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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green



Tech & Driver
Physicals
Track First
4/26 from 10 to 1

The region has not been able to obtain a viable date for an event for this year. It does not look promising, but the Board of Trustees is still trying to hold an event.

This last month has not been kind to the Neohio membership. Early in the month, the region lost F. Reed Andrews to a long illness. Reed is survived by his wonderful wife Barb, who was by his side for a long time. Reed was a "fixture" at Nelson Ledges for as long as I can remember. I believe he was racing an Elva when I first heard his name. If that is not correct, I am sure to be corrected. Eventually, Reed started racing Showroom Stock. It was a common for him to qualify on Saturday and go home. Reed didn't need to practice. On Sunday morning, everyone was wondering if he would make the race. You see, he had tennis matches on Sunday morning at "the

club" and that came first. Several times he would be pulling into the paddock as his group went out on the pace lap. He would change into his driver's suit and join the race. Sometimes he was already a lap down, but that didn't matter to Reed. He enjoyed racing to its fullest. There was one race where his crew wired the horn to the brake light circuit. Every time he hit the brakes the horn blew. It really surprised him the first couple times.

The next person Neohio lost was Jeff Milstein. He is survived by his wife Brigitta. Jeff raced an HP Sprite if I remember correctly. He was a National Champion at least once. I always loved watching him race. My recollections of his racing career aren't as clear, but I would love to have someone write an article about Jeff Milstein for next month's *Blower*.

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Road Race Ministries

Ghost Tracks

Dreams. Several times I have had the dream. It takes place back at Thompson Speedway in that little corner of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts on the old road course. My first driver's school (yeah, the one with Paul Newman) and my first race (the one where I went from

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Tech and Driver Physicals

Neohio will be holding their annual SCCA Tech and Driver Physicals at Track First located at 6381 Chittenden Rd in Hudson on Sunday, April 26 from 10 to 1.

If you need an appointment please contact me at 440-946-2207 after 7 in the evening or via email, fastlady1026@yahoo.com

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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 Captains Club, 34820 Vine St., Eastlake, OH. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower.*

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Great Lakes Division website: http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/

New Website - www.neohioscca.com

Our Sympathy to Our Racing Families



ANDREWS FLETCHER REED ANDREWS, JR. age 86, died March 9, son of the late Marguerite Jeavons and Fletcher Reed Andrews and brother of the late Jeanne Perkins (the late Tim).

Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Cotesworth), for 63 years, they set an example for their children, Elizabeth "Beth" Haidet (Bud) of Ft. Myers, FL; Tracy Verma (Roop) of Oneonta, NY; Fletcher R. Andrews III (Kim Scott & Sophia) of Seattle, WA; and grandchildren, Andrew "Drew" Davis (Hilary Kula) of Oxford, OH; Arjun Verma of San Rafael, CA; Uma Verma of Oneonta, NY; and Gianna Andrews of Bozeman, MT.

Previously a student at University School, he was a 1948 graduate of Deerfield Academy and of Kenyon College in 1952 where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Always upbeat and positive, he was a friend to all, beloved by his many relatives and friends near and far.

He was still an active stockbroker and financial consultant.

"Speedy Reedie" was a passionate amateur car racer for 52 years, winning many races and driver of the year awards. He was inducted into the NEOhio Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame in 2014.

He enjoyed tennis at the Cleveland Racquet Club, skiing, traveling, bridge, beaches, body surfing, and parties! Reed served on the Moreland Hills Council where he lived for 44 years.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his name to Lawrence School, 1551 East Wallings Rd., Broadview Hts., OH 44147; an organization of choice; or to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2747 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44106 where Memorial Services will be held, Tuesday, April 28 at 2:30 pm. FRIENDS MAY CALL AT BROWN-FORWARD, 17022 CHAGRIN BLVD., SHAKER HTS., OH, MONDAY, APRIL 27, FROM 4-6 PM. For additional information, directions and to sign the guestbook, please log online to: www. Brown-Forward.com BROWN-FORWARD SERVICE 216-752-1200

Dick Irish

One of the great sports car drivers of the fifties is gone now. Dick Irish passed away March 19, 2015 of congestive heart failure at the age of 85.

Several highlights illuminated his driving career. In 1951, he traded his aluminum-bodied Jaguar XK-120 for a Norton-engined Kieft Formula III and a Ford pick-up truck to haul it. With the Kieft he established several track records at the Janesville, Wisconsin Airport and the Brynfan Tyddyn road races, where one turn was named "Irish Corner."

In 1952, he and co-driver Bob Fergus took a third place overall in the Sebring 12-Hour race, leading four Ferraris and three Jaguars with a 1500cc Siata Gran Sport. They also placed second on Index of Performance and first in Class F. Some say Irish could have driven Formula One.

In 1954, he campaigned a 4.5 liter

Ferrari coupe belonging to Marty Christiansen. With this car he beat Walt Hansgen in a C-Type Jaguar in the rain at Watkins Glen. He was a member of the elite Road Racing Driver's Club and a life member of the Sports Car Club of America.

Irish knew many people in the sport including colorful importer Tony Pompeo, Cunningham Team driver Sherwood Johnston, car-builder Hal Ullrich, and Enzo Ferrari. Irish became one of the few allowed by Enzo to watch the building of his 275 GTB at the factory.

Dick wore the uniform of his country and, as an Army veteran who served in Korea, he was a patriotic American who constantly sent emails and letters to newspapers, senators, representatives and friends on issues that would benefit our great country. Those who knew him will miss him. God bless Dick Irish.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, in their home near Oklahoma City.

Phyllis Pracker

PHYLLIS PRACKER (nee Vandette), age 62, of Russell Twp. passed away April 9, 2015.

Beloved wife of James; loving mother of Jerry (Nancy), Julie Bell, Kelly (Vince) Kitko and the late Cathy Zupancic; devoted grandmother of ten; and great-grandmother of three; devoted sister of Robert Vandette, Rosemary (Benjamin, deceased) Cervas and the late Joseph Vandette; dear sister-in-law of Carol Vandette; and loving aunt and cousin of many.

Phyllis' life will be celebrated with a memorial service which will be announced at a later date.

Online tributes and condolences at www.gattozziandson.com.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 6	April 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11 Twilight Tour www.detroit- scca.org	April 12
April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26 Tech & Driver Physicals at Track First from 10 to 1
April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2	Мау 3
May 4	May 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	May 6	Мау 7	May 8	May 9	May 10
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24



Penn & Ohio Driving Enthusiasts Get Access to Race Course With Track Night: Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh Int'l Race Complex

New SCCA Track Night in America Opens Racing Circuits to Everyone

TOPEKA, Kan. (April 9, 2015) – Road racing circuits have long been mysterious facilities inhabited by thundering machines and elite beings in helmets. The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) is looking to remove that air of exclusivity in 2015 with the new SCCA Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack, which has scheduled multiple events near the Ohio/Pennsylvania border at Pittsburgh International Race Complex during the spring and summer.

SCCA Track Night in America is the fastest way for nearly anyone to get on a racing circuit. Participants only need be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license, have access to a helmet and street car in good working condition, and possess a willingness to have some weekday driving fun in the late afternoon/early evening.

No previous on-track experience is required. Entrants are divided into Novice, Intermediate or Advanced groups so on-track time remains fun for all, and no race cars are permitted. The cost is only \$150 per entrant and grants three 20-minute sessions on track, as well as access to SCCA driving instructors. Admission is free for those wishing to hang out and enjoy the festivities or display cherished rides, and a leisurely track parade lap is offered during events for all guests. For more information or to register, visit www.TrackNightinAmerica.com.

The 2015 schedule for Track Night: Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh International Race Complex, 201 Penndale Rd. in Wampum, Pennsylvania is as follows:

- Tues., April 14 (3pm-9pm)
- Tues., May 12 (3pm-9pm)
- Tues., June 9 (3pm-9pm)
- Tues., July 14 (3pm-9pm)
- Tues., August 11 (3pm-9pm)

Heyward Wagner, SCCA Director of Experiential Programs, said: "Traditional road courses have always been a bit of a secret society. But SCCA Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack removes the mystery, eliminates hurdles and opens the doors so everyone can come play. Whether you're a driver, friend or just hanging out, there is an experience for everyone from Pennsylvania and Ohio at Track Night: Pittsburgh."

SCCA Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack is supported by the FIA Sport Grant Programme and Grassroots Motorsports. Each Track Night participant will complimentary receive а month subscription to Grassroots Motorsports magazine. Additional information can be viewed at the Track Night in America press page; and a FAQ, logo and full calendar of events located online at the Track Night in America media kit.

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The most recent loss was Phyllis Pracker. Jim Pracker has been on the Neohio board for several years now. He also raced an American Sedan for a number of years. He is also a member of the Nelson Safety Team. Phyllis had been ill for a relatively short time before she passed.

My condolences go out to all three families in their time sorrow. Memorial services have been planned by all of the families, but information is not available to me currently. Please keep an eye on the Neohio website for information.

Jim



Jeffrey Milstein beloved husband of Birgitta (nee Eriksson). Loving father of Max and Samantha. Cherished son of Sally and the late Sol Milstein. Dear brother of Gary (Beth-Ann) Milstein and Marilyn (Ed Preston) Milstein. Adored uncle.

Services will be held Sunday April 12 at 10 AM at the BERKOWITZ-KUMIN-BOOKATZ **MEMORIAL** CHAPEL 1985 S. Taylor Rd. Cleveland Heights, OH. Interment Lake View Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the residence of Beth-Ann and Gary Milstein 298 Blossom Ln. Orange, OH 44022 SUNDAY FOLLOWING SERVICES UNTIL 8 PM. Friends who wish may contribute to the Cleveland Clinic Bone Marrow Transplant Unit 9500 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44195

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Information for Area 4 Members - March, 2015

Dear Area 4 Members,

As we all know, there are times when "real life" gets in the way of our hobby. With the end of the Recession, my day job has been slammed with new business, and my free (SCCA) time has been shrinking. So I apologize that it has been too long since the last Newsletter. Here is what you need to know:

National Convention

The National Convention was held February 20-21 in Charlotte. This was the second consecutive year we have had it there along with the MSX show. The BOD and BOD Planning Committee used the occasion to meet for several days prior to that. As usual, the SCCA Hall of Fame Induction dinner stole the show. Besides a good dinner, the Inductees were entertaining and really help us understand the rich history of our club. I thought the MSX show, while better than last year, was still was far short of what it could be. As for the Convention, was mildly disappointing, both in turnout and in the meetings offered. I normally report to you all the award winners from GLD in this space right after Convention. But this year, many of those awards were moved to Divisional meetings; perhaps too many. Convention shortcomings have already been recognized by Staff and you will see improvements next year both in venue and content.

Equitable Sanction Fees

The BOD spent quite a bit of time examining Sanction Fees for 2015. As you can imagine, this is a complex calculation that takes into account many factors and spreads these costs over the *projected* number of entries. The goal is to reduce costs for the Regions, but not leave a shortfall at the end of the year. The result will be a more equitable system without a "penalty tax" for having successful events.

Garmin Deal

It was announced at the Convention that Garmin signed a two year sponsorship deal with the SCCA. Garmin is introducing their VIRB® action cameras. These things look great! More: http://www.scca.com/news/index.cfm?cid=52311

GLD National Solo Events

Besides events put on by our Regions, the National Office also holds various Solo events in our area. Here is the schedule (Courtesy of Velma Boreen) for GLD:

Match Tour

May 1-3 Bowling Green Corvette Track

July 17-19 Toledo Express Airport

August 7-9 CAM East Challenge at Grissom in Peru

Champ Tour

August 14-16 Wilmington DHL Facility

ProSolo

May 29-31 Wilmington DHL Facility
June 26-28 Toledo Express Airport
Jul 31-Aug 2 Wilmington DHL Facility

And while we are talking Solo, May 1-3 will be a Solo Challenge event at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park It is GLDiv vs. SEDiv. Come out to this great new venue and let's make those SEDIv folks eat some crow!

SCCA Foundation Fundraiser

Once again, the SCCA Foundation is holding a raffle. This year, you can win some excellent "hands on" driver training at the Bondurant School at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway. More: https://scca.raffleready.com/get-behind-the-wheel

Track Night in America (TNIA)

In a previous Newsletter, I let you know about the inaugural TNIA event at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park last fall. This year, the TNIA program really gets going with over 100 events planned at 24 different tracks. We have picked up a major sponsor in Tire Rack (thank you) that will help grow this exciting new entry level program. Here is more about this super program: http://www.scca.com/news/index.cfm?cid=52327

Spring Training and Roundtable

GLD had our annual Spring Training and Roundtable in Findlay, Ohio on Saturday, March 14. We enjoyed an excellent turnout of about 100 members representing all fields of interest within the club. A special shout out to Val McCammon for organizing this event again. Eric Prill, VP and COO of the SCCA was our special guest. Eric made a presentation about several new club initiatives and how our members can participate.

Peterson Award

A special award was presented by GLD Executive Steward, Dan Hodge, to honor GLD members who have provided outstanding service to our Club Racing program. Named after our dear departed friend, John "JP" Peterson, it honors folks like JP who worked tirelessly to make our programs better without a lot of notoriety. This year's winners were – Linda Dent (FWR), Dorothy Harrington (NEOhio) and Jude Summers (OVR). Congratulations!







As always, if you need my assistance, email or call.

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

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Inaugural Great Lakes Division John Peterson Service to Racing Award

Congratulations to Dorothy Harrington!

Dorothy was one of the three recipients of the Inaugural Great Lakes Division John Peterson Service to Racing Award presented at the Great Lakes Division Spring Training in Findlay, Ohio on March 14, 2015. Other recipients were Linda Dent and Jude Summers. Great job Dorothy!

SCCA Great Lakes Division Championship Rallies

- September 12, 2015 POR, Indian River (?), MI. www. detroit-scca.org
- October 3, 2015 Clare Color Tour, Clare, MI. www.detroitscca.org
- October 17, 2015 Johnny Appleseed, Bolivar, OH. www. neohioscca.com
- October 25, 2015 Lake Erie Covered Bridges, Ashtabula, OH. www.mbrscca.org

 November 21, 2015 – Pavement Ends, Lansing, MI. www.detroitscca.org

Watch for date changes & additional rallies.

Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes? Contact Jeff Blumenthal jblumenthal@bbappliance.com

Also update your e-mail address with SCCA National office.



Dorothy being presented with John Peterson Service to Racing Award.



A closer look at the John Peterson Service to Racing Award.



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SCCA Track Night in America

Fast Facts . . .

- SCCA Track Night in America, Driven by Tire Rack is the fastest way for automotive enthusiasts to get on a race circuit. No previous on-track experience required.
- This is the first year the SCCA has conducted this program, which was developed by the SCCA's newly formed Experiential Programs Dept. Event is rain or shine (with some exceptions).
- SCCA Track Night in America will visit nearly 20 facilities around the U.S. in 2015 from April through August. Events generally run from 4pm to 8pm on weekdays, leaving weekends free for other obligations. Generally, each specified race circuit will host one Track Night in America monthly during the spring and summer.
- The cost is \$150 for each entrant seeking time on track, but admission is free for those wishing to just hang out and enjoy the festivities or display cherished rides. SCCA membership is not required for Track Night in America events.
- Entrants must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license, have a helmet and a street car in good working condition. (No race cars permitted!)
- Participants are divided into three categories: Novice, Intermediate or Advanced. Each group has three 20-minute sessions on track, and professional SCCA instructors and staff are on hand to provide guidance.
- A leisurely parade lap session is offered during events for attendees not registered for the full on-track experience.

Solo Racing

By Chairman Bill Snow

Neohio will hold its first Solo event of the year on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland.

Lakeland Community College is located at 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland, OH 44094.

Schedule:

- 7:30 AM Paddock Opens
- 8:15-9:15 AM Registration & Tech
- 9:30 AM Track Walk (required for novice entries)
- 10:00 AM Driver's Meeting & Worker Assignments
- 10:30 AM First Car On Course & Driver's School Starts

Entry Fees:

Pre-Registered

- \$25/SCCA Member (Must present proof of membership)
- \$40/Non-member (includes discounted weekend membership)

Day of

- \$30/ SCCA Member (Must present proof of membership)
- \$45/ Non-member (includes weekend membership)

Solo School:

Novices are encouraged to attend this Test & Tune event and attend our Solo School. This school will

 People can learn more or reserve a spot by visiting www. TrackNightinAmerica.com. Space is limited for each event. teach the fundamentals of Solo in a controlled and relaxed atmosphere. In car instruction will be provided. Attendees will also learn the worker roles and responsibilities.

Test & Tune:

This Test & Tune event will allow participants to make runs and tune their vehicles during the day. There will be two heats, morning and afternoon. Participants will run in one heat only. Rather than define a number of runs, heats will be time based. If time and interest permits Fun Runs will take place after the event.

Annual Tech:

We'll perform Annual Tech for SCCA members at this event. Your helmet and vehicle will be tech'd and we'll apply your annual tech stickers to both.

Register @ www.bit.ly/Neohio426

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2015 Neohio SCCA Solo Series Schedule

- April 26, 2015 Solo School & Test & Tune (L)
- June 28, 2015 Points Event (L)
- July 25, 2015 Points Event(L)
- August 23, 2015 -Points Event (L)
- September 27, 2015 Points Event (L)
- (L) Lakeland Community College, Kirtland



By Chaplain Gray

1965

Have you ever gone to an airport, made it quickly through security and had to wait a long time for your flight? I head to the shops at those times and mid-February I did just that as I waited for our flight to the UK. At a newsstand I came across a Shelby annual that looked like good reading on the long ride to London Heathrow.

The Shelby mag covered car shows, the new production facilities in Las Vegas and included a poster of the 2015 Shelby GT Mustang. But the most interesting stuff recited the stories from 1965, now 50 years ago. I was a sophomore at Troy High and just getting into that racin' thang. My first live event was first day of Time Trials for the 65 Indy 500, but it was sports cars that were at the top of my heap and at the top of that heap sat Carroll Shelby.

The season before his Cobra Daytona Coupe was developed by Peter Brock on the 289 Cobra chassis. While most of those in the shop thought the project was a waste of time, ace driver and test pilot Ken Miles convinced Shelby to go ahead albeit with no budget. In its first test, it was only 3 ½ seconds faster around the old Riverside circuit in CA. Shelby had his weapon to attack Ferrari and his GTO's on the high speed European courses in the World Manufacturers Championship. SCCA Hall of Famers, Dan Gurney and Bob Bondurant, gave the Cobra the class win at LeMans, but reliability issues caused the championship to escape when Ferrari persuaded the Italian promoters to cancel the race Shelby needed. Carroll's response was, "Next year Ferrari's behind (he used another word) is mine!"

So we come to 1965. Shelby took over the failing Ford GT program, but also was determined to see his Cobras World Champs. Victories for the GT's and the Cobras at Daytona and Sebring started the season right. Despite failures of both models at LeMans, on July 4th a class victory at Reims, France gave the Cobra the crown. Shelby said, "The most satisfying thing I ever did was winning the world championship."

How do you want to be remembered? 50 years from now most of our racing accomplishments will be forgotten. But those you have loved and served will remember. With the Lord's help you can leave an eternal legacy.

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last to third before spinning in the rain and finishing sixth) were there back in the ancient history, Showroom Stock Year One, 1972. I dream it is time to go racing and I am not ready. Various versions consist of the car not being ready, not being able to find parts of my driver's suit, or not being able to find the false grid. Is this the not the typical racer's anxiety dream? Even after being out of the cockpit for a few years it comes back. Which is what happened at Thompson. After being one of the venues in great feature Ghost Tracks in Sports Car Magazine, road racing has returned. Someday I hope to see the new facility and retrace the old course.

The site of my first SCCA win has not been so lucky. The beautiful and fearsome course at Bridgehampton, Long Island is no more. Incredible views of Long Island Sound made it beautiful. Fearsome? Well, from the first time you swept down the hill at the end of the main straight, you knew it was synch up the belts tight time. Ultrafast with unfriendly sand dunes daring you to make a mistake, the Bridge was an awesome challenge to both the amateur and the pros of series such as the Can Am. Many residents in the Hamptons resented the track and eventually it was made into a golf course. In the be careful what you wish for category, the fertilizers used on the course are damaging the aquafer that supplies water for the area. Maybe we racers weren't so bad after all. It's another place on my revisit list.

Sadly, my home track of Nelson

Ledges has become a ghost track for SCCA racers. After a stuttering start in 2014 under the new management, things started to improve by the fall regional with a statement that they were doing things right. But a winter of no communication caused both scheduled events for 2015 to be canceled, an incredibly sad experience for many who have invested so much of their time, energy, and money at Nelson.

Thompson or Bridgehampton, which way will Nelson go? I pray it returns better than ever. A comeback is an appropriate thought in this month of Easter as we celebrate the most important resurrection in both history and eternity.

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DATES for 2015	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS OTHER EVENTS	REGIONALS	MAJORS	SCCA and PRO EVENTS			
February 20 - 22	Charlotte Convention Center	National Convention	Charlotte, N.C				
March 14	Charlotte Convention Center	Spring Training	Findlay, Oh				
April 4 & 5							
April 11 & 12							
April 18 & 19							
April 25 & 26	GL SCCA & Wat @ Waterford						
May 2 & 3	Race 1 @ Waterford Hills	Canceled	BlackHawk Farms (M)				
May 9 & 10 (Mothers Day)		 					
May 16 & 17		SB, WOR, DET @ GM (D)C					
May 23, 24 & 25 (Memorial Day)							
May 29, 30 & 31			OVR @ MO (ST)(M)				
June 6 & 7	Race 2 @ Waterford Hills						
12-Jun	Practice Day for Entrants	Cincinnati @ NCM					
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June 12, 13 & 14		Cincinnati @ NCM (D)C	(M)				
June 20 & 21 (Father's Day)							
June 27 & 28		WMR @ GRA (D)C		SVRA @ MO			
July 4 & 5 (4th of July)							
July 11 & 12			SB, DET @ GM (M)				
July 18 & 19	Race 3 @ Waterford Hills	OVR @ MO(D)C					
July 25 & 26			CAT @ Road America (M)				
July 31 - August 1 & 2				IndyCar @ MO			
7-Aug	PDX @ MO	Cincinnati @ MO					
August 8 & 9		Cincinnati @ MO (D) C					
August 15 & 16				NASCAR @ MO			
21-Aug	Practice Day for Entrants	WMR @ MIS					
August 21, 22 & 23			WMR @ MIS (M)				
Aug 29 & 30				MO Comm event			
Sept. 5, 6 (Labor Day)				MO Comm event			
Sept. 12 & 13	Race 4 @ Waterford Hills						
Sept. 19 & 20							
Sept 21 - Sept 27	NATIONAL RUNOFF's - Daytona International Speedway						
Sept. 26 & 27	Race 5 @ Waterford Hills						
Oct. 3 & 4	<u> </u>						
Oct. 9	PDX @ MO	OVR @ MO					
Oct. 10 & 11	&	OVR @ MO (D)(C)					
Oct. 17 & 18		\-\-\-\-\					
Oct. 24 & 25							
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 (DL Saving Ends)							
Nov. 7		GLD Scheduling Meeting in ????					
Nov. 14 & 15							
Nov. 21 & 22							
Nov. 28 & 29 (Thanksgiving)							
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	ST=SuperTour			
GM-GingerMan	GRA-Grattan	Q= Quad Only 1 sanction per day counts		M=Majors			
NL-Nelson Ledges	MO-Mid Ohio	MIS-Mich Internat. Speedway WAT-Waterford Hills		DS=Drivers School			
NCM - National Corvette Museum I		PIRC-Pittsburgh International Ra	Red out of Div.				
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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

2013 Volkswagen Jetta SE, 3500 mi., 5 speed, new condition, air, cruise, moonroof, convenience package 16" wheels, Sirrius, multimedia, heated seats, remainder of factory 3 year/30,000 warranty & oil changes. New \$22,500, asking \$18,500, 440-789-8679.***

1997 Miata engine, transmission, engine management computer, wiring harness & half shaves. 131,000 mi., but in good shape. Offers accepted. Bob Doernberg, doernbergr@aol.com 216-276-2652.***

RV & TRAILER

26 foot Sunnybrook Towlite Camper (metal frame) Rear Queen Bedroom, can sleep 6, Heat & A/C, Microwave, EG Hot Water, EG Refrigerator & 40 Gallon fresh water holding Tank. EG=Electric gas. Microwave and A/C require 120 volt hook up. Balance of camper is 12VDC. For pictures and more information, e-mail doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com.*

1998 T-2000 Kenworth Motorhome 2003 conversion & integrated 28' Show Hauler Conversion w/7' Slide-Out PLUS 2005 Haulmark 32' Stacker Trailer, \$99,000. 862-268-2550 or awinfield@crownedeagle.com.***

MISC

CG Locks for sale. New in box. I have two. \$55/each. Great for Solo and track days. Bill Snow 216-659-1179 or billsnow@mac. com.*

To place a classified ad, contact:

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- 1/8 Page \$15 / month
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