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The Starting Line

REport by Maddie Oswalt

Upcoming Events

**Solo Event at Lake
County Captains
Parking Lot
July 12**



**Board Meeting &
Cookout at Nelson
August 7 at 7 PM**

July

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Hello and Happy July!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July.

I have a couple announcements this month. First, the Lotus club is having a track day at Nelsons Ledges 8/13 and is looking for Neohio members who would be interested in volunteering as instructors. If any Neohio members want to run that day it would be \$250. For more information, call Gary David at 216-272-5189.

Second, we will be having our monthly Board meeting at Nelsons Ledges on 8/7! We will be holding our typical meeting starting at 7pm, and will be followed by a cook out and picnic. The region will provide hot dogs and bratwursts, buns, condiments, and soft drinks. Please bring a dish to share! Also bring chairs, tables, etc. if you have them. This should be a good time to see the new track, and will be one of our first social events after the results of the survey. I am certainly looking forward to this.

Our next Solo events will be 7/12 at the Lake County Captains parking lot. We've been having good turn outs and people are getting lots of runs. A reminder too that if you work a core worker assignment, you get \$5 off your entry fee AND

an extra run! It's a pretty good deal.

There is a "Cars and Coffee" event put on by the Western Reserve Historical Society at their Macedonia storage and restoration facility July 21st. It's a great time to see the rest of their historic car collection that is not currently on display. Follow this link to RSVP: <https://www.wrhs.org/events/crawford-coffee-cars-july/>. Spots fill up fast so be sure to RSVP soon.

Have a great rest of the month, and I hope to see you at our Board meeting on 8/7.

Thanks!

Maddie Oswalt

Tire Rack Solo Nationals

Date: September 03-07, 2018

Location: Lincoln Airpark

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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*.

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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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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes APPROVED | June 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswalt, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Nick, Jim Pracker, Ray Glover, Tara Oram, Madeline Oswalt, Bill Moore

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Dave Lancaster, Jason Pokines

GUESTS: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Madeline Oswalt at 7pm.

Minutes presented from past meeting for approval. MOTION to accept minutes as presented. (Pracker/J. Green) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- MOTION to accept report as presented. (Glover/MacDonald) Approved.
- Still waiting for a payment from SCCA for our Street Survival event.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

- Member survey results have much beneficial information.
- We are waiting for information and updates about Nelson Ledges and SCCA approval.
- There is a Champ Car race at the end of June. Workers are needed! Contact Fred Wolfe at Nelson.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No Report

MEMBERSHIP: 523 members (24 lapsed/28 new)

SOLO:

- 5/19 & 5/20 event #1 (School and Points event) went well.
- Continuing to work on pavement options.
- Discussed need to replace/upgrade our timing equipment. MOTION to approve up to \$2500 for new Solo Timing system with display (Blumenthal/Pracker) APPROVED

RALLY: No report

STREET SURVIVAL:

- Waiting for check. Need to plan for October 21 event.
- MVR has an event on October 7

HALL OF FAME: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Planning to re-establish the Nelson Ledges Council. We will contact other surrounding Regions for participation.

Next meeting is July 3, 2018.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:07 pm. (Glover/ Blaha) Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY / AUGUST 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 2	July 3 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12 Solo Event @ Lake County Captains parking lot	July 13	July 14	July 15 Solo Points Event - Eastlake
July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21 Moonlight Monte Rally- Detroit Cars & Coffee-WRHS	July 22
July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29
July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5
August 6	August 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @Nelson followed by cookout	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12
August 13 Lotus Club Track Day @ Nelson	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19

Performance Driver Education Day at Nelson

Drivers and Instructors Needed

As part of the 38th annual Lotus Owners Gathering (LOG38.com) being held in Cleveland the weekend of August 10-13, the national Lotus club, in conjunction with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, is holding a driver education day at beautifully repaved Nelson Ledges race track. We are looking for both participants at \$250 for the day and experienced in-car instructors (no charge).

If you are interested you can register at www.clubregistration.net. If you have any questions please contact Gary David at 216-272-5189 or gdcomputer@aol.com.

To make things more interesting, Mario Andretti's Lotus 79 will be running a few sessions at the track driven by Doc Bundy. A formula 1 car on a club track is an impressive sight.

Region Championship Points

The points system has been restructured into groups of classes versus each class for end of year awards.

You do not have to submit points at the end of the year as you have in the past. NEOHIO will track them during the year. Each month points will be posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the *Blower*, and on Facebook.

If you see a points discrepancy, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

Win F1 Adventure for Two through SCCA Foundation Sweepstakes

The SCCA Foundation wants to send you and a friend to the United States Grand Prix. This year's Formula 1 Pirelli 2018 United States Grand Prix takes place at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, October 19-21.

In addition to the pair of tickets, the prize package also includes: VIP suite access, F3/F4 paddock and pit lane access, team gear, an invite to the F3/F4 Champions Award Banquet, and \$5000 in cash for travel and lodging. Ticket sales end on Sept 4, 2018. The winner will be picked on September 5, 2018, during the Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championship awards banquet. Sweepstakes tickets for this trip can be purchased at: WinFormula1trip.org.

About the SCCA Foundation:

The SCCA Foundation is the charitable arm of the Sports Car Club of America (www.sccaoundation.org).

The Foundation's programs are as follows:

- **Saving the Lives of Teen Drivers:** Through the Tire Rack Street Survival program, the SCCA Foundation and local SCCA Regions host day-long skills training programs to help teen drivers learn how to avoid and deal with emergency car handling situations on the street. This program reaches hundreds of teen drivers each year and continues to



grow thanks to your financial support.

- **Preserving the History of American Motorsport:** The Foundation funds the preservation work taking place at the SCCA Archives at the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen, NY. The SCCA Archives contains the history of the SCCA, all the types of events it has sanctioned, and member and car histories since the inception of the SCCA.
- **Encouraging Future Automotive Passion:** The Foundation provides support and prizes for the national Formula SAE competitions held in Michigan and Nebraska each year, to encourage the automotive and race engineers of tomorrow.
- **Women on Track:** The Foundation helps to fund and manage the Wendi Allen Scholarship program that recognizes and encourages increased participation in autocross and Region leadership positions by women across the country.

HELP WANTED!

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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!

Solo Schedule

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

GSD Rally Schedule

July 21	Moonlight Monte , S. Lyon, MI (Detroit Region)
September 8	Press On Regardless (POR) , Indian River, MI (Detroit Region)
September 29	Clare Color Tour , Clare, MI (Detroit Region)
October 13	Johnny Appleseed , Zoar, OH (Neohio Region)
November 4	Lake Erie Covered Bridges , Conneaut, OH (Misery Bay Region)
November 17	Pavement Ends , S. Lyon, MI (Detroit Region)

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Indy 1965-2018

What is a 16-year-old boy who is falling in love with racing supposed to do if no adult he knows is interested? My sneaky plan was to convince my fellow members of Explorer Boy Scout Troop 82 in Troy, Ohio that they wanted to go to see the first day of qualifications for 1965 Indy 500. My Dad felt obligated to drive and even found us a camping spot in an Indy friend's back yard. To pull into the Speedway was an awe inspiring sight. Those cars and drivers I had only seen on TV and heard about on the radio were REAL! There was Jimmy Clark, Dan Gurney and a young Mario Andretti qualifying for his first 500. What sounds they made: the bellow of the Offys, the roar of the Fords, and the screaming of the Novis.

Fifty-three years after that first trip and numerous others for the Indy 500, Formula 1, and tours of the track and it's amazing museum, I was finally at Indy as part of the show as Chaplain with Trans Am. As a part of the SVRA Brickyard Vintage Invitational, the driver of that Novi in 1965, Bobby Unser, was there as the Honorary Chief Steward for the vintage races. He also was signing autographs on

a picture of his beautiful Rislone Eagle-Ford Indy Car. Bobby won the first 500 for a Gurney Eagle with a Rislone Eagle-Offy in 1968 and the first for Gurney's own team in a Jorgenson Eagle-Offy in 1974. I chatted with Bobby about the lovely red, black and yellow Rislone livery. Then I showed him a picture I took of the pits in 1965. "Look at that, the stands are full, and it is not even the big (race) day. They need to get back to that," Bobby said. I commented that Indy Car is growing again.

Another part of the vintage weekend was the Pro-Celebrity Challenge. I gave greetings from Willoughby, Ohio to it's native daughter and former Trans Am competitor Lyn St. James. I gave her an update on good things happening in Willoughby. She said she had been invited to be the commencement speaker at her Alma Mater, Andrews-Osborne Academy in Willoughby, but had to turn it down due to a racing obligation.

In Trans Am, Ernie Francis, Jr. made sterling drive from a last place start to win. He had missed qualifying due to running and finishing second in a K&N East Series race in New Jersey the day

before as part of the NASCAR's Drive for Diversity program. For Northeast Ohio drivers, Amy Ruman's team made a great call to bring her in under caution for a handling adjustment that brought a fine second place. Dave Pintaric qualified a brilliant second and fought for the lead before some incidents and the heat dropped him to fourth.

Before the race I discussed Father's Day with third place finisher Tomy Drissi. His father was from Morocco and would always tell Tomy how blessed he was to live in America. I am blessed to serve Our Great God in the sport I love. How are you blessed?

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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Dave
Pintaric



Tomy Drissi



Amy Ruman



Ernie Francis, Jr.



Indy Qualifying 1965



Bobby Unser Eagle Ford



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