



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

### Important Notices

Neohio will not host Tech Day this year due to scheduling issues.

If you need one before your first race, plan early!

Contact Maurice LaFond for an inspection at [mrl1070@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl1070@yahoo.com).

If you know of multiple cars in your area that will work out to everyone's advantage.



Racing at a track other than a Great Lakes Division track?

Send your results to Debbie LaFond to be eligible for Neohio Championship points.

*Welcome Spring!*

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Since we sprung our clocks forward it must be time for the racing season to begin. I know for myself the warmer weather means its race car preparation time. For the Neohio Region, it is time to get started and see some of the events we have been discussing take place for our members.

In February, many of you attended the Neohio Awards Banquet. This year it was held at Emerald Event Center in Avon, OH. The winners of the numerous awards are posted in this month's *Blower*. The feedback we received was that the food and location was improved so the board voted to host the event again at the same venue. The goal for 2020's Banquet will be to celebrate our accomplishments from 2019 and create a social event to kick off the new season.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Great Lakes Division held its Spring Training event. As a new RE, I spent most of my time going through the Region Management seminars and networking with the other Regional Executives in the Great Lakes Division. The Spring Training event had many seminars for Club Racing, Rally Cross, Specialty Chiefs, Solo and Time Trials. The Neohio Region was well represented with the

following members in attendance: Jeff Blumenthal, Dave Bueno, Lauri Burkons, Bill Crowe, Peggy Dietz, Jennifer Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Duane Harrington, Debbie LaFond, Maurice Lafond, Bob MacDonald, Pat Prill and Bob Roberts. I want to thank all these individuals for making the trip to Findlay and for representing our region.

Jeff Blumenthal and I spent a lot of time with the Detroit, WOR and OVR Rally Cross teams learning about how we can host an event in Northeastern, OH. I was very happy to learn that all three regions are willing to help us get started and learned we already have some competitors based in Northeastern, OH that travel to their events. All three regions feel events in our area will make the Program stronger in the Great Lakes Division.

The Time Trials seminar was filled with the team from Neohio learning more about the details on how to host and promote our event at Nelson Ledges. In my RE meetings, I was offered support from members that want to drive at Nelsons and see Nelsons come back as an SCCA Club Racing track. I am very excited about

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## Region Championship Points

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.

For discrepancies, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

## 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*.

## The Blower

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**Neohio Region, SCCA  
Meeting Minutes | February 5, 2019**

**Members Present:** Michael Oswalt (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.)

**Excused Members:** Jim Green (Trustee '19), Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Madeline Oswalt (Trustee '21), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

**Guests:** Greg Lester, Brenda Nick, Bill Stewart, Duane Harrington, Bill Snow

**Call to Order:** In Dave Lancaster's absence, the meeting called to order by Assistant Regional Executive Jeff Blumenthal at 7:03 pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the January meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** The February 5, 2019 Treasurer's Report was previously emailed to the Board by Joe Blaha. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Bob Nick, seconded by Bob MacDonald, and approved without objection. The Audit Committee report was likewise emailed to the Board by Audit Committee Chairman Jeff Blumenthal. A motion to accept the findings of the Audit Committee as presented ("No discrepancies") was made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Michael Oswalt, and approved without objection.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Assistant Regional Executive:** Jeff Blumenthal stated that a contract has been signed with Nelson Ledges for a Time Trial event to be held June 29, 2019. A committee will be formed soon with Bob MacDonald as Chair to organize the event. Jeff Blumenthal will take over as Street Survival Chair to relieve some of Bob's workload. There has been expressed interest in Rally-X. A committee is to be formed with Andrew Grannis as Chair to look into it.

**Competition Committee:** No report.

**Membership:** Tara Oram emailed her report to the Board - January membership total: 483, expiring: 19, new: 6. She also submitted a draft copy of the Awards Banquet program for review.

**Solo:** Jason Pokines stated that dates have been reserved with Eastlake, they are noted on our website as tentative at this point. He is looking for a co-chair this year to help with the events. He will be contacting Lakeland Community College about the possibility of holding events there as well. He also noted trailer maintenance is needed and he will be coordinating with Bill Snow.

**Rally:** Greg Lester noted that he has a couple of people interested in putting on some of the Neohio traditional rallies. Bill Stewart mentioned Misery Bay is holding their Sno-Go Rally on Sunday, February 24th.

**Street Survival:** Bob MacDonald noted Mahoning Valley's Street Survival event is scheduled for April 28, 2019. Neohio will be selecting their dates shortly.

**Banquet:** Duane Harrington said there were 52 people registered for the Banquet so far and we need 100 per the contract with the venue. He also needs the list of presenters.

**Hall of Fame:** Jeff Blumenthal noted everything is in order for the Hall of Fame portion of the Banquet.

**Old Business:** Time Trial - Bill Snow will help out.

**New Business:**

- Jeff Blumenthal: Spring Training is in March - see the agenda.
- Duane Harrington: We need Stewards. Duane is now a certified track inspector.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Michael Oswalt, meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Next Meeting to be March 5, 2019 at the Bedford Heights Winking Lizard at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

# DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH / APRIL 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 18	March 19	March 20 Spring Begins	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31
April 1	April 2 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
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 Easter
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28

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the prospect of putting on an event that will prove to the new management at Nelsons Ledges that we are the premier on track/racing organization in the area.

At the March Neohio Region Board Meeting, we did have a few more members present discussing our new events of Rally Cross and Time Trials. I encourage all members to attend at least one meeting a year. It would be great to see some new faces and get other ideas on how to best support our membership. We had a packed agenda due to all the recent activity in all the different programs and the Banquet Review.

Bob MacDonald has received a lot of members reaching out to support our Time Trial event. This is shaping up to be a fun event. Bob and his team will be reaching out to more members for some additional Flaggers and Driver Coaches shortly.

Andrew Grannis was officially introduced as the Rally Cross Program Chair. Andrew, Jeff and I have been working together to obtain a host site and have found a few places that are willing to speak with us. We should have something to present shortly. If any members have ideas or are willing to work on Andrew's team, please reach out to him at rallycrosschair@neohioscca.com.

In closing we are moving things along at Neohio. Please plan to come out to support our events this year and meet new members from a different form of motorsports. This summer we will be hosting a Time Trial Event, Solo

## Nelson Ledges Update

By Bob MacDonald

Investment and work at the track continues with an objective to improve the entire facility to overcome the reputation it had gained. The old registration barn and the trailer home that was at the entrance have been torn down and removed. The entire track has been repaved and concrete apex curbs were added last summer. The track has invested in a range of new vehicles including high end mowing equipment, a fire truck and a roll-back tow truck. A large new building with concrete floor for storing the new vehicles and equipment has been completed in the infield and is now in operation. Work is ongoing including an investment in new timing equipment.

There is still more infrastructure work that needs to be done before the track is ready for an SCCA race, but that continues to be a future objective. In the meantime, the GREAT news is that we have a contract and we're putting together an SCCA Divisional Time Trial event at the track for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Time Trial is an exciting new competition format that SCCA has started developing. It presents

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Events, Street Survival Events, Road Rally and planning on a few Rally Cross Events. It would be great to see some old friends and new faces at these Events.

a competitive event for drivers whether they simply want to drive their street car, or if they have a full competition vehicle and most every iteration in between. Run groups and track rules are based on driver experience first. Novices compete for best lap in a highly controlled and safe environment, while experienced competitors are competing in an environment that is similar to a regular qualifying session at a club race.

There was an article that describes this a little better in the January *Blower*. There is also a website that goes in depth so you can start preparing to join us. Check it out at <https://timetrials.scca.com/>

As our plans develop and registration opens up on Motorsportsreg.com, we will continue to provide updates via the *Blower* and the region website. Please promote the event with your friends.

We hope you plan to join us. We want to make a great impression on Nelson Ledges new ownership regarding what a great organization SCCA is and get them excited about doing more events with us in the future. For any questions or comments relating to Nelson Ledges, please e-mail [nelsoncouncil@neohioscca.com](mailto:nelsoncouncil@neohioscca.com)

PS - ChampCar is also returning to Nelson Ledges on the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup>. Fred would really like some help from SCCA personnel who aren't competing. Please let me know if you need contact information via the e-mail address above.

## 2018 Neohio SCCA Banquet

The 2018 Neohio SCCA Award Banquet was held February 16, 2019 at Emerald Event Center in Avon. Congratulations to all award winners!

**Tommie & Bill Benham Memorial Award** - Awarded to David Lancaster. This award is for a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty.

**The Thomas Prescott Memorial Award** - Michael & Judy Sherwin instituted this trophy to be given to a Neohio competition driver who exemplifies the individual competitive spirit of amateur SCCA racing. This trophy was awarded to AJ Roderick - Spec Miata.



**Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial** - For Sportsmanship and devotion to the sport; conduct becoming to a sportsman; involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results. This award was presented to Ray Glover - B Spec.



**The Reed Andrews Friendship Award** - In recognition of the importance of friendship and good sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing. Award presented to Gail Green.



**Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award** - Recognizes a volunteer official who, year after year, is dedicated to motorsports in the Neohio Region. This award is presented in appreciation of the longevity of Neohio volunteers. Award presented to Debbie LaFond.



**Trustees' Award** - Presented to Jason Pokines.

**Rookie of the Year** - A road racing driver that is in their first year of competition racing that shows improvement and diversity in their racing skills. Presented to Robert Kucera.



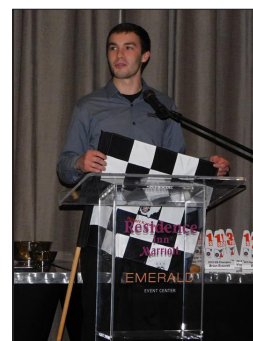
**Driver of the Year** - Presented to S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF3.



**Hall of Fame** - Inductees were Sam Oram and Cat Kizer.



**Road Racing Champs** - Awards presented to Al Gaudino - GT1, Bob MacDonald - STL, AJ Roderick - SM, S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF3, Robert Dietz - FF, Craig Chima - FP, James Libecco - FE, Matthew Jacko - ITC, Jerry Waltenberger - ITE, David Harris - P2, William Moore - T2.





**Solo Awards**

Cone Killers - Evan Smith and Jason Pokines, BS - Evan Smith, DS - Dave Thum (1<sup>st</sup>), Tom Samolis (2<sup>nd</sup>), Thomas Emelko - FS, Brian Estanek - GS, Haans Petruschke - HS, Vincent Yafanaro - STU, Betsy McIntyre - STX. Open Pax - Daniel Duca (1<sup>st</sup>), Ed Dale (2<sup>nd</sup>), Buddy Cummings (3<sup>rd</sup>). Solo Spirit Award - David Alessandrini Jr.

**Membership Awards:**

- 55 Years** - James Bennett
- 50 Years** - Gary David & Dave Weitzenhof
- 45 Years** - Richard Gent, Edward Mallinak Jr., Pat Prill
- 40 Years** - Dr. Harry Belizaire, Michael Cyphert, Duane Harrington, William Hornack,

Duke Kowalski, James Sperk, Jr.

**35 Years** - Carl Bolch, Sandy David, Tim Dunn, Dave Killian, Patrick Kosuth, William Ruddy

**30 Years** - Peter Sorace, Richard Yanus

**25 Years** - Ellen Glover, Peter Glover, William Shearer, Jason Stine

**20 Years** - Jeff Blumenthal, Rudy Consolacion, Robert Dietz, Curtis Harrington, Spencer Harrington, Fred Kirsch, John McFarland Jr., Rob Piekarczyk

**15 Years** - Robert Doernbert, David Pintaric

**10 Years** - Annette and Jerry Waltenberger

**5 Years** - Pablo Chois, Jon Cindric, Kim DeCuzzi, Louis DeCuzzi, Charles Evans, Timothy fulgham, John Harris, James Luczyk, Jess Luczyk, Jeromey Mizer, Jason Myers, Riley Myers, Sienna Myers, Yolandi Myers, April Post, Dane Shroyer, Garry Simmons

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**2019 NEOHIO Solo Schedule**

Date	Event Type	Location
4/27	Spring Training	Eastlake
4/28	Points Event #1	Eastlake
5/25	Points Event #2	Eastlake
7/13	Points Event #3	Eastlake
8/4	Points Event #4	Eastlake
9/7	Points Event #5	Eastlake
9/29	Points Event #6	Eastlake
10/19	Points Event #7 Season Finale!	Eastlake



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bar; New EGR; Up sized fuel pump & injectors; New set of OEM coil packs; GWR stainless header, resonator, exhaust & muffler; Continental summer wet (new) 17X235 on original wheels; Toyo 888 235 track tires (50%) TR3 17X9 wheels; 12-13 lbs of boost from supercharger; upsized fuel pump, injectors; stainless header, midpipe, exhaust all toward 300HP. Upgraded clutch & brake pads. Upgrades & most service by certified mechanic & expert on supercharged NC Miata.\*\*\*

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