



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

### Upcoming Events

**Neohio Awards Banquet  
February 9, 2013**

*Ohio Winter Rally  
February 2!  
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Welcome to the New Year!

As many of you are aware we started what I hope will be a New and prosperous 2013.

My name is Pete Sedlak and I am your new RE for the Neohio Region.

I wish to take some time to thank our outgoing members. First, thank you to Duane Harrington for his leadership the last 4 years. I would also like to thank Debbie LaFond, past RE and Comp. Board Chairman, and Jim Dietz, as Trustee. All of these individuals have been instrumental in helping to run the region.

With the departure of some, we are happy to welcome new faces as well:

I would like to welcome aboard Jim Leagan and Dorothy Harrington to the trustee positions and Stephanie Hahn as the Comp Board chairman.

You will all recognize Dorothy as our Registrar, and Jim has been on the Safety Team for countless years at Nelson Ledges. Steph is our timing and scoring Specialty Chief also.

A lot of exciting things are in store for Neohio as we go forward. We are reestablishing our Solo Program, the Chief will be Bill Snow. We will start to get down and dirty with Carleton Kirsch as he Chiefs our new Rallycross Program.

A program that will help introduce to those who wonder "how fast did I go?" TimeTrials with the head honcho Denny Freeman.

We will still be running an exciting Road Racing Program as well. Save the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend for our Regional/ Restricted National at Nelsons as well as our Quad in the fall.

We have high hopes for all these programs. Please come on out and either watch, participate, or help us run these fun events.

Please feel free to contact me at Pete Sedlak-speedchaser43@yahoo.com or any other Board member if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Your humble servant,

*Pete*

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**Neohio SCCA Banquet  
February 9, 2013**

**Harry's Steak House  
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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*.

Members and guests are welcome at all Board meetings.

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

### The Blower

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## Information for Area 4 Members

Dear Area 4 Members,

It has been another busy month. It started with the December BOD meeting at the PRI show in Orlando; no time for relaxation there as the schedule was full of action items. Here is Newsletter Number 8 with more of the details:

### The "Majors"

The Majors schedule was presented at the PRI Show. I was surprised, like many of you, to see the race at Gateway listed as one of the Northern Conference points events. In discussions with Butch and Terry, they needed one more event to round out the Northern schedule. And since CenDiv will only have a single race at the June Sprints as part of the Majors (Great Lakes Division will have three Double race weekends), they needed one more event to complete the schedule. In reality, I don't think Gateway will impact us at all. I see most of the CenDiv racers joining us at Mid-Ohio, Michigan International Speedway, and GingerMan Raceway rather than haul down to Gateway. We expected some anomalies in 2013 as National racing transitions to the Majors. By 2014, things should settle in.

### GT-2

By now, the new GT-2 specifications will have been published. This was a well thought out and comprehensive document presented to the BOD by the CRB to incorporate more cars into this class. While I agreed with almost everything in this plan, there was a restrictor plate specification that was directed at the Sunbeam Tiger that looked suspect. A call to Sunbeam Tiger racers in GLD confirmed this part of the GT-2 plan would not benefit our members and I voted against it. Although the GT-2 Plan passed the BOD, I have asked the CRB to look at the Sunbeam

specification line again. They will. Just a reminder, as your Director, I represent you. If you have issue with anything the club is doing, my door is open to help you.

### Insurance

You will see a Press Release in the next day or so, detailing the impact of the new SCCA Insurance Package. We have been successful in reducing our costs while maintaining better coverage than any of our competitors. The new rates will save our Regions per event from \$1000 (75 car event) to \$2800 (300 car event). The savings will not be just for road racing, but will apply for all of our speed events. And, the fees will not be due until 14 days after the event, thus helping the Region's cash flow. The insurance committee was made up of SCCA members who had a strong background in the insurance industry. As such, they knew how to go to market and obtain the best value. Engaging the expertise among our membership was a smart play, and will be used again in the future.

### SportsCar Magazine

As you have noticed with your January issue, the look and feel of Sportscar has changed. Paul Pfanner is now the Publisher. His company also publishes *Racer* magazine. We are in the last year of our contract with Pfanner. They proposed some changes to the magazine back in October and the BOD asked if they would make some of these changes now so we could gauge member reaction. Let us know what you think. Negotiations with Pfanner are ongoing, but we are also looking at all our options.

### New SCCA Officers

The BOD has elected Lisa Noble to be the new Chairman of the Board for 2013. She replaces Jerry Wannarka who did a terrific job for the club,

but did not seek re-election. Dick Patullo was elected Vice Chairman. Lisa and Dick are excellent choices to lead the club. Both are experienced, smart and dedicated.

I will again be part of the Planning Committee and the Compensation Committee and the liaison to the RallyCross Board. It should be a very good 2013.

### Strategic Plan (STRAP)

This is developing nicely. We have already accomplished some of the initial STAP items. That is the beauty of using this type of short to medium term working document. New items have been added. You will see this material presented at the National Convention.

### Michigan International Speedway

There are a couple of small items to complete at MIS before we get our final approval from the SCCA national office. We do not anticipate any problems. The folks at MIS have been wonderful to work with and we look forward to our Majors Double there over Memorial weekend in 2013. Thanks again to all who made this possible - Verne Wandell, Dan and Tara Hodge, Andy and Sue Welden, Terry and Ed Ozment, Dayle Frame and, of course, the members of the Western Michigan Region.

### Bluegrass Motorsports Park

We are talking every week with the owners and others who want the SCCA to join them in a consortium of owners. All I can say is that there is progress.

### What I Have Learned

My first year on the BOD has been enlightening. It is amazing how much time this job takes - meetings, conference calls, and just plain research and preparation to be able

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 7	January 8 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13
January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20
January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27
January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2 Ohio Winter Rally	February 3
February 4	February 5 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9 Neohio SCCA Banquet	February 10
February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14 Valentine's Day	February 15	February 16	February 17
February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24

# Neohio Region SCCA, BOT Meeting Minutes December 4, 2012 - Captain's Club, Eastlake

## Members Present:

Duane Harrington, Dan Koplow, Bob Doernberg, Tara Oram, Jeff Blumenthal, Denny Freeman, Jim Pracker, Mike Puskar, Pete Sedlak, Greg Vandersluis, Jim Dietz, Peggy Dietz

## Excused Members:

Roland Hahn, Pat Prill

## Guests: Welcome to all!

Duane Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as presented: Jim Pracker/Denny Freeman – Approved.

## Treasurer's Report

MOTION to accept treasurer's report as presented. Jim Pracker/Dan Koplow – Approved.

## Reports & Committee Reviews

### Regional Executive

Talks of reorganization from the GLD board of directors to realign with the 501c4 agreement.

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to discuss/consider ideas. It is also amazing how much information flows across the desk that is actionable, but sensitive, and thus must be held confidentially until the time is right to release it. I am always conflicted on your right to know vs. the need for proper vetting and dissemination of club information. Normally, we need to wait until *FasTrack* is published with the Minutes of the BOD meeting, or wait until a Press Release before I can divulge detailed information.

Just like this Newsletter. There are 10 more items that probably merit some discussion, but they will have

## Competition Committee

Nominations will be accepted later for our trophies. All recurring trophies from 2011 have been returned.

## Membership

Currently 484 members. Think with being year-end and holidays many have put off renewing right away.

## Rally: No report.

## Solo: No report.

## Old Business

Detailed banquet information still to follow, but will be held at Harry's Steakhouse on February 9, 2013.

## New Business

MOTION to move next meeting to January 8, 2013 at Captains Club. Pracker / Vandersluis – Approved.

MOTION to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. – Puskar / Pracker - Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Tara Oram

to wait until they work their way through various levels of the club. It is frustrating, but necessary.

Many times, if you have something specific you wish to know, I probably already have some insight to share. So, as always, if you need any assistance, let me know how I can help.

Yours for a better SCCA,

*Steve*

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## Letter to the Editor

I wonder if I could ask you to put a small item in your newsletter.

Just before Christmas I got an OK on a proposal to McFarland Publishing to do a book on the old Put-in-Bay road races. I'm looking for more racing stories. If there are any people in the region still left from that era (in addition to Reed Andrews!) I would like to hear from them: drivers, mechanics, race workers or spectators. Write or call...

Carl Goodwin - (719)576-1439

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Thank you,

*Carl*

## Solo News

The region is restarting its Solo program and is working on 2013 event dates and locations. Stay up to date with the latest Solo news and happenings by signing up for region's Solo email newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/tZL8r>.

*Welcome New &  
Returning Members!*



Raymond Czech  
James Lorence

## ACTION NEEDED

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

This will help all communications regarding Neohio events to be forwarded correctly.

# Neohio Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary February 9, 2013

The Neohio Region is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2012 Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Harry's Steak House, 5664 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH 44131. The Cash Bar Cocktails will start at 6:00 PM, with Dinner at 7:00 PM and the Program at 8:00 PM. Thank you to Mike Puskar from Carbotech Performance Brakes for sponsoring our bartender!

There will be three different menu options (prime rib, chicken, and pasta) plus fresh garden salad, rolls, chef's choice vegetable, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted pastries, coffee, tea, or iced tea to suit everyone's budget. This is a business casual event and all members, friends and guests are welcome. There will be door prizes for attendees including a Test Day at Nelson Ledges Race Course and Keychain Bottle Openers from Kumho Tires. Thank you Kerri Lane from **Nelson Ledges Road Course** and Aaron Quine from **Kumho Tires!** If you would like to donate door prize(s) for the Banquet, please contact Pat Prill at 330-923-6693.

This Annual Event gives us an opportunity to congratulate "The Best of the Best" in our Neohio Region. The recipients being honored for the 2012 season are ...

## 2012 Neohio Region Champions

DSR - Allen Franzolino	ITS - Greg Schnell	ITE - Daniel Koplow	ITA - Greg Vandersluis
TC - Bill Shearer	ITR - Bob Roberts	T1 - Greg Vandersluis	T2 - William Moore
GT1 - Al Gaudino	GT2 - Harry Belizaire	GT3 - Mike Cyphert	EP - Jim Llewellyn
HP - Mike Sestili	FST - Randy Shinn	SM - Bob Kucera	AS - Tom Sloe
SSB - Bob Piekarczyk	SRF - Dave Lancaster		

## 2012 Great Lakes Division National & Regional Champions

### National

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	GT1 - Ryan McManus	GT3 - Mike Cyphert	STO - Fred Baker
	T1 - Greg Vandersluis	T2 - William Moore	SSB - Keith Jones
	FC - Jim Dietz		

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	STO - Rich Jones	T1 - Tom Sloe	SM - AJ Roderick
	FP - Scott Lunder	FV - Guy Bellingham	F500 Jeff Blumenthal

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	GT1 - Al Gaudino	AS - Tom Sloe	EP - Gary Martz
	SRF - David Lancaster		

### Regional

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	HP - Michael Bennett	ITE - Daniel Koplow	ITC - Jim Royal
	ITS - Greg Schnell	FST - Randy Shinn	

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>	HP Michael Sestili	ITA - Greg Vanersluis	ITC - Bill Shearer
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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>	SM - Bob Kucera	ITE - Jerry Waltenberger	
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**2012 National Runoffs Champion** - Tom Sloe - A Sedan - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## 2012 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Champions

Dan Wadsahl - A Modified - 1<sup>st</sup>      Andrew Pallotta - F Prepared - 4<sup>th</sup>

Neohio Longevity Awards  
Introduction of 2012 & 2013 Officers and Trustees  
Recognition of Outgoing Board Members  
Chief of Specialty Recognition  
Event Chair Recognition

Neohio Region Champion Awards  
RE's Award  
National Race & Solo Champion Recognition  
Rookie of the Year  
Driver of the Year

60 Years



## Neohio Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection: (Choose One)

- Prime Rib - \$35 per person
- Roast Chicken - \$31 per person
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera - \$28 per person

Guest #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection: (Choose One)

- Prime Rib - \$35 per person
- Roast Chicken - \$31 per person
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera - \$28 per person

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check payable to **Neohio Region** for receipt no later than **February 5, 2013**.  
Once we receive your check, your reservation is confirmed.

***Please indicate additional guests & menu selection on separate sheet of paper.***

**Mail Form & Check To:**

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Questions?

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## GLD Rally Championship News

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The 2013 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship series kicked off with Detroit Region's Son of Sno\*Drift on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The next two GLD Championship events are the upcoming Ohio Winter Rally on February 2, and Detroit Region's Twilight Tour on April 27.

A full schedule and current GLD Rally Championship point standings will be posted on the SCCA Great Lakes Division website.

- 1/19/2013 **Ithaca Winter Rally**, Ithaca, NY.  
Finger Lakes Region, SCCA. [www.flr-scca.com](http://www.flr-scca.com).
- 1/25-1/26/2013 **Sno\*Drift Rally**, Atlanta, MI. Rally America National Championship (stage) rally. [Rally-america.com](http://Rally-america.com).
- 2/16/2013 **WinterChallenge Rally**, Barre, Vermont.  
New England Region, SCCA. [www.ner.org](http://www.ner.org).
- 2/24(?)/2013 **Name TBA**, Erie, PA.  
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- 3/9(?)/2013 **Absolute Zero (Route of All Evil ?)**, Tug Hill Plateau, NY. Central New York Region, SCCA.  
[Cny-scca.com](http://Cny-scca.com).
- 4/27/2013 **Twilight Tour**, Ann Arbor. MI. Detroit Region, SCCA  
GLD Rally Championship event. [www.detroit-scca.org](http://www.detroit-scca.org).
- 10/18-10/20/13 **US Road Rally Challenge (USRRC)**, Washington D.C. Details will be released in the spring.



By Chaplain Gray

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### DAWN

If you have ever been part of an endurance racing team at a 24 hour (or longer) event you know how encouraging it is when the dawn comes. There is something about a new day that brings the team a lift. I have driven into the dawn and it sure perks up a driver when he can start to see the finish. The dawn of a new day or a new year can give you a big spark.

For racers, the start of the New Year brings changes in many of our series. Drivers swap rides, new cars participate, and series merge and morph. This is the last year of the separate ALMS and Grand/AM series as news continues to emerge about classes and rules for 2014 as we wait for the Rolex 24 @

Daytona and the start of the road racing calendar. Indy Car sees a number of driver changes with Ohio favorite Graham Rahal uniting with his father and recent SCCA Hall of Fame inductee Bobby Rahal. NASCAR starts the New Year with new cars that more closely resemble their street counterparts. SCCA brings the first major change in a 40 year old business model with SCCA Nationals starting to fade away to be replaced by the Majors Tour.

Unfortunately, this has already cost Nelson Ledges one of its National races and brings the number of SCCA events in 2013 at The Friendliest Place to Race to only five. Supposedly SCCA is going to give regions more flexibility when holding regional weekends to make up for lost events at the smaller tracks. Reed

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## Ohio Winter Rally History Wanted

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The "OWR" was first organized in 1966 by the MG CarClub, Lake Erie Centre, in cooperation with the Marshall Mustang Owners' Club. It was a standard feature on the MGCC's annual competition calendar through the 1980's, before finding its current home with Neohio Region, SCCA. It was a qualifying event through the entire history of the long-lamented Ohio Rally Championship (ORC) series.

As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Ohio Winter Rally, we are starting to gather a bit of the event's history. If you have any documents and/or memorabilia, especially from the early years, we'd love to see it. We want to record for posterity some of the event's lore in order to be able to recognize those who have made the event "memorable". If you have a good story about you or a friend on a past Ohio Winter Rally, please share it. The statute of limitations has undoubtedly run out. If you can pinpoint the location, year, and identity of those who broke one of the rally's 3 simple rules, that would be great. There are several pieces of road just waiting to be re-christened.

Please contact Greg Lester at 330-256-6531 or [WGregoryLester@gmail.com](mailto:WGregoryLester@gmail.com).

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Kryder and the Kryderacing bunch have started Friends of Nelson to encourage racers to do what they can to help our home track. Check out their website [kryderacing.com](http://kryderacing.com) for more details.

Recently, we once again celebrated a most important dawn in history when God became a man and dwelt among us. May this be the year you come to know Him better.

*Chaplain Marvin Gray*  
[chapnlrc@aol.com](mailto:chapnlrc@aol.com)



# Ohio Winter Rally 2013 - Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

This year's Ohio Winter Rally is on Saturday, February 2. The rally is the second round of the 2013 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship and counts toward the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Regional Rally).

The route will take competitors over approximately 130 miles of rural roads in the Lake Erie "snowbelt" counties of northeast Ohio. The rally difficulty will be dictated by prevailing road and weather conditions. Competitors should come prepared to spend extended periods of time outside in severe winter conditions.

Competitors can expect an absolutely straightforward, gimmick-free time-speed-distance (TSD) road rally. Emphasis will be on precise timing at well-placed controls. A columnar "tulip" route instruction format including official mileages for all action points will be used. Redundant, clarifying instructions will be included anywhere that there is any question of route-following ambiguity.

**Rally Start Location:** DiBella's Subs  
30050 Aurora Rd. (SR 43), Solon, OH 44139  
(Latitude: N41°23.810', Longitude: W081°27.953').

**Tentative Schedule: (All times US Eastern Standard Time)**  
Fri., 1/25: 18:00 'Early' Entry Cutoff  
Sat., 2/2: 15:00 - 16:00 Registration  
15:15 Mini Rally School-experienced competitors welcome  
16:31 Car #1 Starts Rally  
21:30 (approx) Car #1 Finishes Rally  
22:00 Provisional Scores Posted (hopefully)  
22:30 Awards Distributed

**Classes:**  
**E** Equipment unrestricted  
**L** Odometer unrestricted. Calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with odometer and clock.  
**S** Unmodified stock odometer only. Calculating device restricted to non-programmable electronic calculator or any mechanical calculator.  
**Novice** Class S entry in which neither team member has entered more than 5 TSD rallies previously (simultaneously entered in Class S for championship purposes).

**Entry criteria/required equipment:** Entry is open to two-person teams. Each competitor must sign a SCCA liability waiver at registration. Note that SCCA now requires signatures of both parents on minor waivers. Contact organizers in advance to obtain minor waiver forms.

Each driver must possess a valid automobile operator's license, and be prepared to produce proof of a valid auto liability insurance policy meeting coverage minimums listed below. Each car must have at least one reflective warning triangle or 30 minutes of road flares..

**Teams are urged to enter early.**

**INFORMATION**  
Contact Greg Lester at 330-256-6531 or WGregoryLester@gmail.com.

## ENTRY FORM: Ohio Winter Rally 2013

**Fees:** SCCA Members \$35/car before early entry cutoff Non-Members \$40/car before early entry cutoff  
\$45/car after cutoff \$50/car after cutoff  
*Entry fee includes nationally mandated weekend membership (purchaser entitled to discounted annual membership for limited time. See www.scca.org for details.)*

**Registrar:** Mail entries (checks payable to Neohio Region, SCCA) to  
**Ohio Winter Rally, Greg Lester, Registrar, 90 Devon Lane #201, Akron, OH 44313**

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SCCA Member? ( ) Yes ( ) No Minor? (No minor drivers.) SCCA Member? ( ) Yes ( ) No Minor? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
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## Hall of Fame Features Legends Barber, Noble, Rahal, Shelby & Porterfield

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Road Racing legends Skip Barber, Bill Noble, Bobby Rahal, Carroll Shelby, and Andy Porterfield compose the 2013 SCCA Hall of Fame Class for significant contributions to motorsports and the Sports Car Club of America. The newly-selected class will take their positions amongst the giants of the Club during an induction ceremony at the SCCA National Convention on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in Las Vegas.

The SCCA National Hall of Fame was created in 2004 to preserve, protect and record the history and accomplishments of the Club by acknowledging those members who have made a significant impact on the development of SCCA, be it through service to the national organization, achievements in national competition, bringing national recognition to SCCA, or a combination of these factors. Nominations were submitted to and reviewed by the Hall of Fame Nomination and Selection Committees before the inductees were selected.

John “Skip” Barber has seen thousands of SCCA Racers pass through the driving school that he started and bears his name to this day. His career and contributions to the SCCA go well beyond his role as an instructor. Mr. Barber won the Formula Ford (now Formula F) National Championship in back-to-back years at the Runoffs, winning in 1969 and 1970. The 1970 title was paired with another championship in Formula B – a class that became Formula Atlantic – to earn him that season’s President’s Cup. Barber reached the pinnacle as a driver with a handful of races in Formula One, and remains President and Owner of Lime Rock Park to this day. Barber has been an SCCA member for 54 years.

William James “Bill” Noble became one of the most successful Championship-winning drivers in SCCA history and had a hand in many more. A renowned engine builder and five-time National Champion in one of Club Racing’s most competitive class, his “Engines by Noble” have captured an incredible 25 National Championships in the 49-year history of the Runoffs. Noble was awarded the Road Racing Driver’s Club Mark Donohue Award in 1989, and the Kansas Region presents the Bill Noble Award to the driver who best exemplifies the combination of mechanical expertise, driving skill, and competitive sportsmanship that were Noble’s traits. To display that sportsmanship, Noble had a long-standing offer to engine customers: anytime a customer wanted to trade their engine for the one in Noble’s car, he would not only take them up on it, but help them install the engine. Noble passed away in 2011 at the age of 69. His business and racing legacy are continued by his widow, SCCA Chairman Lisa Noble.

Andrew Tracy “Andy” Porterfield is inducted for his years of contributions to the Club, both as a driver and behind the scenes. Porterfield, known as a Corvette racer, won the 1978 and 1979 National Championships in B Production, and was Southern Pacific Division Champion an unprecedented 23 times. A regular racer in SCCA Trans-Am races, Porterfield served on the Cal Club Region Board for 16 years, including as Region Executive for five years. He served on the SCCA Board of Directors, and was selected as the Chairman of the Board of SCCA Enterprises, where he continued to help grow and maintain the subsidiary until his death. Porterfield also organized the corner workers in the early days

of the Long Beach Grand Prix. A winner of the 2008 John McGill Award for contributions to Club Racing and the Woolf Barnato Award in 2009 for outstanding long-term contribution to the SCCA, Porterfield’s SCCA credentials are unquestioned. Porterfield passed away in April 2012, but will continue to influence SCCA racers through his Porterfield Brakes, a company he founded in 1986.

Robert Woodward “Bobby” Rahal, has had a long and distinguished motorsports career that began in the Sports Car Club of America. As a 22-year-old, Rahal was awarded the President’s Cup following his 1975 Formula B (soon to be renamed Formula Atlantic) National Championship. Using Club Racing as a springboard, Rahal went on to drive IMSA and in the SCCA Trans-Am Series before becoming a champion open-wheel driver. The 1986 Indianapolis 500 winner won CART Championships in 1986, 1987, and 1992, as well as the series’ Rookie of the Year award in 1982. Rahal is the current co-owner of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, where they’ve recently hired 2005 SCCA National Champion Graham Rahal (son of the newest Hall of Famer) to drive in the IndyCar Series.

Carroll Shelby’s impact on the SCCA will last long into the future, even if you ignore the mark he made as a driver that won an SCCA National Championship in 1956 (Formula Libre). Though Shelby competed in eight Formula One races and won the 24 Hours of LeMans behind the wheel, his legacy is, obviously, as the man who practically invented the American iron pony car. In 49 SCCA National Championship Runoffs, 35 drivers have left with the

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Barber, Noble, Porterfield, Rahal and Shelby will join eight previous classes in the SCCA Hall of Fame.

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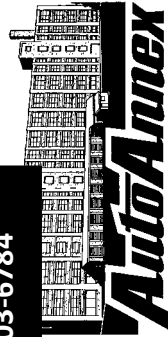
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