



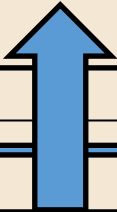
# The Blower

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Newsletter of NEOHIO Region, SCCA

## Upcoming Events>>>

**SAVE the DATE!**  
**Annual Awards  
Celebration**  
**January 29, 2022 !!**



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## The Starting Line    REport by Dave Lancaster

The NEOHIO Annual Membership Meeting at Boss Pro Karting was a success and we were able to welcome some new faces to the event. A little over 40 members attended the meeting with 20 of the participants competing in our Karting Challenge event. We offered the attendees a little pre-view on what our 2022 competition season will look like with presentations from the Program Chairs. Then Pat Prill introduced our new format for the 2021 NEOHIO Awards Celebration.

The evening also included our Annual Elections for Officers and Trustees. All the current Officers ran unopposed and won their respected positions. We do have some new NEOHIO Board of Trustees to announce for 2022. Winning a three-year term on the BOT are Daniel Griewich, Pat Prill, and Kurt Stevens. Congratulations to all and I welcome Daniel back to the Board with Kurt and Pat earning new positions. All three have been great contributors to NEOHIO's recent success.

I am happy to inform everyone that NEOHIO Membership grew to 597 Members up from 522 at the start of 2021 and our finances remain strong. The Region is doing great with active Programs of Club Racing, Time Trials, Road Rally, Autocross, and RallyCross which all contributed to our member growth and income. I expect all competition programs to improve as we continue to build off our 2021 events.

One area of concern is our Autocross Program. Our current site is undergoing a repaving and the Eastlake City Council needs to review and approve the lot's use for Autocross in 2022. At this time, Brandon has some concerns that we may not have access to this lot in 2022. We have decided to be pro-active and will start looking now for alternate sites in 2022. The team is looking for paved sites that are approximately five acres in size. If you have any insight into a site and especially one where you know the contacts, reach out to Brandon at [Soloch-air@neohioscca.com](mailto:Soloch-air@neohioscca.com).

I hope you plan on attending the 2021 NEOHIO Awards Celebration. The Awards Committee team is working very hard on making this a fun event. I am excited to see the new ideas and activities they are planning. One item they are asking for is in car or spectator videos from any NEOHIO Event. This could be Road Rally, Rally-Cross, Road Racing or Autocross. These will be displayed during the evening. I look forward to seeing all your videos to show off our different areas of motorsports.



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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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**Region Points** Regional Championship points are tracked during the year. Each month points are posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the **Blower** and on Facebook. Contact Debbie LaFond.

**NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events**

Nov. 16th	Annual Meeting at Boss Pro Karting 6:00-9:00 PM 18301 Brookpark Road	
Jan. 29th	Awards Celebration Winking Lizard in Bedford Heights	

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



**SAVE THE DATE!  
JANUARY 29, 2022  
ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION**

Plan to join in the celebration as the Region recognizes the accomplishments of its members in the relaxed and casual atmosphere of the Winking Lizard Party Room in Bedford Heights!

More information later but for now **SAVE THE DATE!**





Photos From The Annual Meeting Which Took Place at Boss Pro-Karting



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## Annual Meeting Photos continued

### Consolation Race

1st- Ray Glover

2nd - Daniel Griewisch

3rd (not shown) Frank Coletti



### A Main Champions

1st- Eric Baun

2nd- Bill Moore

3rd- Dave Lancaster





## SCCA Members get 10% Off!

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## NEOHIO Hall of Fame Call for Nominations

NEOHIO Region has a rich history of our members bringing honor to the region and/or contributing to the greater good of SCCA racing. Based on that history, NEOHIO has created a Hall of Fame honoring NEOHIO members, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year. New members will be inducted at the banquet in 2022, adding to the 23 current members.

This is a call for nominations. Nominees can be drivers or workers. NEOHIO members should send nomination letters (email messages) along with an SCCA bio of the individual to Sherrie Weitzenhof, [sweitzenho@aol.com](mailto:sweitzenho@aol.com). The Hall of Fame committee (Sherrie Weitzenhof, Dorothy Harrington, Duane Harrington, Bob Roberts, Bob Nick and Jeff Blumenthal) will review the nominations based on the criteria, the nomination letter and the bio.

### Purpose

To honor those who contributed to the region through their volunteer work or who brought honor to the region for their accomplishments.

### Criteria for Membership

- Doesn't have to be a current NEOHIO member but has to have made contributions to the region or SCCA while a NEOHIO member.
- The person spent a substantial amount of time as a NEOHIO member.
- For a driver, it has to be someone who has brought honor to the region for his/her accomplishments on the national or professional level.

### Nominations

SEE PAGE 12 FOR A LIST OF THE ANNUAL AWARDS

- A NEOHIO member has to make the nomination.
- The nomination must include a letter including why the nomination is being made, plus the person's bio with their SCCA related accomplishments.

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## Notes from the Director's Chair

### Area 4 Director Update for November, 2021

I apologize for not getting an October edition of this out to you, but I was REALLY busy at the Runoffs (see more details below). I was a reserve pace/safety car driver, I crewed for a few drivers (we had six in our compound), I had some BoD meetings, I gave away some trophies in Winner's Circle and I actually got to watch a few sessions and races along the way. Our group also hosted the Prod/GTL party and raised almost \$2000 for the Worker Corps. If nothing else, the Runoffs is the one place where you can see your racing friends each year. The folks that, due to distance, you only see once a season.

First off the bat, I have a couple of quick announcements:

GLDiv Spring meeting will be on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> with a casual gathering the night before. Details will be announced as they are finalized on the [GLDiv website](#).

Mike Cobb will have his next Presidential address on 11/3 at 8p. More details can be found [here](#).

#### Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (9/7): The last meeting before the Runoffs was uneventful as no rules changes can occur. Most of them would be at the event so they could observe the fruits of their labor. The results can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (9/8): Our first document (SCREV) was sent up the food chain for review. We viewed this as a major step forward and were proud to be able to develop something of this caliber so quickly. We continued with rules review and policies concerning interaction with tracks, regions, etc.

GLDiv BoD meeting (10/7): I was more than happy to sit in on the GLDiv BoD meeting so we could focus on budget, rules, schedules, website, etc. We also worked on the Spring Training meeting. It'll be scheduled for 3/5 and details will be announced on the [GLDiv website](#) soon.

EVAC (10/13): We continued work on other rules sets and had several wide-ranging discussions on several topics (car prep costs, battery safety, etc.).

CRB (10/19): Due to the Runoffs, we slid back our regularly scheduled meeting from 10/5 to 10/19. As most of the advisory committees had not met since the Runoffs, the agenda was fairly thin but was completed. In addition, a broad discussion about policies and procedures in post session and post-race impound were examined.

BoD (10/25): We had more good news about the financial position. Once again, we are ahead of the curve. Our Track Night in America, Time Trails and Solo events are hosting record entries. Unfilled positions are also helping keep costs down. As for me, I gave an EVAC update and reported on my visit to the Rally Cross national Championships. We also decided to cancel our November meeting (11/22) as we would be meeting in person a few days later (12/4).

Rally Cross Board (RXB) (10/26): As this group just held their Championship event, they did some "post mortem" on the event and started looking forward to next season (events, rules changes, etc.).

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***Area Director's notes continued***

**SCCA Events:**

WMR Solo @ Grattan Raceway (9/6): I competed in this event in my new 2020 Chevy Bolt EV. I decided to stay in the H Street class and not classify myself in the EVX class so I'd have some competition. Other than one run, I got faster with each run and had a great time. I finished 8<sup>th</sup> of 13 so I didn't feel too bad about that. The video is on my [YouTube channel page](#).

SCCA National Championship Runoffs (9/24-10/4): Boy was this a busy week. As Director, I had a few responsibilities during the event. I had volunteered to give away trophies in Winner's Circle ceremonies for three races (HP, BSpec, EP), I had a few meetings (both scheduled ahead of time and some that were impromptu) and I was a reserve driver for the Pace/Safety car team.

As a "non Director", I had some stuff on my plate too. My group of friends have always thought that the mantra "there's safety in numbers" was true at the Runoffs, so we've generally set up compounds with several drivers. We've been doing this for years. This year we had six drivers all paddocked together. We shared meal prep, living quarters (Air B&B), infrastructure (power, compressors, welders, etc.) and generally worked together to help each other out. We had cars in HP (5), BSpec (1) and GT3 (1). In general, it was a pretty good week but a couple of DNFs and a visit to the hospital cast a bit of a cloud over the event.

SCCA Rally Cross National Championships (10/15-10/17): I went to this event purely as an observer. I was not an official in any way. I wanted to see how they made their sausage, as it were. It was a blast and I had a great time. This event reinforced that notion that I need to try this type of competition to understand it better. Now if I can only find someone who will let me co-drive their car.....

WMR Solo @ Grattan Raceway (10/24): I had usually entered my Bolt EV in Solo events in the H Street class. But I decided to help the EV national numbers by entering in the EVX class this time. Would have finished 7<sup>th</sup> of nine in HS.

November has me, once again, driving to Kansas City, MO for another BoD meeting (11/30-12/6). I'll use the trip to visit some family who lives nearby in Lawrence, KS.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

**Congratulations to our Neohio Drivers that raced the MVR Golden Harvest  
Halloween weekend at Nelson Ledges!                      Debbie LaFond**

Evan Gaston - GTL - 1st Saturday  
Stephen Jacko - ITC - 2nd & 3rd  
Jon Schneider - ITC - 5th both days  
Rick Kozak - Legend - 1st both days  
Tex Melotti - STL - 1st & 3rd  
Bob MacDonald - STL - 3rd & 2nd  
Chase McIntyre - STL - 2nd & 1st  
Tom Podmore - ITA - 3rd Sunday  
James Libecco - SRF3 - 1st both days  
Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 3rd both days  
Bill Hornack - SRF - 2nd both days  
Chase McIntyre - SM - 1st & 2nd  
Bob MacDonald - SM - 3rd both days  
Ray Huang - SM - 4th both days  
Max Gee - SM - 1st Sunday



## The Nelson Ledges Cup

Here ere are the final Nelson Ledges Cup results including the event on October 30-31, 2021.

The Great Lakes team won the Nelson Ledges Cup for the 2nd year in a row with 2,580 points to the North East teams' 2,304 points.

Congrats Great Lakes team!

## Congratulations to NEOHIO's 2021 Region Champs!

GT1-GT2-GT3-AS-SP	GT2	Aaron Quine
STL-STU-B-Spec	STL	Chase McIntyre
FV-FF-F5-FM-FS-FST-CFF	FF	Jim Dietz
EP-FP-HP-GTL-SPU-LEG	FP	Craig Chima
FA-FB-FC-FE-FE2-F1000	FE2	James Libecco
ITA-ITB-ITC	ITC	Matthew Jacko
ASR-P1-P2	P2	David Harris
SM (ALL CLASSES)	SM	Jonathan Davis
SRF-SRF3	SRF	James Libecco
T1-T2-T3-T4	T4	Keith Jones

Debbie Lafond





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### NEOHIO REGION ELECTION RESULTS

**Assistant Regional Executive (1 year term) Bob MacDonald**

**Recording Secretary (1 year term) Ray Glover**

**Treasurer (1 year term) Joe Blaha**

**Membership Secretary (1 year term) Tara Oram**

**Trustees (3 year term) Daniel Griewisch**

**Pat Prill**

**Kurt Stevens**



**Thank you Brandon Anderson for chairing the Election Committee!**



**Some Photos From the Johnny Appleseed Rally!**

## Historic Nelson Ledges

### Guess the Driver

First clue: Yes, that is the OLD Nelson Ledges Timing and Race Control "Tower". Note the air conditioning. Can you imagine doing timing out of it for the early 24 hour races. Question: Who is driving this Triumph?

**No prizes except knowing that you are not alone being an "Old Timer".**

**Send your guess to [doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com](mailto:doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com) and please include your name.**



**We will feature other photos from NEOHIO's past from time to time and hope you will take a moment to send in your answer.**



**Annual Awards Celebration — See Page 3 For More Information!**



NEOHIO members are encouraged to nominate fellow members who are deserving of the awards listed below. Please send your suggestions to our Regional Executive at [regexec@neohioscca.com](mailto:regexec@neohioscca.com).

## NEOHIO Region Annual Awards

### **Tommie and Bill Benham Memorial Award**

For a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty.  
(Individual and perpetual trophy)

### **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. It shall be awarded to an otherwise unheralded Competition Driver whose individual competitive spirit and desire to win has characterized his/her racing season. (No Perpetual given starting in 1998 as trophy was lost).

### **Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial**

For Sportsmanship – devotion to the sport, conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results. (Individual & perpetual trophy given)

### **The Reed Andrews Friendship Award**

In recognition of the importance of friendship and good sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing  
(Individual & perpetual trophy given)

### **Scarpucci Award**

Awarded to the person who, during the previous year, has contributed outstandingly to the success of the Region's Rally program and of rallying in general. (No Perpetual given starting in 1999 as trophy was lost)

### **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 (Individual & perpetual trophy given)

### **Trustees Awards**

#### **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.

#### **Driver of the Year**

The driver that earns and submits the greatest total number of Regional and National points from any recognized SCCA Division. (Beginning in 2001 this will include nominations) (Individual & perpetual trophy given)

Some photos from the RallyCross event held at the Southington Off Road Park.

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\$250 / 3 months
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\$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page \$15 / month (3.5"x2")  
\$40 3 months