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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green

Upcoming Events

**November 15
7:00 PM**

**Annual Meeting
and Election**

**Winking Lizard
25380 Miles Rd.
Bedford Hts., Ohio**

There will **NOT** be a Trustees meeting on November 1, 2016. This meeting will be included with the Annual Meeting and Election on November 15 in the Board Room at the Winking Lizard on Miles Road in Bedford Hts. Ballots will be counted at this meeting.

Your ballot is on page 5 in this issue of the Blower. Print the ballot and fill it in. Bring or mail your ballot to me being sure to put your membership number on the outside of the envelope. Membership numbers are validated against the SCCA member list. If the membership number is valid, the envelope will be opened and separated from the ballot. When all envelopes are opened, ballots will be counted. Multiple ballots may be in a single envelope, but the total number of ballots **MUST** be equal

to the number of valid member numbers printed on the envelope. If not, all ballots in that envelope will be considered void.

The Annual awards banquet will soon be on us. I need all of the perpetual trophies returned so that they can be engraved. If you know of anyone that is deserving of an award at the Awards Banquet, please let myself or the trustees know.

If you attended SCCA races, you probably ran into Peggy Dietz in Registration. She always made things go as smoothly as possible. Sometimes that was easier than others. Sometimes it was downright impossible. But we all knew she was great. Peggy was awarded "SCCA Worker of the Year" for Registration. Congratulations Peggy!

Peggy Dietz Runoffs "Worker of the Year"

Neohio's own Peggy Dietz, Great Lakes Divisional Administrator and Neohio's Chief Registrar, won the coveted SCCA's "Worker of the Year" award for registration at this year's Runoffs competition at Mid-Ohio.

At the end of the award presentations, all Worker of the Year winners were entered into a drawing for a SCCA lifetime membership. Peggy's name was drawn for the SCCA lifetime



membership! Congratulations Peggy from Neohio for your outstanding dedication and work.

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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 SCCA Website
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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | September 6, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Bob Nick, Kerry Klotzman, Scott Lunder, Bob MacDonald, Dave Lancaster, Gail Green, Brenda Nick

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Joe Blaha, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker, Jeff Blumenthal, Pablo Choïs

GUESTS: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Jim Green at 7:07 pm. (Minutes for this meeting recorded by Kerry Klotzman.)

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as presented (Lancaster, Bob Nick) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION – to accept report as presented. (Gail Green, Dave Lancaster)– Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Several Groups have rented at Nelson Ledges with satisfactory results. Still not ready for SCCA use, pending Zoning, EPA, Tire Walls, etc. Probably will require SCCA Regional/National approval. Bob Nick questioned time required for Inspection/approval.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: Runoffs participants from Neohio include 26 Neohio members in total. Many Neohio members working as volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP: no report

SOLO: Jason Pokines accepting role as Solo Chair, replacing Pablo Choïs, who moved out of the area. Last event had 32 participants.

Next event is September 25 at Eastlake.

RALLY: Johnny Appleseed is next event. Greg Lester heading event.

STREET SURVIVAL: Have not secured a site for October event.

HALL OF FAME: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nelson Ledges Council: We would like to make it active again.
- Club Assets: Brenda : Brother PTouch Security Tape. Bob is working on a 5 ring binder with pictures, lists, serial numbers of what is owned and who has possession of it. Kerry will get with Maurice, Bob & Brenda. Go to Lost AutoAnnex.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Stewart: Nelson Ledges Council; Chrysler inquiry, R&T visit and track assessment.
- Neohio Board Nominations needed. Election Committee needed
- MOTION: nominated Jason Pokines to replace Pablo Choïs as Trustee through 2018. (Gail Green / Lunder)
- Approved

Next Meeting: October 4, 2016. MOTION to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Bob MacDonald/Gail Green – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 3	October 4 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9
October 10 Columbus Day	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15	October 16
October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23
October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29	October 30
October 31 Halloween	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6 Daylight Savings Time Begins
November 7	November 8 Election Day	November 9	November 10	November 11 Veteran's Day	November 12	November 13
November 14	November 15 7 P Annual Meeting/ Election@ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20

Neohio Region, Inc. Sports Car Club of America

Notice of Annual Meeting

Election of officers and trustees will occur at the Neohio Region, Inc., SCCA annual meeting.

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Winking Lizard, 25380 Miles Road, Bedford Hts., OH 44146

- Please complete your ballot and place in an envelope. Mark your membership number in the return address area of the envelope.
- Mail your ballot to **Jim Green, 2310 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087** or bring your ballot to the annual meeting on November 15, 2016.

Please note:

- Ballots received without your membership number(s) on the outside of the sealed envelope are unacceptable and will be disallowed by the Election Committee.
- Each member can only submit one ballot. Members in households with two or more voting members must submit separate ballots. Ballots are allowed in a single envelope, but all member numbers of those voting must be on the outside of the envelope.
- You may enter write-in candidates for any election position; however, that candidate must submit a letter of intent and acceptance of nomination to any Board member no later than 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. They must be a current member of Neohio Region, SCCA.
- Any ballot that appears to have been tampered with is unacceptable and disallowed by the Election Committee.
- You may change your ballot prior to 8:00 pm at the annual meeting. The Election Committee will accept ballots until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

2017 Neohio Board of Directors Election Ballot

Regional Executive:
(2 Year Term)

Kerry Klotzman
Write In

Assistant Regional Executive:
(1 Year Term)

Scott Lunder
Write In

Recording Secretary:
(1 Year Term)

Jeff Blumenthal
Write In

Treasurer:
(1 Year Term)

Joe Blaha
Write In

Membership Secretary:
(1 Year Term)

Tara Oram
Write In

Trustees (VOTE for 3)
(3 Year Term)

Gabriel Gutierrez
Bill Moore
Robert Nick
Maddie Oswalt
Write In

Workers of the Year Revealed at Runoffs All Participant Party

LEXINGTON, Ohio (Sept. 22, 2016) -- The last hurrah before three days of racing begin at the 2016 SCCA National Championship Runoffs presented by Garmin VIRB, the annual All Participant Party took place Thursday night at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Each year at this grand gathering, Tire Rack Pole awards are handed out to competitors who will lead the 28 classes to the green flag when racing gets underway. Also recognized during the soiree were nine SCCA members voted to receive Worker of the Year honors. Award winners represent notable performances amongst the positions that make the SCCA SafeRacer Club Racing program one of the best in the world.

The Emergency Services Worker of the Year is Jason Kepka from the Central Division's Blackhawk Valley Region. That same region also produced the year's Scrutineer honoree, Mark Amenda.

The Flagging & Communications Worker of the Year is Bill Armitage of the Great Lakes Division's Cincinnati Region. A fellow member of the Region, Jason Briggs, was also recognized for his work in Sound.

Two more Worker of the Year awards went to members of the Northeast Division's Washington D.C. Region. Gayle Lorenz was named Grid/Pit Worker of the Year, and Dennis Dean was celebrated for his performance as a Steward.

Recognition for top-notch Race Administration went to Ceci Smith of the Southern Pacific Division's

Cal Club, and acknowledgment for well-run Registration processes went to Peggy Deitz of the Great Lakes Division's Neohio Region. Last but not least, Tobin Schuster of the Central Division's Milwaukee Region received a Worker of the Year award for his dedication to Timing & Scoring at SafeRacer Club Racing events.

From those recognized as Workers of the Year, a name is drawn and the winner receives a free SCCA lifetime membership. This year's winner was Peggy Deitz.

Each year during the Runoffs, teams in the Production classes



Tobin Schuster of the Milwaukee Region received a Worker of the Year. Flanking Tobin are Eric Prill, SCCA VP & COO, & Deanna Flanagan, Dir. of Club Racing.

traditionally make a donation to the worker fund. This year, \$3,500 was raised and doled out in \$50 increments to various workers through a random drawing.

Solo Nationals Recap

By Jeff Blumenthal

The 2016 Solo Nationals took place September 3-6 in Lincoln, NE. The event is held at the Lincoln Air Park, an old Air Force base with a huge area of concrete. The site is large enough to simultaneously house two Solo Nationals Courses, grid, paddock area for 1300 competitors, registration, food and tire vendors, and the Solo Nationals Test course. If only we had a local site 1/10th as large for our Solo events!

A small group of four Neohio members competed at the event. Joe Blaha dealt with erratic weather to finish 15th out of 25 in the G Street class. Andrew Pallotta, who recently moved out of the area, took the G Street win for his 3rd Solo National Championship. Jeff Blumenthal finished 6th in a 22 driver FMod field. Scott Hearne finished 5th in F Street Prepared,

competing in his only 2nd event of the year! And Dan Wasdahl, another multi-time Solo Nationals Champ, finished 2nd in AMod after holding the lead going in to day 2.

For those unfamiliar with Solo Nationals, it's a weeklong event, with the ProSolo Championship being held Saturday/Sunday prior. Competitors get Monday off, and most use the day to walk the long courses in preparation for the Solo competition. Half the competitors do their runs on Tuesday/Wednesday, and the others compete on Thursday/Friday. We get 3 runs each day and the lowest combined time from both days determines the outcome. Awards Banquets are held on Wednesday evening and Friday evening, to honor the trophy winners and announce various other awards.

The two Championship courses provided challenges for the drivers. The "East" course was relatively open, fast, and provided

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Race Results

By Debbie LaFond

After a week of great weather and racing, the SCCA Runoffs have come to an end at Mid-Ohio. Congratulations to our drivers!

FA - Ryan Norman - 1st & Super Sweep Winner (National Winner, Conference Winner, & Runoffs Winner)!

FC - Daniel Weyls - 4th

FV - Brian Farnham - 17th - great racing young man!

F5 - Jeff Blumenthal - 14th - wrong place/ wrong time.

Mid-Ohio Results-Oct 8-9, 2016 Last race of the season!

Congratulations to our Neohio Regional drivers that competed at Mid-Ohio at the OVR Autumn Classic XXXV Double Regional.

Jason Myers - SM - 17th & 19th

Aj Roderick - SM - 23rd & 35th

Mike Mizer - SM - 31st & 25th

HP - Michael Bennett - 9th & 8th

STL - Greg Vandersluis - 1st in class & overall both days!

Jason Schultz - T4 - 1st both days

John McFarland - ITA - 5th, 6th, and 2nd in Enduro

G. Lee Spuhler - SRF - 7th, 10th, and 1st in Enduro

Erik Weyls - GT2 - 2nd Saturday

John Luczyk - GT1 - 2nd Saturday

Wayne Drotleff - GT1 - 4th & 2nd

Jim Dietz - FC - 5th

Brian Farnham - P2 - 1st both days

Jeff Blumenthal - F5 - 4th Sunday

Scott Lunder - EP - 4th Sunday

Rob Piekarczyk - B Spec - 1st Sunday

Gary Grubb - FST - 1st Saturday

EP - Michael Galati - (pole) - 7th - launched over another car/pitted for flat tire and came back!

EP - Scott Lunder - 8th (from 17th) - Sunoco Hard Charger Award

FP - David Strittmatter - 11th

FP - Ken Alderson - 22nd

HP - Jason Stine - 18th

HP - Michael Sestili - 23rd

GT1 - Ryan McManus - 4th

GT2 - Daniel Harding - 16th

GT2 - Aaron Quine - 17th - Best near miss of the weekend!

GTL - Joel Hipp - 13th

SM - Daniel Harding - 44th

STL - Jeremy Mizer - 28th

STU - Max Gee - 14th

T2 - William Moore - 11th

T4 - Jason Shulz - 7th

T4 - Keith Jones - 27th

B-Spec - Rob Piekarczyk - 5th

A Sedan - Tom Sloe - 17th

SRF3 - David Lancaster - 35th

Here's to a hard working winter and heading to Indy next year!

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drivers a few choices for lines. Conversely, the "West" course was longer and more technical in nature. It's a real challenge trying to perform well on two different courses on consecutive days.

While the competition is a key part of the event, few of us travel to Lincoln just to chase the trophy. It's the comraderie, friendships, and fun that make it worthwhile to drive so far for 6 minutes of competition. If you've wondered what it's like, join us next year! Feel free to contact me with any questions.



Jeff Blumenthal (6th FMod), Michelle Quinn (1st FML), and Scott Nardin (2nd FMod) had a successful event driving together on Jeff's Chainsaw Motorsports FMod team.



Yes, it's nice to have a swimming pool in paddock!



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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

'99 Acura Integra ITS #13. Always a top finisher. Engine alone worth \$5000 plus you get a ready to go car for only \$7500/offer. Pat Kane, 440-785-3432.*

MISC

1993 Winnebago Warrior 25' Motorhome, 454 Chevy Engine, Trailer hitch & trailer brake system, Tires good—front tires new, Everything (a/c, refrigerator, furnace, generator, etc.) works! Awning - 42,300 miles. A great racer's tow vehicle/weekend residence. Needs nothing! \$11,000.

Bob Piekarczyk, 330-225-8229,
parkera1@aol.com.*

Triumph-TR-3 Engine; FIAT 600 Engine.
Larry at 216-321-6045, 10 AM to 5 PM.***

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