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Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Tire Stacking/
Work Day @ Nelson
April 9th
Check the NEOHIO
Region Website for
Details***

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The Starting Line **Report by Dave Lancaster**

We had a lot of fun at the 2021 NEOHIO Awards Celebration. Over 70 attendees were present to honor NEOHIO Region's top competitors, workers, and the induction of three instrumental people to the NEOHIO Hall of Fame. The format was changed to a more casual function and the reviews from the attendees were all very positive. I hope to see more members attend our 2022 Awards Celebration.

This month I want to emphasize the importance of the SCCA National Enduro Tour at Nelson Ledges on May 22-24, 2022 to our region and Nelson Ledges Road Course. With the cancelation of the Sebring Event, this race will be the first National Enduro Tour for SCCA. The plan is to grow this into an annual event, and have our region take over the operations in a few years, to build a long-standing event. As this program grows within SCCA the Enduro Program has the potential to define the future of our region. This race will also be an exciting addition to the annual racing schedule at Nelson Ledges Road Course.

We need our NEOHIO Region members, and our neighboring regions to step up and make this event a success. All specialty workers are needed. If you are interested in working, please register online. If you have a question on where you want to work send, us an email and we can point you in the right direction. The biggest areas of need are Flaggers, Timing and Scoring, and Pit/Tech workers.

From a competitor standpoint, we need the local racers and teams in the area to come out and support this event. Many of us have competed in other organizations endurance events or have wanted to give endurance racing a try. This is your opportunity to do it under the SCCA umbrella. The SCCA and NEOHIO Region have a strong record of putting on a well-run event, and work is already taking place to make sure this event meets our entrants' expectations. Please don't wait until year two, if you are interested come out this May and give us a chance to show you what a great endurance program we are building, and be part of the future of racing at Nelson Ledges Road Course.

Northeastern Ohio racers let's go SCCA team endurance racing in 2022!



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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

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



Who are those guys...?

NEOHIO Region
Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2022

Members Present:

Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21)	Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21 & Asst. R.E.)
Kurt Stevens (Trustee '21)	Taylor Allen (Trustee '22)
Brandon Anderson (Trustee '22)	Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)
Bill Crowe (Trustee '23)	Bill Moore (Trustee '23)
Dave Lancaster (R.E.)	Joe Blaha (Treas.)
Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)	Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Members Excused: Bob Nick.

Guests: Brenda Nick, Duane Harrington, Greg Lester, Jennifer Dietz, Debbie LaFond, Pat Prill, Frank Colletti, and Bill Stewart.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Dave Lancaster at 7:32pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the December 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 Kurt Stevens, seconded by Pat Prill, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha presented his January Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Tara Oram, seconded by Brandon Anderson, and approved without objection.

Membership: Tara Oram reported the following:

- Currently there are 588 members.
- 2 members lapsed in December.
- There were 3 new members in December.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- Bob Nick has passed away. Brenda Nick has noted that she would serve as his replacement if so desired by the Board.
- There was discussion about the annual awards and their presenters.

Club Racing: Debbie LaFond reported the following:

- July 9 & 10 Divisional at Nelson Ledges:
 - Dave Lancaster and Bob MacDonald will be co-chairs again.
 - Brenda Nick will pay for the Saturday night dinner in honor of Bob
- Nelson Enduro:
 - Operations Manual is coming in January.
 - The Enduro contract with Nelson Ledges is currently being reviewed.
 - Friday will be a test day with an evening Track Night in America using the track's workers.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

- Still waiting to hear from Eastlake for if we can use their lot after the repaving for 2022.
- Looking at Great Lakes Mall as a possible site. Would need to do some barricading though.

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Trustees Meeting Minutes continued

Rally Cross: Frank Colletti reported the following:

- Looking at holding two or three events at Southington 2022.
- Still interested in Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds as a venue.
- Look into Painesville Speedway again, or Lake County Fairgrounds infield?
- Bill Stewart suggested the possibility of joining with Misery Bay and putting on a winter event at Erie Speedway.

Time Trial: Betsy McIntyre reported the following:

- The committee met three weeks ago, getting the team organized.
- For the April 23 & 24, 2022 Divisional Time Trial at Nelson Ledges the sanction request is going in. The event will have the Track Sprint format on Saturday and Time Attack on Sunday.
- Second date being looked at for the fall.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

- Due to Covid and work requirements the Ohio Winter Rally will not be held in February this year.

Awards Celebration: Pat Prill reported the following:

- Still on for Saturday, January 29, 2022.
- 22 are preregistered so far.
- The PowerPoint during the awards portion will be prepared by Brenda Nick.
- Looking to have a collection of in car videos on a loop for the happy hour.

Old Business:

- Dave Lancaster noted that Steel Cities was not interested in an official partnership for the Enduro. Bill Crowe withdrew his tabled motion from last month.
- Nelson timing tower: Bob MacDonald is marking up the proposed plan, Bill Crowe will amend his drawing and redistribute. Ray Glover to share existing conditions photos.

New Business:

- Bill Crowe made a motion to approve Brenda Nick to fulfill the remainder of Bob Nick's term ('23), seconded by Pat Prill, and approved without objection.
- Duane Harrington noted there were three tracks that needed inspection this year, with Nelson being one of them. He also suggested that some tire stacking might be in order.
- Joe Blaha requested a \$100.00 budget to cover his 2021 treasury expenses. Daniel Griewisch moved to approve a \$100.00 budget for 2021 treasury expenses, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.
- Joe Blaha requested a \$100.00 budget to cover his 2022 treasury expenses. Bill Moore moved to approve a \$100.00 budget for 2021 treasury expenses, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.
- Joe Blaha requested a \$1,500.00 budget for 2021 tax preparation fee. Bill Crowe moved to approve a \$1,500.00 budget for 2021 tax preparation, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.
- Joe Blaha stated that an audit committee of three needs to audit the books by the end of January. Betsy McIntyre and Pat Prill volunteered and will also ask Jeff Blumenthal.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Moore, seconded by Brandon Anderson, meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm February 1, 2022 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary





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Night shot of a running of the longest Day at Nelson Ledges courtesy of Gary Whipple



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

Wow.... January was quite a month for me.....so much for the “off season”. The holidays were nice as the OU Sooners and MSU Spartans both won their bowl games. In addition to the usual monthly fare, I was tasked with preparing a presentation for the SCCA National Convention on the Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC). As a sales rep, I’m used to speaking to folks but doing it via Zoom was different and I was nervous leading up to doing it. It turned out great and you can view the session on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

Elsewhere in the Division, 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](#).

Last month I mentioned that 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 takes only 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:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (1/4): The CRB has a new Chair this year and he wants to run things a little differently. This change in structure meant we had more time to discuss topics on a deeper level. The results can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (1/12): Our discussion on rules sets, track relationships and safety continued. We continued to work on the convention presentation.

BoD (1/24): Our meeting was pretty standard fare. Unfortunately, in addition to the usual stuff, we had to discuss a couple of member complaint letters that were sent to the CRB. The writers made allegations that needed to be discussed at the highest levels. As this is a sensitive topic, I cannot elaborate here. We also discussed the IT tire rule. I lead the charge against making this change. It was too broad and we asked the CRB to try again.

EVAC SCCA Convention Presentation (1/27): The EVAC was asked to give a presentation during the convention about what we’ve accomplished and where we’re heading. To view it, click [here](#).

SCCA Events:

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

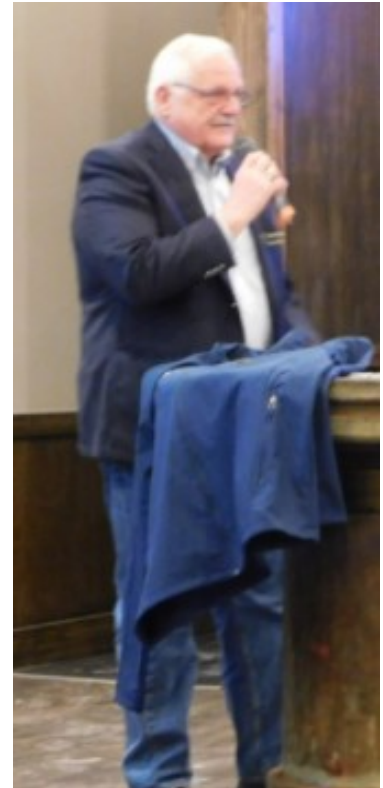
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If any region out there wants to have an “Ask the Director” session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance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

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Pat Prill

Penny Anslow Freeman

Mike Puskar

(accepting on behalf of her
father Denny Freeman)

Our 2021 Hall of Fame Inductees

For more pictures go to the NEOHIO Region Facebook page



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.

**WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP AT THE TIRE STACKING/WORK DAY
@ NELSON ON APRIL 9th.
MORE DETAILS ON THE NEOHIO REGION WEBSITE!!**

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 doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com. Please include your name.

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



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

**The NEOHIO Region recognized the accomplishments of our members with
a celebration at the Winking Lizard Party Center in Bedford Heights.**

Nearly 100 members and guests attended the event.

**Our thanks go to Brenda Nick and Pat Prill for planning this event and to
Bob McDonald for providing the great video support!**

2022 NEOHIO Hall of Fame Induction

**To honor those who contributed to the region through their volunteer work or
who brought honor to the region for their accomplishments**

NEOHIO Region would like to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for their time, effort and selection process.
Sherrie Weitzenhof, Chair, Jeff Blumenthal, Dorothy & Duane Harrington, and Bob Roberts.

Presented by: Polestar Racing Group

2021 Inductees (photos on page 8)

Pat Prill Mike Puskar Denny Freeman

ANNUAL AWARDS

Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award - Dave Bueno

Reed Andrews Friendship Award -Bob Roberts

Trustees Award -Thomas Weiland

Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial Award -Mike Kubiak

The Thomas Prescott Memorial Award -Ray Huang

Tommie and Bill Benham Memorial Award -Jennifer Dietz

Rookie of the Year - Chase McIntyre

Driver of the Year -Brian Farnham



For a description of each of the Annual Awards see the next page

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)



Bob Roberts

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

4 Kosei Racing "K1 TS" wheels - \$800(obo):
17" x 7" light weight - 17 lbs. (if I remember correctly)
5 x 114.3mm bolt pattern (2008 Sentra SER Spec V)
50mm offset Approx. 6 1/4" backspace Silver finish
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Pristine condition Well used Goodyear Eagle F1 tires

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