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The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

Want to hang at the track?

Well, you can! We are setting up car corrals at our Time Trials event at Nelson Ledges on Saturday, June 29. This will be a great opportunity to spend the day with fellow car enthusiasts, meet with local vendors, explore Nelson Ledges Road Course, and park your car together with your marque. Want to learn more? Contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179 or bill@radair.com.

Want exposure?

The region has created a unique opportunity to help businesses and organizations promote their product, service and brand to a very desirable and loyal demographic at the Time Trials event at Nelson Ledges. We've created a limited amount of very cool sponsorship packages. We also have a display area where businesses can set up a table, tent, car, or booth. If you know a business that we should connect with, contact Bill Snow at 216-659-1179 or bill@radair.com

Welcome to the 2019 racing season! Many NEOHIO Region members have been fighting the weather and getting out to tracks and Solo Events this Spring. The results are starting to come in and as always, there are many NEOHIO Club Racers and Solo Participants on the result sheets.

Team NEOHIO has also been very instrumental in providing workers and Stewarts for other regions' events in the area. Recently, two events at PittRace were run and both were heavily supported by Team NEOHIO. These were the Majors Tour and the National Time Trial Tour both at PITT Raceway.

At the National Time Trial Tour at PittRace, both Steel Cities and NEOHIO Regions were asked to support the event. We also had members from Misery Bay and Mahoning Valley Region. Team NEOHIO came out in full force with 10 volunteers. We had staff in Tech, Race Control, Timing and Scoring, Event Support (Food & Entertainment) and Driver Coaching. It was great to see so many NEOHIO members there, not only to help the National Tour out, but to learn what we need to do for our event. I spoke with the Race Director after the event and

she stated that the support from the NEOHIO Region stood out with her and she was positive we were ready for the Divisional Time Trial at Nelson Ledges Raceway.

After seeing the Pitt Race Time Trial Event, I encourage anyone wanting to get onto Nelson Ledges, no matter what your experience level, to sign up and participate for the day. We are looking to have a fun filled day at Nelson Ledges Raceway. Every participant I spoke with had a smile on their face and claimed the event was a lot of fun and could not wait for our event.

NEOHIO Region will be re-introducing SCCA Rally Cross to the area on October 6, 2019 at Geauga County Fairgrounds. This event is being coordinated by Andrew Grannis, our Rally Cross Program Chair, with support from the Great Lakes Division Rally Cross team. It is great to see the support we are getting from the other regions as we move forward with a new Program for our area.

Rally Cross is another Program like Time Trials that other SCCA Regions are having success with. For 2019, we have decided to host one event which will be part of the Great Lakes Rally Cross Series to

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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.

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Advertisement Rates

Members - FREE Classified ads

For non-classified ads, the following rates apply:

- Full Page - \$90 / month (8" x 9.5") \$250 / 3 months
- 1/2 Page - \$45 / month (8" x 5.25") \$120 / 3 months
- 1/4 Page - \$25 / month (4" x 5") \$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page - \$15 / month (3.5" x 2") \$40 / 3 months

20% Discount to Neohio member
Payment must accompany ad.

Contact Laura O'Neill at
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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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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | April 2, 2019

Members Jim Green (Trustee '19), Michael Oswald (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.),

Present: Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Madeline Oswald (Trustee '21),
Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Excused: Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21)

Guests: Pat Prill, Brenda Nick, Betsy McIntyre, Bill Stewart, Bill Snow, Bill Crow, Jeff Hardesty

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Lancaster at 7:00 pm.

Review of Minutes: Minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Tara Oram, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha distributed his Treasurer's Report dated 4/2/19. Maddie Oswald made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

Membership: Tara Oram noted that Neohio has 483 members with 13 lapsing.

Officer and Committee Reports

RE: Dave Lancaster had everyone present introduce themselves. He also discussed co-hosting the Steel Cities Time Trial in April with them, and noted they are looking for workers.

Rally Cross: Dave Lancaster stated that he and Andrew Grannis met with a potential venue and are meeting with another tomorrow.

Rally: No Report.

Club Racing: No Report.

Street Survival: Jeff Blumenthal noted that a high school student wants to get involved with the program. A meeting with the student and school officials will be held to discuss the matter.

Solo: Ray Glover presented Jason Pokines' Solo Report.

Time Trial: Bob MacDonald reported they are ready to go out on MotorsportReg. Nelson will hold a test and tune the day after the Time Trial and will offer a discount to Time Trial entrants and workers. Bill Snow discussed sponsorships. Bob distributed copies of the Supplemental Regulations to the Board for review. Maddie Oswald moved to approve the Supps as amended, seconded by Bob Nick, approved without objection.

Hall of Fame: Jeff Blumenthal noted they are always looking for nominations.

Old Business: Bob Nick distributed a list of Banquet ideas for consideration. Brenda Nick is looking for the business cards, they may be in the Solo trailer.

New Business: Jeff Blumenthal has been contacted by a freelance writer about car related things. Joe Blaha noted the standard Neohio donation is going to be made in honor of Art Seyler.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Joe Blaha, seconded by Ray Glover, meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Glover
Recording Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY / JUNE 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27 Memorial Day	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2
June 3	June 4 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9
June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16 Father's Day
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21 Summer Begins	June 22	June 23
June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29 New NL Time Trials	June 30
July 1	July 2 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	July 3	July 4 Happy Birthday America!	July 5	July 6	July 7

The NEW Nelson Ledges Time Trials FAQ

By Bob MacDonald

The New Nelson Ledges Time Trial is just over a month away (June 29th) and we already have more than a few folks registered with lots asking questions. So many, we thought it might be of value to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. Here we go-

What kind of experience do I need?

Technically- none. If you have never been on track before, we are providing a great opportunity for your first experience. If you have experience with autocross, karting or Rallycross you'll find friends with a similar background. If you have participated in High Performance Driver Education events (TNIA, PDX, HPDE, marque club DE), you will find this environment very familiar. And, if you have previous wheel to wheel experience, we have a place for you too.

Will I be on track with people who are a ton more experienced than me? We run these events similar to a Track Night, where we group people by their experience and comfort level so you will be with people who are at your pace and development, be it novices or seasoned track drivers. Each run group has passing rules that are best suited to your experience level.

What if I just want to check it out? Awesome- everyone is welcome. The track charges \$5 for spectators who aren't participating in the event. Want to help out? Even better- workers get free lunch (who says there's no free lunch) and beverages, plus you're invited to join us for the party after the

last checkered flag for helping. We can use help on corners, pit, grid or anywhere you want to pitch in. If interested, get signed up at <http://msreg.com/NelsonTTvol>.

Are there instructors? We will have experienced coaches on site to help with questions, tips and advice and to ensure your experience is the best possible.

Do I need a license? You do need a valid Driver's License. There are Time Trials licenses which SCCA members can apply for through the timetrials.scca.com website. Don't worry if you're not a member, licenses can be issued at the event.

Wait, in my street car? Can I get insurance? Absolutely- SCCA Time Trials events are approved for on-track insurance from Hagerty. To get your quote, visit <https://www.hagerty.com/Insurance/Track-Day-Insurance>

Do I have to have a roll bar? That's a firm maybe- we, of course, always recommend roll bars and other track appropriate safety gear, but bars are required for:

- Convertibles that are older than 2005 AND do not have factory roll over protection (NA/NB Miatas)
- Convertibles that are newer than 2005, have more than 4 cylinders and/or forced induction and do not have factory roll over protection (Turbo Solstice, Mustangs)
- Any car running in an Unlimited class

Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to Ed Hughes in the passing of his longtime companion Gene Carol.

It's always a good idea to check the specific Safety Rules at <http://timetrials.scca.com> to make sure you are covered, or send me what you have an I will let you know.

Do I need a helmet? Every competitor will have to have a helmet. However, the range of qualified helmets is much broader than in wheel to wheel racing. The full list of acceptable helmets can be found in the Safety Rules menu under Need to Know at <http://timetrials.scca.com>

What class am I in, anyway? Great question. You can go to the Class My Car page at <http://timetrials.scca.com> and follow the steps to learn where your car is classed. If you aren't seeing it, I'm happy to help. Don't get to stressed about it, though. We will have some prizes for the class winners, but the event focus is much more about you challenging yourself, developing skills and having #funwithcars.

How can I register? Just go to <http://msreg.com/NewNelsonTT>.

Didn't see your question? No problem, just send an e-mail to TimeTrialChair@neohioscca.com and we're happy to answer!

Carbotech Performance Brakes is excited to participate in sponsoring the NEOHIO/MVR Divisional Time Trial at Nelson Ledges on June 29, 2019 along with the being the primary sponsor for The Great Lakes Divisional Time Trial Series.

A representative from Carbotech Brakes will be supporting participants at the Nelson Ledges Time Trial Event with their brake needs.

Carbotech Performance Brakes offers all SCCA members a 10% discount. For more information about their products contact Carbotech Brakes at 1-877-899-5024 or www.ctbrakes.com.

NEW NELSON LEDGES TIME TRIAL

Nelson Ledges Road Course
Garrettsville, Ohio

Saturday, June 29, 2019

General info: timetrials.scca.com

Registration: msreg.com/NewNelsonTT

Registration & Tech open Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Gate opens 7:00am Saturday morning.

This event is part of the Great Lakes Divisional Time Trial Series



A Time Trial is a competitive event that takes place on a race course in a format that minimizes wheel to wheel racing. Competitors are scored based on their best times from two 20 minute Time Attack sessions (full course laps) and one Track Sprint session (a half lap run from a standing start, minimum 3 runs). Car classes range from standard street vehicles with no special safety equipment beyond the original equipment configuration to full competition race cars. No previous track experience is required. Run groups are based on experience, so Novices are in one group and the most experienced drivers are in another with two groups in between. At the end of the day, we'll have a social gathering with food, adult beverages and awards. It's all about having #Fun-WithCars, specifically getting to have fun with your car on a race track.

Race Results

Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that traveled to Pittsburgh International Race Complex in Wampum, PA the weekend of May 11-12. Here are the results:

Saturday, May 11:

David Strittmatter - FP - 2nd
 Brian Farnham - FV - 1st
 Rob Dietz - FF - 4th
 Ryan McManus - GT1 - 3rd
 Aaron Quine - GT2 - 1st
 Bob MacDonald - SM - 17th
 David Harris - P2 - 1st
 William Moore - T2 - 3rd
 Keith Jones - T4 - 7th
 Michael Lee - STU - 6th

Sunday, May 12:

David Strittmatter - FP - 2nd
 Rob Dietz - FF 4th
 Aaron Quine - GT2 - 1st
 Bob MacDonald - SM - 11th
 William Moore - T2 - 3rd
 Keith Jones - T4 - 6th
 Michael Lee - STU - 3rd

Solo Schedule

Tentative

2019 NEOHIO Solo Schedule

Date	Event	Location
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

2019 SCCA GLD Rally Schedule

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

- **July 14** **Hoosier Crossroads**, Plainfield, IN. Indianapolis Region
- **July 20** **Lazy Daze**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region
- **September 6/7** **POR**, West Branch, MI. Detroit Region
- **October 5** **Clare Color Tour**, Clare, MI. Detroit Region
- **October 12** **Johnny Appleseed**, Zoar, OH. Neohio Region
- **November 3** **Lake Erie Covered Bridges**, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region
- **November 23** **Pavement Ends**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region

Look for additions and date changes as the season progresses.

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gain knowledge and see what type of participation we can get from the Area.

Rally Cross was introduced at Nelson Ledges Raceway a few years ago and from what I understand, we had a lot of interest, but the location did not work out as a long-term solution. We will be utilizing the back-parking area of the Geauga County Fairgrounds which offers us much more land and is isolated from the road and other occupied areas. I ask our members that have shown interest in Rally Cross to get their cars ready and come out and join us for some more #Funwithcars in 2019.

As a reminder, all Board Meetings are open to any members of NEOHIO Region of SCCA Inc. Come out and join us and learn

what is going on in NEOHIO and participate in the planning and discussion of future events in the area. Meetings last around one hour, then some stay and socialize and discuss SCCA related topics afterward. It's a great way to get more involved with your club.

CLUB RACERS PLEASE READ:

On June 30th, the day after the Time Trial Event, Nelson Ledges Raceway will be hosting a Test N Tune day for race cars. This is not a sponsored SCCA day, but we are encouraging, and as the RE, I am asking you to bring your car out to the track. This will be a great way to not only get your car on the newly paved Nelson Ledges Raceway, but show the staff and new owners how interested SCCA Racers are in getting back on their track.



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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.

CARS

'06, Mazda MX5, GT, 31,000 mi. **Price reduced to \$15,000!** Supercharged MX5. Cruise with top down or stomp on gas pedal and enjoy one FAST track car. Red with black leather interior, soft top excellent condition. Stored winters; Remote keyless; Cosworth Super Charger from Goodwin Racing—adds 100 hp; Hard dog roll bar, Safety harness-6 point G force (also original 3 point belts); Koni Stage 1 adjustable suspension; Bose sound system; Eibach rear

sway 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. Contact Ed Boyer at eboyer3@gmail.com, 269.823.8332.*

Used set with steel wheels with mounted Cooper Weather Master

Snow Tires from a 2003 Lexus ES300. Used three seasons. Bolt Pattern is 5 x 114.3mm. Includes four, black wheel seven spoke wheel covers and 20 lug nuts. Tires have anywhere from 6-8/32" of tread. Still have one, maybe two snow season left or these would great rally cross wheels and tires. \$220.00 Bill Snow 216-659-1179*

Four alloy wheels and tires from a 2006 Jaguar XJ8. Wheels are in good condition (minor curb rash). Tires that are mounted are old snow tires with 3/32" of tread depth, at most. \$225.00 Bill Snow 216-659-1179*

MISC

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