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The Starting Line

REport by Maddie Oswalt

UPCOMING EVENT

**Tire Rack Street Survival®
is coming to Neohio!**

Hands On Skills Training for
Young Drivers (15 to 21 years).

April 21, 2018, 8 AM to 4 PM
at Lorain County Community
College.

Students, Instructors and
Volunteers are all needed.

Go to www.streetsurvival.org
for registration.



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Hello All and Happy March!

This month, I attended spring training in Findlay on March 10th; I learned quite a bit. I attended the registrars meeting which really helped me understand the scope of work to put on a successful event. We are lucky to have great registrars to keep our events running smoothly. We came up with some ideas to help the registration process go smoother, shorten lines, and reduce the amount of pre-work for each event. We discussed how motorsport reg could be better utilized and new features we would like to see. Hopefully, we can try out some of these ideas soon!

I also attended a session called “women on track”- a session on increasing women’s involvement in racing. If you are not aware, there is a new Facebook group for women called “women on track”; it is a place for women to discuss racing, cars, SCCA, etc. I am currently a member and really enjoy the group. If there is a woman in your life who you think might be interested in racing- bring them to an event! Personally, it took me quite a while to feel comfortable attending racing events, and even more time to feel comfortable driving even though I was interested in racing. I think my concerns are typical concerns of anyone: what if I mess up, what if I hit something, etc. I managed to work through these “what ifs”

through exposure- attending more events, and increasing seat time. Not every woman will share the same concerns as I did, but I see it as a common theme. I would have never tried racing if it wasn’t for someone taking me to an event and getting me to “just try it”- and we all know what happens when you try racing once! You get hooked!

I would like to congratulate Peggy Dietz and Dave Killian for receiving the John Peterson Award at the spring training! We appreciate all your hard work and are lucky to have you as part of Neohio.

I’m sure you’ve all heard by now that we are not able to race at Nelson’s this summer. You will see in the special meeting minutes that we had some contract disputes with the track- those were resolved by 2/23. The track maintenance issues were realized 3/1. I know we were all looking forward to going back to our home track, but renovations will not be complete in time. While new pavement has been put down, we also need to ensure the track is safe. Gravel pits, curbing, barriers, etc all need to be put in. Additionally, the timing and scoring equipment needs updated. We will be inspecting the track late summer/ early fall and are confident the track will pass inspection for 2019 racing.

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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 | February 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerry Klotzman, Jason Pokines, Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Madeline Oswald, Tara Oram, Jim Green, Dave Lancaster, Jeff Blumenthal, Ray Glover, Bob Nick

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Pracker, Joe Blaha, Bill Moore

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Kerry Klotzman at 7:00 pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as corrected. (Glover/Lancaster) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

MOTION – to accept report as presented (Oram/Maddie Oswald) – Approved.

Report submitted after Treasurer Audit for 2017. MOTION to accept report (Pokines/Nick) - Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

MOTION-to nominate Maddie Oswald as Chairwoman of Board (Blumenthal/MacDonald)–Approved.

Convention Report offered and opportunities shared with group. Track Night in America is a key focus.

SCCA Grant application was submitted. If approved, funding to be used for new timing equipment to support Club Racing.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

Nelson Ledges contract has been received for submission and signatures. Next Competition Board meeting is Saturday, February 10 at 2pm. We are looking for sponsors to support our upcoming race.

MEMBERSHIP: 505 members, (23 lapsing in January).

SOLO: Planning meeting was held last week. Looking for Chiefs / Specialists. Will be doing trailer prep and inventory in spring.

RALLY: Misery Bay Rally is February 25.

STREET SURVIVAL:

Upcoming event April 21 at Lorain County Community College. MOTION: Approve \$800 Budget for upcoming event (Lancaster/Pokines) APPROVED.

HALL OF FAME: All prepared for Banquet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed having Business Cards for Neohio for use by Trustees to share with prospective participants/members. MOTION: To approve \$40 budget for Business cards (Lancaster/Blumenthal) APPROVED.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:21 pm. (Glover/Oram)– Approved.

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH / APRIL 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 5	March 6 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11
March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17 St. Patrick's Day	March 18
March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25
March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1 Easter
April 2	April 3 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 8 A Solo Points Event #1 @ Captain's Lot, Eastlake	April 8
April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21 Tire Rack Street Survival® 8-4, Lorain Com. College	April 22

Neohio Region, SCCA
Special Conference Call Meeting Minutes February 22, 2018

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 2/22/18 via CONFERENCE CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerry Klotzman, Jason Pokines, Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Madeline Oswald, Tara Oram, Bill Moore, Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Nick, Ray Glover, Joe Blaha

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Pracker, Jim Green, Dave Lancaster

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Madeline Oswald at 8:00 pm.

This Special Meeting (CONFERENCE PHONE CALL) was called to discuss the problem with the contract between Neohio and Nelson Ledges, as well as the resignation of Kerry Klotzman.

1. On February 21, 2018 Kerry Klotzman sent his letter of resignation as Neohio RE, effective immediately. The Board thanks Kerry for his service. Assistant RE Madeline Oswald will assume the RE position.
2. There are issues between Neohio and Nelson Ledges, regarding the contract for the upcoming race in June. Certain terms and timing of the contract execution require us to re-evaluate how we are to proceed with our plans for the race.

After discussion of options it was suggested that we proceed with the original contract from Nelson, with certain specific changes as required by SCCA National. These include the track inspection fee, timing loop, and driver age limit.

MOTION: Continue discussion with Nelson Ledges with the original contract with inclusion of specific changes to meet SCCA National requirements. (Glover/Nick) Approved without exception.

MOTION: Costs associated with SCCA track inspection to be paid by Neohio (Moore/ Pokines)
APPROVED

MOTION to adjourn (Blumenthal/ Oram) – Approved.

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Fortunately, our region received a \$3,000 grant through the SCCA to update the timing and scoring equipment. I would like to thank our treasurer, Joe Blaha, for putting together that grant paperwork.

While we are not racing at Nelson's for 2018, it is never too early to start thinking about 2019! We are in need of volunteers! If you have any interest in helping with timing and scoring, registration, flagging, or any of the other volunteer needs, please contact me! We want to have a strong volunteer base to make our races at Nelson's successful.



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Street Survival in Neohio

Students Needed!



Neohio Region is preparing to put on our 4th Tire Rack Street Survival® event. Our first was in October, 2013 and we have put on one each in 2016 and 2017. Our next event coming up is April 21, 2018 at Lorain County Community College.

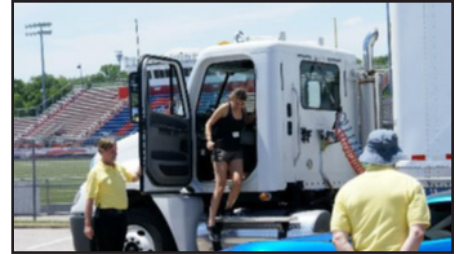
Our number one need is STUDENTS! We have averaged 10 students each in our last two events. We can accommodate a lot more. Please tell anyone and everyone you know that knows a young driver (learner or licensed) ages 15 to 21 about this program and event. Send them to www.streetsurvival.org and look for Lorain County Community College to sign up. If they can't make our event, there is another put on by MVR in Boardman the week after ours. We also are planning to put another on in the fall.

For those of you who aren't familiar, this is a full day program for students. Continental breakfast, lunch and beverages are provided. Each student is paired with an in-car instructor. The students drive their own cars and get a tremendous amount of hands on experience with car control in a wide range of situations. Among our range of exercises, we include panic braking, braking with lane change, weight transfer and skid control on both dry and wet

surfaces.

Students learn how to safety check their car including checking tire pressures. They get a free tire pressure gauge as part of their registration packet. They also participate in classroom sessions where their experiences in the car are explained and they learn more about situational awareness as drivers. They learn how to set their rearview mirrors and get the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of a truck and realize how visibility is limited for those vehicles. We also typically explode an airbag to demonstrate the power and force one might encounter in a crash.

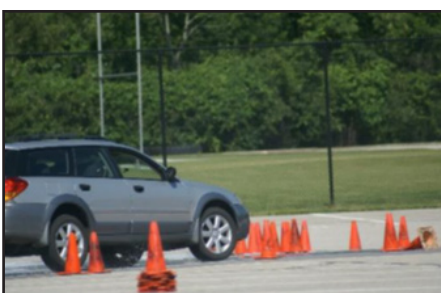
We have received tremendous feedback from the students and parents who have participated in our past schools, thanks to the outstanding work of our team of volunteers. As we try to grow this program, we also welcome help from our club members in putting the events on. Instructors should have some experience in HPDE, Solo or Racing events. There is an on-line certification program that needs to be completed. We also need volunteers to help with everything from registration to course (starters and cone chasers) to operational aspects of the event.



Thanks to the following volunteers who have taken leadership roles to make these events outstanding:

- Jeff Blumenthal & Jason Pokines – Course and Trucks
- Bill Stewart – Safety
- Gail Green – Waivers and Registration
- Dave Lancaster – Chief Instructor
- Kerry Klotzman & Jim Pracker – Airbags and Water
- Bob Nick & Marty Matuszak – Photography

For enquiries please contact me at SurvivalChair@neohioscca.com.



Regions Awarded Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack Grants - Condensed

Designed to grow the Sports Car Club of America® at all levels, Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack is now investing directly in regions thanks to the new Track Night Region Development Grant. Funded with \$50,000 in 2018, SCCA regions began submitting grant requests in January.

Submissions were reviewed by a five-person committee made up of SCCA Board of Directors members and National Staff. Proposals were judged on both merit and need, with monies being offered to support any region development activity across the board.

Several innovative and interesting concepts received funding this year. We can't wait to see how the various regions use the money. The 2018 grant recipients are as follows:

South Bend Region - Solo Registration Improvement and Improved Customer Interaction.

Central Pennsylvania Region - Going Wireless for Better Autocross Events.

South Bend Region - Region's First RallyCross Event.

Continental Divide/Colorado Region - Solo Timing & Scoring Upgrades.

Mid-South Region - Pylon Replacement.

Susquehanna Region - RallyCross Timing Upgrade.

Arctic Alaska Region - RallyCross in the Last Frontier.

Neohio Region

Timing Equipment & Regional Race Support: To prepare for a return to Nelson Ledges, current equipment is dated or possibly does not even work anymore.

Houston Region - Houston Region Track Attack.

St. Louis Region - 2018 United States RoadRally Challenge (USRRC).

Kentucky Region - Time Trials Regional.

Milwaukee Region - RallyCross Program Startup.

Utah Region - Utah Time Trial/Track Cross Build.

South Carolina Region - SCR/NCR Jr. Kart Program.

Wichita Region - Women's Solo Initiative.

South Bend Region - Coursera Subscriptions.

Eastern Tennessee Region - Cars and Coffee/Mini Autocross.

Indiana Northwest Region - Equipment Replacement and Implementation of New Programs.

New England Region - Hard Headed and Smart Thinking.

Delta Region - Marketing & Advertising.

Colorado Region - Safety Equipment.

Kansas City Region - Track Night in America Support.

Oregon Region - Promotion and Sustainability.

Central Illinois Region - Increase Visibility and Awareness, and Equipment Upgrades.

Great River Region - Test Drive SCCA #FunWithCars.

Kansas Region - RallyCross Startup.

Indianapolis Region - Indy SCCA Play to Pro Track Events Program.

HELP WANTED!

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

*Then we have a place for you! Workers needed in **Registration, Grid, Pit/Paddock, Emergency Services, Flagging & Communications***

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!



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I'VE GOT IT- YOU WANT IT Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads for Neohio members run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, contact The Blower newsletter editor to remove the ad.

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