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The Starting Line

REport by Kerry Klotzman

Upcoming Events

Neohio SCCA Banquet
Saturday, February 18, 2017

6:00 PM Cocktails
7:00 PM Dinner

Pine Ridge Country Club
30601 Ridge Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

See page 3 for details.

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I would like to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous, Fast and Fun New Year!

I appreciate your trust in electing me to the position of Regional Executive. Voter turnout was better than in the past, almost mirroring the National Elections, enough about that. Congratulations to all elected: Scott Lunder, Assistant R.E., Joe Blaha, Treasurer, Jeff Blumenthal, Recording Secretary, Tara Oram, Membership Secretary, and trustees Gabriel Guterriez, Bill Moore and Maddie Oswald. Thank you to the outgoing R.E., Jim Green for his dedication and countless hours, he made it look easy. Also a big thank you to the trustees whose terms have ended: Gail Green and Bob Nick. We are hoping that we can count on your continuing participation to help the region with your experience.

We had a successful Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) school this year and are looking forward to more in 2017. Solo was strong with several events and more slated for this year in new locations (TBD). Rally was active and we are looking forward to more. Nelson is under new ownership, developments will be shared as they become available.

The Neohio Banquet is coming up February 18. Make sure that you get your registration (page 3) and check into Dorothy by February 4, we want as many as possible to join us for the Banquet, but to be fair, we have to get the count in, and payment has to accompany your R.S.V.P. Looking forward to seeing you there.

As I close my letter, it has come to my attention that Ken Swarm and Greg Lester are unable to organize the Ohio Winter Rally due to work obligations. Would anyone be able to step up quickly to take over this event for this year? If so, please contact me.

Our goals on the board are to return to fun, social activities and increase our membership in 2017. We are open to suggestions for more opportunities to get together socially while we are waiting for the snow to melt, and the salt to be washed off the roads. One of the ideas floating around now is to meet at an indoor go kart track. When the weather warms up, we can get back to what we all enjoy-high performance driving and all the activities that surround our hobby.



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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*.

The Blower

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Debbie LaFond

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Neohio SCCA Banquet



Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017
Cocktails: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Place: Pine Ridge Country Club
30601 Ridge Road
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

Invitations will **NOT** be mailed. RSVP no later than February 4, 2017.

All dinners are \$35 per person. **Cash Bar.**

Reservations must be paid in advance to keep our costs down.

Meals will not be available without a pre-paid reservation. No walk-ins.

Reservation for the **Neohio SCCA Banquet**. Make check payable to "**Neohio SCCA**".

Name: _____

E-mail Address for confirmation: _____

Dinner Selection:

- _____ Filet Mignon
- _____ Baked Scrod in Lemon Butter
- _____ Chicken Marsala
- _____ Eggplant Parmesan

Mail registration and payment to:

Neohio Banquet
Dorothy Harrington
340 Bellaire Rd.
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012-1503

Questions? Call Dorothy Harrington at 216-390-2856
or send an e-mail to doubledlh@hotmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 2	January 3 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7	January 8
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
January 16	January 17	January 18	SCCA National Convention January 19-21, Las Vegas			January 22
January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29
January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5
February 6	February 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12
February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18 SCCA Neohio Banquet, 6P Pine Ridge Country Club	February 19

Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes APPROVED | December 6, 2017

Trustees PRESENT: Jim Green, Joe Blaha, Bob Nick, Kerry Klotzman, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker, Scott Lunder, Jeff Blumenthal, Jason Pokines, Bob MacDonald, Gail Green

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Dave Lancaster

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

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

Minutes presented from past meeting for approval. MOTION to accept minutes as presented. (Klotzman/Green) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- MOTION – to accept report as presented. (MacDonald/Lunder) – Approved.
- We are waiting for \$165 payment from National office. Purchased Tech Stickers for 2017 Solo.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

- At next meeting we will need to decide on the yearly awards for the Banquet. The Election was encouraging because we had more members who voted.
- The Banquet will be held February 18th at Pine Ridge Country Club.
- Discussed ongoing progress at Nelson Ledges regarding zoning issues.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No report

MEMBERSHIP:

- 537 Members
- 10 memberships expiring, yet to be renewed.

SOLO:

- Dates have been submitted (confirmed) to Eastlake for 7 events in 2017.
- Other site possibilities have been contacted and we're continuing to work on those.

RALLY:

- Per Bill Stewart, the Covered Bridge Rally had 14 entries.
- The Ohio Winter Rally "OWR" will be held in February.

STREET SURVIVAL:

- All paperwork has been filed from our previous event and payments due should be coming soon.
- We are looking at options for Spring events.

HALL OF FAME:

- Per Duane, there are 3 nominations pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Per Duane: The contract is in place for the Banquet. We will charge \$35/person. Invitations will be included in the next *Blower*. Duane requested a budget of \$3000 for the Banquet. Motion was made (Klotzman/Oram) APPROVED.
- Duane suggested we consider implementing the Region Points system again. Intention is to increase interest and involvement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We can consider having a Trustees Meeting at Boss Karting. Duane can facilitate so we get use of the meeting room (one time) at no charge. Bob MacDonald suggested that we do this and also publicize the meeting to general membership to increase involvement. We could do a karting event after the meeting.
- Motion made to dispose of old DVD player Bob MacDonald has been storing. (Blumenthal/Green) APPROVED
- Kerry updated additional progress being made at Nelson Ledges and possible plans they are pursuing.
- Discussed annual award nominations. To be finalized at next meeting.
- National Convention is in January

Next Meeting: January 3, 2017. MOTION to adjourn at 8:50 pm. (Oram/MacDonald) – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal (DATE January 3, 2017 APPROVED)



Neohio Hall of Fame 2017 Induction

Presented By

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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
- 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

2017 Inductees

Ed Hughes

Ed began his interest in car competition in 1951 when he was in the US Marine Corp. He competed at a Heavy Equipment Salvage Lot in Barstow CA in a 1934 Ford 5 Window vehicle with #87 on the side. Through the Jalopy Association, he continued to compete at other locations. He had 2 crashes, the second resulting in bad body injury which set him up for later multiple joint replacements.

By 1953-54 he was a member of the Akron City Sports Car Club and the Rubber City SC Club. He also competed on the "inner track" at Nelson in a TR3 which wasn't an SCCA event, but an open competition event.

In 1962, he attended a race at Mid Ohio working corners under Bob Federman and Bill Benham. He continued to work races with Lake Erie Communications and then moved into assistant operating with a guy he termed the Silver Fox, Al Weaver. He joined SCCA in 1966 and has been a member ever since, making this past year his 50th Anniversary with Neohio.

Ed has served on the Comp Board for 12 years and to date has worked 405 races as a steward, gaining his Senior Steward license in 1993. He has worked Nelson, Mid Ohio, Cumberland, IRP, Elkhart Lake, West Palm Beach and Mosport. He also volunteered with the Soap Box Derby from 1985-89.

Ed prides himself as being a "drivers" Steward wanting to make sure a lot of people went home happy. He proudly keeps track of his stewarding indicating that he has been a Chief Steward at 69 events; Assistant Chief Steward 53 times; SOM 198 times of which 20 he acted as Chair and as Safety Steward at 66 events.

Duane Harrington

Duane has made substantial contributions not only to Neohio Region, but to SCCA club racing over his 35 plus years as a member of SCCA.

Duane started out in SCCA as a turn marshal with Lake Erie Communications in 1978 eventually becoming Chief of Flagging.

Duane served as Regional Executive

for Neohio in 1983, 1988 – 1989, 1992, 2001, 2009-2012. When not serving as RE, he has been Treasurer and Recording Secretary and many terms on the Board of Trustees. He remained on the Neohio Board of Trustees through 2015. He served the region in many other capacities and was always available to help organize the region's major events including Competition Clinics and Banquets. He helped promote SCCA and the region at many Greater Cleveland Auto Shows. He helped guide the region through some tough financial challenges. His knowledge of electronics was very helpful to the region.

He has also supported SCCA as a Steward, including working in this capacity at several SCCA Runoffs. Duane has worked as Pit Steward for the Formula Atlantic Series, Pro 2000 Series and Playboy Endurance Series.

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A Letter from Duane Harrington

When I first joined Neohio Region, we had monthly meetings. About 50 to 100 members would show up to bench race, watch a movie or two and sometimes we even had a guest speaker.

Most times, but not always, we had a drawing for various racing or solo items that were donated.

But most of all was the fellowship with fellow members that had the same interests. CARS and what to do with them. It was good hearing how "I almost won that race but.....", Where can I get/buy this or that? The Winners Circle was always present with an idea or two. They even made donations to the drawing.

All this started in various hotel ballrooms until they got too expensive and Neohio had to start looking elsewhere. The turnout kept dwindling and we went to small hotel meeting rooms.

The meetings kept dwindling and we finally merged the Monthly Board meeting with the Membership meeting. Even at that, the membership turn out kept getting smaller. Even our mandatory "Annual Meeting and Elections" have only a couple of members not on the Board show up. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion in how the region, YOUR REGION, is run. I hear members complain that we

no longer have a Neohio Regional Championship Series. Have you come to a meeting to voice your opinion? Have you volunteered to help put it back together?

Now we are approaching the ONLY social event that Neohio has - the Annual Awards Banquet. Even this event is dwindling. Some of the recipients don't even come. This is not just for the recipients, this is for everybody. To bench race, to check out our solo and rally programs or just to have a few beers/drinks with your fellow members. This the Social Event of the year.

Don't let this be the last bastion of the Neohio social program. Check on page 3 of this edition of the *Blower* for the Reservation form. Fill it out and get it in the mail. Come share the joy of the winners and bring a friend. This is not for members only. We had to impose the pay up front reservation as we save money. This saves you money as we don't have to pay for dinners for folk that don't show or just show up hoping to pay at the door. In case you don't know how this works, we have to guarantee a dinner count. If we say 100 dinners and only 75 show up, we still have to pay for the 100 dinners.

You will notice that there is a good selection and everyone has said that all the food is great.

Thank you listening.

Duane Harrington
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