



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Maddie Oswalt

### Spring Training & Solo Points Event

#### City of Eastlake Lot

(Near Vine St. & SOM Center Rd, across from Classic Park)

May 19 & 20, 2018

#### Saturday Schedule

- 8:00 Paddock Opens
  - 8:15- 9:30 Registration & Tech
  - 9:30- 9:45 Drivers Meeting & Group Breakout
  - 9:45 Drills and Instruction
- (Remainder of schedule TBD)

#### Sunday Schedule

- 7:30 Paddock Opens
- 8:15- 9:15 Registration & Tech
- 9:30 Course walk. Required for novice drivers.
- 10:00 Driver's Meeting & Worker Assignments
- 10:30 First car on course for Heat 1!

Pre-register Online <https://www.motorsportreg.com> or Day of Event

Hello and Happy May!

Race season is in full gear and I hope you all are getting some good seat time! Our first autocross event is May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have the spring training on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the points event on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Check out our Facebook page for more information, Neohio Solo for autocross events, and Neohio SCCA for all other information.

This month, I have a survey for members to take. I'd like to get a general feeling on the region with what we can do better and what we are doing well. I'll be asking about events you participate in, what groups you participate with, and drive time to get a feel for types of events you want to see. I also have some questions with new events Neohio doesn't currently offer to see if there is any interest.

A big part of this survey is the social event section. A main concern I hear is that we do not have social events like we used to, and it is missed by a lot of the membership. I have some potential social event ideas, but am open to more!

I do have one freeform/open ended question. Please use this to tell me and the Board any other thoughts/concerns/ideas/tips you

may have! This is your club and I want this club to offer events and activities you want to see. I will be reading every response.

Please fill out the survey by 6/1/18 so I can compile the data for review during our 6/5/18 Board meeting. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MC76PWG>.

Also, please keep in mind nominations for the Hall of Fame! We are looking for nominees for our awards ceremony in February. Please send any nominees to me at [regexec@neohionscca.com](mailto:regexec@neohionscca.com).

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather and is getting the cars out and about!

Thanks!

Maddie Oswalt

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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*.

**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 | April 3, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Madeline Oswald, Tara Oram, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Nick

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Jason Pokines, Dave Lancaster, Bill Moore, Jim Pracker, Ray Glover

**GUESTS:** Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Madline Oswald at 7 pm.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- MOTION to accept report as presented. (Oram/MacDonald)– Approved.
- We still need to finalize Banquet financials to determine net loss.

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS**

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:**

- Attended Great Lakes Division Spring Training. Other than standard topics, there is a new “Women on Track” Initiative.
- Committee met to discuss needed change to our Constitution so we can select an Annual Meeting Date with flexibility.
- Goals to work on: Membership survey, More social events. Maddie will draft a preliminary survey.

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:**

Per Maddie, our status with Nelson Ledges and plans for Neohio racing is on target for 2019. The needed improvements required for SCCA track certification are continuing to be implemented. Discussed a possible collaborative event at Pitt Race.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

SCCA website issues prevented getting access to member info this month. Accurate count will be given next month.

**SOLO:**

- First event was cancelled due to weather issues.
- First event will be May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Lotus group is interested in participating with us for a combined event. We need to identify their needs so we can draft an agreement.
- A volunteer program has been started to encourage participation. Contact Jason Pokines for details.

**RALLY:** No report

**STREET SURVIVAL:**

Registration for upcoming event is 11 students. Event is April 21 at Lorain Community College

**HALL OF FAME:**

HOF committee requests nominations for next year's inductees.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nomination of Madeline Oswald as Chairwoman: (Blumenthal/Michael O) – APPROVED
- Nomination of Duane Harrington as Asst RE: (Maddie/Nick) – APPROVED
- Nomination of Jim Green as Trustee: (Oram/Blaha) – APPROVED
- Timing equipment needs to be ordered for our Club Racing events. Decided to wait til later in the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Insurance renewal is needed. Jeff Blumenthal to work with our agent and present recommendation for next meeting.
- 2019 Banquet: Will be held at Emerald Event Center at Residence Inn in Avon. MOTION: \$4000 Budget requested for 2019 Banquet (Blumenthal/Michael O) - APPROVED

MOTION to adjourn at 8:16 pm. (MacDonald/Blaha)– Approved.

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY / JUNE 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 30	May 1 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6
May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13
May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19 1 <sup>st</sup> Autocross Event - Spring Training	May 20 1 <sup>st</sup> Autocross Event - Points Event
May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
May 28 Memorial Day	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
June 4	June 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17

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## 2018 SCCA Great Lakes Division (GLD) Rally Championship

The following rallies remain on this year's GLD Championship schedule:

- July 21 (*note date & location change*) Moonlight Monte, S. Lyon, MI (Detroit Region)
- September 8 - **Press On Regardless** (POR), Indian River, MI (Detroit Region)
- September 29 - **Clare Color Tour**, Clare, MI, (Detroit Region)
- October 13 - **Johnny Appleseed**, Zoar, OH, (Neohio Region)
- November 4 - **Lake Erie Covered Bridges**, Conneaut, OH, (Misery Bay Region)
- November 17 - **Pavement Ends**, South Lyon, MI, (Detroit Region)

Watch for date changes, and other series rallies to be added to this schedule.

### **Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR), May 18-19, 2018**

In May of 2017, after a 20 year hiatus, stage rallying returned to some of the roads made famous by the Sunriser 400 and Tulip 200 rallies. This year's **Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR)** will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be the third leg of the 2018 Rally America National Championship series. The rally will be headquartered in Chillicothe, Ohio.

The 2018 route includes many of the same great roads used in 2017 (Zaleski and Scioto Trail State Forests), with the addition of stages in Tar Hollow State Forest. The rally will finish Saturday evening with a Super Special stage at the Ross County Fairgrounds.

Events of this scale require a "cast of thousands" to operate smoothly. Please consider volunteering to help in any way you can. More information, as well as a volunteer registration link, can be found on the event website: [www.southernohioforestrally.com](http://www.southernohioforestrally.com)

Ohio Valley Region, SCCA will host a Rally-X at the Ross County Fairgrounds (site of SOFR Super Special) on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun, May 26, 2018**

Riverrun is an all-day, 250+ mile driving tour of southern Ohio (and sometimes northern Kentucky and/or West Virginia). It was started by the late Eric Jones as a British Car Council activity, but has since morphed into an event that regularly draws an eclectic field of over 120 cars.

Riverrun is not a competition. There is no fixed schedule. Rather, it is an opportunity for enthusiasts to gather and enjoy a day of spirited driving over some great roads, in the company of friends. There are always nice places for a leisurely lunch or picnic along the banks of the Ohio River.

Any proceeds from the event will be donated to a Mesothelioma research charity in Eric's memory.

Contact Susan Logan ([slogan.osu@gmail.com](mailto:slogan.osu@gmail.com), or Ph. 740.363.2203) for more information.

## 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](mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com) or 440-946-2207. Debbie will connect you with the right people to get you involved!

## Solo Schedule

May 19 & 20, 2018	Spring Training & Points (Saturday & Sunday)	Eastlake
June 3, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
June 24, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
July 15, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
August 12, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
September 9, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
September 30, 2018	Points Event	Eastlake
October 21, 2018	Points Event (Season Finale!)	Eastlake

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# Sonoma Runoffs Race, Qualifying & Test Schedules Released

The highly anticipated 2018 SCCA® National Championship Runoffs®, taking place Oct. 16-21 at Sonoma Raceway in California, is rapidly approaching. Three fantastic days of racing are preceded by three days of intense qualifying to identify Tire Rack Pole Award winners. And before “official” festivities begin, there are three very important test days where drivers and teams have a chance to hone racecars before the big event.

The full 2018 Runoffs Qualifying/Race schedule can be found online, as well as the Test Days schedule. In 2018, Runoffs race days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19-Oct. 21, with the first race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time each day. The race schedule for car classes that will battle for 20 laps or 40 minutes, whichever comes first, is as follows:

## Friday, Oct. 19

GT1, FC, GTL, FV, HP, FM, AS, FE/FE2

## Saturday, Oct. 20

STU, P2, GT2, FF/F500, SM, T1, FP, T4/B-Spec

## Sunday, Oct. 21

T3, EP, P1, STL, SRF3, T2, GT3, FA/FB

Qualifying will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 16-18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time. Each car class will get 20 minutes of qualifying time on course each day. Test Days will occur Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 13 - Oct. 15, with multiple run groups each day. Fees

to participate in Test Days vary, as well as the duration of sessions. Competitors should review the Test Day schedule online at the 2018 Sonoma Runoffs event page for

specifics. Information about event registration and paddock parking for the Sonoma Runoffs is also available at the event webpage.

The 55<sup>th</sup> running of the SCCA Runoffs will again crown national champions in 28 separate classes. For 2018, SCCA will use Sonoma Raceway's traditional 12-turn, 2.52-mile course layout. The configuration is the same that made Sonoma a favorite of drivers, starting with the venue's first-ever race, an SCCA enduro held 12/1/1968.

The National Championship Runoffs has evolved into what is now commonly agreed to be the pinnacle of American motorsports. Since 1964, the SCCA has crowned Road Racing's National Champions at the winner-take-all, single race Runoffs format through dozens of separate races over three days. As host of the 55th Runoffs in 2018, Sonoma Raceway will become the third California track to host the SCCA's National Championship, joining Riverside International Raceway and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

About an hour's drive north of San Francisco, Sonoma Raceway's



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

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