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The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green



Thank You!

Neohio would like to thank Brian & Sally Wadsworth and Track First in Hudson for hosting the Annual Tech and Driver Physical Day at their facility on April 26. The weather cooperated allowing Maurice LaFond, Jeff Colah, and Mike Sestili to tech the cars outside, while Doc Saddleton performed driver physicals.

Thank you,

Debbie LaFond

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It's a little challenging to write the monthly REport for Neohio when our Road Racing program has been curtailed. It takes a big chunk out of what Neohio has been all about for many years. I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, ignoring Solo or Rally or Street Survival when I say that. The Board of Trustees, along with Debbie Lafond and Pat Prill, have been working hard to try to rejuvenate the road racing program for this year. Pitt-Race was looked at very hard, but we could not find a date that would work. Mid-Ohio's schedule is locked in so tight that there was no room for another event. Other regions were approached about co-sanctioning events in order to minimize exposure to possible losses, but most were already too far into the planning stage or had made other commitments. Maybe next year. Be assured that the Neohio road racing program is not dead, but in a state of suspended animation to be revived in the near future. Do not give up on the program.

However, Neohio does have a Solo program that is quite successful and is off to a great start this year. Bill Snow and his fine Solo committee held a warm-up and driver school event at Lakeland Community College and had a very successful turnout. Great job Bill and all of the Solo committee for another great event.

The region is also trying to put on a Street Survival event in the fall. Stay

tuned for the schedule and further information.

Check out the Neohio website for news and contact Duane Harrington if you need the website updated.

This just in. Both of these fine gentlemen will be missed by many.

Ed Gaither tragically passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Ed was a member of the Nelson Ledges Safety Team and was employed at Pitt-Race as head of security and maintenance. Ed was a Neohio member at one time and switched to Steel Cities.

Ann-Marie Bors sent me this email:

Good Morning Jim,

It is with heavy heart that I wanted to let you know that Frank passed away on May 12th. He had a long fight with Post Polio Syndrome. Who would have known it would hit him twice. I know he was very active with the group until I got transferred to Illinois. We did some races here until he had to be put in Assisted living and then the nursing home. I will continue to do races. He got me hooked.

I will be bringing him home to bury him in Lakeview Cemetery as soon as my family and his can find a date. I'm sure we will have something in the paper.

Regards, Ann-Marie Bors

Frank held a National Sound Control license and was a past RE of Neohio.



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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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Duane Harrington, Dan Koplow, Jeff Blumenthal, Joe Blaha, Scott Lunder, Tara Oram, Kerry Klotzman, Bob Nick

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Pracker

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Dan Koplow at 7:04 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: Audit Approved by Dan Koplow, as he was on committee but was unable to attend.

- Joe Blaha gave the report and made a few recommendations to the board. Those items were as follows: 1. Put check request form on the website. 2. Need receipt for larger items (Solo Laptop in specific). 3. Blower invoice to be approved by Jim Green. 4. Look at opportunities for saving accounts if funds are not needed for immediate disbursement.
- **MOTION** to accept Audit Committee report as presented. *Du. Harrington/Koplow – Approved – Dietz Abstained*
- **MOTION** to accept Treasurer's report as presented. *Klotzman/Blumenthal – Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Jim gave an update on possibility of joining in for a Steel Cities race this year, and they have already agreed to work with Mahoning Valley and they feel a third region would be too complicated. They chose to pass on our offer for the year.

- Thinks we can help jump start a membership drive with a get together at High Voltage Karting place in Medina. Will check into pricing, what they have, etc.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: Report identified trying to work with local clubs to assist for an event, looks like we may need to hold off till next year, but further update next month meeting.

- **MOTION** to have Competition Chair contact Mid-Ohio to find out pricing and make sure we can be added to schedule for next year, if not on wait list for this year. *Blumenthal/Do. Harrington – Approved.*
- Roland was present to discuss what was missing of equipment and to talk about inventory of T&S items. It was noted that transponders were disposed of, all parts of new decoder were delivered, and any other "old" equipment was disposed of
- He talked with Brenda and Bob regarding the MyLaps account and setup.
- **MOTION** to relieve Roland Hahn of any further responsibility of transponders, cases and equipment. *Du. Harrington/Bo. Nick – Approved Blaha/Blumenthal – Abstained.*

MEMBERSHIP: 520 Members. With 8 expiring in February and 21 in March.

SOLO: Trailer party – to setup and make sure all working before the Test and Tune event on April 26th at Lakeland CC.

RALLY: No Report.

HALL OF FAME: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS: Agreed by all it may be a rebuilding year and support Solo with their events and strengthen Street Survival program for 2015. Especially with the lack, or no response at all from Nelson Ledges and management.

- Classified ads will be on the website. Can do a private "mailbox" for responses if so chose. ANY SCCA member may post.
- **MOTION** as matter of business, detailed inventories needs to be taken each year for those specialties with inventory. Should any items need to be destroyed, a formal letter must be provided by the board giving permission for such act to happen, prior to the act. *Blumenthal/Bo. Nick – Approved*
- Inventories of those specialties, specifically T&S and Solo, have been requested to be completed by June 1, 2015.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2015

MOTION to adjourn 8:32pm. *Du. Harrington/Blaha – Approved*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
April, 2015–**Approved | Final**

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY / APRIL 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 4	May 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10 Mother's Day
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
May 25 Memorial Day	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31
June 1	June 2 7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21 Father's Day

Tech Day 2015 Photos



HELP WANTED!



Rad Air of Wickliffe is growing and is need of a lube tech. We are searching for an experienced person that can handle oil changes, tire rotations and alignments.

Contact Bill Snow @ 440-943-9666 for more information.

29257 Anderson Road, Wickliffe OH 44092

By Chaplain Gray

Bridgehampton Acquirer

Chaplain Marvin Gray,

In Colorado Springs, I am probably the westernmost member of NEOhio SCCA. I noted your comments on the Bridgehampton course, in the current issue of the *Blower*, and thought I was hearing an echo. During the last gasps of the "Save the Bridge" campaign, I tried to help the leader of that group, architect Guy Frost, out on Long Island. One of the things I wrote for him was an application for historic status for the track. We eventually got it, but it didn't do any good.

The other thing I did was a few press releases on behalf of "Save the Bridge." In a couple of these I mentioned just what you said, that the golf course would pollute the aquifer they all drink out of. You don't have to be a chemist to figure out that the toxic stuff that makes the grass so green will eventually percolate down into the aquifer. How'd you like a nice glass of Roundup?

One thing that led to the demise of Bridgehampton, in addition to land prices and the noise, which could have easily been fixed, was community relations, or lack thereof. I forget the name of the guy who was running it, but he entirely disregarded opportunities to build bridges with the townspeople.

The track with the best community relations I can think of is Waterford Hills. They take Make-A-Wish kids around the track in their cars... they give free tickets to the locals... they wine and dine the local sports writers...etc.

Back to Bridgehampton, I drove there one time when I was in the

Detroit Region, doing a completely undistinguished three years in a Formula Ford. Of twelve courses I had driven, Bridgehampton would have to be the very top by a long shot. So it was a real shame that it was one that fell victim to the expansion of suburbia.

I don't know what can be done to save Nelson Ledges. Part of it is the wonderful Global Economy, which has cost millions of jobs and lowered everyone's standard of living so they can't do important things like racing cars. Part of it may be track management. Did they ever think of doing a vintage race? What kind of promotion do they have? And for Pete's sake why don't they get rid of the no-spectator events? 43 years in marketing tells me that was a badly mistaken idea. Who started that, anyway? Tracy Bird? He made a lot of mistakes.

One more thing. There's another article on the Thompson course and it was in the September 2011 issue of *Classic Motorsports* magazine, a ten-page feature. Most people

consider it the definitive article on the Thompson course.

I always enjoy your column in the *Blower* and I'm looking forward to the next one.

Carl Goodwin

Hello Carl,

Thank you for your kind response. I too loved the challenge of the Bridge.

It is frustrating with many new tracks being built around the country that we can't keep SCCA @ Nelson.

The track will remain open primarily for motorcycles as the new management are bike folks. I think a combination of years of no funds management, the crumbling economy in the region, SCCA's Majors Program which left Nelson out, the opening of PIRC, and the motorcycle preference of the new management all have contributed.

Blessings,

Marvin

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.detroit-scca.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.detroit-scca.org

Watch for date changes
& additional rallies.

Membership Address,
Phone, E-mail Changes?
Contact Jeff Blumenthal
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Also update your e-mail address with
SCCA National office.

Great Lakes SCCA
2015 Race Schedule

12/8/2014

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		
June 12, 13 & 14		Cincinnati @ NCM (D)C	June Sprints @ Road America (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				
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 Motorsports Park		PIRC-Pittsburgh International Race Complex		Red out of Div.



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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

2013 Volkswagen Jetta SE, 3500 mi., 5 speed, new condition, air, cruise, moonroof, convenience package 16" wheels, Sirius, 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 & halfshaves. 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@crowneagle.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.*

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Advertisement Rates

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(8" x 5.25") \$120 / 3 months
- 1/4 Page \$25 / month
(4" x 5") \$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page \$15 / month
(3.5" x 2") \$40 / 3 months

20% Discount to Neohio member

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