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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

Upcoming Events>>>

Halloween Divisional Race
at Nelson Ledges Raceway,
October 31- November 1

Neohio Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020
7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting Online:
<https://zoom.us/j/93263017389?pwd=YWVGdnMyMXFlbnR3eVJZb2Q4L1ZlZz09>

Meeting ID: 932 6301 7389
Passcode: 653152

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The Starting Line

Report by Dave Lancaster

This is an important time of year for both our country and the NEOHIO Region. On November 17th, we will host our 2020 Membership Meeting and Region's election as a Zoom call. We have four candidates running for three expired Board of Trustee positions. I was hoping more people would get involved in the management of our Region, but I am impressed with the number of people who have stepped up and have become more active in running our Competition Programs.

There will be a few changes in 2021:

- Frank Colletti will take over from Andrew Grannis as new RallyCross Program Chair. Frank, who is an active RallyCross competitor from our area, will help us grow this program by finding new places to host the sport.
- Brandon Anderson will take over from Jason Pokines as Solo Chair. Jason will stay on as Co-Chair, but is stepping back as he is expecting his second child soon. Jason has done a great job with the pavement we have to work with. If you have not stopped out to see or participate in an event recently you need to do this. His team runs a very efficient and fun event.
- Betsy McIntyre and Dan Griewisch will take over the Time Trial Program from Bob MacDonald. This program is destined to grow under the new leadership, especially when Dan is fresh off his recent Time Trial National victory.

I appreciate the work that the past Program Chairs have put into these programs. Bob MacDonald and Andrew Grannis both stepped up big time for this Region as they introduced new forms of competition to us. The Time Trial Program was a team effort with MVR to help us get back on track at Nelson Ledges prior to our Road Racing Track Approval being completed. Bob and his team learned what SCCA Time Trials needed and have built a great foundation for Dan and Betsy to build from. Bob's attention to detail as we built this event was amazing to see and I am sure he will continue to bring his management skills to other areas of the region.

Andrew took something that was completely new to most of us and introduced it to Northeast Ohio. When Andrew took over he was also new
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Region Points

Region 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.

For discrepancies, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

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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 | September 1, 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.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Excused Members: Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.)

Guests: Kurt Stevens, Duane Harrington, Pat Prill and Brenda Nick

Call to Order The Zoom meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Lancaster at 7:04 pm.

Review of Prior Minutes Minutes from the August 4, 2020 Zoom meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Betsy McIntyre, seconded by Jason Pokines, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report Joe Blaha presented his September 1, 2020 Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Bob Nick, and approved without objection.

Membership Tara Oram reported the August membership statistics:
Current Members: 519
Lapsing Members: 4
New Members: 12

Officer and Committee Reports

Regional Executive: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- Elections are coming up.
 - o Three Trustees
 - o Officers
 - o Jeff Blumenthal will not be continuing on as Assistant R.E.
- Banquet???
- Laura O'Neill will be stepping down as the *Blower* editor.
- Jennifer Dietz has started work on the website.

Solo: Jason Pokines reported the following:

- In rinse and repeat mode.
- August 22th event - 37 entrants. Everybody got 7 runs. The Porsche Club was on Sunday again and split the porta-potty rental with us again. The camp sink that was purchased worked well.
- The next event will be September 13.
- Two more events in October.
- Brandon Anderson (next year's Solo Chair) to be invited to future Board Meetings.

Club Racing: Pat Prill reported the following:

- Per the Observer's Report — an amazing job was done by all.
- This was Neohio's first club race since 2013!
- The organization was great, Zoom meetings were used extensively.
- Special thanks to Jennifer Dietz
- Tech — small crew, but great job.



NEOHIO Region, SCCA Inc. 2020 Calendar of Events



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
October		
3	Solo Points Event	CPL
6	Board of Trustees Meeting – 2021 Nominations Due	Zoom
17	Solo Points Event	CPL
31- Nov 1	Halloween Divisional Races	NLR
November		
17	Membership Meeting – Region Elections	TDB
	Updated 9/20/2020	

Board of Trustees' Meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at the Winking Lizard in Bedford, OH, 7pm or a ZOOM Call During COVID-19 restrictions. Neohio members are welcome to attend.

CCPL	Lake County Captains' Parking Lot, Eastlake, OH
GCF	Geauga County Fairgrounds, Burton, OH
NLR	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, OH
ZOOM	Conference Call
TBD	To Be Determined



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to RallyCross having only been to one event, but he knew there were plenty of local competitors that wanted to participate in RallyCross. Andrew did a great job learning from the other regions in the Great Lakes Division to bring RallyCross to northeast Ohio. I am sure Andrew will help Frank along as we grow this program in 2021.

Please take some time to review the 2021 Ballots and vote for the candidates you feel will best support our region. The membership meeting will again be on Zoom due COVID-19 restrictions. We encourage all members to participate in this meeting. The membership meeting is something we planned to have as a fun social event as we did in 2019. As soon as this is all over with, we will get together in person at another fun venue like last year's event, but for now let's all stay safe and keep on racing.

Let's Go Racing!



We are ready to race and need to start training a new generation of volunteers.

If you are interested in learning about Registration, Tech Inspection, Timing & Scoring, Pit/Grid, Flagging & Communications, Start, Emergency Services/Towing please contact me and I will get you directed to Chief of that Speciality.

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- F & C — everybody turned out and was well organized.
- Timing and Scoring — everything was "on time."
- Grid — well organized even with the weather.
- We should be proud of the job that Neohio did.
- Brenda Nick — we should respond to the people who filled out the survey.
- Duane Harrington — use MSR to respond with a letter addressing the respondent's concerns and inviting them to come to the October race.

Time Trial: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

- Sanction fees for the July 11 & 12, 2020 event are being worked out with National to avoid double payment.

Road Rally: Dave Lancaster reported the sanction for the October 10, 2020 Johnny Appleseed Rally is in the works. [Note, the rally was cancelled after the Board Meeting was held.]

Rally Cross: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

- Geauga Fairgrounds wants to meet regarding Covid-19 and our October 18, 2020 Rally Cross. [Note, this event was also subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns.]

Nelson Council: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

- Dates have been requested for next year.
- Tech building is framed and should be enclosed by the October race.
- Timing Tower exterior work is complete.
- Dave Lancaster added that for the October race Neohio will do the sanction and MVR will take care of MSR while towing, ambulance, etc. will be by Brian Ross Racing.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- *Blower*: with Laura O'Neill stepping down as editor, a new editor will be needed. Develop links with the website? What's does the Constitution say about the *Blower*?
- Bob Nick suggested sending out a postcard to all members at the beginning of the year with the year's schedule.
- Elections:
 - o Trustees — get some new bodies.
 - o Duane Harrington suggested (post Covid) future meetings continue to be held on Zoom.
 - o Jeff Blumenthal will not be able to serve as Assistant R.E. next year.
 - o Dave Lancaster is OK serving another term as R.E. but with less time available.
 - o Election to be held via MSR or mail only, no in person, need to verify with the Constitution. Likewise for the annual meeting.
 - o A motion was made to hold the annual meeting via Zoom on November 17, 2020 by Ray Glover, seconded by Jason Pokines, and approved without objection.

- Banquet:
 - o Probably just to be held virtually.
 - o Prerecord the awards?
 - o Stop at people's homes and record?
 - o Post on YouTube?
 - o Record on phones and send in to compile for posting?

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bob Nick, seconded by Daniel Griewisch, meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:00pm October 6, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

Race Results

By Debbie LaFond

Congratulations to our Neohio Road Racing Drivers for their hard work at the Runoffs this past week!

- Craig Chima - FP - 1st
- Larry Funk - FP - 9th
- David Strittmatter - FP - 22nd
- Rob Piekarczyk - BSpec - 7th
- Brian Farnham - FV - 18th
- Terry Gilles - GT2 - 16th
- Jonathan Davis - SM - 12th
- Thomas Podmore - SM - 52nd
- Dan Harding - SM - 56th
- Max Gee - STL - 5th
- Dan Harding - STL - 19th

NEDiv vs. **GREAT LAKES Division**
NORTHEAST DIVISION, SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
Sports Car Club of America

HALLOWEEN DIVISIONAL RACES

NELSON LEDGES

OCT 31 - NOV 1

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\$10 SPECTATOR Fee

Annual Elections & Nominee Biographies

The following positions are up for Annual Elections:

Regional Executive (RE) (2-Year Term)

Nominated – Dave Lancaster

Assistant RE (Annual Term)

Nominated – Bob MacDonald

Recording Secretary (Annual Term)

Nominated – Ray Glover

Treasurer (Annual Term)

Nominated – Joe Blaha

Membership Secretary (Annual Term)

Nominated – Tara Oram

Board of Trustees expiring 2023. (Three year term) - Three Open Positions with four Nominees:

Bill Crowe, Bill Moore, Bob Nick, Jim Pracker

Trustee Biographies

Bill Crowe

- Member
1976-1981 Mahoning Valley Region
2001-present NeOhio, Misery Bay Regions
- Licenses - F&C National, 3yr Solo Safety Steward, Time Trial Advanced
- Offices
Treasurer MVR 1979
Trustee 4 years NeOh
Asst. RE 2 years NeOh
- Region Participation
Solo Chair 6 years NeOh
Flag Chief Cleveland Grand Prix 2006-2007
F&C ongoing
Solo events NeOh, Misery Bay
Rally events NeOh, Misery Bay
Street Survival, Course and Instructor
CLE Auto Shows
- Non SCCA events
24 hours of Lemons, Chump Car, F&C ALMS, CART/Indycar, F1

Bill Moore

- SCCA member for 18 years.
- Previous NEOHIO Trustee
- Road racer – Majors Driver, 7 track records, 405 track days/races, Multi-Time Runoffs contender
- Having fun now with XX Experience Supercars and Driver Coaching.
- Committed to help build NEOHIO's Road Racing and Track Programs at Nelson Ledges.

2021 Neohio Board of Directors Election Ballot

Regional Executive: Dave Lancaster
(2 Year Term)

Assistant Regional Executive: Bob MacDonald _____
(1 Year Term) Write In _____

Recording Secretary: Ray Glover _____
(1 Year Term) Write In _____

Treasurer: Joe Blaha _____
(1 Year Term) Write In _____

Membership Secretary: Tara Oram _____
(1 Year Term) Write In _____

Trustees (VOTE for 3) Bill Crowe _____
(3 Year Term) Bill Moore _____
Bob Nick _____
Jim Pracker _____
Write In _____

Print form and Mail Ballot to: Debbie LaFond
418 Quentin Road
Eastlake, OH 44095

Or Vote Online: <https://neohioscca.com/vote/>

The Misery Bay Region of the Sports Car Club of America
Presents its Annual

Lake Erie Covered Bridge Road Rally



Tour over **14** Covered Bridges

Between Ashtabula and Erie

All cars, vans, trucks welcome

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Sunday, October 25, 2020

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Registration Opens: 10:00 AM

Driver & Crew Meeting: 10:30 AM

Entry fees per car

\$30-Driver & Navigator

\$35-Tourist Class(3 or more in vehicle)

Contact Bill Stewart for more information

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(814)774-0178 or cell (814)882-7225

Entry Form: 2020 Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally

Please e-mail a copy of this form to Bill Stewart (bstewart@sccaonline.net) on or before Tuesday, October 20.

Driver: _____ Navigator: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City, State: _____, _____ City, State: _____, _____

Postal Code: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

e-mail: _____ e-mail: _____

SCCA Member? ()Yes ()No SCCA Member? ()Yes ()No

Number: _____ Number: _____

Region: _____ Region: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Minor? (No minor drivers.) Minor? ()Yes ()No

VEHICLE (Please be as specific as possible; this information may be used by control crews to identify cars.):

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____
Color: _____ License #: _____ State: _____
Distinguishing characteristics: _____

PUBLICITY: How did you find out about this event? _____

COMPETITION CLASS: E L S Novice Tourist (Circle or highlight one.)

The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$10,000 is in force for each vehicle entered.

Driver _____ Date _____, Navigator _____ Date _____

Date Entry Received: _____, Check #: _____, Amount: \$ _____

Assigned Car # _____, Generals sent: _____

2020 SCCA GLD Rally Championship Schedule

By Greg Lester

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

October 25 **Lake Erie Covered Bridges**, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region

November 13 **Hell and Back (USRRC)**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region

November 13 **Are You Territorial (USRRC)**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region

November 14 **Pavement Ends (USRRC)**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region

We look forward to the return of several of the originally scheduled GLD Championship rallies in 2021.

*** PLEASE READ: Covered Bridges Rally, Advance Registration Important *:**

If you plan to enter the upcoming Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally, please fill out the attached entry form (on page 9) and email a copy of it to rallymaster Bill Stewart (bstewart@sccaonline.net) well in advance of the rally (preferably on or before Tuesday, October 20). This rally will use the Richta automated timing system. All teams will need to carry a phone or tablet running the Richta Competitor "app".

Early registration will allow the organizers sufficient time to distribute General Instructions and Richta Competitor information to all entrants in advance of the start. Walk-in entries are discouraged.

2020 SCCA USRRC, November 13-15:

Detroit Region, SCCA will host the US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC) November 13-15, 2020. The USRRC will consist of 2 National Touring (straightforward) Rallies, and one Divisional Course (trap) Rally, all headquartered in Whitmore Lake, Michigan. Registration for this event is now open on Motorsportreg.com (<http://msreg.com/USRRC-2020>).



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2008 Ford F150 Lariat Crew Cab. 5.4L engine (plugs have been changed twice). I love this truck! It's been a great tow vehicle and a wonderful vehicle to drive. Extremely well maintained. 211,XXX miles, heated seats, leather seats, tow package with brake controller, rear slider window, moonroof, back up camera,

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MISC

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- 1/4 Page - \$25 / month (4" x 5"), \$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page - \$15 / month (3.5" x 2"), \$40 / 3 months

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