



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Jim Green

### Upcoming Events

- There will **NOT** be a 2015 Regional Championship Series.
- February 6, 2016 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ohio Winter Rally, Neohio Region, SCCA



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I had my report all figured out in my mind and was about to start putting it on paper (or on Word) when I saw an email with the subject "Marv Drucker." That stopped me cold and everything I had planned went right down the porcelain chute. The body of the email just said "Check the Cleveland Plain Dealer obits." I did. Marvin Drucker passed away on December 2, 2015. There should be an obit in *The Blower* somewhere this month. This would be very significant by itself, but it is even more significant at this time.

This issue of the *Blower* is a November/December issue since Neohio Annual meeting was just two weeks ago combined with the Trustees meeting. Elected as Treasurer was Joe Blaha, Recording Secretary Jeff Blumenthal, Membership Secretary Tara Oram, Trustees Bob MacDonald and Dave Lancaster and Pablo Chois and Assistant RE Kerry Klotzman. Congratulations to all!

We have the Annual Banquet coming up in February. The tentative date is the 20<sup>th</sup>. It will NOT be on Valentine's Day weekend. We're still hearing grief about that one. The banquet will be at the Pine Ridge Country Club, 30601

Ridge Road, Wickliffe OH, 44092. Details will be in the next *Blower* and on the website. Also if you have one of the perpetual trophies handed out last year, please email or call me so we can arrange to get those back in time to have them engraved for this year. Speaking of the awards, the awards are listed elsewhere with a description of the qualifications for the awards. If you have any ideas about a person that qualifies for one of the awards either call me or email me with their names and qualifications.

Neohio has been unable to schedule any road racing events for the 2016 season. We thought we had a date at Pitt-Race, but when SCCA National Office rescheduled the Majors event to May 14-15 it required that the client that had that date move their event. They chose the weekend we had requested, but since they (whoever they are) are current clients they got the date we requested. The only date we were offered was September 24 weekend. Unfortunately, that is the last weekend of the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio. OVR offered up their weekend immediately following the Runoffs, but that would definitely not be a viable choice in

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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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### Information for Area 4 Members – October, 2015

Dear Area 4 Members,

So much to say; so little room to say it! Here we go:

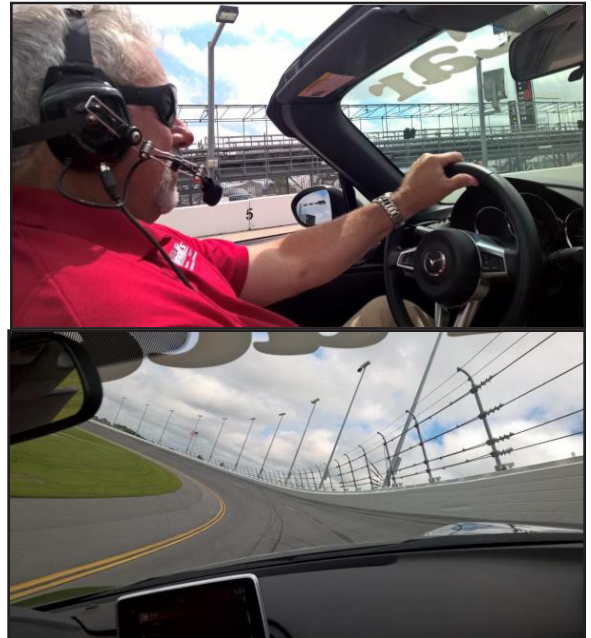
#### SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals

Sure, our club has some problems, but the Solo program is not one of them. A record 1223 entries were recorded for Solo's premiere event, the Tire Rack Solo Nationals. Winners from Area 4 included: Andrew Pallotta (NeOhio), Laura Harbour (CenKy), Holly Schwedler (NWOHio), Carol Kolk (Detroit), Dave Montgomery (Cincy), Charina Jones (NWOHio), Carol Burger (Indy), and Krystal Lavender (Indy). Well done!

#### SCCA Runoffs

If you were not there, you missed one of the best Runoffs ever. No kidding. Daytona is a unique track where drafting plays a crucial role. This produced spectacular racing, full of strategy and skill. Area 4 racers faired quite well as we always do. But the best was the Friday night Spec Miata race under the lights: an instant classic – 63 cars, different set-ups, all drafting, where the third place and fourth place cars go sailing by the leaders on the last turn of the last lap for the Win and Place. A fireworks display immediately followed- Awesome!

All cars should have lights. A big "thank you" to Mazda for making this happen and for providing us two fun 2016 Miatas for Pace Cars (pics to the right). The 2016 Runoffs will be September 19-25 at Mid-Ohio. In 2017, the Runoffs stay in Area 4 as we will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway September 29-October 1. The club is looking to go back to the West Coast in 2018



#### RallyCross National Championship

102 Competitors took to the field (literally) August 7-9 at Indianola, Iowa for the 2015 RallyCross National Championships. Area 4 was well represented, although we did not achieve the top step of the podium. Check out the recap in Sportscar.

#### Sportscar Magazine

Speaking of Sportscar, at the October BOD meeting, we received the results of a survey and consulting report from US Sports Advisors about Sportscar Magazine. For years, we have looked at Sportscar and the huge cost in our budget. But no one really understood what this cost buys us. We hired this firm to enlighten us, and they sure did. For example: 90% of our members read it every month; only 4% want a digital-only magazine. And about 10,000 of our members do not participate in any activity, but they like receiving Sportscar for their dues. We are still evaluating this very thorough report as we consider a contract renewal for Sportscar in 2016.

#### TNIA

Track Night in America (TNIA) concluded its first season. There were 89 events with 4182 participants (2862 unique participants). 68% of those were non-SCCA members. We were able to sign up 217 new members. 49% of the participants were in stock vehicles; 23% of participants were on track for the first time. More importantly, the SCCA received accolades from other sanctioning bodies for this innovative way to get enthusiasts out to the track. As they say, "a rising tide floats all ships". The more folks join the SCCA, the better for all racing organizations. Kudos to Heyward Wagner and the Topeka staff for the successful launch of this innovative program.

#### October BOD Meeting Other Matters

There were many other items considered by the Board at the October BOD meeting. Incidentally, we held this near the Kansas City airport to save transportation costs of getting everyone to Topeka (see we do care!). Topics included:

- Presentation by CRB Chairman Jim Wheeler; adopted 2016 CRB recommended rules. The Series Chief Steward is no more. That title changes to "Race Director" so as not to confuse him/her with the Chief Steward.

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 16	November 17  7 P Annual Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22
November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26  Thanksgiving	November 27	November 28	November 29
November 30	December 1  7 P Trustee Meeting @ The Captains Club, Eastlake	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6  Hannukkah Begins
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12	December 13
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
December 21	December 22  First Day of Winter	December 23	December 24	December 25  Christmas Day	December 26	December 27
December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1  New Years Day	January 2	January 3

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- RallyCross – named a new Rocky Mountain Divisional Steward
- Had a presentation of the new Formula 4. SCCA is supporting this series. There is much more to it than we read in the Press Release. Racers will be very excited as the full program is unveiled.
- Approved a new Chairman of the Stewards, Jim Rogaski. No big drama – just a normal rotation of the Chair.
- Had a presentation by the SEB Chairman Brian Conners, recapping 2015; reviewing, discussing and passing new rules for 2016, and discussing new ideas like the recent GoTo Webinar.
- Approved formation of the NTTC (National Time Trials Committee)
- Discussed a Help Desk at SCCA.com staffed by experienced members to assist members and Regions.
- Discussed the structure of SCCA Ventures and appointed a Board.
- Presentation of Liaison Reports of various committees and boards
- Set the Agenda for the December BOD meeting.

#### 2016 SCCA Convention

The 2016 SCCA National Convention to be held January 21-23<sup>rd</sup> at the South Point Hotel and Casino in fabulous Las Vegas. This convention will focus on our Regions, especially development of Regional Leadership. Our own Dan Hodge had been named to the Committee planning the convention. If you have ideas on what you would like to see on the Agenda, give Dan a call or email.

#### GLD Scheduling Meeting

The Great Lakes Division Scheduling Meeting will take place Saturday, November 7 at the Tire Rack, 7101 Vorden Parkway, South Bend, IN 46628. Better hurry and register if you plan to attend. Registration here:

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/great-lakes-division-scheduling-meeting-tire-rack-test-facility-scca-184243>

Also, there will be a meeting to finalize the Great Lakes Regional Champ Series after the Scheduling Meeting. My apologies for not being able to attend; my daughter is getting married in New Orleans that weekend. I love SCCA but.....

Need anything? Let me know if I can help.

Yours for the Sport, Steve



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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Green, Dorothy Harrington, Duane Harrington, Joe Blaha, Bob Nick, Peggy Dietz, Kerry Klotzman, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Scott Lunder, Dan Koplow, Jeff Blumenthal

**GUESTS:** Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:05 pm

Noted from Duane Harrington that ballots were available for voting purposes, if had not already submitted one.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. **MOTION** to accept the minutes as presented. *Klotzman/Blaha – Approved.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** **MOTION** – to accept report as presented. *Klotzman/Blaha – Approved.*

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:**

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:** We lost the requested date at Pitt Race, as we were not “current” clientele. They had moved a few dates around and the Majors for Steel Cities was moved as well. We were offered a weekend in September, but that is the last weekend of the RunOffs. The weekend available at MidOhio, was the weekend immediately following the RunOffs.

- The barn is now completely down at Nelson. Farmer and family took it down and lined a horse barn with it.
- Tire walls are down as well on front stretch. Still running Fun Days out there.
- There was a street survival at Burke Lakefront put on by BMW. They were short instructors but a great opportunity to get the region more involved.
- We need to do a better job of marketing and getting the word out there. Socials? Social Media? Mailings?

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report as we are not holding a race. Mentioned Mansfield Speedway to look into.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 555 per report submitted.

**SOLO:** End of year meeting went well. Track First donated helmets to use for loaners at the events. Great partnership we have with them.

- The bad news... we will be losing Lakeland Community College as our pavement. They are re-doing the lot and we will no longer be able to use it. Mission is on again to find pavement for our events. Any input, help, leads are welcomed.
- Possible a couple of schools, or joining forces with the Street Survival program for exposure.
- Depending on next year, equipment will need upgrade for the timing lights. We were having about 70+ in attendance and it was just not handling like it should have been.
- Bill Snow is stepping down as Solo Chair and Pablo will be stepping in moving forward.

**RALLY:** No report.

**STREET SURVIVAL:** Lightly touch on the BMW event at Burke and will need to focus quite a bit in 2016 on this program.

**HALL OF FAME:** Has received two (2) nominations. They will be having a meeting in the future. Dorothy expressed her disappointment with the lack of interest in this program. Questions about the banquet, with Dan now being gone.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Possible shows we can attend in 2016 to get exposure? We need to put the word out there.
- Need to have nominations for trophies for the banquet, and need to contact Dan Koplow and see what, if anything, was started for the banquet. Date, location, etc.
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Break at 7:59pm for counting of Ballots. Reconvened at 8:39pm.

We received 17 ballots. We will need a few letters of acceptance, as there were a few write ins. Finalized positions next month.  
*Regional Executive* - Jim Green. *Trustees* – Pablo, Bob MacDonald, Dave Lancaster

*Assistant RE* – Write Ins – Kerry Klotzman, Jeff Blumenthal, Pracker

*Recording Secretary* – Write Ins – Jeff Blumenthal, Brenda Nick

*Membership Chairman* – Write Ins – Jeff Blumenthal, Tara Oram

Next Meeting: December 1, 2015.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:49pm. *Blaha/Bo. Nick – Approved*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram

November, 2015 | Annual Meeting | **Final\Approved**

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

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Tara Oram, Jim Pracker

**GUESTS:** Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Green at 7:05 pm

*Minutes not provided for review. Will receive next month for approvals.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** ***MOTION*** – to accept report as presented. *Du. Harrington/D. Koplow – Approved.*

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:**

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:** Reminder Annual Meeting will be November 17, 2015. Nominations open tonight again.

- November 7 is Great Lakes Division Scheduling meeting – Peggy Dietz will attend. As Oct. 16 is deadline for requesting division race and driver school dates.
- Currently being told Pitt Race is dealing with “current customers” requests as priority. Neohio requested dates in May (14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>).

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** What is needed to get Nelson back on track? Business plan? Jim will talk to Steve Harris about this issue as well. Jim will go look at tire walls and if we put some work into it – what assurances do we have? More interest to make something happen.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 552. Three expiring end of August and 22 at the end of September.

**SOLO:** Joe Blaha reported that the last event of the year held end of September, has 72 entrants. Had an issue with participant that thought it was a “drifting” event. Police were called in for some of the drama that arose from situation.

- November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am will be the Solo wrap up meeting and initial planning meeting for 2016. To be held at Track First in Hudson, OH.

**RALLY:** No report.

**STREET SURVIVAL:** Cynthia from BMW approached. Let's see if we can work with them to put on event in 2016.

**HALL OF FAME:** Has received only one (1) nomination to date. May ask for sponsorship from Impact Communications to be delayed till next year if this year does not produce any recipients.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Old solo computer needs updating. ***MOTION*** to dispose through proper channels and destroy the hard drive. *Du. Harrington / Koplow – Approved.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Open floor for nominations. Open positions – RE, Assistant RE, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee Positions (3). Nomination for: Secretary – Tara nominated Brenda Nick (declined). Treasurer – Peggy nominated Joe Blaha. Trustee – Dorothy nominated Bob MacDonald. *Nominations closed for the evening.*
- Thanked Dan Koplow for years of service as he is moving to Colorado for new practice.
- Annual convention will be January 21, will we have any representation? Discussion of not seeing the justification and worth the cost for what is gained from it.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting November 17, 2015.

**MOTION** to adjourn at 8:20pm . *Du. Harrington/Do. Harrington – Approved*

## Obituary



Marvin Drucker, age 87, died December 2, 2015. Korean Conflict Army veteran. Beloved husband of Sandra (nee Harris); devoted father of Richard (Susan) Drucker, Pamela (Dr. Michael) Gross of Fairfax, VA and the late David (Vikki) Drucker; loving grandfather of Brett and Megan Drucker, Alex Gross, Elizabeth, Daniel, Jarett and Adam Drucker; dear brother of Sylvia Heller. Services will be held at BERKOWITZ-KUMIN-BOOKATZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1985 S. TAYLOR RD., CLEVELAND HTS. on Friday, December 4 at 12 noon. Interment in Akron at Rose Hill Burial Park. The family will receive friends FOLLOWING FRIDAY BURIAL UNTIL 9 PM AND SATURDAY FROM 7 TO 9 PM at the Drucker residence, 27500 Cedar Rd., Beachwood in the Point East Condominiums Community Room. Contributions are suggested to the charity of choice.

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a business sense. All of this brings us back to Nelson Ledges. Why not race there? Some tirewalls need to be replaced because they were removed. Doors to the timing tower need repair and there are no gas pumps or concession stand either. And the track is due for its next SCCA inspection.

Now I will continue my thought from above about Marvin Drucker and the track. There is a gentleman that has entered into an agreement to purchase the Nelson Ledges track. I am not privy to the particulars of the agreement, but the parties are into a ninety day "due diligence" period. I know. The first thing you thought was "I've heard this all before!" I know I have. But I am holding out higher hopes for this one. The proposed purchaser is a local person that wants to bring Nelson Ledges back to the race track it once was in its prime. I will keep you posted on this one. *Jim*

## Special Thanks to Track First

The Neohio Solo Committee would like to thank Track First in Hudson for their generous donation of four helmets to Neohio's Solo program. The team at Track First has been a big supporter of the Neohio Solo Program and has hosted a few of our meetings. Tim Wadsworth at Track First heard about our need to update The Solo loaner helmets and he and his team didn't hesitate to offer Neohio four, brand new helmets. Be sure to check out Track First in Hudson for all of your racing and safety gear needs. Call them at 234-380-5978.



*Track First Owners,  
Tim Wadsworth & Sally Wadsworth*

## Award Nominations

The Board seeks nominations for the following awards.

**Tommie & Bill Benham Memorial Award** - For a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty. (Individual & Perpetual Trophy)

**The Thomas Prescott Memorial Award** - Michael & Judy Sherwin instituted this trophy to be given to a Neohio competition driver who exemplifies the individual competitive spirit of amateur SCCA racing. It shall be awarded to an otherwise unheralded

Competition Driver whose individual competitive spirit and desire to win has characterized his/her racing season. (No Perpetual given starting in 1998 as trophy was lost.)

**Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial** - For Sportsmanship – devotion to the sport, conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results. (Individual & Perpetual Trophy)

**The Reed Andrews Friendship Award** - In recognition of the importance of friendship and good

sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing. (Individual & Perpetual Trophy)

**Scarpucci Award** - Awarded to a person who, during the previous year, contributed outstandingly to the success of the Region's Rally program and of rallying in general. (No Perpetual given starting in 1999 as trophy was lost.)

**Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award** - Recognizes a volunteer official who, year after year, is dedicated to motorsports

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# Great Lakes SCCA

## 2016 Race Schedule

(As of 11/18/2015)

DATES for 2016	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
January 21 - 23		National Convention	Las Vegas, NV	South Point Conf. Center
March 12		Spring Training	Findlay, Oh	Findlay Inn
April 2 & 3				
April 9 & 10				
April 15 - 17				
April 23 & 24	Waterford			
April 30 & May 1				
May 7 & 8 (Mothers Day)				
May 14 & 15				
May 21 & 22		SBR, DET & WOR @ GM (D)		PDX ON SUNDAY (5/22)
May 28, 29 & 30 (Memorial Day)				
June 3 - 5			OVR @ Mid Ohio	
June 11 & 12				
June 18 & 19 (Father's Day)				
June 25 & 26		WMR @ GRA (D)		SVRA @ Mid Oho
July 2, 3 & 4 (4th of July)				
July 9 & 10			SBR & DET @ GM	
July 15 - 17		OVR @ Mid Ohio (D)		Friday 15th) - TBA
July 23 & 24				
July 30 & 31				INDY @ Mid Ohio
August 5 & 7		Cincy @ Mid Ohio (D)		PDX (Friday 5)
August 12 & 13				NASCAR @ Mid Ohio
August 13 & 14			WMR @ GRA	
August 20 & 21				
August 27 & 28				
Sept. 3, 4 & 5 (Labor Day)				
Sept. 10 & 11				
Sept. 15 - 18	Test Days for Runoffs - Mid Ohio			
Sept. 19 - 25	Runoffs - Mid Ohio			
Oct. 1 & 2				
Oct. 7 - 9		OVR @ MO (D)		PDX @ MO (Friday 7th)
Oct. 15 & 16				
Oct. 22 & 23				
Oct. 29 & 30				
Nov. 5 Note ES Time Change	GLD Scheduling Meeting in ????			
Nov. 12 & 13				
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Majors
GM-GingerMan	GRA-Grattan	Q= Quad Only 1 sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
NL-Nelson Ledges	MO-Mid Ohio	MIS-Mich Internat. Speedway	WAT-Waterford Hills	
NCM - National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park		PIRC-Pittsburgh International Race Complex		

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in the Neohio Region. This award is presented in appreciation of the longevity of Neohio volunteers. (Individual & Perpetual Trophy)

### Trustees Awards

**Driver of the Year** - The driver that earns and submits the

greatest total number of Regional and National points from any recognized SCCA Division. (Beginning in 2001 this will include nominations.) (Individual & Perpetual Trophy)



*Happy Holidays!*

**OFFICIAL RESULTS:** National **RoadRally** Championship

**Event Name:** Johnny Appleseed Rally

**Event Date:** October 17, 2015

**Organizing Region:** Neohio (24)

**Type:** Regional Tour

**Sanction #:** 2015 RT 24 02

**Course length:** 121.754 miles, 5.75 hours

**# of Scored Controls:** 14

**Timing Unit:** 0.01 minute



**Worker Points (may only be assigned to Chairman, Rallymaster(s), or Pre-Checker(s), and four total):**

**Worker Points (#1):** Greg Lester, Akron, OH. Chairman/Rallymaster, #108833, Neohio Region (Course Championship)

**Worker Points (#2):** Jack von Kaenel, Belville, NC. Precheck/Safety Steward, #215786, Detroit Region (Course Championship)

**Worker Points (#3):**

**Worker Points (#4):**

Results must be mailed or emailed **within 45 days** to the SCCA Rally/Solo Department to arrive no later than **December 31:**

This form should be included with the post event audit form

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Positions											Championship Point Award			
O/A	Class			Car No.	Driver Navigator	Hometown	SCCA Region	Vehicle	Score	NTR	Great Lakes Div.			
	E	L	S								Base	Bonus	Total	
1	E1			1	David Sellers Janis Ford	Hilliard, OH Columbus, OH	OVR OVR	2014 Subaru Impreza	12	10.0	10			10
2		L1		2	Ken Wiedbusch Dennis Wiedbusch	Royal Oak, MI Canton, MI	Detroit Detroit	2007 Chevrolet Cobalt SS/SC	22	10.0	10	2		12
3	E2			3	Ron Johnstonbaugh Caleb Abbott	Wadsworth, OH Wadsworth, OH	Detroit W/E	1991 Audi 200 Quattro	40	8.0	9			9
4			S1	4	Adam Spieszny Zbigniew Arceusz	Walled Lake, MI Farmington Hills, MI	Detroit W/E	1993 Eagle Talon Tsi AWD	76	10.0	10	1		11
5	E3			5	Andrew Layton Triston Evans	Battle Creek, MI Kalamazoo, MI	Detroit W/E	2006 Mini Cooper	168	6.0	8			8
6			S2	6	Rob Myers Andrew Bowland	Stow, OH Akron, OH	W/E W/E	2007 Subaru Legacy	323	8.0	9			9
7			S3	7	Darren Schneider Kurt Hilfer	New Haw, Surrey, UK Cincinnati, OH	W/E W/E	2014 Ford Focus	329	6.0	8			8
8			S4	8	Brandon Legath Katy O'Regan	Strongsville, OH Cleveland, OH	W/E W/E	2015 VW GTI	380	5.0	7			7



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Classified ads are free for members.

## The Joy of Toys

In January 2015, Race Care Ministry chose to do a six month toy drive to benefit five Ohio children's hospitals and the goal was set for 250 items. The effort was called "Ohio Smiles 4 Kids" and was patterned after a prior Ohio Valley Region's '500 Smiles' toy drive in 2005. With the blessing and support of the OVR Board and free advertising donated by some Ohio SCCA region's websites and newsletters, things started happening as early as February. The 2015 Great Lakes Race Expo at the Full Throttle Indoor Karting in Cincinnati featured Race Care Ministry for the race related charity and some funds and items started coming in. Even my co-workers at Defense Finance and Accounting Service got involved and often there are stuffed animals left at my desk for 'the kids'.

When race season started, announcements at race events helped get the word out for the need of items. Items made their way to a donation box was put out at the Saturday evening parties. Items were dropped off at the Grid or at my van in the Worker Campground. Donations were given at the Sunday morning Chapel service. Race friends would stop me and hand money to me telling me, 'Here – put this towards toys for the kids.' Wow. More than once it took a lot to hold back the tears for the kindness of my race family.

RCM board member, Marv Gray and I had a field day getting posters and hats from the professional drivers and teams at the autograph sessions at the two pro races. It was like Christmas in July! It's a good thing that I have a Grand Caravan to put all these items in.

Knowing that the destination for the donations were for children who may have compromised immune systems, we adhered to the hospitals request for new items. Once back home from events, items were stored in airtight containers to keep them free from dust and the curiosity of my four legged roommates. By August, the pile of items grew larger and more containers were bought.

By October, knowing that we'd already hit our goal, it was exciting to wonder just how much we'd surpass it. After the last event at Mid-Ohio, it was time to go shopping! A total of \$392.00 was donated. To optimize the number of items, I visited my favorite Dollar Tree and got cases of new and clean stuffed animals, books, toys, and crayons. Next it was to sort and separate out and evenly divide the items per hospital. It was a lot of work but it was fun. To see the containers pile up made it hit home – we were going to make a lot of kids smile!

Then it was time for a road trip! On Oct 13th, Kathy Gall and I dropped off the donation for the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus Ohio as it was on the way to Dayton Ohio. The next day, Kathy and myself, racers JD Pfetzing, Mike Helm, Suren Tchobanian and Jerry Cabe met at the Dayton Childrens Hospital for a visit. Kathy's organizational skills got good use arranging the items in the cart so that JD, Suren and Mike could easily access them. Jerry brought his blue #10 Spec Miata for display outside the building. As Kathy and Jerry greeted people entering and leaving the hospital having them fill their names on stickers that were placed on Jerry's car, the rest of the Smile Team visited kids in their rooms. Federal law prohibits pictures being published without parental consent so if you can just imagine the faces of the kids lighting up when the guys chat with them or have them sign their names on a helmet. It is priceless! When offered a picture coloring kit, one young lady explained to Suren that she 'wasn't a girly girl' and so Suren offered her a nice race hat and poster. She was happy!

As of this writing, the toys are all purchased, sorted and boxed for delivery to the remaining three hospitals by December. Typically the hospitals will use some toys for the holidays and some will be kept to use for use during the year for birthday celebrations, prizes for game nights, etc. The grand total was 1507 items!

## Johnny Appleseed Rally

Photos of 3 of 4 class winners!



Looking back, it still brings tears of joy at all the outpouring from so many people who made this successful. It truly was a team effort of a lot of people. From my heart, a huge thank you to not only those who donated items or funds but those who supported the drive by word of mouth and their prayers. You've all made a difference in the lives of children going through some tough times in their lives. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

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