why the nomination is being nominated.

2015 Neohio SCCA Solo Series Schedule

All are Points Events at
Lakeland Community College in
Kirtland:

- July 25
- August 23
- September 27

Membership Address,
Phone, E-mail Changes?

Contact Jeff Blumenthal
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Update your e-mail address with
SCCA National office.

To place a classified ad, contact:

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Classified ads are free for members.



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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

Getting Old Sale! 1999 Acura Integra ITS #13, always a winner \$12,500/offer; 1991 Lotus Elan M-100, low miles, original owner, great track car! \$10,950/offer. Pat Kane, 440-785-3432.*

2013 Volkswagen Jetta SE, 3500 mi., 5 speed, new condition, air, cruise, moonroof, convenience package 16" wheels, Sirius, multimedia, heated seats, remainder of factory 3 year/30,000 warranty & oil changes. New \$22,500, asking \$18,500, 440-789-8679.***

RV & TRAILER

26 foot Sunnybrook Towlite Camper (metal frame) Rear Queen Bedroom, can sleep 6, Heat & A/C, Microwave, EG Hot Water, EG Refrigerator & 40 Gallon fresh water holding Tank. EG=Electric gas. Microwave and A/C require 120 volt hook up. Balance of camper is 12VDC. For pictures and more information, e-mail doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com.***

1998 T-2000 Kenworth Motorhome 2003 conversion & integrated 28' Show Hauler Conversion w/7' Slide-Out PLUS 2005 Haulmark 32' Stacker Trailer, \$99,000. 862-268-2550 or awinfield@crowneagle.com.***

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- 1/2 Page - \$45 / month (8" x 5.25") \$120 / 3 months
- 1/4 Page - \$25 / month (4" x 5") \$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page - \$15 / month (3.5" x 2") \$40 / 3 months

20% Discount to Neohio member

Payment must accompany ad.

MISC

Honda Generator EB6500x. Second owner, about 20 hours on it. 120v/240v, 20A/30A. Quiet for size. \$2000. Bill Snow 216-659-1179**

CG Locks for sale. New in box. I have two. \$55/each. Great for Solo and track days. Bill Snow 216-659-1179 or billsnow@mac.com.***