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Upcoming Events>>>

Trustee Meeting via Zoom

September 1, 2020

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The Starting Line

Report by Dave Lancaster

We were Back Home at Nelson Ledges! If anyone missed it, NEOHIO Region held our first event at Nelson Ledges Road Course in seven years on August 1-2nd, 2020. This marked the return of Club Racing for our Region. I am so proud of this Region and the members who stepped up to get this done in under two months. I want to share some names, but fear that I will miss someone. If you were part of the support team please take a bow as you deserve it. If you know of someone that worked to make this event happen please recognize them.

After the event, we have received many positive comments from drivers, participants, track management, and other regions about how well this event went off. Being new to Club Management, I am amazed at how work and time goes into one of these events. We are fortunate to have many experienced members who came back excited to help out. We also had some newer members jump in and learn new roles. We were also fortunate at our first event that other regions stepped up to give us some support.

In addition to our Club Race Weekend, NEOHIO held a Rally Cross at Geauga Fairgrounds, a Time Trial/Track Event at Nelson Ledges and multiple-Solo Events at Captains Club Parking lot in Eastlake, OH. What a great June and July! Who said the Coronavirus will shut us down? Thanks to additional pre-planning and our participants respecting the Ohio Guidelines for Social Distancing, we are having #FUNWITHCARS in 2020 in Northeastern, Ohio.

I am always impressed by the well-organized events our Solo Team provides. If you have not been out this year, give it a try. Due to Social Distancing Guidelines for the space we have had to limit our car count to 40 participants and these events fill up quickly. Enter early to get your spot saved.

The RallyCross team held a successful second RallyCross. During the first event in the fall we did more shadowing of the other Regions, but in this event our team did most of the planning and set-up. It feels good to say that we can now conduct these events on our own.

Our Time Trial was another big hit in its second year. This is a growing Program within SCCA and offers Solo and Track Day participants a way to compete with their cars in a non-wheel to wheel competition. The participants that came out and play had a great time and we will do this again in 2021. Our biggest need here is marketing and promotion. We have some ideas on how to improve this event for 2021.

Thank you all for helping our Region have a successful year and supporting our efforts.



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Region Points

Region 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.

For discrepancies, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

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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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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | June 2, 2020

- Members Present:** Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22), Kerianne Sidoti (Trustee '22), Evan Smith (Trustee '22), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.)
- Excused Members:** Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)
- Guests:** Debbie LaFond, Kurt Stevens, Duane Harrington, Bill Stewart and Brenda Nick.
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:04 pm.
- Review of Prior Minutes** Minutes from the May 5, 2020 Zoom meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob Nick, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report** Joe Blaha presented his May 5, 2020 Treasurer's Report. He noted there was no member dues income for the past month as they just arrived this month. A motion to approve the report was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Bob MacDonald, and approved without objection.
- Membership** In her absence Tara Oram emailed in her report, noting there were 499 current members, 25 lapsing, and 10 new members.
- Officer and Committee Reports**
- RE Report** Dave Lancaster reported the following:
- Track Night in America-June 30, 2020. Kurt Stevens noted staffing is looking good.
 - Tire stacking event at Nelson Ledges was rescheduled for May 16 & 17, had a good turnout of approximately 40 people.
 - Kurt Stevens noted the following Covid-19 procedures were used at Mid-Ohio last weekend:
 - o Temperatures were taken at entry/waiver signing.
 - o Everybody had their own hand sanitizer.
 - o There was a good car count.
 - o You were on your own for food (concession stand closed).
- Nelson Council** Bob MacDonald reported the following:
- Tire stacking was held May 16 & 17, Nelson appreciates our work.
 - National is looking at additional dates for Track Nights in America.
 - The track inspection is being scheduled.
 - Nelson has building permits for a new Tech Building and Tower renovation.
 - Bob Nick questioned about adding new sector timing loops (useful for Time Trials), where to put them, how to power them. Jeff Blumenthal volunteered to help. He will contact Fred directly.
- Competition** Debbie LaFond reported the following:
- The SCCA Board of Directors has approved a three-month extension of annual tech inspection expiration dates, but in no event may an extension go beyond December 31, 2020. For example, if the car's annual expires on June 15, the expiration date will be extended to September 15. If the car's annual expires between October 1 and December 31, the expiration date will be extended to

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Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. 2020 Calendar of Events



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
August		
22	Solo Points Event	CPL
September		
13	Solo Points Event	CPL
October		
3	Solo Points Event	CPL
10	Johnny Appleseed Road Rally	TBD
17	Solo Points Event	CPL
18	Rally Cross #2	GCF
	Revised 8/16/2020	

Board of Trustees' Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Winking Lizard in Bedford Hts., Ohio or on a ZOOM call during COVID-19 restrictions. 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
ZOOM	Conference Call
TBD	To Be Determined

Region Help Wanted

The last two years have been a busy time for many of our Board members and volunteers, as we have started to rebuild our Club Racing program and introduced Time Trials and RallyCross to the area. Our Road Rally program started to pick up momentum prior to COVID-19 and our strong Solo program continues to deliver quality events for our members. This is a volunteer club and we could use more help in 2021 as we continue to improve the Neohio Region and our programs.

If you would like to get more involved now is the time. We are already planning our 2021 season. You can be part of the solution to help impact the way we #HAVEFUNWITHCARS. We love new faces and like when our participants can provide feedback to what we are doing. If you are interested in supporting the region, even with limited time, please reach out to any of our Program Chairs or Specialty Chief's to express your interest.

A second way you could get involved is with our Club Management. Elections are in November. We currently have a great Board that has our members interest in mind, however we could always use new fresh ideas. We have some roles that have been occupied by the same member for many years. These people have been great for our region, but I know some of them would appreciate a break. For more information, reach out to me or any Board of Trustee Member.

December 31, 2020. The expiration date for Safety Equipment, e.g. seat belts, is not affected by the extension for expiration of annual tech inspection. Further, personal safety gear must still be inspected before the driver's first event for 2020, and a 2020 helmet sticker issued.

- July 11, 2020 will be Safety Day at Nelson Ledges.
- New Chief of Safety is Jon Schneider.
- A Divisional race is being planned for August 1st and 2nd at Nelson Ledges in conjunction with Cincinnati Region, pending the track passing inspection.
 - o Pat Prill to be Race Chair.
 - o Bob Nick needs timing and scoring volunteers.
 - o Duane Harrington recommends having a Test and Tune on Friday before the race.
 - o Bob MacDonald asked about holding a Time Trial with the Test and Tune.
 - o Debbie LaFond asked if fuel was available at the track — yes.
 - o She also asked if Jim Pracker has the sound equipment. Yes, he does. It will have to be certified and somebody will have to operate it during the event.
 - o Brenda Nick noted that workers will need to be fed.
 - o Ray Glover introduced a motion to approve a \$100.00 budget for the Comp Committee to cover incidental expenses prior to the full race budget being presented and approved. Motion seconded by Jim Pracker, approved without objection.

Rally Cross Report Dave Lancaster reported the June date is a go. They are checking on camping. The Safety Steward is coming from Dayton.

Road Rally The charity rally is a no go due to Covid-19 concerns.

Street Survival Jeff Blumenthal emailed the following report:

Last night I participated in a zoom meeting with Scott Dobler, Tim Beechuk, and several others who will be hosting Street Survival events later this year. Here's a brief recap. There's plenty that pertains to our other events as well.

- SCCA wants us all to follow the Covid guidelines posted 5/7/20.
- They encourage us to pay attention to local guidelines.
- Conversations recommended with volunteer Instructors to make sure they understand and to address any of their safety concerns.
- SCCA has "Social Distancing" signs available to post.
- Recommends doing virtual meetings with parents prior to the event to discuss protocols and concerns.
- Recommends having someone assigned to be in charge of sanitation, wipe downs, etc.
- There is an issue with Electronic Waivers. MSR is aware of what K&K is requiring and they will address this.
- Most all Street Survival events have been pushed back to the fall. SCCA cautions that scheduling of events may become difficult because there will be competition for dates since everyone will be trying for fall dates. This may apply to other events as well.

Solo Report

Jason Pokines reported the following:

- Regarding our cancelled events due to Covid-19, Eastlake will give us credit to be used next year.
- The Pronto timing software has been renewed.
- June 14, 2020 Solo is on.
- He is preparing a video driver's meeting to be viewed during registration.
- In light of the restaurant's facilities being closed during our event, Jason requested a \$500.00 budget for a Port-a-Potty and hand washing station. Motion made by Jeff Blumenthal, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, approved without objection.
- K&K Insurance and the SCCA are not accepting online waivers at this time.

Time Trial

Bob MacDonald reported on the following:

- The July 12, 2020 event registration opened a week ago.
- They are good on volunteers.
- Bob Nick is working on getting rental transponders from MyLaps. May need more. Dave Lancaster will check with National. Mounting?

Covid-19

Betsy McIntyre noted they have supplies for our first events (Rally Cross and Solo). Looking at procuring more for our future events. Dave Lancaster offered to look into getting wipes through his sources.

Hall of Fame No report.

Old Business Donation in honor of Martin Dodenhoff has been made.

New Business Jeff Blumenthal suggested that the next Zoom Board meeting be opened to members.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Blumenthal, seconded by Bob MacDonald, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting July 7, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover

Recording Secretary

Let's Go Racing!



We are ready to race and need to start training a new generation of volunteers.

If you are interested in learning about Registration, Tech Inspection, Timing & Scoring, Pit/Grid, Flagging & Communications, Start, Emergency Services/Towing please contact me and I will get you directed to Chief of that Speciality.

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NELSON LEDGES ROAD COURSE

GAMBLETSVILLE, OHIO

Track Length 2.0 Miles

CLASS	TIME	AV. SPEED	DATE	DRIVER	CAR
CSL	01:01.198	117.198	3/26/2012	Jackie Muehle	Swift junior500p Muscle
AS	01:11.032	101.38	3/26/2012	Tom Sizer	Ford Mustang
Baby Grand	01:17.434	93.888	6/16/2001	Rick Noale	Baby Grand
CFC	01:11.003	108.721	7/18/2003	Tim Smith	Crescent GFF
CF	01:09.470	103.642	3/22/1993	Jeffrey Dismore	Zink ZISC
CP	01:14.380	96.803	8/30/2006	Robert Mazon	Toyota Celica GTS
CSR	01:02.338	113.182	4/24/1990	Matt Machinto	West Wagon
EP	01:11.894	100.130	7/13/2003	Craig Chinn	Elan Courier
F2000	01:19.118	91.930	10/18/1993	Tim McIlhenny	Van Dieren RPS4
F4	01:08.898	104.362	10/30/1994	Robert Long	Giacini
F300	01:04.183	112.315	7/1/2000	Joan Marchand	Star muscle
FA	00:58.906	122.228	3/30/2010	Sarah Yelton	Swift R14
FC	01:02.849	114.363	3/16/2004	Rick Silver	Van Dieren RPS8
FE	01:03.188	113.946	7/4/2000	Scott Bettich	Formula Enterprise
FE2	01:02.711	112.181	8/2/2000	James Libacco	SCCA Enterprise
FM	01:07.702	106.340	7/25/2007	Brian Mouton	Mercury 3500
FP	01:12.900	98.628	7/1/2000	Larry Funk	Honda CRX si
FS	01:19.837	90.161	3/18/2013	Jim Smalley	Merch FM
FSRCA	01:12.647	91.348	3/1/2000	Andrew Shelton	Chrysler SVT
FST	01:12.607	99.833	6/20/2000	Doug Seis	Mysteria MS-1
FV	01:06.483	108.383	3/16/2004	Tom Schweitz	Van Dieren RPS8
FV1800	01:19.338	90.731	10/28/1993	Kerry Cornelius	BRD APV02
GP	01:13.187	91.877	3/26/2001	Kevin Downis	Merch 310
GT Minis	01:12.239	92.386	8/20/2000	Bruce Shelton	Ford Pinto
GT1	01:02.487	113.371	3/30/2010	Arny Munn	Chevy Corvette
GT2	01:06.743	103.276	8/2/2000	Aaron Quine	Chevy Camaro
GT3	01:07.867	106.090	7/4/2010	Mike Cypert	Toyota Celica
GT4	01:13.362	99.238	3/18/2003	Warren Montague	Toyota Tercel
GT5	01:14.777	96.290	3/26/2001	Jack Baumgartner	AM Mini Cooper
GT6	01:07.728	106.190	8/2/2000	Chris Duhin	Chevy Monte Carlo
GTL	01:13.333	90.167	3/23/2008	William Pitloric Jr	Merch 2000s
HP	01:14.891	91.333	7/30/2006	Craig Chinn	MG Midget
IT7	01:12.313	91.704	9/25/2012	Scott Wether	Merch RX7
ITA	01:13.733	91.733	10/13/2003	Jon Martellon	Honda CRX
ITB	01:19.083	91.947	10/31/2004	Constantine George	VW Golf Gti
ITC	01:20.632	89.293	9/29/2012	Jim Royal	Renault Encore
ITE	01:10.323	102.389	6/30/2007	Gary Nicholson	Chevy Corvette
ITB	01:13.840	97.388	8/25/2012	Abdullah Aziz	BMW 321
ITS	01:14.408	96.774	10/13/2003	Rah Halfmester	Merch RX7
Legend	01:19.942	88.931	8/16/1997	Steve Thomas	Legend
SCA	01:04.977	110.808	10/23/1994	Chris Winkler	Shelby Darter
SM	01:16.134	94.393	10/21/2012	Charlie Campbell	Spec Minis
SMIT	01:19.187	90.936	10/19/2003	Tex Melotti	Merch minis
SPO	01:09.639	103.463	3/27/2011	Dean Daugherty	AMC Sprint AMX
SPU	01:10.033	102.777	9/29/2012	Ken Fisher	Cup-Like Monte Carlo
SRF3	01:11.042	100.223	8/2/2000	James Libacco	SRF3
SRFord	01:14.189	97.883	3/26/2006	Nick Evans	SRFord
SRK7	01:19.923	90.890	7/12/2008	Joe Nelson	Merch RX7
SSA	01:19.392	90.689	7/31/1994	David Dougherty	Merch 300ZX
SSB	01:16.897	93.632	3/23/2008	Michael Scovamachi	Pontiac Solstice
SSC	01:19.223	90.881	3/24/2000	Joel Lippert	Honda Civic
SSGT	01:17.030	93.470	8/22/1993	Bob Strang	Camaro
SSM	01:19.048	91.884	7/1/2007	Payton Wilson	Merch Minis
ST	01:13.438	98.942	10/19/2003	Frank Barton	Dodge Viper
STL	01:13.483	92.893	8/2/2000	Greg Mikay	Honda CRX
STD	01:07.880	106.193	7/3/2011	David Pitloric	Dodge Viper
STU	01:13.643	97.768	3/26/2012	Eric Heierich	BMW Golf E30M3
T-1	01:08.333	103.628	7/4/2010	Tom Sizer	Chevy Corvette
T-2	01:12.843	98.483	8/22/2010	William Moore	Pontiac Solstice
T-3	01:13.386	91.310	3/23/2008	Alan Hines	Merch 300Z
T-4	01:19.913	90.896	3/19/2013	Greg Mandelous	Ford Mustang
TCC	01:09.889	103.830	7/1/2007	Craig Chinn	Chevy Corvette

Records as of 8/3/2020 - Brenda J. Nick



Back at Nelson Ledges - August 1 & 2, 2020

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