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The Starting Line

REport by Maddie Oswalt

UPCOMING EVENT

**Tire Rack Street Survival®
is coming to Neohio!**

Hands On Skills Training for
Young Drivers (15 to 21 years).

April 21, 2018, 8 AM to 4 PM
at Lorain County Community
College.

Students, Instructors and
Volunteers are all needed.

Go to www.streetsurvival.org
for registration.

Where's Spring?



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Hello and Happy April!

It's mid-April, and I'm still waiting out the snow to start driving again! Unfortunately, the first autocross of the season had to be canceled- we were unable to complete the trailer maintenance as the trailer was snowed in! Hopefully this snow leaves us soon. We will be planning the new maintenance day for the first or second weekend in May. Keep an eye out on Facebook for details!

Our first autocross event is now scheduled for May 19th and 20th. We will have a spring training on the 19th and our first points event May 20th. I think by then the snow should be gone.

Our solo chair, Jason, has come up with a great idea to recruit volunteers. He has implemented a "+1" program. If you are a core worker for the day, you get an extra run. For example, if everyone got 6 runs that day, you would get 7. We're hoping this improves volunteer turn out. If an extra run sounds good to you, come to our first event and volunteer to be a core worker. As always, if you have a contact for good pavement, please contact myself or the solo chair.

The first street survival event of the year is April 21st at Lorain County Community College. If you know of any teen drivers that would benefit from a more in depth driving class, check out www.streetsurvival.org for more details and to sign up. This class is a mix of in-classroom and hands-on driving courses. We teach the teens about skid control, accident avoidance maneuvers, what ABS braking feels like, etc. We hope to see you there.

Lastly, keep an eye out for a survey of the membership. The Board has been hard at work coming up with ideas for additional racing, social events, educational events, and more. Before we make any solid plans, we want to hear from you, the membership, about what you want to see. We hope you will take some time to fill out the survey. I will include it in the next Blower.

Thanks!
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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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Articles for publication in The *Blower* may be submitted in most Windows based word processing formats. You may mail or e-mail material to the editor or RE at regexec@neohioscca.com by the last day of each month.

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Rallymasters needed!

Northeast Ohio was once a hotbed of road rally activity. We'd love to be able to present a proper Regional Rally Championship series once again. To achieve this we will need some "new blood" to volunteer to help organize rallies, as well as some experienced rallymasters to emerge from dormancy to serve as mentors.

Please contact Greg Lester if interested.

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Meeting Minutes APPROVED | March 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Pokines, Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Madeline Oswald, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Dave Lancaster, Jeff Blumenthal, Ray Glover, Bob Nick

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Pracker, Bill Moore, Tara Oram

GUESTS: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Madeline Oswald at 7:00 pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as corrected. (MacDonald/Glover) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION – to accept report as presented. (Pokines/Blumenthal) -Approved.

- Annual Tax return has been filed. MOTION to approve \$1075 payment to accountant for filing/preparation. (MacDonald / Mi. Oswald) Approved.
- Banquet resulted in a loss (\$400-\$1000) not yet finalized.
- SCCA Grant was approved for Neohio for use to upgrade timing equipment.
- Changes made to signatories of Neohio checking account, due to change in RE. MOTION to add Madeline Oswald as signatory for Neohio checking. (Lancaster / MacDonald) Approved.
- MOTION to spend \$122 for checking account supplies. (Pokines / Lancaster) Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

- Maddie expressed her desire that we work to be closer and more involved with our membership. Socials can be part of the plan.
- Neohio will be represented at the upcoming Spring Training in Findlay. Planning for the 2018 racing seasons will be discussed.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- We are looking forward to our 2019 Club Racing Season at Nelson Ledges after track improvements are completed.
- We are working closely with the SCCA National office regarding their approval.

MEMBERSHIP:

- 515 members (15 new / 14 lapsing). We have confirmed that the National Office is aware that there have been problems when trying to renew online. This problem is being addressed.

SOLO:

- March 18th is Trailer prep & Inventory day. Registration for our 2018 Solo events are listed on MotorsportReg.com
- New Pavement options continue to be explored. As always, we ask for help with leads. Often, the best resource is knowing someone who has a connection to one of the large sites. Contact Jason Pokines with any help you can provide.
- Interested in being involved with the Solo program? We're always looking for folks to help with event operation. Contact Jason Pokines if you'd like to know more.
- MOTION: Approve \$600 budget for Solo Program supplies to prepare for 2018 season. (Glover/Lancaster) Approved.

RALLY: No report

STREET SURVIVAL: Our next Street Survival event is 4/21/18 at Lorain Community College. We are looking for help promoting this Event, and future Street Survivals. If you know of a newly licensed driver, they would benefit from this program. StreetSurvival.org

HALL OF FAME: Sherrie Weitzenhof is the new Chair of the HOF committee. We thank Dorothy Harrington for her leadership in forming the HOF committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Banquet resulted in a loss. Amount to be determined.
- Duane Harrington provided results for changing wording in our Constitution, with respect to changing the Annual Meeting date.
- Maddie will lead a group (Glover, Pokines, Blumenthal) that will present recommend changes at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: We need to fill positions of Asst RE, Chair, and Trustees. Past election results will be reviewed for next-in-line candidates.

Next Meeting: April 3 at Winking Lizard in Bedford 7pm.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:10pm. (MacDonald / Glover) - Approved.

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL / MAY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 2	April 3 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8
April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21 Tire Rack Street Survival® 8-4, Lorain Com. College	April 22
April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29
April 30	May 1 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	May 2	May 3	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 1 st Autocross Event - Spring Training	May 20 1 st Autocross Event - Points Event

What is Autocross?

Solo[®] is the brand name for SCCA[®] Autocrossing and on paper it seems very simple – use traffic cones to make a mini-roadcourse in a large parking lot or unused airport tarmac and see who can drive it the quickest without hitting any cones or going off course.

Despite the generally low speeds attained during competition, it's one of the fastest paced, rapid-fire forms of motorsports you can find, with barriers to entry so low that many people are able to compete and be competitive at it.

Competitors range from the casual participant who may use the same daily driver that they car-pool with to the hard-core driver who has a special car, special tires and uses lots of vacation days to squeak out every last fraction of a second. In between the extremes, there are levels and classes for different degrees of car modification. There are even classes for ladies and also a Junior Driver program for kids in age appropriate karts.

Whatever your level or car – there is a place for you in SCCA Solo.

If you have never autocrossed before or don't know the specific details, check out the www.scca.org website "I want to Autocross" page. It will give you the basics of participating in an event. Don't worry – it's pretty easy and there are people to help along the way.

Autocross Levels

Regional

Regional events are hosted by the individual Regions which make up SCCA. These events tend to be small events, and although a few

of the larger regions might see 200+ people it's much more likely to see only a few dozen entries at one of these. You do not need to be an SCCA member to participate in a Regional event (they will make you a temporary member for the weekend) but it does usually mean a discount if you are.

Divisional

Divisional Events or series are a step up from Regional events and hosted by groups of SCCA[®] regions. Not every portion of the country has a series, but if yours does, it's a good way to find a bit tougher competition than Regional events.

Match Tour

Match Tours are two-day events where the first day is a "traditional" autocross followed by a second day of qualifying runs and then the Top Dog or Under Dog challenges to determine an overall event winner.

Championship Tour

The SCCA Championship Tour is a set of events which create conditions similar to those seen at the season-ending SCCA Solo National Championships in Lincoln, NE. Champ Tour events attract some of the highest-level national competitors and local drivers who want to see how they stack up against each other.

ProSolo[®]

It starts like drag racing, but with turns. With two mirror-image courses set up, reaction time, getting a good launch, and being consistently fast play a role in winning at ProSolo. This series travels the country and

competitors collect points that set them up to be crowned ProSolo Champion at the season finale in Lincoln, NE.

National Championship

The TireRack SCCA Solo Nationals is the largest auto competition for sports cars in the world. More than 1,200 competitors descend on Lincoln, Nebraska each year for a competition which takes a week to complete and crowns a national champion in each class.

Autocross Classes

Cars and vehicles are classed in Solo according to modifications and potential. Each category has a set of allowed modifications and then the cars are divided into classes by ability. After all, it wouldn't be fair to have an Italian exotic against an economy car.

Street Category (Super Street and A Street to H Street)

Classes in the "Street" Category have the most restrictive rules which keep competitors from feeling the need to make extensive modifications to their cars. "Racing" tire compounds are not allowed and only a few parts and changes are allowed to the car beyond what it had on the showroom floor.

Street Touring[®] Category (Street Touring Ultra, Roadster, Xtreme, Sport, and Front-Wheel-Drive)

Street Touring classes are the next level up from the Street classes and although they still require true "street" tires, more bolt-on modifications are allowed to make

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Do you like the feel of control and making decisions?

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Do you like to see how cars work and go fast?

*The place for you is **Tech**.*

Do you have time on your hands, but don't like being out in the weather? Do you like computers?

***Time and Scoring** can definitely use those skills.*

Do you like loud noises?

*We need **Sound Control** folks.*

Do you like to help make people happy and celebrate?

*We can use your help with **Hospitality** and trophies.*

Do you like to organize events?

*We always need **Event Chairs** for races and events.*

Do you think you have to be an adult to do any of these jobs?

No - you can work in areas that are not considered "HOT" if you are under the age of 18. These areas are Registration, Tech (not all areas), Timing & Scoring, and Sound.

Contact Debbie LaFond, Competition Board Chair, at **fastlady1026@yahoo.com** or **440-946-2207**. Debbie will connect you with the right people to get you involved!

the cars handle better and get through the course quicker.

Street Prepared Category (Super Street Prepared and A Street Prepared to F Street Prepared)

This set of classes is where the level of commitment to modifying your vehicle really starts kicking in. Tires must be DOT-approved but sticky "racing"-style competition tires (sometimes called "R-comps") are allowed. This is the first set of classes where competitors can modify some engine externals (induction, exhaust, etc.) and even swap parts between some trim levels.

Street Modified Category (Super Street Modified, Street Modified, and Street Modified Front-Wheel-Drive)

Want to add a turbo? Do an engine swap? Install a cam? A wing for some aero-grip? This set of classes might grab your interest. Tires must still be DOT-approved but R-Compounds are allowed.

Prepared Category (X Prepared and C Prepared to F Prepared)

This is a step up from the "Street" set of classes and is based off wheel-to-wheel road racing preparation for production-based cars. Prepared allows true

racing slicks (non-DOT tires) and "gutting" of the interior are allowed. Rules for this category can get more intricate based on what car and class you're running, so it pays to familiarize yourself with the rules when building a specific car for its Prepared-level class. Convertibles are required to have a bolted-on factory hardtop and/or a roll bar.

Modified Category (A-Modified to F-Modified)

The highest set of allowances, these classes have a place for cars built specifically for autocross, production-based cars with the most extreme modifications, and road racing formula cars and sports racers. If your car doesn't have a good place before this, it is sure to find a place here.

Karts, CAM, Vintage etc

There are some classes which don't fit the previous sets, but play an important part of automotive and racing enthusiasts lifestyle. SCCA has classes for karts, Classic American Muscle (CAM), Vintage cars, and College-engineering Formula SAE. There is also a Junior Driver program for kids in age-appropriate karts.

Solo Schedule

May 19 & 20, 2018 (Saturday & Sunday)	Spring Training & Points	Eastlake
June 3, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
June 24, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
July 15, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
August 12, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
September 9, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
September 30, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
October 21, 2018	Points Event (Season Finale!)	Eastlake



Teens have an 89.2% chance of being involved in a crash during the first three years of driving
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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.

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'77 Jag XJS - Blue/beige, 44,000 original miles, body and interior very good condition, V12 has water leak, bad ball joints. Excellent candidate for V8 swap. Sell or trade. Call Gene at 216.848.0038.*

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