

# The Blower

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**Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA** 

## Upcoming Events>>>

Trustee Meeting via Zoom September 7, 2021 7:30 PM

**ALL MEMBERS** are invited to join Trustee Meeting.

Contact a Board Member for a link to connect to the Zoom meeting.

If you have photos of racing action you would like to share with the Region, send them to the editor for the Newsletter!

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## The Starting Line REport by Dave Lancaster

Dear NEOHIO Members,

The "dog days of Summer" are upon us and now that we have had a few weeks off from hosting competition events it has finally stopped raining on the weekends. Just our luck.

The next few months may seem a little slow for us compared to our June and July, but we do have plenty of activities available to members to have fun with cars in 2021. There are three more SOLO events to complete the year plus a Starting Line School on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Work is being done on the Johnny Appleseed Road Rally being planned for October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a great way to catch the fall foliage in the hills of eastern, Ohio. After the success with our new Rally Cross location, Frank has set up a second date for November 13<sup>th</sup> at Southington Off Road Park. As my Road Racing Schedule slows down, I plan to attend a few of these events to meet more of our membership and get more exposure to these programs.

NEOHIO is excited to announce an additional Time Trial with a focus on an all-Day Track Sprint. The date will be October 16-17. We have decided to do this to help both Nelson Ledges with an open date and give an opportunity to introduce competitors that don't normally run on a closed circuit a safe & easy opportunity to get on track. Saturday will be a full day of Track Sprints. These are timed runs on Nelson Ledges Road Course with single car runs starting from a point on the track and finishing about 2/3rds away around the track. Each competitor will receive three runs on each of three track segments. The best run from each segment will be counted towards the day's championship. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to our members and other motorsport enthusiasts in the area and easy way to get on Nelson Ledges.

Sunday will be a standard Track Attack day. We have had a lot of competitors interested in another Track Attack single day event. The hope is some of the Saturday participants will stay for the weekend to try their hand at a Track Attack Day. A separate trophy award will be given for this event as well. For competitors that compete in both the Track Attack and Track Sprint in the same car will be eligible for a NEOHIO Time Trial Championship award. The weekend could be a lot of fun and I hope to see as many of you out there.

In other news I learned on the SCCA RE meeting that the 2022 SCCA National Convention will be held virtually and that the 2023 will be a combination event. This convention has many educational seminars available for us all to learn from to make a better experience for our competitors and volunteers. Check out the SCCA website for more information on this year's activities.



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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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## **NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events for 2021**

AUGUST		
3	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
21	Starting Line School Saturday (PROPOSED)	CCPL
22	SOLO Event #6 Sunday	CCPL
SEPT. 4	SOLO Event #7 Saturday	CCPL
OCT. 10	SOLO Event #8 Sunday	CCPL

# Board of Trustees' Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at the Winking Lizard in Bedford, OH, 7pm. NEOHIO members are welcome to attend.

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





Some NEOHIO Region Members Took Part in the GingerMan Majors 7/24-7/25

Jonathan Davis SM 6th & 8th

Jason Stine HP 3rd & DNS

**Edward Eckart STL DNF & DNS** 

Sandy Satullo III SRF3 1st & 2nd

Bill Moore GT2 3rd & DNS



## Remaining 2021 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship events:

September 11 - **POR**, St. Ignace, MI. Detroit Region (More information & registration open here: <a href="https://www.motorsportreg.com">www.motorsportreg.com</a>)

September 18 - Hoosier Byways, Bridges of Indiana, Plainfield(?), IN, Indianapolis Region

October 2 - Cadillac Color Tour, Cadillac, MI, Detroit Region

October 23 - Johnny Appleseed, Bolivar, OH. NEOHIO Region

November 6 - Lake Erie Covered Bridges, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region

November 20 - Pavement Ends, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region

## NEOHIO Region, SCCA Board Meeting Minutes July6, 2021

#### Members Present:

Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21) Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21 & Asst. R.E.)

Jason Pokines (Trustee '21) Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)

Bill Crowe (Trustee '23) Bill Moore (Trustee '23)

Bob Nick (Trustee '23) Joe Blaha (Treas.) Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)

#### Members Excused:

Kerianne Sidoti (Trustee '22), Evan Smith (Trustee '22), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), and Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Guests: Brenda Nick, Duane Harrington, Brandon Anderson, Jennifer Dietz, and Greg Lester.

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Asst. R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:31pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the June 1, 2021 Zoom meeting were presented by Betsy McIntyre for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha presented his June, 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Bill Moore, and approved without objection.

Membership: No report

## **Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Regional Executive Report:** Bob MacDonald gave Dave Lancaster's report:

Dave did a lot of work to get sponsors for the upcoming club race. He exchanged 1/8 page ads for 2 months.

Sponsor signs were also requested to be displayed at the race.

Suggesting Boss Pro Karting for the November Membership Meeting. A date needs to be selected.

An October time trial is being considered

## Competition Committee: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

102 entries so far for the July Divisional race.

Saturday dinner being provided.

Sponsors for different races, food, door prizes, etc.

Dave Killian helping with Timing & Scoring.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Proceeding with no Covid restrictions.

Driver's meeting to be held in person.

Cancelled the third event due to low entries and weather.

"Cleveland Cars & Coffee" SCCA welcome to have a booth/recruit.

Starting Line scheduled for August 21, 2021.

Future Adkins event postponed until next year.

Event 4 is on Saturday July 11, 2021.

New cones arrived!

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## **Board Meeting minutes continued**

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following: Nothing new.

Rally Cross: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

17 entries so far for the July 17, 2021 event.

**Time Trial:** Betsy McIntyre reported the following:

There was a loss on the Time Trial.

70/30 split with Mahoning Valley so MV will owe us 30% of loss as NEOHIO fronted the money.

Bob Nick noted the rental transponders may not be available for an October event.

Website: Jennifer Dietz reported there is no new news, will get back to it in the fall.

## **Old Business:**

Insurance (Bill Crowe): no update.

Zoom account (Joe Blaha): will auto renew in August.

Letter to Heyward Wagner re. workers points for time trials not done yet.

Region credit card (Joe Blaha): to talk to Detroit Region, Duane Harrington also suggested talking to OVR.

The region received the insurance money for the scales.

#### **New Business:**

Hawk Brake donated food for the Time Trial, left overs were donated to a Mission in Youngstown, the Region received a nice "thank you."

Steel Cities will let us borrow their trailer with scales, flags, etc. for us to use for our race.

Karting November 16, 2021 for the Annual Meeting? Far enough away from Thanksgiving? Estimate approximately 50 people.

October Time Trial being considered. Track Sprint on Saturday (solo like) with Time Attack on Sunday (qualifying like). Time Trial Committee to look at selecting a workable date (before the next Board Meeting). Most likely dates are October 16-17 or October 23-24, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Bob Nick, meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm August 3, 2021 via Zoom. Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

Chase McIntyre - SM - 16<sup>th</sup> Sat.

## Todd Cholmondeley IT/SPEC\*tacular at Mid-Ohio - July 31 - August 1

Max Gee - SM - 4th & 6<sup>th</sup>
Ray Huang - SM - 23rd & 18<sup>th</sup>
Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 9<sup>th</sup> Sat.
William Pristas - GT1 - 3rd & 2<sup>nd</sup>
Bob MacDonald - STL - 7th & 2<sup>nd</sup>
Jason Jacko - ITC - 1st both days
Markus Juhasz - ITC - 7th & 6<sup>th</sup>
James Dietz - FF - 4th & 3<sup>rd</sup>
James Libecco - FE2 - 1st both days

Bill Hornack - SRF - 1<sup>st</sup> Sat.

David Strittmatter - FP - 1st both days

Dan Harding - STL - 8<sup>th</sup> Sat.

Matthew Jacko - ITC - 3rd both days

Richard Nemeth - ITC - 8th & 7<sup>th</sup>

Guy Bellingham - FV - 1st both days

Gary Gonda - FC - 5<sup>th</sup> Sat.

James Libecco - SRF3 - 1st both days

Bob MacDonald - SM - 21st & 15th Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 3rd & 8th Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Ken Alderson - FP - 3rd both days Chase McIntyre - STL - 10<sup>th</sup> Sat. Stephen Jacko - ITC - 6th & 5th Carl Goodwin - HP - 6<sup>th</sup> Sat. Sam Farmiga - FST - 7th & 10th Tom Podmore - ITA - 3<sup>rd</sup> both days

Bracket Race Saturday: James Libecco - 1st overall & 1st SRF3

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# Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for August, 2021

Boy oh boy was July busy....and it's not even done yet. I write this just before heading off to Kansas City for my first face to face meetings with the Club Racing Board (CRB) and the Board of Directors (BoD). This will be the third consecutive weekend that I've been away from home. The good news is I have a very understanding wife.....I'm sure I'll find out what the bad news is once I buy it for her.

## Video Conference Meetings:

CRB (7/6): Once again, mid-season, pre-Runoffs CRB meetings can be very mundane. This one was no exception. In addition to the regular agenda, we had time to discuss agenda items for the meeting in Kansas City on 7/30.

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC)(7/14): Our meeting had to be cancelled for a variety of minor reasons.

BoD (7/26): Our regular Zoom meeting was cancelled as we will be meeting in person on 7/31. I'll report about that meeting next month.

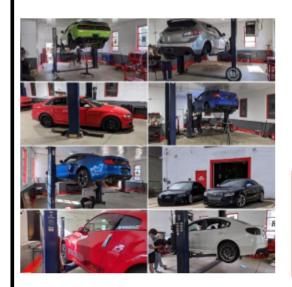
Rally Cross Board (RXB) (7/27): Due to some staff changes in Topeka, RXB is now under different management. The group discussed these changes and went over preparations for the National Championships, rules changes for 2022, etc.

## SCCA Events:

GingerMan Raceway (7/16 to 7/18): Friday was a Track Night in America (TNiA) event and the rest of the weekend was filled with a Time Trials National Tour event. While I'd attended a couple of the TNiA events before, this one was the first where I was there just to watch and see how the event was put on. On the other hand, I had never attended a Time Trials event and was really looking forward to seeing how that was operated. The good news for a guy trying to learn how these events work is that Jon Krolewicz and John Hunter (Time Trials Managers) were both at the track for this one. They were very helpful and took time to walk me through their system. They clearly know what they're doing as the event went off without a hitch and everyone who attended had a great weekend. This program fills a slot on the racing continuum between Solo and Club Racing. If you like to tinker with your car and go fast on a race track but not in a "wheel to wheel" format, this is the program for you.

Pro Solo @ Toledo Airport (7/23 to 7/25): Once again, I was faced with attending a type of event that I had never been to before. While I had participated in several Solos over the years, this was a different type of critter. They use two, mirror image courses and drag strip style start lights (Christmas tree). Drivers run twice on both courses during each of three heats. The best times from each side during the 12 runs determines the winners in each class.

Way back in March, I reached out to Charina Jones (Northwest Ohio Region RE) and asked about attending so I could observe the process. She pointed me towards Scott Dobler. He and his team operate out of Topeka. They schlep the trailers from place to place to support the events. I arrived Friday afternoon at about 2p, checked in and met with them as they explained the event details. The event went off pretty well with only a couple of minor hitches. Scott's team and the locals from NWOR could not have been more gracious hosts. They answered all of my questions and were very helpful. Scott even asked me to hand out the trophies on Sunday. I will investigate entering one of these next summer. It looks like too much fun to pass up.



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Maybe you are a volunteer, working a specialty, and you want to do more or something different. Who are the stewards? We are responsible to the event region, SCCA, and the entrant to make sure the event runs smoothly within the rules (per the GCR and event supplemental regulations).

It is a tough, thankless job, but somebody has to do it, so it might as well be YOU.

Are you ready to help with the operation of an event, give back to the SCCA community, and be part of the leadership of Club Racing? Then contact us!

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I have recently purchased Scott Engel's 1970 Datsun 510, member of the NE Ohio SCCA club, and I am trying to trace its history. I was able to talk with Scott recently, and he has been VERY helpful! Unfortunately, we have a "blank window of time", from around 1976, when Scott sold the car to another NE Ohio club member, to some time around 1986, after it ended up in SW Michigan as a Solo car. The car ended up here in Denver CO around 1996, and continued to be run as a Solo car. Scott kinda remembers that the guy racing it from 1976-1980'ish, may have sold it to a father & son (rumor) possibly in Michigan (rumor) or another northern Midwest state. ANY info, guidance (even if just a rumor!) or direct help is greatly appreciated! This car, which HAS survived well, should be put back on the road race track, and a complete history along with it!

Please call or text me at 269-598-5836 (I am in Denver CO). TJ Jacobs/Ignite Performance









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ANNUAL TECH INSPECTION AND DRIVER PHYSICALS Due to the ongoing Covid-19 issues we will NOT be having a group Annual Tech & Driver Physical Day this year. If you are in need of either please contact <a href="mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com">fastlady1026@yahoo.com</a> to make individual arrangements. Give yourself at least two weeks before your first race for an appointment for your tech.

## Area 4 Director's Notes continued

Just as July was very busy with lots of trips, August will be a bit more relaxing. I only have one trip planned and that's to Grattan Raceway to support my local club (Western Michigan Region) and work our Major Club Racing event. After that, September and October have me going to a Solo at Grattan Raceway on Labor Day (9/6), the Runoffs (9/24 to 10/3) and the RallyX National Championships (10/15 to 10/17).

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\*



The NEOHIO and Mahoning Valley Regions are supporting four Track Night in America Events at Nelson Ledges Road Course in 2021 by providing Flaggers and Emergency Services Volunteers. **TNiA** events are intended to introduce SCCA to non-members and provide current members an easy avenue to get on a racetrack in a safe, organized environment. The benefits to our Region are increased memberships and more activities for Nelson Ledges. To encourage members participation, **we have \$25 gas cards for each event for the first 12 volunteers that respond** to Kurt Stevens our Flag Chief or Jon Schneider our Emergency Services Lead. **Tuesday August 17**<sup>th</sup>

This is an update through Mid-Ohio this past weekend. Good luck to our drivers for the remainder of the season at Gratton, PITT, Mid-Ohio, and Nelson Ledges. If you race at other tracks please let us know.

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GT1 - GT2 - GT3 - AS - SP GT2 - Aaron Quine 77 William Moore 73 Terry Gilles 62
AS - John Lechner 58 AS - Sean Hinkle 18 GT1 - Ryan McManus 54 Bill Pristas 39
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STL - STU - B-Spec STL -Max Gee 131 Dan Harding 61 Edward Eckart 56 Bob MacDonald 35 Chase McIntyre 29 Tex Melotti 25 B-Spec - Rob Piekarczyk 93 Raymond Glover 25 Tom Coury 36

FV - FF - F5 - FM - FS - FST - CFF

FV - Guy Bellingham 100 Brian Farnham 96 Mark Farnham 30 Ian Hornish 27 Gary Grubb 21 FF Jim Dietz 68 FF - Robert Dietz 39 FST - Sam Farmiga 25

EP - FP - HP - GTL - SPU - LEG

FP - Craig Chima 125 David Strittmatter 123 Larry Funk 47 Ken Alderson 36

HP - Jason Stine 92 Carl Goodwin 40 LEG - Rick Kozak 25

FA - FB - FC - FE, FE2, F1000 FE2 - James Libecco 181 FC - Mark Defer 66 FC - Gary Gonda 16

ITE - ITR - ITS None

ASR - P1 - P2 P2 - David Harris 97 P2 - Allen Franzolino 46

SM (ALL CLASSES) Jonathan Davis 68 Bob MacDonald 52 Max Gee 32 Chase McIntyre 22 Robert Kucera 21 Ray Huang 17 Tom Coury 14 Thomas Podmore 3 Dan Harding 3

SRF - SRF3 SRF3 - S. Sandy Satullo III 130 David Lancaster 103 James Libecco 102 Lee Spuhler 31 SRF - Bill Hornack 67

T1 - T2 - T3 - T4 T2 - Ali Salih 54 T4 - Keith Jones 53 T4 - Matt Miller 34





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