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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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If you have any Neohio equipment that you use for club activities, please email me with identifying information and when you first received the equipment. This needs to be done quickly since it could save the region money in taxes and insurance. Use "Neohio Equipment" in the subject area. We should all be for saving money at this time for the region.

Congratulations to all of the Neohio drivers who competed in the Mid-Ohio Majors race. I have been told that it was quite an accomplishment to be able to finish. We have included a list of Neohio drivers and their finishing positions in this issue. Congrats to all.

If you have spent any time at all on the communications net at Mid-Ohio, you have heard Helga Klein. She is the person in charge of dispatching emergency vehicles at Mid-Ohio. Helga has been doing this for the last 20+ years and doing a great job. She has always taken care of "her guys" and they have always taken care of her. Helga is retiring from her position and will be greatly missed. Thanks Helga for the great work and many years at Mid-Ohio.

June 18th was the "Tire Rack Street Survival" event at Revere High School. This event teaches young drivers accident avoidance techniques in a classroom setting and then they get to apply what they have learned using their own cars. Each student has a

coach riding with them during the hands-on portion of the course. There are plans in the works for another TRSS event in September or October at another high-school in the area. We will keep you informed. If you would like to become a coach, you must first take an online course and test to qualify. If you are interested, contact Bob MacDonald.

It looks like Solo has acquired new pavement and will be holding events soon. Keep up-to-date by checking the website for more information.

We have only two months before nominations for Neohio officers and trustees. These are the people that run the region. Nominations are at the September and October meetings. Those interested in running for office, or nominating someone for office, should contact a board member or come to one of the board meetings. The person being nominated must submit a letter stating that they accept the nomination for the office. This prevents surprise nominations and elections.

Neohio has a region Hall of Fame. If you know of someone that would qualify, let Dorothy Harrington know. You need to write something stating why you think this person deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. It will be read by the HOF committee and determinations will be made. This must be done soon so the HOF committee can complete what needs to be done.



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

EXCUSED MEMBERS:

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:01 pm

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. MacDonald/Klotzman – *Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Nelson Ledges Update: There is possibility of track time available for purchase at Nelson this summer. No other updates on work being done. Nelson will post updates on their website to keep people informed.

Longtime SCCA member Martin Shook passed away.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No report

MEMBERSHIP: 548 members (11 are new, 16 will expire)

SOLO: Event was held at Pitt Race on 4/30/16. Had approximately 32 registered. Event went smoothly. We used our new Pronto software and it worked well. We are still searching for new local pavement and hopeful to have something worked out soon.

RALLY: No report

STREET SURVIVAL: Event scheduled at Revere High School on June 18th. Another event is being considered for Mayfield High School later in the year.

HALL OF FAME: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- We need to have the reimbursement form posted on the Neohio website. Need to send to Duane for posting
- Jim Pracker did an inventory/check of our fire extinguishers and they are all good.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joe Blaha reports that there are entries on our financial report for many years that we are having trouble identifying. The accountants are not sure what they are. They are listed as a Deposit Entry, with an amount but no description of the fixed assets. There are items being stored at Auto Annex in Cleveland. We will wait until confirming these assets before we deal with the fixed asset entry on the financial statement.

MOTION: Delete the old continuing Deposit Entry showing on the Financial Statement in the amount of \$14,500.
MacDonald/Lancaster - Approved

Next Meeting:

MOTION to adjourn at 8:01 pm. *Blumenthal / Blaha – Approved*

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE / JULY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18 Street Survival Teen Driving School@ Revere HS	June 19
June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3
July 4	July 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
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

Thanks for Donated Air Bags

Maurice Leiser from Ridge Road Auto Parts donated airbags for the safety demonstrations that are performed at the Tire Rack Street Survival events.

A big thank you to Maury and the folks at Ridge Road Auto Parts. Please see Maurice's business card to the right and keep Ridge Road Auto Parts in mind if you need anything for your car. They are very knowledgeable and easy to work with.

If you have never experienced an air bag deploying, (and most people have not, those who have, don't remember), it is a sudden and loud/violent/messy occurrence.

In addition to the educational value that this affords to our class of new drivers, it also commands respect from those that witness the demonstration.

While we hope that the driving skills that the kids are exposed to turn into good habits over a lifetime of driving, the demo may actually give them an extra incentive to make sure that one of these 'bags never deploys due to their new awareness behind the wheel.

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Neohio's Competes at Mid-Ohio Majors

Congrats to the following Neohio drivers that overcame various obstacles at Mid-Ohio's Majors races on weekend of June 4-5, 2016.

Saturday, June 4th

Sandy Santullo III - SRF3 - 12th

James Libecco - SRF3 - 24th

Jonathan Davis - SM - 7th

Bob Kucera - SM - 31st

Bob MacDonald - SM - 43rd

Todd Ayers - SM - 37th

Will Dodd - SM - 34th

AJ Roderick - SM - 36th

Dan Harding - SM - 44th

Brian Farnham - FV - 11th

Scott Lunder - EP - 5th

Matt Miller - EP - 7th

Joel Hipp - GTL - 12th

Aaron Quine - GT2 - 3rd

Michael Muren - GT2 - 18th

Tom Sloe - AS - 1st

Max Gee - STU - 1st

Jeromey Mizer - STL - 2nd

William Moore - T2 - 17th

Jason Shultz - T4 - 4th

Keith Jones - T4 - 12th

Bill Hornack - T4 - 11th

Ted Sahley - B Spec - 8th

David Strittmatter - FP - 8th

Ken Alderson - FP - 14th

Michael Sesteili - HP - 2nd

Gary Swanson - HP - 11th

Danny Weyls - FC - 5th

Sunday, June 5th

Sandy Santullo III - SRF3 - 26th

James Libecco - SRF3 - 7th

Jonathan Davis - SM - 6th

Bob Kucera - SM - 43rs

Bob MacDonald - SM - 32nd

Todd Ayers - SM - 36th

Will Dodd - SM - 25th

AJ Roderick - SM - 34th

Dan Harding - SM - 33rd

Brian Farnham - FV - 22nd

Scott Lunder - EP - 12th

Matt Miller - EP - 9th

Joel Hipp - GTL - 11th

Aaron Quine - GT2 - 3rd

Michael Muren - GT2 - 9th

Tom Sloe - AS - 3rd

Max Gee - STU - 2nd

Jeromey Mizer - STL - 1st

William Moore - T2 - 6th

Jason Shultz - T4 - 12th

Keith Jones - T4 - 11th

Bill Hornack - T4 - 10th

Ted Sahley - B Spec - 8th

David Strittmatter - FP - 7th

Ken Alderson - FP - 11th

Michael Sesteili - HP - 11th

Gary Swanson - HP - 15th

Danny Weyls - FC - 4th



By Philip Royle

This article first appeared in the May, 2016 edition of *SportsCar Magazine*. SCCA members can read SportCar digitally http://www.sportscarmag-digital.com/sportscar/july_2016?pg=1#pg1 after logging into their account.

Mounting race seats and harnesses in a competition car is arguably the most important part of the build – so, how do you do it right?

Safety first. Everyone says it, but often the best of intentions coupled with a lack of knowledge, lead to something of questionable safety. Take, for instance, seat and harness mounting in a competition car. Most of us don't have the resources for a professional race shop to construct our racecars. Rather, we sweat away in our home garage, scratching our head trying to come up with the best (and hopefully safest) mounting methods. At these moments, we're all too aware that we're making up much of what we're doing. But rest assured, you're not the first one attempting to mount a seat and harness – there are answers.

Let's look at SCCA's Club Racing GCR rulebook for seat and harness mounting guidelines: 9.3.41 states, "Mounting structures for racing seats may attach to the floor, cage, and/or center tunnel." It then discusses roll cage mounting points for race seats – but the truth is most of us mount race seats to the car's steel floor. But, how?

Harness lap belts are covered more extensively in the GCR: 9.3.19.D reads, "Each seat (lap) and shoulder belt of the harness (5, 6, or 7 points) shall have an individual mounting point," and that "the minimum acceptable bolts used in the mounting of all belts and harnesses is SAE Grade 5/Metric 8.8." Also, "mounting hardware, including eye bolts, as provided by the belt manufacturer, may also be used for mounting belts and harnesses," and when not mounted to the cage, "large diameter mounting washers or equivalent should be used to spread

the load." As with everything in the GCR, however, these are starting points. What do the pros do?

Fabryce Kutymba, Sales Director for MOMO Automotive Accessories, has been involved in racing for 20 years, building high-level racecars for a variety of successful professional series, including Pirelli World Challenge. "Major manufacturers – Porsche, Audi, Ferrari – will mount their seat to a seat base integrated to the chassis that's welded in, and they'll have some kind of slider system that's crash tested and approved," says Kutymba. However, as Kutymba notes, most people are not racing those cars, and most don't use sliders. Instead, the choice is to either buy a prebuilt intermediary bracket, or fabricate one.

Purchasing a pre-made mount that connects a race seat's side bracket to the car's floor is Kutymba's preference, but sometimes you have no choice but to build your own. For that, steel is a great material; strong and affordable, steel allows you to bolt or weld the bracket together, then attach that to the car's floor by welding ("Welding is only as good as the welder," Kutymba reminds us), using the manufacturer's stock seat mounting holes, or drilling your own holes.

Aluminum is another option. "Aluminum can be used, but I wouldn't use anything that's less than a [thick sheet of] 6061, so the bolts going through it have enough bite," Kutymba says. "I would also recommend a minimum of Grade 10 or 12 bolts."

When it comes to harness mounting, Kutymba's preference is to exceed the GCR's bolt requirements when not

using the manufacturer's hardware. "I'd recommend at least Grade 12 bolts."

Whether mounting seat brackets or harnesses, load plates are essential. "If you're drilling a hole in the floor or transmission tunnel, that's just sheet metal, so you'll want to have a fairly significant washer on both sides to sandwich it so the bolt doesn't tear out," he explains. For that, you can use a steel plate, large washers or, in some cases, harness manufacturers supply plates equipped with welded nuts.

Lap belt mounting locations are also key. While Kutymba says it's perfectly acceptable to drill your own holes, utilize factory seatbelt bolt holes; or use a combination of the two. "You want to keep the lap belt bolts as level and symmetrical as possible from left to right. You don't want the position to be four inches apart. If you're within an inch or so [in symmetry] then you're probably OK."

Finally, which is better, clip-in or bolt-in harness mounts? Kutymba notes this is personal preference – although sometimes it can become a matter of necessity. "I'm a big fan of the clip-in harness mounts, but I wouldn't say one is better than the other. In the end, it really comes down to the packaging of the car."

While these tips will help during seat and harness mounting – or re-mounting, now that you know you did it wrong – rest assured that the process will still seemingly take forever and prove to be one of the most frustrating portions of the entire build. But take your time, do it right, and when you're done, you can strap yourself in knowing you'll be safe and sound.

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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