

# The Blower

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**Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA** 

# Upcoming Events>>>

Trustee Meeting via Zoom August 3, 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 posting in the Newsletter!

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# The Starting Line REport by Dave Lancaster

Dear NEOHIO Members,

The NEOHIO team delivered a fantastic Divisional Race this month. We ended up with 98 entries, six track records, and plenty of good clean racing on the track. No major incidents were reported and the reviews from the participants and workers have been positive.

We had plenty of great sponsors who supported our event with cash, product donations and promotional items. These include: Carbotech Performance Brakes, Summit Racing, Alliance Autosport, Lake Erie Graphics, Design Engineering Incorporated, RadAir Complete Car Care Centers and Stupid Fast Tires. Please show your appreciation to these vendors by supporting them in the marketplace.

Along with our sponsors, we had multiple drivers add to the worker fund and some brought additional gifts for our workers. Way to go Drivers!

Our neighboring Regions also deserve a big thank you for their support for this event. We had members from over 10 other regions come out and help with our growth at Nelson Ledges Road Course. A special shout out goes to our friends from Steel Cities who not only provided workers, but loaned us their scales, event trailer and a tow vehicle. We could not have done this event without the support of our neighboring regions.

Nelson Ledges Road Course team worked hand in hand with us all weekend. The paddock was in great shape, we worked to accommodate parking for participants and moved racers around who had clearance issues. The facilities we attended to on a timely manner and the improvements made over the past year were recognized by all. NEOHIO is fortunate to have a committed track owner in our region.

Most of all I am very pleased with the team at NEOHIO who worked very hard to put this event on. Many members stepped up to make sure we had a great event. NEOHIO Region should be proud of our accomplishment and how we worked together as a team to deliver a great event in Northeastern, OH. My only complaint is that we can't seem to get through these weekends without some rain. Let's hope for dry weekends in 2022.

Next up on our Calendar is the RallyCross event at Southington Off Road Park on July 17<sup>th</sup>. That's right folks, NEOHIO is back in the RallyCross business with a new location.

NEOHIO has more motorsports activities planned in 2021. In addition to the Solo and Road Rally's already scheduled, we are working on a possible event Mid-October at Nelson Ledges. The details are still being finalized, but we are looking at offering a full day Track Sprint Event. This could be an exciting opportunity for all by providing an entry level exposure to Nelson Ledges Road Course. Details will be made available soon.

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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**

JULY		
6	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
11	SOLO Event #4 Sunday	CCPL
10-11	NEOHIO Back to Nelsons '21 Divisional Club Races	NLRC
31	SOLO Event #5 Saturday	CCPL
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





#### James Goebelbecker (1939-2021)

NEOHIO Region lost a longtime member last month. James Goebelbecker passed away in late June. He was perhaps best known for piloting his bright green F500 at Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges. He retired from Kennametal Inc., as an engineer and helped to raise his treasured grandchildren, teaching them important life lessons while having fun. He leaves Marilyn A. (nee Banach) his wife of 52 years, several children and grandchildren.

Two NEOHIO Region drivers took part in the Cat Majors at Road America July 10-11

Sandy Satullo III SRF3 2nd both days

Ryan McManus GT1 7th & 6th

#### NEOHIO Region, SCCA Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2021

#### **Members Present:**

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

Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22) Evan Smith (Trustee '22)
Bill Crowe (Trustee '23) Bill Moore (Trustee '23)

Bob Nick (Trustee '23) Dave Lancaster (R.E.) Joe Blaha (Treas.)

#### **Members Excused:**

Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Kerianne Sidoti (Trustee '22), and Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Guests: Kurt Stevens, Brenda Nick, Duane Harrington, Brandon Anderson, Jennifer Dietz, Greg Lester, Debbie LaFond, Bob Roberts, and Pat Prill

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:35pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the May 4, 2021 Zoom meeting were presented by Dave Lancaster (in Ray's absence) for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob Nick, seconded by Daniel Griewisch, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha presented his May, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

Membership: No report

#### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

Regional Executive Report: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

Our Zoom meeting account expires soon. Dave would like to keep Zoom meetings monthly with quarterly in-person meetings.

The Back to the Future Divisional race is in July and we are in need of workers

Dave thought the Time Trials were a success but the same people seemed to be doing all the work. A suggestion was made to partner Time Trials and Road Racing with other regions. It was noted that Brian at Nelson Ledges is very pleased with our events and looking forward to even more SCCA events.

Dave gave kudos to Bob Roberts on our newsletter The Blower. The rest of the board echoed Dave's sentiments.

Club Racing: Debbie LaFond reported for our July Divisional:

Race Chair will be Dave Lancaster under Pat Prill's guidance

Planning a Saturday night party pending any remaining Covid concerns and finding a sponsor

Duane inquired about tire damage to wall from Time Trials incidents. Dave and Bob MacDonald stated no damage at rollover site and will review site of other off track incident at Wednesday's Track Night in America

#### **Competition Committee:** No report

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

We are able to relax some Covid procedures per county and state (masks)

Our last event had 30 participants with many volunteering to help

A \$50 Summit gift certificate was awarded to the FTD in PAX

Next event we will begin having awards and counting points towards championship

Trailer is in great need of updates to sound system, especially the speakers

Saturday June 26 is our next scheduled event

Under new business Bill Crowe reported finding cones at a good price at "Cone Zone"

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#### **Board Meeting minutes continued**

We need to explore transferring the trailer registration as the current name is a member who is not a full time Ohio resident and it could make it difficult to renew our registration

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following: Our event had 16 entrants of which 15 started

Materials were donated so we show a net gain on the event Rally Cross: No report

**Time Trial:** Daniel Griewisch reported the following regarding the May 29 & 30, 2021 event at Nelson Ledges:

We had a low car count and weather was a factor

Bob MacDonald noted that we received positive feedback on Sunday from drivers

Jennifer needs results to post on our website; Bob & Brenda Nick will to provide these to Jennifer & Bob MacDonald

Bob Nick inquired if workers get a credit (as is given for road racing events) for Time Trials. Bob MacDonald stated this is National's decision and credits towards the member's dues are NOT being awarded.

Website: Jennifer Dietz reported the following:

She is going to speak to Josh about postponing about a month so she can create a synchronized template based on what is used for solo and will include:

News, results, etc. A small write-up on the particular program Links to SCCA National website. She will be sending out emails to all Chairs

If anyone has pictures or results from events please send to Jennifer and she will post on social media

#### **Old Business:**

Bill Crowe is going to review our insurance and needs a copy of our policy. Joe Blaha will provide this. We did renew for 1 year. Bill also needs copies of all inventories. He will get quotes (a basic Marine project). Bob Nick requested an investigation re: the loss on our scales and Joe Blaha will look into that.

A motion was made to renew Zoom for one year at an annual cost of \$105. The motion was approved by Bill Crowe, seconded by Daniel Griewisch and approved without objection.

#### **New Business:**

The Board agreed a letter to Heyward Wagner and copying Mike Cobb should be drafted asking to extend the worker credit to Time Trials. Dave and Bob MacDonald are going to address this as the Neohio Board.

Cone purchase – a motion was made to approve the payment of \$350 to Cone Zone for the purchase of 18" cones. The motion was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Joe Blaha and approved without exception.

Region credit card: Bob Nick asked if we could obtain a Region credit card to use for things such as paying shipping on transponders. Considerations include:

Cost to Region How to manage

Who will have access to the credit card? Specialty Chiefs, Event Chairs

Joe Blaha to check with NWOR Region to find out what they do

Bob MacDonald reminded the Time Trials team that reports need to be submitted within 14 days.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Bill Crowe, meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm July 6, 2021 via Zoom. Respectfully submitted, Betsy McIntyre, Trustee, substituting for Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

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

August 7 - Are You Territorial?, Chelsea, MI, Detroit Region (Information & registration: http://msreg.com/AYT-2021)

August 8 - Lazy Daze, Chelsea, MI, Detroit Region (More information & registration open here: http://msreg.com/LazyDaze-2021)

September 11 - POR, St. Ignace, MI. Detroit Region (More information & registration open here: www.motorsportreg.com

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

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

Much like any other GLDiv member, as we march towards summer, we all get busier. June was no exception for me. There were quite a few virtual, video meetings (for the administrative side) and a pair of race events to go to (for the fun side).

#### Video Conference Meetings:

- EVAC Charter (5/27): With so much at stake, the EVAC is "moving" from a sub-committee under the Club Racing Board to a group that reports directly to the BoD. The moving of the EVAC within the SCCA hierarchy means that the EVAC Committee would need a formalized charter for the committee.
- CRB (6/1): There weren't any earth-shattering rules changes discussed as this was a fairly routine meeting. In fact, we were finished early enough to start preparing for the "in person" meeting in Kansas City on 7/30.
- EVAC E-Spec rules (6/2): A few of us met to walk through a rule set based on the BSpec class. Jeff Luckritz and Paul Messier had prepared the document and we drew up some changes paragraph by paragraph. We would present this to the full committee at the 6/9 meeting.
- EVAC (6/9): A few days earlier, I had been told that the committee would be moved within the SCCA organization chart. We walked through our production-based, car rule set. There's still some work to do but we have the basics for a class (or two) for EVs.
- BoD Board Effects (6/21): The BoD is moving from one management platform to another, so this meeting was a training session for new software system which manages our votes, agenda, documents, etc. Kinda boring but a necessary evil so we can do our jobs properly and efficiently.
- RXB (6/22): I did not sit in on this meeting as my sinuses went haywire that day and the last thing the RXB needed was a meeting interrupted by a "gesundheit" every 20 seconds.
- BoD (6/28): Wowzer.....the shortest BoD meeting during my tenure.....47 minutes! Once again, Jeff Dahnert has done a great job managing our funds. We had another good month and are well above our projected budget. We worked on increasing our effectiveness by having a third party review the BoD's policies and procedures. We'll do this over the winter months. On a down note, we've had so many "members behaving badly" incidents lately that we have had to start a program to codify rules to oversee management of the incidents. We need to protect whistle blowers and victims of bad behavior. I'm sure I'll have more on this as the plan gets implemented. We also worked on an agenda for our "face to face" BoD meeting at the end of July (7/31) in Kansas City. All of us are really looking forward to seeing each other in person. Like a lot of you, we're all sick of video conference calls.

#### SCCA Events:

Road America (6/4 to 6/6): This was the Chicago Region hosting the June Sprints. I decided to go to this race at the last minute. Technically, I was a crew member for a friend, but he had other crew and I would be able spend some time "working" as Director. In addition to utilizing the weekend to see old friends, I needed to chat with the technical folks from Topeka (Rick Harris, Scott Schmidt) and I would use the trip to meet Peter Jankovskis (Area 5 Director and BoD Chair). While we'd sat in on a dozen video meetings during my tenure, I had not actually met him in person. As luck would have it, Mike Cobb (SCCA President) was at Peter's paddock and the three of us had a nice, long chat (I hadn't met him either.....two birds, one stone situation). The good news was my driver won the Saturday race and had a very good weekend.

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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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# **Driver Physicals**

NEOHIO member Dr. Michael Saddleton has offered to give physicals to drivers who have not been able to schedule one. Please contact Debbie LaFond at fastlady1026@yahoo.com for information.

#### **Help Wanted in Timing and Scoring** – B+B Nick

Have you ever considered being part of the exciting world of SCCA racing? Want to have a great view of Start/Finish so you know who is leading? Like someplace that is out of the crazy Northeast Ohio Weather? Looking for a place known for having the BEST snacks (just ask the stewards)? Can you operate a computer or do you prefer a paper and pencil job?

T&S is looking for help at all NEOHIO's track events held at Nelson Ledges Road Course. ls. Orbits Operators (computer) are always needed.

Adults and minors are welcome and you don't have to be a SCCA member to work T&S. Looking forward to seeing you in the T&S tower at Nelson. If interested, please contact:

Bob – rhnick38@gmail.com or 440-789-8995 to leave a message.

Brenda – brenda.j.nick@gmail.com or 440-789-8679 to leave a message.

#### **Job Descriptions Below:**

**Taping** – write down car numbers as they pass Start/Finish.

**Orbits Operator** – uses a computer to make sure the cars register as they pass Start/Finish, and keeps track when things happen such as yellow flag, checkered flags, etc.

**Orbits Results** – publishes the provisional and final results of sessions, also hourly updates during the Longest Day. **Outpost** – prints out and post results from sessions or hourly updates. For Time Trials, distributes rental transponders; also verifies return of said transponders.

**Charter** – plots cars on a chart in position and laps completed (only for races).





**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.

**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

WMR @ Grattan (6/19, 6/20): This weekend I took off my Director's hat and put on my F&C worker hat to support the WMR "Original Unrestricted" Double Regional at Grattan Raceway. There were 80-ish cars in attendance. This was the first SCCA race since the Waterford Hills Drivers School, so the field was populated with quite a few rookies. Some damp weather on Saturday made for some interesting track conditions for them to deal with. Grattan dries quickly, so the surface was changing by the minute. Sunday was a bit warmer with no rain. It felt really good to get back to "normal" and work an event.

As I've mentioned before, July will be very busy for me. Personal and SCCA trips will eat up every weekend this month culminating in my first face to face CRB and BoD meetings in Kansas City on 7/29-8/1. I'm really looking forward to that.

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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## **Back to the Future Divisional at Nelson Ledges**

Congratulations to our NEOHIO Region drivers that competed at Nelson Ledges on July 10-11 at the Back to the Future at Nelson Ledges Divisional. There were many new track records set on Saturday but on Sunday Mother Nature had other ideas!

Dave Lancaster SRF3 1st & 1st Lee Spuhler SRF3 10th Bill Hornack SRF 2nd & 2nd Guy Bellingham FV 1st & 1st

Gary Grubb FV 2nd Tex Melotti STL 1st & 1st Chase McIntyre STL 3rd Robert Stoller ITA 7th

Allen Franzolino P2 1st & 2nd David Harris P2 2nd David Strittmatter FP 1st Rick Kozak Legend 1st

Jason Jacko ITC 1st & 1st Matthew Jacko ITC 3rd & 4th Stephen Jacko ITC 5th & 5th Markus Juhasz ITC 7th & 6th

Richard Nemeth ITC 8th & 8th Carl Goodwin HP 2nd Sean Hinkle AS 3rd Robert Kucera SM 2nd

Chase McIntyre SM 4th Bob MacDonald SM 5th & 2nd Ray Huang SM 7th Raymond Glover B-Spec 2nd & 1st

## And We Saw New Lap Records Set During Back to the Future!

Allen Franzolino P2 1:07.521 (new class\*) Dr. Daniel Joseph Galiffa FX 1:08.628 (new class)

C. Ahsen Yelkin FA 0:58.236 (2010 previous record) Rick Kozak Legend 1:20.647 (1997)

Scott Rettich GT2 1:06.090 (2020) Mark Mercurio SPO 1:06.150 (2011)

\*New class- had not run at Nelson since reclassification.



## THANK YOU CARBOTECH BRAKES!



Our friends at Carbotech sponsored a delicious dinner at the conclusion of Saturday's races at the Back to the Future Divisional. Over the years they have supported NEOHIO Region in countless ways. It is an easy thing to say "thanks..." but we owe them a great debt of gratitude for all they have done for us. THANK YOU!



Congratulations to our NEOHIO drivers that competed at the Watkins Glen Super Tour June 19-20.

Craig Chima FP 2nd Saturday & 5th Sunday
Jason Stine HP 3rd Saturday & 2nd Sunday
James Libecco FE2 2nd Saturday & 3rd Sunday
Tom Podmore SM 24th Sunday
Brian Farnham FV 9th Saturday & 15th Sunday
Mark Farnham FV 20th Saturday & 26th Sunday
James Libecco SRF3 11th Saturday





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.

Dates are: Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>



NEOHIO Region wants to thank photographer John Martynowski for providing these incredible photos.

He can be reached at: turn13photo@gmail.com.

**Driver: Tex Melotti** 





**Driver: Ahsen Yelkin** 



Drivers: Tony Christian (42) and Ron Copeland (85)

A pack of SM's under the bridge.



**Driver: Rick Kozak** 



**Driver: Douglas Leaman** 

Drivers: Ed Womer (68) and Logan Miller (2)







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