



The Blower

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Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA

Upcoming Events>>>

Trustee Meeting via Zoom
July 6, 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

I hope all our members are having as much fun as I am this summer. NEOHIO Region is up and running and we have additional motorsports activities coming your way. Last month many of our members participated or worked at the Divisional Time Trial at Nelson Ledges Road Course. Attendance was a little light this year, but the competition was very strong. It was great to get out to Nelson Ledges and see cars on the track again. I want to thank Hawk Performance Brakes for their sponsorship of the event and meal. Many of the employees at Hawk are motorsports enthusiasts and participated in the event. The Hawk team represented themselves well and were a lot of fun to hang with, proving that grassroots motorsports is alive and well in North-eastern Ohio.

Next up is our biggest event on July 10-11th, NEOHIO's Divisional Race at Nelson Ledges. This year's event is titled "Back to the Future at Nelson Ledges". This is a great name for the event as the future of Nelson Ledges is bright and we are happy to be part of the continued growth of the track.

This year's race is part of the Great Lakes Divisional Series as well as a Runoffs Qualifier. We are also hosting two independent race series. The V8 Road Racing Series as well as the Formula First group will be joining us. I can't wait for this event and I am sure there will be some great racing over the weekend. We have something for all members to do at this year's event. You can work, race or just plain watch some good racing. That's right, this year we can invite fans to come out to watch real Road Racing at Nelson Ledges.

The NEOHIO Region is planning a dinner for Participants and Workers Saturday evening. I hope to see you there to do some bench racing. Door prizes will be provided by our sponsors. If you are interested in contributing to the party, it is not too late. We can always use more donations/sponsors for the party. Feel free to contact me at Regexec@neohioscca.com.

I know you Rally Crossers have been waiting for us to find a new location and we have been looking hard this Spring and Summer. As I am writing this article I am also working with Frank Colletti, our Rally Cross Chair, to finalize some details for an event at Southington Off Road Park on July 17th. We are in the process of getting our sanction and the event will be put up on Motorsports Registration as soon as we can. Workers and Participants are needed for this event.

The next piece of news I have was at the last Board Meeting Brandon Anderson suggested we start a Solo Points series for our NEOHIO Events. The Board loved the idea to increase competition at the remainder of our Solo events in 2021. Have a great racing season and I hope to see you all at a NEOHIO Event 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

JUNE		
26	SOLO Event #3 Saturday	CCPL
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



The Firestone Firehawk series featured large fields of lightly-modified cars running endurance races at some of America's greatest tracks. Left is Mid-Ohio, right is the Sebring grid. NEOHIO member Fred Baker drove in a number of these events. Provided by the editor. More photos on page 13.

NEOHIO Region, SCCA Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021

Members Present:

Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21) Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21 & Asst. R.E.)
Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22) Kerianne Sidoti (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.) Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)

Members Excused:

Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), and Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Guests: Kurt Stevens, Brenda Nick, Duane Harrington, Brandon Anderson, Jennifer Dietz, Greg Lester, Doug Roderick, and Frank Colletti.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:32pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the April 6, 2021 Zoom meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha presented his May, 2021 Treasurer's Report. He noted the Scheduling Fee check still has not been cashed, Duane Harrington to look into it. He also reported the 2020 taxes have been filed. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Ray Glover, and approved without objection.

Membership: No report

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

The tire stacking at Nelson Ledges was Saturday April 24, 2021. A lot was accomplished, more member participation would have been nice. The tire ramping exiting turn 4 on driver's right was amongst the areas addressed.

The Longest Day has been postponed until next year. National is expecting to have a draft set of Enduro rules by October 2021.

Track Night in America is this Wednesday. 48 cars are registered so far.

Competition Committee: Duane Harrington reported the following:

They are finalizing some rules for non-national classes for the July Divisional race.

Waiting on sanction number.

Jennifer Dietz to check on MSR.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Eastlake refunded the fees from the cancelled events from last year on a day for day basis.

Trailer maintenance day was held at Wingman Garage, it was a great location.

There were 24 participants at the first event.

Next event is Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Eastlake is going to install their own Port-a-Potty at the site, so we will not need to rent one anymore.

Brandon offered up the old timing system and cables, Duane will take them.

Trailer inventory was taken during maintenance day.

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Board Meeting minutes continued

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

Entries are coming in for the Milk Run Rally on May 15, 2021 and the pre-check is done.

Current paper waivers are needed.

Rally Cross: Frank Colletti reported the following:

The Rally Cross scheduled for May 8 at Nelson Ledges was cancelled, the site is not quite ready.

Looking at holding a July or August event at Southington Off Road Park in Garrettsville. The rental fee would be \$900, same as the Geauga Fairgrounds.

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

Need entries, only 15 so far.

Doing more promotion.

Kurt Stevens also noted the need to promote the event to workers as there are several events close together at that time.

Betsy asked if there was a way to record the rental transponder numbers with MSR?

Website: Jennifer Dietz reported she has been making minor adjustments & is seeking input from the program chairs.

Old Business:

Brandon Anderson has purchased the UPS.

New Business:

Brenda Nick submitted a Timing and Scoring budget request for \$296.00. A motion to approve a \$300.00 Timing and Scoring budget was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Ray Glover, and approved without objection.

Bill Moore moved to approve a \$300.00 advertising credit to Wingman Garage in exchange for the use of their space for the trailer maintenance day, seconded by Evan Smith, and approved without objection. Ray Glover to notify *Blower* editor Bob Roberts to the advertising credit.

Joe Blaha asked who was the new Street Survival chair? Brandon Anderson noted that nationally, the program will be starting after July. Dave Lancaster will post the need for a Street Survival chair.

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

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm June 1, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, 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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Spring has finally sprung and the GLDiv/SCCA calendar has lots of events on it across all of our programs. I hope your calendar is full of events you can attend this summer.

As you may have heard, the CDC announced dramatic changes in mask [policy](#) a couple of weeks ago. With this in mind, the SCCA has amended its Covid-19 protocols and has posted them [here](#). Please review them and make sure to follow all guidelines mandated by your local authorities.

A momentous occasion this past month was when the SCCA issued a [press release](#) about the Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) on 5/4 via Kerrie Speed's weekly email blast. This was a big deal as it announced to the general membership about the formation of the committee and signaled the beginning of a new era in SCCA. EVs are the future for personal use and the SCCA will be on the forefront of incorporating them into all levels of every program SCCA has to offer. For me personally, as the committee Chair, EV owner and competitor, I am very proud to be able to help usher the SCCA into this realm.

My schedule has gotten busier because I am now going to events instead of just sitting in on virtual meetings (although I'm still doing a lot of that).....and the bulk of my calendar hasn't even started yet. Oy vey! As I mentioned last month, I had a couple of meetings in late April that would carry over to this month's update.

BoD (4/26): As usual, we discussed a wide variety of things. The usual financial update was given by Jeff Dahmert. We're doing remarkably well considering the latent effects of the pandemic. A proposal was presented by Chris Robbins of how we might change the annual convention. Final decisions have not been made yet but I will notify you once a schedule has been squared away. We're still in the midst of a swap from one BoD software/website platform to another. The BoD will have to have a few meetings to do some training as the new system is incorporated.

RXB (4/27): A National Tour event was held by STL Region that had a few major issues and the RXB was dealing with the aftermath of that event. A survey has been sent out so attendees could voice their opinion about the failings of the event. The RXB also discussed a variety of topics (National Championships, expanding the appeal of RX, Divisional Stewards responsibilities, etc.).

CRB (5/4): The CRB reviewed a considerable list of topics and letters. Much like last year, the CRB proposed a waiver for our Canadian members who wished to go to the Runoffs. Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions, Canadians have difficulty crossing into the US. The BoD approved this as a way to minimize the hurdles they have to clear in order to attend the event at Indy.

EVAC (5/12): As this committee gets its "sea legs", we started to carve a path forward for EVs as well as the safety aspects of incorporating them into the various programs SCCA offers. We're taking baby steps to make sure that safety is not compromised and that everyone involved (workers, drivers, tracks, etc.) understands the parameters to make events safe and fun.

BoD (5/24): We covered a variety of topics. Once again, the financials continue to look good. The Solo Events Board (SEB) reported that several regions applied to participate in the Junior Driver Program (JDP). Three regions have been selected and the pilot program will begin this summer. We also discussed the recently created EVAC and where it should fit in the SCCA hierarchy.

RXB (5/25): The RXB meeting continued its practice of working on enhancing the program while also focusing on this season's events (national championships, etc.). The STL Region event survey results were reviewed. Steps will be taken to ensure a repeat of the event's shortcomings will not occur again.

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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. The Time Trials, May 29-30, is a great time to learn something new or just brush up on your skills. Orbits Operators (computer) are always needed and during the TT's would be a great time to learn.



NEOHIO has a race July 10-11 and we could use your help.

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:

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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.



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 fastlady1026@yahoo.com to make individual arrangements. **Give yourself at least two weeks before your first race for an appointment for your tech.**



Pretty sure that over the many years I have been going to Nelson Ledges, the grounds have never looked better. These shots are from Station 11 during the Time Trial event. The track is moving forward on a daily basis. It is great to have our true "club" track back and in such good hands!

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Pittsburgh International Race Complex (PIRC) trip (4/29-5/2): This trip had it all.....interesting weather (cold, rain and wind while doing the load in on Thursday, cold and windy on Friday, warmer in Saturday and Sunday), great competition and a fantastic (challenging) track layout. I was there crewing for friends and I used the event to catch up with friends. I got to meet Kristen Poole (SCCA Marketing Manager) and Dan Dennehy (Partner Relationship Manager). I'd spoken with Kristen many times but it's always good to put a face to a voice.

GingerMan trip (5/16): As my wife and Mother in Law decided to have some "girl time" together, I decided to bail on that and head to GingerMan Raceway for the Spring Festival of Speed hosted by South Bend and Detroit regions. As this was the first race event in my area that I attended as Director, I wanted to make sure I visited with the workers, walked the paddock and spoke to drivers and generally took the temperature of things. The weather was great, SBR/DET were fantastic hosts, and I had a wonderful time. I look forward to returning to GingerMan for the Time Trials National Tour in July.

One additional "GingerMan adjacent" note for racers going to South Haven. Last year we were told that Sherman's Ice Cream stand would not be selling their ice cream anymore. The store would remain open but use another vendor's products. While visiting there on 5/16, I discovered that another vendor stepped in and is producing ice cream using Sherman's recipes. I can report that nothing has changed.....same great taste, same great service.

MidOhio trip (5/21-5/23): My first Major Club Race as Director.....although, truth be told, I had no "real" function at the event. I schmoozed, talked to drivers and workers and generally tried to help where I could. I crewed for a couple of friends as well. The weather was OK and, for once, I did NOT have horrible sinus issues when visiting MidO.

The next month isn't as hectic in terms of travelling. I only have two track events on my schedule for June (June Sprints; Road America; 6/4 to 6/6 and "Original Unrestricted" Double Regional; Grattan Raceway; 6/19, 6/20). July is when it gets ugly as I have a whole slew of track events on my [schedule](#) including visits to Brooklyn, NY for a FIA Formula E race and Kansas City for a face to face, BoD meeting.

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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 5th Wednesday June 2nd Tuesday July 20th Tuesday August 17th

Director Notes continued from previous page

I'll repeat a plea on behalf of the Time Trials crew for F&C workers that are needed for their July event at GingerMan Raceway. If you remember from last month, Topeka is bringing a Time Trails National Tour event to GingerMan this summer (7/16 to 7/18). They could use some experienced corner workers to support the green volunteers at the event. Please reach out to the Ed Arthur (GLDiv F&C DA) if you can help out. His email address is flagging_rocks@sbcglobal.net.

Don't forget that our revised GLDiv website is now operational. Please email Rob Dietz (gldscaweb@gmail.com) if you have any comments or corrections. If your region has an event you'd like to see on the divisional calendar, please reach out to him with the details (event title, date, location, registration link, etc.).

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**Congratulations to our NEOHIO drivers that competed at Mid-Ohio at the SCCA Majors.
The weather was a little warm for May but it remained dry to allow for some great racing!**

Max Gee - STL - 1st both days
Matt Miller - T4 - 4th both days
Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 2nd both days
Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 15th & 5th
Craig Chima - FP - 1st & 4th
Tom Coury - BSpec - 3rd both days
Jason Stine - HP - 3rd & 4th
James Libecco - FE2 - 1st both days
Jonathan Davis - SM - 2nd both days
Bob MacDonald - SM - 18th & 15th
Dan Harding - SM - 20th & 19th
Terry Gilles - GT2 - 4th & 5th
Robert Dietz - FF - 1st & 7th
5th & 4th
Brian Farnham - FV - 6th & 2nd
8th & 7th



Edward Eddy Eckart - STL - 5th both days
Keith Jones - T4 - 5th & 6th
James Libecco - SRF3 - 4th Saturday
Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 22nd & 13th
David Strittmatter - FP - 4th Saturday
Rob Piekarczyk - BSpec - 4th both days
Bill Hornack - HP - 9th & 8th
David Harris - P2 - 4th both days
Tom Coury - SM - 15th & 13th
Tom Podmore - SM - 19th & 18th
Aaron Quine - GT2 - 2nd both days
John Lechner - AS - 7th & 8th

Jim Dietz -

FF -

Ian Hornish



- FV -

And these NEOHIO members competed at the June Sprints!

Rob Piekarczyk - B Spec - 13th & 2nd

Larry Funk - F Prod - 4th & 5th

William Moore - GT2 - 6th & 12th

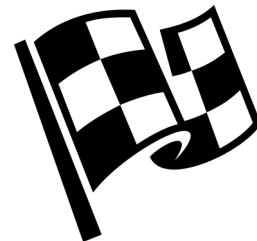
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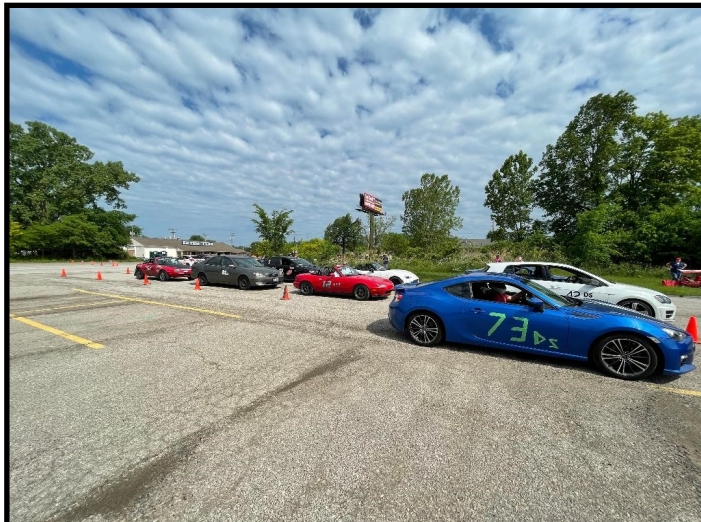
Our Cleveland-area neighbor Hawk Performance donated a delicious catered dinner for drivers, crew and volunteers on Saturday after our Time Trial event at Nelson Ledges. Upon realizing we had lots of food left over, we discovered that a local rescue mission had **no food to distribute** on Memorial Day. They were delighted to accept our food. All due to Hawk Performance! Pictured is the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley.



Pictured are some of the drivers representing Hawk Performance.



Photos from the Recent Solo Event Provided by Brandon Anderson



At left is the grid for the Firehawk race at Road Atlanta. At right is a photo of Olympic gold medalist a Bruce Jenner who was a Firestone spokesperson and raced in the IMSA GTO class in a Roush Racing Ford Mustang, winning races with team-mate Scott Pruett. Photos by the editor.



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