



# The Blower

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Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

***Time Trial  
At Nelson Ledges  
April 23-24***

***SCCA National  
Team Enduro  
At Nelson Ledges  
May 21-22***

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## The Starting Line

**Report by Dave Lancaster**

Welcome to the 2022 NEOHIO Competition Season! To start with I want to say what a great team this is becoming. We had close to 30 NEOHIO members attend our Tire Stacking/ Track Clean up day last weekend. We had staff working in the tower checking our T&S equipment, staff in the pit lane adding loops for the enduro and updating some of the current pit lane loops. Then of course most of us were out on the track stacking and cleaning up loose tires. The weather just did not cooperate with us though, as we had rain, snow, and then a short period of sun before the rain started again. It was great to be out at the racetrack and great to see friends and competitors joining in to lend a helping hand.

Most of the team worked until about 2:00 pm and were treated to a lunch by the team at Nelson Ledges. Some stayed later to help with some extra work the track needed. In reviewing with the team at Nelson Ledges, they were very grateful for our regions help. The track needed some TLC and due to the long and wet winter.

I have some good news to report this month that our entries are climbing for our Home Opener Time Trial event and Betsy and her team are ready to put on a great event for us. The region membership has grown to exceed 600 members. This is a great milestone and proves that if you build it, they will come. We have been building our programs up and growing our membership along the way.

Now for the sad news, we recently lost two NEOHIO Region supporters. First, we lost John Petrone a longtime club racer and a regular at Nelson Ledges in his Volvos. John was always a pleasure to be around at the racetrack. I was not close with him, but we parked next to each other when I first started racing in the 1990s. What I remember most is he had some encouraging words for me and always remembered me. When I came back to racing after time away, he still remembered me and welcomed me back. I know that many of you who were closer had better stories. I understood listening to you and knowing John a little, those stories must have been true.

Our region is also mourning the loss of Scott Rettich. Scott was not a member of our region, but he was a supporter of our efforts to get back to racing at Nelson Ledges Road Course. As the President of Alliance Autosport, he was a sponsor of last summers race and gave incentives to FE and SRF drivers to attend our events and increase our car counts. Scott was working towards a larger contribution to our 2022 event prior to his untimely death. NEOHIO will miss both of these great competitors and what they did for NEOHIO away from the cockpit.



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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 encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are shown in the **Blower**.

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**Region Points** Regional Championship points are tracked during the year. Each month points are posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the **Blower** and on Facebook. Contact Debbie LaFond.

## NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events

April 9	TIRE STACKING @ NLRC	
April 22-23	HOME OPENER TIME TRIAL @ NLRC	
MAY 14	OHIO MILK RUN RALLY TUSCARAWAS COUNTY OH	
MAY 20	ENDURO TEST & TUNE @ NLRC	
MAY 20	TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA @ NLRC	
MAY 21-22	SCCA NATIONAL TEAM ENDURO @ NLRC	
MAY 28-29	MAHONING VALLEY CLUB RACE @ NLRC	

CCPL	Lake County Captains Parking Lot, Eastlake, OH
GCF	Geauga County Fairgrounds, Burton, OH
NLRC	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, OH
TBD	To Be Decided



## Congratulations to Our NEOHIO Members

### Who Took Part in the Super Tour at VIR April 8-10!

Brian Farnham - FV - 5th

Sandy Satullo III pulled back to back double duty in SRF3 and T1 - SRF3 8th and 19th & T1 - 3rd

James Libecco SRF3 - 11th & 9th and FE2 20th & 5th

SM had a field of 72 cars! Jonathan Davis - SM - 11th & 9th & Chase McIntyre - SM 50th both days

Max Gee - STL 2nd & 5th

Rob Piekarczyk - BSpec - 11th & 9th

Submitted by Debbie LaFond



**NEOHIO Region**  
**Board Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Taylor Allen (Trustee '22)	Brandon Anderson (Trustee '22)
Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)	Bill Crowe (Trustee '23)
Bill Moore (Trustee '23)	Brenda Nick (Trustee '23)
Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '24)	Pat Prill (Trustee '24)
Kurt Stevens (Trustee '24)	Dave Lancaster (R.E.)
Bob MacDonald (Asst. R.E.)	Joe Blaha (Treas.)
Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)	Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

**Members Excused:** none

**Guests:** Greg Lester, Jennifer Dietz, and Debbie LaFond.

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Dave Lancaster at 7:30pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the February 1, 2022 Zoom meeting were emailed to the Board by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bill Moore, seconded by Brenda Nick, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha presented his March Treasurer's Report. It was noted the MVR check has still not arrived as MVR did not have a February meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Pat Prill, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.

**Membership:** Tara Oram reported the following:

- Currently there are 598 members.
- 7 members lapsed in February.
- There were 8 new members in February.
- March and April are big renewal months.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Regional Executive Report:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- Progress on the Enduro is being made, registration opens on March 15, 2022.
- Spring Training is this weekend.
- Would like a good turn-out for the Nelson tire stacking day, Nelson will be cutting in additional timing loops at the same time.
- Halloween weekend race at Nelson?
- Confirmed club sponsors for this year are: Summit Racing, Carbotech Brakes, and Hawk Performance.

**Club Racing:** Debbie LaFond reported the following:

Enduro:

Registration opens on March 15, 2022.	Workers should register on MSR.
All Chiefs are set.	Divisional Sups by next week.

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***Trustees Meeting Minutes continued***

**Solo:** Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Talking to different venues, but not as optimistic as before.

Eastlake is having second thoughts about us running on their new pavement and striping, there will be a trial event to test the effects on the new lot.

**Rally Cross:** No Report.

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following:

The sanction for the Ohio Milk Run Rally, May 14, 2022, will be forthcoming.

Greg is now a "sanctioner."

**Time Trial:** Daniel Griewisch reported the following:

April 23 & 24, 2022 at Nelson Ledges.

October 8 & 9, 2022 at Nelson Ledges.

Teaming up with Steel Cities to hold a four event (two in each region) points contest sponsored by Hawk Performance.

NCCC-Corvette Cleveland will be participating in our Time Trials.

**Old Business:**

Timing Tower updates- Bill Crowe:

"Final" plan has been created. Bill has met with the track and the carpenters.

All the work cannot be completed by the Enduro so some will continue afterwards.

There are lots of interior windows for sight lines.

Heating & cooling will be future project down the road.

Promotions budget - Jennifer Dietz:

Jennifer proposed a budget of \$512.00, Tara Oram suggested \$750.00 to allow for a little leeway.

A motion to approve a promotions budget of \$750.00 was made by Brandon Anderson, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

**New Business:**

Brenda Nick requested a Timing & Scoring budget of \$400.00 for the year. Bob MacDonald moved to approve a Timing & Scoring Budget of \$400.00, seconded by Bill Moore, and approved without objection.

Joe Blaha presented his proposal for a Neohio credit card policy. After discussion, it was decided to submit proposed changes to the credit card policy to Joe by March 10, 2022.

Pat Prill noted there was wine left over from the Awards Celebration that could be used at future events.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Pat Prill, seconded by Bill Moore, meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm April 5, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover,

Recording Secretary





## SCCA Members get 10% Off!

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## NEOHIO Region 2022 Milk Run Rally — Coming May 14th

Register Here: <http://msreg.com/OMR22>

NEOHIO Region, SCCA invites you to enter the 2022 Ohio Milk Run Rally. The ~150 mile route will wind through the hills of Ohio's Tuscarawas, Coshocton and surrounding counties. Competitors can expect a straightforward, gimmick-free Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) road rally with emphasis on precise timing at well placed controls. The rally will count toward both the SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship, and the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Divisional Rally).

**Start Location:** Bob Evans Restaurant, 895 Commercial Pkwy., Dover, OH 44622 (N40°31.465', W081°29.415').

**NOTE: All teams must enter through MSR. NO WALK-IN ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE RALLY!**

**Information** (Rallymaster): Ron Johnstonbaugh, Ph. [330.807.5293](tel:330.807.5293),

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## Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for April, 2022

As it warms up across the country, Club Racing gets to start its season. My rubber is about to hit the road, literally, as I head to North Carolina and attend the Hoosier Super Tour (HST) race at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). I'll fold in a visit to my brother's place in Durham too. After that I will also visit Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC) for an HST race there towards the end of the month (4/29-5/1).

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

The various national schedules for 2022 are starting to coalesce and they can be found here:

[Pro Solo/National Tour](#), [Time Trials National Tour](#), [Hoosier Super Tour](#), [Enduro](#).

### Video Conference Meetings:

Board of Directors (BoD) (2/28): Ken Blackburn (Chairman of the Stewards) gave a report on the status of the Club Racing program. In general, the program is doing well. But to make sure its long term viability is ensured, more strategic planning needs to be done. Mark Scroggs (Solo Events Board Chair) also joined us to give a status report. Solo is also doing well as it adapts to new safety guidelines, classes and cars. We got an update on the lawsuit filed by Rick Haynes against the Club. It has been moved to Federal Court.

Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/1): Some housekeeping was done to make sure the GCR is accurate after an off season of rules changes. Some subtle changes were made on restarts at the Runoffs. The results can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/9): The committee released its first Club Racing rules package to the CRB. This package pertains to Prototype race cars. We are also nearly finished with a package for Production cars.

BoD (3/28): I updated the Board on EVAC (see above). We reviewed a plan to alter the Solo management team and process. Details will be forthcoming. We also received an update on the Rick Haynes v SCCA lawsuit. Again, details to follow.

### SCCA Events:

GLDiv Spring Training meeting: I attended this event in Fort Wayne on 3/4, 3/5. Val McCammon organized the event and, once again, she did a fantastic job. It was hosted at Manchester University on the north side of Fort Wayne. It's a nice, new facility that is perfect for a meeting like ours. It's always nice to see folks working together to further the Club. As for me, in addition to hosting a session of "Ask the Director" and a session on the EVAC, I sat in on several sessions (Road Racing forum, GLDiv BoD meeting, DA & Exec Steward meeting). I also had a side session with the Cincy Region folks on their event at MidOhio.

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I have updated my calendar on the GLDiv website with events I'd like to go to this season. Click [here](#) to see where I'll be this summer.

Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. Log in to your [my.scca.com](#) page and check. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an "Ask the Director" session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

*Dayle Frame*



Our good friend, John Petrone, has taken his last checkered flag. We have known him for almost 40 years through our car racing with Neohio SCCA. Maurice was his crew chief for many years and the two of them talked daily comparing cars, their years in the military, our friendship and running.

Besides being a racecar driver he was an accomplished pianist and composer.  
He taught music for many years at Kennedy Junior High School.

John was 89 years young and lived a good life.      Play on old friend and smile down on us!



# Great Lakes Division Schedule for 2022

Regional Races – Eligible for 2022 Divisional Championship			
May 14 & 15	GingerMan	Detroit-South Bend	Double Regional
May 28 & 29	Waterford Hills	Detroit	Double Regional
June 18 & 19	Grattan	WMR	Double Regional
July 9 & 10	Nelson Ledges	Neohio	Double Regional
July 30 & 31	Mid-Ohio	Cincy	Double Regional
Sept 3 & 4	Mid-Ohio	OVR	Double Regional
Regional Races – Eligible for 2023 Divisional Championship			
Oct 15 & 16	Mid-Ohio	OVR*	Double Regional
Majors Races – Not Included in Divisional Championship			
June 11 & 12	Mid-Ohio	OVR	Majors
July 23 & 24	GingerMan	Detroit-South Bend	Majors
Aug 20 & 21	Grattan	WMR	Majors

Divisional championship requires a minimum of five (5) starts at a minimum of two (2) different tracks. The points from the best seven (7) finishes count. The October 15/16 event does not qualify for the 2022 Divisional Championship. Majors races do not qualify for Divisional championship points or Divisional path to Runoffs.

All Double Regional races are included in the various paths to the Runoffs. *Races eligible for 2022 qualification are the October 2021 event thru the September 2022 event.* The October 2022 event counts for the 2023 Runoffs and the 2023 Divisional Championship.



Please consult the GCR for other paths to the Runoffs. Consult Fast Track and SCCA bulletins for updates and changes due to the COVID 19 Pandemic protocols.

FOR A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE GLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES GO TO [NEOHIOSCCA.COM](http://NEOHIOSCCA.COM).

## Historic Nelson Ledges Guess the Driver

Tried another kind of racing. Endurance. He had been seen getting some seat time in several of the Original Longest Day of Nelsons in the '80s. No, I won't tell the guessed names, so you guess by elimination. Send your guess to [doubledhtwo@yahoo.com](mailto:doubledhtwo@yahoo.com). Please include your name.

No prizes except knowing that you are not alone being an "Old Timer".

Just one more clue: Many of us, both drivers and volunteers, have shared coffee with him and can still be seen around road courses.



Hope you will take a moment to send in your answer!

## ANNUAL TECH INSPECTIONS

NEOHIO will not be having an Annual Tech Inspection day in 2022. Anyone that needs an Annual Inspection for SCCA Competition Racing should contact Maurice LaFond at 440-946-2207 to set up an appointment. Please make sure that you make arrangements more than two weeks in advance of your first event.



NEOHIO Region would like to extend our thanks to **Summit Racing Equipment** for their longstanding support of NEOHIO Region and motorsports activities in our area! Please show your support by being a customer of our home-grown speed shop.



## 2022 Great Lakes Division SOLO Series

June 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	Indianapolis Region      2 day, 2 events Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN
June 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Southern West Virginia Region    2 day, 2 events WVU-Parkersburg      Parkersburg, WV
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Northwestern Ohio Region Toledo Express Airport    Swanton, OH
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne Region      2 day, 2 events War Memorial Coliseum    Fort Wayne, IN
August 6 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	South Bend Region Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Cincinnati Region      2 day, 2 events Traders World      Monroe, OH
October 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fort Wayne/ Indiana Northwest    2 day, 2 events Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN

Best 8 of 12 for Year End Awards    Must run 5 events to Qualify

Special Award(s) for TOP PAX Points Average    minimum 8 events

Rules will be posted on [www.gldsc.ca.com](http://www.gldsc.ca.com) under SOLO Series

**Scott Rettich**

**1984-2022**



The Racing Community lost a great friend and driver with the passing of Scott Rettich on April 12th. Scott was a seven time national champion and principal of Advance Autosport. Our thoughts are with his family, associates and friends.





**TIRE STACKING AT NELSON LEDGES**  
**NEOHIO members showed up despite the weather!**  
*Photos courtesy of Pat Prill*







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(older Honda Accord et al.) 5 7/8" backspace  
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