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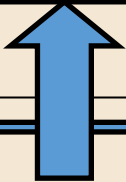
Upcoming Events>>>

SAVE the DATE!

**Annual Awards
Celebration**

January 29, 2022 !!

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The Starting Line Report by Dave Lancaster

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I hope each of you get to spend some quality time with loved ones as we put a close to 2021.

I am very excited with the activities the NEOHIO Region is working on for 2022. Up first, on January 29th will be our 2021 Awards Celebration. Included in this event is the Hall of Fame Inductee Ceremony, and there are three new inductees to the NEOHIO HALL of FAME in 2021. The Region will also be honoring our 2021 Competitors and Volunteers who stood out in 2021. The Awards Ceremony team has changed our format for 2021 to make this more interactive for members. Please plan on attending this year's event to honor those receiving awards and socialize with a great group of motorsport enthusiasts.

The new National Endurance Tour recently announced by the SCCA National will have a big impact on the NEOHIO Region and Nelson Ledges. We are excited to be included in this first year Enduro Tour. Bringing SCCA Endurance Racing back to Nelson Ledges has been a goal of the current management team at Nelson Ledges and it has been a lot of work to make this happen in 2022. We need our members help, as well as those in neighboring regions to make this a success. We will be responsible for staffing and managing the following areas; F&C, Timing and Scoring, Pit/Grid Marshals, Hospitality, Registration, and Tech. If you are interested in being part of the return to Endurance Racing at Nelson Ledges Road Course, please reach out to our specialty chiefs now. If you are not sure what you could do, feel free to contact myself or Debbie LaFond. We would be happy to include you in this event!

At our December meeting, I was happy to see that all our Program Chairs have already begun work on their 2022 seasons. In my three years as your Regional Executive, I feel this year we are further ahead in our planning than in years past. This should lead to better events for our competitors in 2022.

My last topic for this month is we need some help from a Divisional Club Racer. This is an easy task and I feel we need a current Divisional Club Racer to step up and represent NEOHIO in a newly formed Great Lakes Divisional Committee. Dayle Frame, our Area 4 Director is heading up a team to improve the participation of our Great Lakes Divisional Race Series. The focus is on creating participation and excitement in the Great Lakes Divisional Championship. NEOHIO has been asked to have a representative, and the Board of Trustees and myself feel we should have an active racer to represent us. This is a great opportunity for a competitor to give back to SCCA and help create a series to benefit us all. If you are interested, please reach out to me at regex-ec@neohioscca.com or call my cell phone at (440) 796-8214 to find out more. Thanks for all your support in 2021 and let's make 2022 a fun & competitive year.



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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

Jan. 29th	Awards Celebration Winking Lizard in Bedford Heights	

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



NEOHIO REGION Annual Awards Celebration January 29, 2022 6:00 PM Winking Lizard Party Center Bedford Heights, Ohio

Plan to join in the celebration as the Region recognizes the accomplishments of its members. Enjoy a Deluxe Appetizer Buffet of Winking Lizard fare. Reserve your spot through www.motorsportreg.com! Reservations required.

Cost: \$25 per person

Cash bar



NEOHIO Region SCCA
Board Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021

Members Present:

Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21)	Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21 & Asst. R.E.)
Kurt Stevens (Trustee '21)	Brandon Anderson (Trustee '22)
Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)	Bill Crowe (Trustee '23)
Bob Nick (Trustee '23)	Joe Blaha (Treas.) Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Members Excused:

Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Bill Moore (Trustee '23), Bill Crowe (Trustee '23), and Taylor Allen (Trustee '22).

Guests: Brenda Nick, Bob Roberts, Jim Green, Duane Harrington, Frank Colletti, Greg Lester, Jennifer Dietz, & Pat Prill.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Asst. R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:34pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the September 7, 2021 Zoom meeting were emailed to the Board by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Tara Oram, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved w/o objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha presented his October Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Currently there are 596 members. Sixteen members will lapse in October, but are yearend so most will renew.

There were 19 new members in September.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

The election is coming up, will go into more detail in Old Business.

We have a few more events coming up that we need to promote.

Club Racing: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

The Region was well represented at the Runoffs, the *Blower* will be publishing the results for our members.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Last event is October 10, 2021. Currently there are only 8 registered, but hopeful to get more.

Working on dates for next season, but waiting on the Captains' schedule.

Will be reaching out to Eastlake to confirm interest for 2022 and if the parking lot will be repaved.

Rally Cross: Frank Colletti reported the following:

November 16, 2021 is the Rally Cross at Southington Off Road Park, only 5 registered so far.

Still talking to Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds about the possibility of holding events there in 2022.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

The Johnny Appleseed Rally will be Saturday, October 23, 2021. Course is ready and the precheck is done. Need to push entries on websites and Facebook.

Time Trial: Betsy McIntyre reported the following:

Next event is October 16 and 17, 2021. Need to push entries (26 so far). Registration is open until Tuesday, October 12, 2021 since there is an event the weekend before so people need to make sure cars are okay to run

Need Facebook and email blasts. The committee has been meeting every week and is ready to go.

The sanction has been received.

Website: Jennifer Dietz reported the following:

Send stuff to Jennifer to get posted on the website and social media.

Will make contact after our Time Trial to get the website back end cleaned up.

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October Board Meeting Minutes continued

Old Business:

Need to settle up with Mahoning Valley on the Time Trial from May.

Annual membership meeting - currently holding a date at Boss Pro Karting, Board is leaning towards a hybrid approach if Boss Pro has the ability to stream it. Board has approved meeting in person and this will be sent out.

Revised Election Committee:

Bill Moore Brandon Anderson Duane Harrington

The nominees for the expiring Board positions are: Pat Prill, Daniel Griewisch, and Kurt Stevens.

Annual Awards Banquet - if we are going to do a virtual banquet, we will need help to run it. If we want to make the event a hybrid, we need to ask up front for a schedule of bandwidth cost, need more than 20MBs of upload.

Need to start looking at venues now if we are going to do it in person, if in person, we might do it in January 2022.

Credit card discussion – Joe met with the bank today and started the application process. Having some hiccups due to not being a business with a physical address, but expected to overcome these. Discussion occurred around whether individuals should have to sign agreements or if we should trust people with credit cards. Joe discussed the many features of the credit cards including the ability to turn off cards when not in use and set spending limits. After discussion, it was determined that Joe would draft a "Rules for Credit Card Use" for the Board to review that potential credit card holders will sign off as reviewing prior to being granted a credit card.

New Business:

Jenifer Dietz created two shirt designs - the Neohio logo to go on plain white shirts and the words "Neohio SCCA" to go on black shirts. They may be made available for ordering to the membership at large.

It was noted to start thinking about the yearend award nominations.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bob Nick, seconded by Kurt Stevens, meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm December 7, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted from notes taken by Joe Blaha, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

NEOHIO Region SCCA

Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2021

Regional Executive Dave Lancaster called the annual meeting to order at 6:39pm at Boss Pro Karting.

Brandon Anderson, the elections committee chair, noted that the poles are still open.

Dave Lancaster introduced the region's officers and trustees and noted that the region currently has 597 members, making it a "jumbo region" per the SCCA.

Treasurer Joe Blaha reported that the ending balance of the region is \$55,301 after starting with \$57,000 at the beginning of the year and having several large expenditures.

Rally Cross chair Frank Colletti reported that the region held two successful and profitable events in the past year, overcoming several setbacks - lost our venue, found a venue then lost it, then found a new venue.

Solo Chair Brandon Anderson reported that there will be 8 to 10 events next year.

Time Trials co-chair Betsy McIntyre reported that Neohio held two events this year and is planning for two next year as well, with them likely in the spring and fall.

Bob MacDonald gave the Club Racing report noting Neohio will host a Divisional at Nelson Ledges on July 9 & 10, 2022. He added that it would be likely there would be three Divisionals at Nelson Ledges. In addition, SCCA National is working on a National Enduro series with a date at Nelson.

Awards Celebration chair Pat Prill reported that the event will be Saturday, January 29, 2022 at the Winking Lizard Party Center in Bedford Heights

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November Board Meeting Minutes continued

At 7:39 Dave Lancaster announced that the poles would be closing as it was one hour past the meeting start time.

Election committee chair Brandon Anderson announced the results as follows:

For the position of Assistant Regional Executive:

Bob MacDonald - 30 votes (97%) No response (3%)

For the position of Treasurer:

Joe Blaha - 29 votes (94%) No response (6%)

For the position of Membership Secretary:

Tara Oram - 31 votes (100%)

For the position of Recording Secretary:

Ray Glover - 28 votes (90%) No response (10%)

For the position of Trustee (vote for not more than 3):

Pat Prill - 28 votes

Daniel Griewisch - 25 votes

Kurt Stevens - 23 votes

Jim Pracker - 1 vote

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover,

Recording Secretary

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

Whew....a chance to catch my breath after a VERY busy month of October. November slowed down a bit and not a moment too soon. But, as we all know, the end of one season means the beginning of another. Like you, I've already begun to prepare for the 2022 season.

In case you missed it last month, it bears repeating that our divisional Spring meeting will be on Saturday March 5th with a casual gathering the night before. Details will be announced as they are finalized on the [GLDiv website](#).

Also, headquarters has created an online path to get an annual waiver (hard card). This is a great step forward and can eliminate the signing of all SCCA waivers (not track or site waivers). I've done it and it takes only a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself. I'll have more details next month.

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/2): The first meeting after the Runoffs can be quite lengthy as there are scores of requests from the driver corps. The results can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/3): A few of the EVAC met to walk through additions to another rules set.

EVAC (11/10): The "regular" EVAC meeting was held tonight. We continued work on other rules sets.

Rally Cross Board (RXB) (11/16): The RXB is rewriting some of their rules package so we went over the details. This meeting lasted 4.5 hours.

BoD (11/17): We held a special meeting to review the qualifications for the replacement Director that was to come from Area 11. Jason Isley has moved to FL so he is resigning his position and the BoD picks his replacement. As we are meeting in Kansas City on 12/3, our normally scheduled meeting (11/22) has been cancelled.

SCCA Events:

As the competition season is over for most of our specialties, I did not attend any SCCA events this past month.

November has me, once again, driving to Kansas City, MO for another BoD meeting (11/30-12/6). I'll use the trip to visit some family who lives nearby in Lawrence, KS and a friend who lives near St. Louis, MO.

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

**Congratulations to our NEOHIO Drivers that raced the MVR Golden Harvest
Halloween weekend at Nelson Ledges!**

In our November issue of the newsletter we failed to note that NEOHIO member
Al Franzolino took first place in the P2 class.



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.

Great Lakes Division Schedule for 2022



DATES for 2022	DRIVER'S SCHOOL	REGIONALS	MAJORS	TE/TT, SCCA PRO EVENT or OTHER EVENTS
March 5	SPRING TRAINING - Manchester University, Fort Wayne, IN			
April 10	DS-WHRRRI Classroom @ WAT			
April 23-24	DS-WHRRRI Track Sessions @ WAT			
May 13-15		SBR/DET-D @ GM		SBR/DET-CRE/ADS @ GM; IMSA @ MO
May 21-22				SCCA - Enduro @ NL
June 11-12			OVR-M @ MO	
June 18-19 (Father's Day)		WMR-D @ GRA		
June 24-26				Indy-TT @ PP; Vintage GP @ MO
July 1-3				IndyCar @ MO
July 8-10		NEO-D @ NL (9-10)		NASCAR Trucks @ MO (8-9)
July 22-24			SBR/DET-M @ GM	SBR/DET-CRE @ GM AMA Vintage Bikes @ MO
July 29-July 31		CINCI-D @ MO (30-31)		CINCI-TE/TT (7-29)
August 20-21			WMR - M @ GRA	
August 27-28				Indy-TT @ GM
Sept 2-4 (Labor Day)		OVR-D @ MO (9/3-4)		Track Event (9-2)
Sept 24-25	2022 RUNOFFS @ VIR			
Oct 1-2				
Oct 15-16		OVR-D @ MO		
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Major
GM= GingerMan	GRA=Grattan	Q=Quad Only 1 Sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
NL=Nelson Ledges	MO=Mid Ohio	MIS=Mich Intl Speedway	WAT=Waterford Hills	ST= Super Tour
NCM= National Corvette Museum MS Park PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race Complex		PP-Putnam Park	TE - Track Event TT - Time Trial	BHF=Blackhawk Farms RA=Road America

Historic Nelson Ledges

Guess the Driver

First clue: Yes, that is the OLD Nelson Ledges Timing and Race Control "Tower". Note the air conditioning. Can you imagine doing timing out of it for the early 24 hour races. Question: Who is driving this Triumph?

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

Send your guess to doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com and please include your name.



We will feature other photos from NEOHIO's past from time to time and hope you will take a moment to send in your answer.



Michael John Saddleton MD, FACEP

The NEOHIO Region racing family lost a friend and fellow racer with the passing of Dr. Saddleton.

He was born in Bournemouth, England in 1943 and emigrated to Canada in 1968 after living in many foreign countries with his family as a child. His full obituary can be seen on the Billows or Akron Beacon Journal websites. A life well lived!

NEOHIO members are encouraged to nominate fellow members who are deserving of the awards listed below. Please send your suggestions to our Regional Executive at regexec@neohioscca.com.

NEOHIO Region Annual Awards

Tommie and Bill Benham Memorial Award

For a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty.
(Individual and perpetual trophy)

Thomas Prescott Memorial Award

Michael & Judy Sherwin instituted this trophy to be given to a Neohio competition driver who exemplifies the individual competitive spirit of amateur SCCA racing. It shall be awarded to an otherwise unheralded Competition Driver whose individual competitive spirit and desire to win has characterized his/her racing season. (No Perpetual given starting in 1998 as trophy was lost).

Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial

For Sportsmanship – devotion to the sport, conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results. (Individual & perpetual trophy given)

The Reed Andrews Friendship Award

In recognition of the importance of friendship and good sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing
(Individual & perpetual trophy given)

Scarpucci Award

Awarded to the person who, during the previous year, has contributed outstandingly to the success of the Region's Rally program and of rallying in general. (No Perpetual given starting in 1999 as trophy was lost)

Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award

Recognizes a volunteer official who, year after year, is dedicated to motorsports in the Neohio Region. This award is presented in appreciation of the longevity of Neohio volunteers (Individual & perpetual trophy given)

Trustees Awards

Rookie of the Year

A road racing driver that is in their first year of competition racing that shows improvement and diversity in their racing skills.

Driver of the Year

The driver that earns and submits the greatest total number of Regional and National points from any recognized SCCA Division. (Beginning in 2001 this will include nominations) (Individual & perpetual trophy given)



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(older Honda Accord et al.) 5 7/8" backspace
Anthracite grey Slight curb rash

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