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Please Note >>>

Due to The Ohio State Social Distancing Guidelines, NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. is suspending our visiting Tech Inspections.

As of now, SCCA is not requiring Annual Technical Inspections be completed.

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The Starting Line

Report by Dave Lancaster

Currently, the world is dealing with the changes the COVID-19 Pandemic is bringing to the economy and our everyday lives. Your NEOHIO Board of Trustees and Program Chairs are determining how we can proceed this summer with our planned events while adhering to the Ohio Department of Health Orders and the SCCA COVID-19 Guidelines. Our strategy is to keep our members safe, protect our club's finances and offer opportunities for our members to have fun with their cars this summer.

May's NEOHIO Board of Trustees meeting was held via Zoom Meetings and all our Program Chairs were in attendance as well as many of our Specialty Chiefs. The 2019 NEOHIO Region Driver of the Year, Dr. Jim Libecco, attended and provided consultation as a medical professional and participant. During our discussions, we referenced the information from The Ohio State Department of Health's, "Director's Stay at Home Order" dated April 30, 2020 and The SCCA Guidelines to Regions for hosting events dated May 4, 2020 to determine how we can move forward.

We agreed that the NEOHIO Region will not be hosting any competition activities until after June 1, 2020. May will be utilized for planning future events and creating our own set of guidelines for the NEOHIO region for our own events. This is a new challenge for our team and I ask everyone to be patient and work with us as we learn how to adapt to this new challenge.

Below is a review of where we stand today:

Solo Jason Pokines and his team are looking to host our first event June 14th. The team feels confident they can stay within the guidelines. The biggest obstacle for them is providing restroom facilities during the day due to the restaurants being closed. Most likely we will rent a portable restroom for this event.

On May 4th, the Alaska Region of SCCA held their first Solo Event of 2020 and possibly the first SCCA Solo held under the new guidelines. Check out the link on SCCA.com. The participant count was reduced and masks were worn by all when in range of other people. Otherwise it looked like a normal Solo.

Rally Cross Andrew Grannis' team will host our first Rally Cross of 2020 on June 20. With the available space at the Geauga Fairgrounds, social distancing is not going to be an issue. The challenges will be around course management and worker distancing. We are

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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 7, 2020

- Members Present:** Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Daniel Griewisch (Trustee '21), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Betsy McIntyre (Trustee '22), Kerianne Sidoti (Trustee '22), Evan Smith (Trustee '22), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)
- Excused Members:** Jim Pracker (Trustee '20),
- Guests:** Brenda Nick, Andrew Grannis
- Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:04 pm.
- Review of Prior Minutes** Minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Evan Smith, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report** Joe Blaha presented his March 3, 2020 Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Evan Smith, and approved without objection.
- Membership** Tara Oram reported there were 509 current members, 20 lapsing and 7 new members.
- Officer and Committee Reports**
- RE Report** Dave Lancaster reported the following:
- State of SCCA - National has pretty much shut down and approximately half of the staff has been furloughed.
 - Grant applications have been put on hold.
 - Gave a summary of Spring Training that Dave, Bob MacDonald, and Daniel Griewisch attended.
 - CJ resigned as the Time Trials Chair.
 - Jennifer Deitz has stepped up to do Neohio's social media.
 - Jim Pracker is doing well in Florida and should be back in May.
 - Betsy McIntyre will review Neohio's insurance for next year.
 - The *Blower's* format has been updated, thanks Brenda Nick for the help.
- Rally Cross Report** Andrew Grannis reported two dates have been agreed upon with the Geauga Fairgrounds — June 20, 2020 and October 18, 2020. There is a \$100 deposit due for each day. The total fee per day is the same as last year — \$700 per day. He estimated a total budget of \$2,000 and a \$40 entry fee. He also noted that contracts need signing. Tara Oram motioned to approve a budget of \$2,000 for this year's Rally Cross program, motion seconded by Jeff Blumenthal and approved without objection.
- Road Rally** Dave Lancaster noted the Milk Run Rally has been cancelled.
- Street Survival** Jeff Blumenthal reported they are looking to a possible October date and are actively looking for sites. Daniel Griewisch suggested Orange as a possible location and will make some inquiries.
- Competition Committee:** No report.
- Solo Report** Jason Pokines reported they were planning on teaming up with Northwest Ohio Region (Robert Christmas) for a solo at Summit Raceway in 2021. He further noted they have cancelled the April solos (25 & 26), the Starting Line event will also be cancelled, and the May 17th date is endangered. Bob Nick stated he was informed by Debbie LaFond of dumpsters left in the Captain's lot. Jason noted they have always

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NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc.

Calendar of Events for 2020



| May | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| 5 | Board of Trustees Meeting | Zoom Call |
| 17 | Solo Points Event #2 - CANCELLED | CPL |
| 16-17 | Nelson Ledges Tire Stacking & Clean Up Days | NLRC |
| 28 | Track Night in America | NLRC |
| June | | |
| 14 | Solo Points Event #3 | CPL |
| 20 | Rally Cross #1 | GCF |
| July | | |
| 11 | Time Trials Co Host Mahoning Valley Region | NLRC |
| 12 | Track Event | NLRC |
| 25 | Solo Points Event #4 | CPL |
| August | | |
| 22 | Solo Points Event #5 | CPL |
| September | | |
| 13 | Solo Points Event #6 | CPL |
| October | | |
| 3 | Solo Points Event #7 | CPL |
| 10 | Johnny Appleseed Rally | TBD |
| 17 | Solo Points Event #8 | CPL |
| 18 | Rally Cross #2 | GCF |

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.

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| 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 |



waiting to see what restrictions the Fairgrounds may have for us.

Time Trials Bob MacDonald and his team are getting ready for the July 11-12 Track Event and Time Trial. We are working on the specifics for our workers to be safe and keep social distancing in the spaces provided by Nelson Ledges.

Road Rally and Street Survival are on a temporary hold for now. Both these activities require a passenger in the car causing social distancing concerns. We are waiting for guidance or ideas on how we can proceed with these activities.

Another change is the need for Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for our workers and entrants this season. We are going to ask our participants to bring their own PPE supplies to keep costs down. NEOHIO will be acquiring supplies for use in common areas. Board Member Betsy McIntyre will be heading up these purchases and inventory control.

NEOHIO and MVR regions will be hosting a **Tire Stacking** on May 16-17, 2020 at Nelson Ledges Raceway. Tire Stacking is needed to have Nelson Ledges Raceway ready for an SCCA Club Race Inspection. Since this is a volunteer program and we can space our staff out over 2 miles of track, we determined we can meet the Ohio State's guidelines for this event. Participants will be required to bring their own PPE, safety gear, food and drinks.

I hope that all of you are staying safe and healthy so you can join us for some activities this summer.

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been removed in time for our solos in the past. Jason will talk to Eastlake about refunds or credit for our cancelled dates.

Time Trial Bob MacDonald reported on the following:

- Neohio will partner again with MVR for both Time Trials in the same 70/30 split as last year.
- Data has been uploaded to MotorsportReg.
- June 6 & 7: Track Day Saturday (\$190), Time Trial Sunday (\$210), \$290 for both days.
- Good on officers.
- Approx. \$15-16,000 budget.
- Sanction will be submitted soon.
- The July event will be a clone of the June date except with the dates swapped — Saturday Time Trial and Sunday Track Day.
- After much discussion of the impact and potential impact of Covid-19, especially on the June dates, further discussion was tabled for week or so. In the meantime, Bob MacDonald is to talk to Nelson Ledges.
- [UPDATE: on April 15, 2020 after much discussion with Nelson Ledges and in consideration of the uncertainties over Covid-19, the Time Trial Committee decided to relinquish the June date back to Nelson Ledges and focus instead on the July event.]

Nelson Council Bob MacDonald was authorized to say that very exciting progress is being made at Nelson.

Hall of Fame No report.

Old Business Dave Lancaster announced the spring membership meeting will be put on hold for now.

Motion to adjourn made by Kerianne Sidoti, seconded by Bob MacDonald, meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next Meeting to be 7:00pm May 5, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

**Great Lakes SCCA
2020 Tentative Race Schedule**

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| | A | B | C | D | E |
|----|---|---|--|----------------------|--|
| 1 | DATES for 2020 | DRIVER'S SCHOOLS | REGIONALS | MAJORS | PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS |
| 2 | January 16 - 18 | National Convention - South Point Casino & Hotel - Las Vegas, NV. | | | |
| 3 | March 7 - 8 | Spring Training, Location TBD | | | |
| 4 | March 14 - 15 | | | | |
| 5 | March 21 - 22 | | | | |
| 6 | March 28 - 29 | | | | |
| 7 | April 4 - 5 | | | | |
| 8 | April 11 - 12 | | | | |
| 9 | April 19 | WHRRRI - DS - Classroom - T | | | |
| 10 | April 25 - 26 | WHRRRI - DS - T | | | |
| 11 | May 2 - 3 | | | | Majors @ BHF |
| 12 | May 9 | | | | SBR/INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event @ GM - T |
| 13 | May 16 - 17 | | | SBR/DET @ GM - M - T | |
| 14 | May 23 - 24 (Memorial Day) | | | | |
| 15 | May 29 - May 31 | | | | NASCAR @ MO and Detroit Grand Prix - SCCA Pro TransAM |
| 16 | June 6 - 7 | | | | NeOhio @ NL - Time Trial |
| 17 | June 13 - 14 (Father's Day) | | | | June Sprints @ RA |
| 18 | June 20 - 21 | | WMR @ GRA - D - T | | |
| 19 | June 27 - 28 | | DET @ WHRRRI - R - T | | |
| 20 | July 4 - 5 | | | | |
| 21 | July 11 - 12 | | | | NeOhio @ NL - Time Trial VMD @ MO & Cat Nationals @ RA |
| 22 | July 17 - 19 | | | OVR @ MO - ST - T | |
| 23 | July 25 - 26 | | SBR/DET/INR - D - T | | SBR/DET/INR CRE-Enduro- Track Event @ GM - T |
| 24 | August 1 - 2 | | | | |
| 25 | August 8 - 9 | | Cinci @ MO - D - T | | Cinci Track Event @ MO - T |
| 26 | August 14 - 16 | | | | INDYCAR @ MO - VSCDA @ GRA |
| 27 | August 22 - 23 | | | WMR @ GRA - M - T | |
| 28 | Aug 29 - Aug 30 (Labor day 2nd) | | | | |
| 29 | Sept. 4 - 6 | | OVR @ MO - D - T | | OVR Track Event @ MO - T |
| 30 | Sept. 12 - 13 | | | | |
| 31 | Sept. 19 - 20 | | | | |
| 32 | Sept. 26 - 27 | | | | |
| 33 | Oct. 3 - 4 | SCCA National Runoffs - Road America - Test Days | | | |
| 34 | Oct. 5 - 11 | SCCA National Runoffs - Road America | | | |
| 35 | Oct 16- 18 | | OVR @ MO - D - T | | OVR Track Event @ MO - T |
| 36 | Oct. 24 - 25 | | | | |
| 37 | Oct. 31 - Nov 1 | | | | |
| 38 | Nov 7 - 8 | | | | |
| 39 | Nov 14 - 15 | | | | |
| 40 | Nov. 21 - 22 | | | | |
| 41 | Nov. 28 - 29 | | | | |
| 42 | T=Tentative | R=Restricted | D=Double | C=Champ Series Event | M=Majors |
| 43 | GM-GingerMan | GRA-Grattan | Q= Quad Only 1 sanction per day counts | | DS=Drivers School |
| 44 | NL-Nelson Ledges | MO-Mid Ohio | MIS-Mich Internat. Speedway | WAT-Waterford Hills | ST = Super Tour |
| 45 | NCM - National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park | | PIRC-Pittsburgh International Race Complex | | BHF = Blackhawk Farms RA = Road America |

While we all wait with breathless anticipation for the 2020 competition season to resume, many of us have days filled to the brim with, well, nothing to do but daydream about racing. Instead of just musing about getting back out there to have #funwithcars, why not put some thought into ways to be better prepared for this and other racing seasons to come?

How do you do that? We suggest perusing some of the helpful articles that have graced the pages of SportsCar Magazine. Haven't saved all your issues? Don't worry, we've provided links below to a bunch of stories you might find beneficial in one way or another. Check out www.scca.com/articles/2013655-how-to-time-during-downtime-sportscar-edition. You can also find articles on:

- Towing 101: Tie-Down Gear
- Clutch Work: Finding the Right Replacement Clutch
- Club Racing: Finding the Right Brake Pad
- Going Solo: Managing Tire Temps
- What's the Diff?
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Spec Miata race car, 1600 cc, not run since 2008. Needs recommissioning and priced accordingly. Call/Email for photos 440-570-7206 or mhdeuropa@gmail.com.****

MISC

FREE - 8 Goodyear racing tires (20.0x8.0x13), used, good for track days/autocrosses. Gary David, gdcomputer@aol.com, 216-272-5189****

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