



# The Blower

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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

## Upcoming Events>>>

### Trustee Meeting

July 7, 2020 via Zoom

**ALL MEMBERS** are invited to join Trustee Zoom Meeting.

Contact a Board Member for a link to connect to the meeting.

### Track Day & Time Trials

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July 11-12, 2020 at  
Nelson Ledges Road Course

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## The Starting Line

Report by Dave Lancaster

The NEOHIO Region in partnership with the Cincinnati Region are going Racing at Nelson Ledges Road Course in 2020! This is a great time for NEOHIO and the amount of activity we have right now in all of our programs is exciting. It time to get out and let's go have **#FUNWITHCARS** in 2020 with NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc.

As of this writing we still have a Final Track Inspection to complete at Nelson Ledges prior to our race becoming official. The parties agree that it was time to announce this event to the public to give our workers and participants time to prepare. As soon as the track achieves the Final Inspection we will open registration.

This major development could not have happened without the hard work this off season of the Nelson Council led by Bob MacDonald and our partner the Mahoning Valley Region. It was great to build our relationship with the new track owner as we acted as one team representing SCCA. The groundwork has been laid for many years of additional activities at the track and NEOHIO. I also want to recognize the members that attended our Tire Stacking Days. We had over 40 people attend on very short notice. Fun in the mud was had by all and I am happy to say we accomplished everything that was on our task list in one weekend. This Region is awesome!

A Club Race is a major investment for the NEOHIO Region, so in order to put on our first Club Race in 2020 the Board of Trustees decided to partner with the Cincinnati Region of SCCA to ease our financial burden. They are coming a long way to help us both financially and with resources to support this event. The Cincinnati Region has been racing consistently for years at Mid-Ohio and due to some schedule changes because of COVID-19 lost their 2020 date. Let's show them our appreciation for their support they are giving NEOHIO Region and welcome them to our area from July 31-August 2.

It's now time to rebuild our own racing team at Nelson Ledges. As Kurt Steven's posted on Facebook, "Let's get the Band Back Together". To get us started Debbie Lafond is organizing a Safety Day on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the track. This is more than a Safety Day, as we will have people from all Specialties available for training. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with the activities at Nelson Ledges, come out to Nelson Ledges on July 11<sup>th</sup> and join in on the fun.

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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 | May 5, 2020**

- Members Present:** Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21), 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.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)
- Excused Members:** Jim Pracker (Trustee '20),
- Guests:** Andrew Grannis, Debbie LaFond, Kurt Stevens, Dr. James Libecco, Duane Harrington, Greg Lester
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:02 pm.  
Evan Smith moved to suspend the order of business so Dr. Libecco could speak to the Board and present his thoughts on best practices for addressing Covid-19 at Neohio events. Motion seconded by Kerianne Sidoti and passed without objection. After the presentation by Dr Libecco the regular board meeting resumed.
- Review of Prior Minutes** Minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Kerianne Sidoti, and approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report** Joe Blaha presented his April 7, 2020 Treasurer's Report noting that it was a slow month with no event income as the April solos were cancelled, but there were good membership renewals. A motion to approve the report was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Daniel Griewisch, and approved without objection.
- Membership** Tara Oram reported there were 503 current members, 14 lapsing, and 3 new members.
- Officer and Committee Reports**
- RE Report** Dave Lancaster reported the following:
- Track Night in America is still gung-ho about holding a Nelson Ledges event and are looking at a June 30, 2020 date. Neohio might need a new Safety Steward as we need to provide Safety and Corner Workers for a Track Night in America event in our region.
  - There has been good interest in the upcoming tire stacking event at Nelson Ledges.
  - Bob and Brenda Nick have volunteered to clean the tower at Nelson Ledges.
- Time Trial** Bob MacDonald reported on the following:
- The June date has been given back to Nelson Ledges due to the uncertainties over Covid-19.
  - The current schedule for July 11 & 12, 2020 is Saturday - Time Trial - \$210; Sunday -Track Day - \$190; Both days - \$325
  - Bob MacDonald would like to switch days (track day Saturday, Time Trial Sunday) to what the June date would have been.
  - Bob Nick noted there would a problem with this as Jeff Hutzelman is coming from out of town and will only be available on Saturday.
  - Bob MacDonald is asking for approval of a \$19,500 Neohio budget (MVR will contribute \$8,300 for their share).
  - Jason Pokines moved to approve a Time Trial budget of \$19,500 for the July event, motion seconded by Evan Smith, and approved without objection.

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# NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc.

## Calendar of Events for 2020



MONTH	EVENT	LOCATION
June		
14	Solo Points Event #3	CPL
20	Rally Cross #1	GCF
July		
7	Zoom Trustee Meeting – Members Welcome	Zoom
11	Track Event co-Host Mahoning Valley Region	NLRC
11	Safety/Training Day	NLRC
12	Time Trials co-Host Mahoning Valley Region	NLRC
25	Solo Points Event #4	CPL
31	Time Trial & Club Race Test-N-Tune	NLRC
August		
1-2	Great Lakes Divisional Club Race co-Host Cincinnati Region	NLRC
22	Solo Points Event #5	CPL
September		
13	Solo Points Event #6	CPL
October		
3	Solo Points Event #7	CPL
10	Johnny Appleseed Road Rally	TBD
17	Solo Points Event #8	CPL
18	Rally Cross #2	GCF
	<i>Revised 6/15/2020</i>	

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



The first group to get started in 2020 was the Solo Team on June 14<sup>th</sup> and proved that **#FUNWITHCARS** can be had during a Pandemic. Jason and the Solo team ran a great event within the COVID-19 State Guidelines. Check out this fun Virtual Drivers Meeting video the team put together at: <https://neohioscca.com/solo/covid-policy/>. I hope to see you all at a NEOHIO Event this summer.

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- Bob Nick noted Mylaps has transponders for rent. Bob MacDonald added that Nelson Ledges has 20 transponders.
- Bob Nick would also like to run the Richta cell phone timing system in parallel with the normal timing loop.

**Rally Cross Report** Andrew Grannis reported the June event looks likely. They will use less workers in response to Covid-19 concerns. He has a call tomorrow regarding side-by-sides (they were just approved for Rally Cross by National).

**Road Rally** Greg Lester noted they are looking into a possible new date for the Milk Run Rally. He has also been called by a local charity group for help in putting on a charity rally. There is no specific information yet.

**Street Survival** Jeff Blumenthal questioned if a student and instructor could sit in the same vehicle if they were wearing N95 masks and face protection? Dr. Libecco responded - yes. Street Survival is looking at a fall date at either Beachwood or Orange. Daniel Griewisch has not heard back from Orange.

**Competition Committee:** No report.

**Solo Report** Jason Pokines reported not much is happening right now. All the May events have been cancelled and he has not heard from Eastlake yet regarding refunds or credits for cancelled events. Dave Lancaster stated his barn is still available for trailer maintenance. Jeff Blumenthal noted that the National Pro Solo on June 18, 2020 is a go and may even be sold out. Dave Lancaster noted that SCCA National considers SCCA events as "Outdoor Entertainment" in their Covid-19 document.

**Nelson Council:** Bob MacDonald reported that ongoing work at Nelson Ledges includes the Jersey and Armco barriers, and old tech shed demolition. Jeff Blumenthal questioned if there was a sanction for the Nelson tire stacking (for insurance reasons)? Bob MacDonald replied, not yet, but there will be.

**Hall of Fame** No report.

**Old Business** None.

**New Business**

- Tara Oram noted lifetime member Martin Dodenhoff passed away and made a motion to donate \$50 per Neohio's Standing regulation 1984-1. Motion seconded by Jeff Blumenthal and approved without objection.
- Bob Nick noted that new trustees are not listed in the Blower or website yet.
- Debbie LaFond stated annual techs are not being done at this time due to Covid-19.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Kerianne Sidoti, meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm. Next Meeting to be 7:00pm June 2, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary



## Track Day & Time Trials at Nelson Ledges July 11-12

*Sponsored by CarboTech Brakes*

NEOHIO Region, SCCA and Mahoning Valley Region, SCCA are pleased to present our 2020 Track Event at Nelson Ledges, sponsored by CARBOTECH BRAKES. This year's event will be a two day format with a Track Day on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> and Time Trials on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Participants may enter either day individually or both days for an outstanding price of \$325.00.



The Track Day is open to drivers with street cars or track prepared cars. There will be groups for Novices, Intermediate and Advanced drivers. Novice coaching including "Orientation Laps" will be provided. Coaching will also be available for Intermediate and Advanced drivers. It is our intent to provide 5 sessions for each run group. All sessions are untimed. Passing rules will be based on experience levels in each group.

The Time Trials will follow the same format as last year. They are also open to the same range of car prep and experience levels as the Track Day. Transponders are required. Rental transponders are available through the registration webpage if you need one. We will start the day with a timed Practice session which will establish the grid for the first Time Attack. The first Time Attack (timed and scored full lapping sessions) will run before lunch. After lunch, we will again run the popular Track Sprint sessions which will be timed and scored. We will finish the day with the second round of Time Attack sessions. Winners will be recognized in each class.

We will run this event in strict compliance with SCCA COVID-19 Guidelines in place at the time. Please come and join us for a great opportunity to lay some hot laps down at one of the fastest road courses in the country. More details are available and registration is open now at <http://msreg.com/Nelson-Track-Event-2020>



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## Tech Announcement

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The SCCA Board of Directors has approved a three-month extension of annual tech inspection expiration dates, but in not 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 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.

Debbie LaFond



### 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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## SCCA Racing Room Guidelines

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This is for everyone's information and should be past on, posted and disseminated as needed to get the word so we all can be on the same page and there are no surprises.

This is reaching us just in time as the first race in the Great Lakes Division is approaching June 27 & 28 at Waterford Hill Road Course.

Please keep in mind I did not write this or the guide.

Stay Safe and take care of you and yours.

Duane Harrington  
GLD Executive Steward

*To all licensed Drivers, Flagging & Communication Officials, and Stewards, the following is a link to the new Appendix P Racing Room and Passing Guidelines for your reference, **Gcr Appendix P Passing Guidelines Jun2020pdf**. The guidelines were developed by Randy Pobst & Terry Earwood, two pro drivers with extensive driver coaching experience. Terry is the Driver Orientation Manager for the Trans Am Series and much of the information included in the Racing Room Guidelines is consistent with what he provides the Series.*

*The guidelines were developed to help clarify the intent of GCR Section 6.11 Rules of the Road. As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words, so graphic representations were developed to help visualize the context of the text. This does not mean you do not have to check your mirrors or maintain situational awareness.*

*The intent of these guidelines is to provide a consistent interpretation of allowing racing room during a pass. Having a shared expectation and understanding of the passing rules among drivers, officials and the F&C community, will help improve the quality of our events.*

*The guidelines are included in the June FASTRACK and went into effect June 1st.*

SCCA Road Racing Department



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