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The Starting Line

REport by Maddie Oswalt

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.

Hello All and Happy June!

Race season is full swing. I hope you all are getting some good seat time!

I wanted to discuss the results of the survey I had sent out. We had 96 respondents which I think was a very good turnout. The bulk of our responses were from people who did road racing, the next largest group was autocross. We had some road rally and rallyx people who responded as well.

Overwhelmingly, the region wants to see more road racing which I think the Board expected. We've been discussing doing a Track Night in America in addition to standard road racing. Track Night in America is something we can easily do. I have reached out to the Track Night in America representative to see what needs to be done to hold an event like that.

There was also interest shown in starting a Rallyx Program or PDX program. Both these things are doable; however, at this time we are not actively working on starting these new programs. We're focusing our energy to Nelson's, Street Survival, and the autocross program for now. Once we have a solid road racing program, we can look into starting a Rallyx or PDX program.

I was very excited to see the interest in Social events. There was a wide variety of suggestions and interest. My goal is to hold 1-2 more social events this calendar year and next year hold 1 social event a quarter.

The interest in educational events also made me happy. I have been toying with the idea of starting an educational event, but wasn't sure if people would be interested. A total of 65% of people were interested. I came into motor sports as a complete "newbie" and felt like there were a lot of basic things I did not understand right away; I think educational events could help more new people like me. I eventually picked up what I needed to know, but a class would have been helpful.

The free response section was very valuable. You had great feedback and this helped us learn what we were doing well and what we could improve on. There was lots of talk about Nelson's and what's going on there; so to address this I will start including monthly updates in the *Blower*. As of now, the updates to Nelson's are on track and going well. I will make sure we are more transparent with what is going on—we're all itching to get back to our

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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 | May 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswalt, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Nick, Jason Pokines,

Dave Lancaster, Jim Pracker, Ray Glover

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Tara Oram, Madeline Oswalt, Bill Moore

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Duane Harrington at 7 pm.

Minutes presented from past meeting for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as presented. (Glover/Pracker) - Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION – to accept report as presented. (MacDonald/Lancaster) – Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Maddie's notes as relayed by Michael:

- Draft of member survey presented for discussion and review. Additional input requested.
- Suggests consideration of a Neohio social event at Nelson Ledges. Possibly a member meeting there?

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- No report

MEMBERSHIP:

- 513 members at end of April. (36 lapsing / 9 renewed in March. 36 lapsing / 3 renewed in April)

SOLO:

- We had good Neohio representation at the Pitt Race Match Tour.
- Trailer Maintenance Day is 5/12. We will not be doing the vinyl trailer wrap at this time.
- Our 1st Neohio Solo event is Sat 5/5 and Sun 5/6. (Sat School, Sun Points event #1)
- Trailer plates need renewal. Jim Pracker will take care of it.

RALLY:

- Greg Lester reports that the 2018 Schedule is planned. Local and Regional events to be included.

STREET SURVIVAL:

- Our April 21 Event at Lorain County Community College went well. 13 Students attended.

HALL OF FAME:

- HOF Committee requests nominations. Please send to Sherrie Weitzenhof at SWeitzenho@aol.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Our liability and equipment insurance needs to be reviewed. This will be done after our inventory list is verified.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:02 pm. (Pracker / Blaha) – Approved

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE / JULY 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 4	June 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24 Solo Points Event - Eastlake
June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1
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	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 Region)	July 22

New Membership Retention & Referral Program

It's awesome to be an SCCA member and have fun with cars with your friends. Speaking of friends, SCCA is launching a new program to make it easier, more fun and more rewarding to help your friends become SCCA members. Heres how it works:

Tell all your friends how much fun you are having with SCCA and how easy it is to join...

Go to <https://www.scca.com/pages/join-scca>

Make sure that when they join they tell SCCA that YOU sent them because when they do SCCA will enter both of you in a weekly drawing for awesome prizes from their partners. Prizes like Eibach sway bars and spring kits, \$500 at Firestone, DirtFish driver schools, Autopower roll bars, APEX Pro units, VIP experiences at Hagerty or GRM sponsored events, Braille batteries, and more!

Cancellation of Tire Rack Toledo ProSolo

ProSolo Enthusiasts,

What we have feared for the last couple of months, but hoped would be avoided, has come to pass; the site we use for National Solo events in Toledo will not be available for the July 29 – 31 ProSolo. Therefore, that event has been cancelled and will not be replaced on the 2018 Series calendar. Refunds will be made over the next two weeks to those entered in the event.

Section 20.10.A of the ProSolo Rules is being modified to address, to the degree we can, the resulting circumstances from this cancellation.

Thanks for your patience on this matter and for your support of the Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Series.

Howard Duncan
SCCA Senior Director of Rally/Solo

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home track!

One last piece of feedback was better autocross pavement. We would love better pavement! We are working on many leads, but the number one things to help us would be connections. If you know of a place and have a contact please reach out to us! We could use the help and any leads.

Finally, we are still looking for Hall of Fame nominations! If you have any, please send them to Sherri Weitzenhof at sweitzenho@aol.com.

Have a great rest of June!

Maddie

2019 SCCA National Convention Dates/Location

For 2019, the annual SCCA National Convention will return January 17-19 to South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. This year's National Convention will be very special as its theme is "Celebrating Our Legacy, Building Our Future" and serves as the official start of the Club's 75th Anniversary celebration.

The Convention will again be a familiar format that encompasses leadership development and skills training for Club members. Details on times and a full schedule will be announced later this year. But as usual, the Annual Meeting and welcome reception will be held Thursday, followed by two days of training. Various fun social activities will certainly be included, too. The SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet on Saturday night then caps festivities.

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)

HELP WANTED!

Do you like seeing race cars and drivers up close and personal?

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Do you like the feel of control and making decisions?

*Look into working **Start** or getting into the **Stewards** program.*

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

June 24, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
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

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By Chaplain Gray

On the (Trans Am) Road Again

Detroit was my first stop on a 6-race tour as chaplain with the Trans Am series. Funding became available for the drive to races from home in Cleveland. If you have not been to Belle Isle and had to park in area 4, you may not realize how big the island is. Leaving the race on Sunday, I took a back road and thought I would end up in Canada. But on Friday morning when I boarded a bus, Indy Rookie of the Year Robert Wickens was also a passenger. A crew member from another team asked him how he liked IndyCar Racing. Wickens spent the previous 6 years in the highly competitive German Touring Car series, the last years driving for the Mercedes factory team. Wickens said he was getting used to some things and that in Germany he had a reserved parking spot right by the track. At Detroit, it was 15 minutes on 2 buses, then having bags sniffed by drug dogs, opened and checked, then wandered with all the hoi polloi before a 5-minute walk to the IndyCar paddock. So much for being a star in America. It was about 15 minutes to the Trans Am paddock so there are some "small" benefits to being the stars of the show.

Trans Am 2 was the only class running but the Mustangs, Camaros, and the Challengers were back in their spiritual home in Detroit. In race one, class champions Tony Buffomante and Gar Robinson in his one-off return put on a great battle with Tony's Ford prevailing after a last lap spin

dropped Robinson to third behind former IndyCar driver Rafa Matos' Camaro. A big shout out to Keith Prociuk in fourth and Jordan Bupp in fifth. Several machines were wrecked in a trend that lasted all weekend (those walls are hard!) but no one was hurt.

Between races, I spent a few moments chatting with Dorsey Schroeder, the Trans Am Chief Steward. It was nice to hear he started in SCCA driving a Datsun 610 in the old B Sedan class. His career ultimately led to a ride with Ford that netted 17 TA wins in a Mustang.

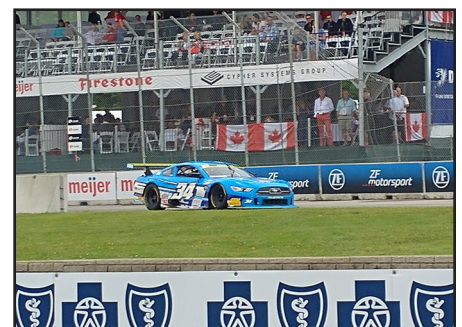
Sunday's race two saw Matos in the 3-Dimensional Services (the race's sponsor) Camaro took a popular win for the hometown team with Robinson second. Ernie Francis Jr. finished a fine third in his first race weekend in TA2. This time Buffomante's got bumped allowing Francis to third and Jordan Bupp up into fourth. Jordan returned to Trans Am this season after major health issues that were treated well at the Cleveland Clinic. He will marry his fiancée from Cleveland who is also Jordan later this year. Anyone for Jordan Bupp squared?

Jordan trusted God to allow him to come back to pursue his racing dream. What do you need to trust God for?

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Photos of Buffomante; Peterson and Matos; Bupp and Prociuk.

Photos by Marvin Gray.





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