

# The Blower

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**Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA** 

# Upcoming Events>>>

Trustee Meeting via Zoom April 7, 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!

OVR is having a <u>Tech Day</u> in Columbus April 17 10:30 to 2:30. Details on Motorsportreg. Appointments suggested!

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# The Starting Line REport by Dave Lancaster

The winter months are coming to an end and NEOHIO members finally can see the sun again. It's almost time to go racing in Northeastern Ohio. Personally, I have gotten the bug and pulled the car out to start my preparation for the 2021 racing season. I have seen that many of our friends and members have already started their season by taking trips down south for Road Racing and Time Trial Events already.

In case you missed the SCCA National Convention presentations, NEOHIO Region was one of the winners of the 2020 John McGill Award. This was presented to all SCCA Regions that hosted a Club Race in 2020. It was a nice honor to have earned for our efforts in 2020. With the added issues that COVID created plus the fact that we have not put on a race in a while, I feel this is a well-deserved award for the NEOHIO Region. We will ignore the fact that we were not an exclusive winner of this award.

This Award is extra special to NEOHIO as John McGill was from our own Nelson Ledges Road Course. John was an icon of Nelson Ledges and the Track Manager from the late 60's until his the mid-2000's when he turned the operation of the track to Scott and Kerrie Lane. Many of us have fond memories of John and his family as they did what they could to keep SCCA Club Racing alive in Northeastern OH for many decades.

As reported last month, the team at Program Chairs and their teams from NEOHIO are continuing the work needed to set up our 2021 events. To get things started we have a tire stacking day planned at Nelson Ledges on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The track was busy in the off season clearing brush out of the tire walls and correcting some drainage issues. They are asking that we help restack some the tires that were moved during this work. It is important that we have a good showing for this volunteer day. Brian Ross continues to invest his capital on improvements and this is a way SCCA Members can pay him back for providing us a local place to play. Let's show him how much we appreciate the facility he has provided us by having a large attendance on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

After our work day it will be time to go racing again. We have a full schedule and I am excited to see things come together. Hopefully, this Pandemic will not get in the way of our fun.

Ok team! Let's keep up the good work and I hope to see you at a NEOHIO Region Event in 2021.

See Announcement Re: Annual Tech & Driver Physicals on Page 8

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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**

APRIL		LOCATION
6	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
24	Nelson Council Tire Stacking/Track Cleanup	NLRC
MAY		
2	SOLO Event #1 Sunday	CCPL
4	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
5	Track Night in America	NLRC
8	Rally Cross	NLRC
23	SOLO Event #2 Sunday	CCPL
29-30	Time Trial Event	NLRC
JUNE		
1	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
2	Track Night in America	NLRC
12-13	Longest Day of Nelson Ledges	NLRC
26	SOLO Event #3 Saturday	CCPL
JULY		
6	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM via Zoom	
11	SOLO Event #4 Sunday	CCPL
17-18	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	





#### **NEOHIO Region, SCCA**

# Board Meeting Minutes February 2, 2021

#### **Members Present:**

Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21) Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21 & Asst. R.E.)

Jason Pokines (Trustee '21)

Kerianne Sidoti (Trustee '22)

Bill Moore (Trustee '23)

Dave Lancaster (R.E.)

Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22)

Evan Smith (Trustee '22)

Bob Nick (Trustee '23)

Joe Blaha (Treas.)

Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.) Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Members Excused: Bill Crowe (Trustee '23)

Guests: Brenda Nick, Pat Prill, Duane Harrington, Brandon Anderson, Jennifer Dietz, Bob Roberts, Greg Lester,

Bill Stewart, and Dayle Frame.

Dayle Frame, the Area 4 Director, addressed the meeting and answered questions prior to the call to order.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:21 pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the January 5, 2020 Zoom meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Joe Blaha, seconded by Betsy McIntyre, approved w/o objection.

**Membership:** Tara Oram reported the following statistics:

Current members: 518 Lapsing members: 13 New members: 5

She also noted that there were 103 new members in 2020.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha presented his February, 2021 Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Daniel Griewisch, and approved without objection. Betsy McIntyre presented the results of the Audit Committee, noting no discrepancies were found.

# **Officer and Committee Reports:**

Regional Executive Report: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- Committees are working behind the scenes on this year's events.
- Nelson Ledges has been approved for four "Track Night in America" events. NEOHIO has no organizational responsibilities but does provide workers.
- A track clean up is scheduled for Nelson Ledges on April 28, 2021.

**Club Race Report:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- The Longest Day is the main effort at this point.
- Need to start planning the July Divisional.
- Pat Prill noted that NEOHIO's responsibility for the Longest Day is "muscle not money".
- Bob Nick added that Timing and Scoring desperately needs workers for the Longest Day and suggested putting a request in the *Blower*.

**Solo Report:** Brandon Anderson reported the following:

- A preliminary schedule is will go to Eastlake for their approval.
- National will send preliminary Starting Line school dates. They prefer a Saturday school followed by a Sunday solo.
- Solo budget was emailed—requesting \$8,600.00 with estimated expenses of \$10,215.71 and an estimated income of \$11,651.78.
- Solo will promote the Track Night in America and Time Trial events at Solo events.

#### **Board Minutes continued**

Would like to do a Solo event at Adkins Raceway in Port Washington. Communicating with Northern Ohio Valley
Region and Joe McMullen. Potentially a joint event. Also need approval from Kent Weaver, Great Lakes Divisional
SSS.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

No Winter Rally this year due to Covid-19. Looking to start in May with the Milkrun Rally.

**Time Trial:** Betsy McIntyre reported the following:

- Time Trial Committee met last night. Getting Chiefs in order.
- Debating event type, will decide tomorrow.

Two day Time Trial. One day Time Trial with one day Track Day.

Awards Celebration: Pat Prill reported the following:

Working on links as the event will be streamed live on YouTube and Facebook.

**Old Business:** The following advertising rates were proposed by Dave Lancaster:

Member associated businesses:

Full Page - \$90/Month, \$300/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/2 Page - \$50/Month, \$150/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/4 Page - \$30/Month, \$100/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/8 Page - \$20/Month, \$75/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

• Non-member associated businesses:

Full Page - \$120/Month, \$350/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/2 Page - \$75/Month, \$200/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/4 Page - \$50/Month, \$125/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

1/8 Page - \$30/Month, \$100/6 months plus 6 FB Posts

A motion to approve the advertising rates with the addition of the web site at no additional cost was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Evan Smith, and approved without objection.

#### **New Business:**

- Jason Pokines made a motion to approve the Solo budget of \$8,600, seconded by Evan Smith, and approved without objection.
- Jennifer Dietz presented the following regarding the Neohio website:

A full refresh is recommended.

Josh Yager (a friend of Brandon Anderson's) would do it for approximately \$2,000-3,000.

Website would stay on WordPress.

Will get more information on: contract, deliverable, portfolio, and existing sites.

Ray Glover, Duane Harrington, Bill Moore, Bob MacDonald, and Brandon Anderson volunteered to join Jennifer Dietz on the Website Committee.

Bob Roberts, editor of the *Blower*, is looking for photographs of past Longest Day events to publish in the *Blower* every month. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Jason Pokines, meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:30pm March 2, 2021 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

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# Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for March, 2021

With the racing season looming on the horizon, February started getting "real". Schedules for Club Racing, Pro and Champ Tour Solo, Track Night in America, etc. were coalescing and my summer schedule could start to gel around those dates. Preparation continued for GLDiv Spring Training meeting and I sat in on a few more SCCA Convention sessions and various other meetings.

My tentative schedule for the summer looks like this (for now):

4/29-5/2: STC @ PIRC (Super Tour) 5/22, 5/23: OVR @ MidOhio (Major)

6/4-6/6: Champ Tour Solo @ Grissom
6/19, 6/20: WMR @ Grattan (Double Regional)
7/16-7/18: Time Trails National Tour @ GingerMan
7/30-8/1: Pro Solo @ Wurtsmith
7/24, 7/25: SBR/DET @ GingerMan (Major)
8/21, 8/22: WMR @ Grattan (Major)

9/6: WMR Solo @ Grattan 9/24-10/3: Runoffs @ Indy

10/31: MBR Covered Bridges Road Rally

That should keep me busy and off the streets causing havoc. Obviously, this could change for any number of reasons (C-19, weather, "honey do" list, etc.) but I'll do my best to represent our division at as many different types of events as possible. I need to throw in a Rally Cross event or two as well. If I have time, I may slide over to Lincoln, NE and visit the Solo Nationals. I would really like to see this event in person.

By now you should have seen some emails from Val McCammon about the GLDiv Spring Training meeting. She is doing a fantastic job at herding the cats and coordinating this event. You can register for the event through motorsportreg.com (MSR) at this <u>link</u>. Reach out to her via <u>email</u> if you have any questions.

I am also starting to gain some traction in my "Ask the Director" appearances at regional meetings. These are so much fun and this is one of the few upsides to the pandemic. There's no way I could visit Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland, Louisville, Charleston, etc. if these meetings were held in person.....but in our new virtual world, it's as easy as logging into my office PC.

To that end, I was invited to sit in on the NEOHIO Region virtual meeting on 2/2. As the convention was going on that evening, their meeting had to wrap up by 8p. This meant my portion was pretty short. But it was productive and that's all that matters. I look forward to visiting with them at future meetings.

I followed up the NEOHIO meeting by sitting in on a CRB meeting later that evening. There was a lot of discussion about Miata front hubs. And since the Miata can compete in so many classes, this was germane to a wide variety of competitors. There were also dozens of other rules debated. For info on what was finalized and promulgated, visit the latest Fastrack update.

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## Director's Update continued

I sat in on my first Budget, Finance and Risk management committee meeting on 2/4. This was a very short meeting (15 minutes?) hosted by the Chairman (K.J. Christopher) to let us know about a budgeting issue that had popped up. Nothing serious but he wanted to let the rest of us know about it. I'd try to explain it but I'm only a chemist and I haven't been allowed near the home checkbook for 30+ years..

We had a BoD meeting on 2/22. It was pretty straightforward with no fires to put out. We were re-introduced to Jeff Dahnert. He is the new financial guru for the Club. As a past President, he certainly knows his way around the "ins and outs" of the SCCA. He gave us a brief overview of the financial status of the Club. Considering all we've been through in the past year, the National Staff has done a GREAT job responding to the situation. We briefly discussed and ultimately OK'd one minor rule change for Club Racing (FYI.....I voted for it). We are still trying to coordinate a face to face meeting during the summer.

I also sat in on a RXB meeting on 2/23. The team was working on several ideas on how to grow the sport. They discussed their rules updates, heard from various committees (RallySprint, National Championship, Divisional Stewards, Growth & Development, etc.). They reviewed the presentations made during the SCCA Convention. Everyone was very pleased with the event and the turnout.

March will be busy with a CRB meeting on 3/2, the GLDiv Spring Training meeting on 3/7, a BoD meeting on 3/22 and an RXB meeting on 3/23. I'm sure other things will pop up too.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Dayle Frame

#### JOIN THE STEWARDS PROGRAM

Most weekends, you go to the track, you prep your car, you run your sessions, and you go home with a big smile. If you ran well and without incident, you never saw those people with notepads and clipboards wanting to talk to you – the stewards.

Or, 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.

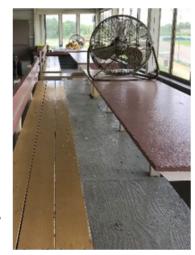
Are you ready to help with the operation of an event, give back to the SCCA community, and be part of the leadership of Club Racing? Then contact us!

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# 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. **During The Longest Day of Nelson, June 11-13, T&S** 



**desperately needs your help**. Friday night is qualifying and night practice. The race starts Saturday at 1:00pm and goes for 24 hours. We are planning on 4-hour shifts for workers; you can sign up for as many shifts as you want. NEOHIO also has another race July 10-11 that 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:

Bob – <u>rhnick38@gmail.com</u> or 440-789-8995 to leave a message.

Brenda – brenda.j.nick@gmail.com or 440-789-8679 to leave a message.

# Job Descriptions

**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 the 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.

**Charter** – plots cars on a chart in position and laps completed (only for races).

# 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 <a href="mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com">fastlady1026@yahoo.com</a> to make individual arrangements. Make sure you give yourself at least two weeks before your first race for an appointment for your tech.

Here is a photo of Jim and Elaine Bennett with their 1950 Healey Silverstone!

> Courtesy Terri Kasik

Happy 90th
Birthday, Jim!



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# FINANCING AVAILABLE

# The Longest Day of Nelson Ledges is back in 2021! June 11-13!

The race will be a 24-hour event starting on Saturday at 1:00 PM and running straight through to Sunday afternoon. Practice and qualifying will be held on Friday. Entries will be limited to 50 competitors competing in 5-7 classes. The classes will be designed to be inclusive of production-based cars built to specifications of SCCA as well as other organizations. Rules and classing specifics will be available in the coming months. The NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. will be operating the event in collaboration with the SCCA National Office. Brian Ross Racing will be the Promoter for the event. This will be our biggest event of 2021 and we will need our members to help bring back this epic race. Please plan on joining us this summer and racers get those cars ready to go!

To be put on the e-mailing list for this event, please reply with your Name, Specialty and email address to:

longestday21@gmail.com. Please pass this on!



And...some photos taken during the Longest Day of Nelson! See more on page 10.





Photos courtesy of Elizabeth Rogers

# Photos From a Member Courtesy of Elizabeth Rogers









# **GLD Rally Schedule**

April 17 - Twilight Tour, S. Lyon, MI. Detroit Region

May 15 - Milk Run, Dover, OH. NEOHIO Region

June 5 - Moonlight Monte, West Branch(?), MI. Detroit Region

August 7 - Are You Territorial?, Chelsea, MI, Detroit Region

August 8 - Lazy Daze, Chelsea, MI, Detroit Region

September 11 - POR, St. Ignace, MI. Detroit Region

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

October 31 - Lake Erie Covered Bridges, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region

November 20 - Pavement Ends, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region



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