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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Tire Stacking at
Nelson Ledges April 1*

*Pre-Season Social at Winking
Lizard Independence April 5*

*A Day of MotorSports
Event at Nelson April 22*

*Autocross Test & Tune
Eastlake April 29*

Time Trial at Nelson May 6

*Autocross Points Event 1
@ The IX Center May 13*

Vertigo Rally Dover OH May 13

MVR Divisional NL May 20-21

*The Shortest Night
Enduro @ NL June 24-25*

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The Starting Line REport by Bob MacDonald

This month, I'm afraid I am starting on a sad note. Pat Prill, a very dear and long-time member of SCCA and our region passed away on March 15th. Pat was so much more than just a member though. She was the essence of what it is to be part of the SCCA family. On page 13 you will see a brief message that we posted on the region's social media pages, along with a picture of Pat with her kids, Tracey and Eric, from her induction to the NEOHIO SCCA Hall of Fame in 2022.

Beyond the accomplishments listed there, Pat was a friend, a mom, a true fan and supporter to so many of us. I don't know how to put into words the hole that she leaves behind. We will post information regarding any memorial services or requests from the family on our website when that information becomes available.

On a happier note, we have a lot planned for the month of April. First up will be our **Nelson Ledges Work Day** on April 1st. Some might ask why, as a region, we volunteer to support our local track through a day of volunteer labor. The answer is simple: the investment we make there comes back to us in many ways. NEOHIO SCCA enjoys a very special relationship with Nelson Ledges and has throughout most of its history. We benefit greatly from the fact that the new owners have elected to continue that tradition. In addition to that, the work we put in there benefits all of our competitors who drive there as a well maintained tire wall leads to less injuries and less vehicular damage. Any of us that have ever reached the tire wall can vouch for that. To that end, I hope to see many of our racers and Time Trialers show up to join the volunteers (F&C, Emergency Services and Pit & Grid especially) who have made this a regular event on their calendars. Coffee, donuts and lunch are part of the reward, as well as making some new friends.

A new opportunity, we're planning a **Pre-Season Social Event** at the Winking Lizard in Independence on April 5th at 6 PM. This is an unbudgeted event (meaning you have to buy your own food and beverage) but the folks at Winking Lizard are giving us a space where we can do a little bench racing with our friends. This is an open invitation for all including Autocross, Rallycross, Rally, Street Survival, Time Trials, Club Racing and Volunteers. I hope to see you there!

Finally, our biggest event of the month is our **Day of Motorsports** on April 22nd. This is really a huge undertaking and I hope to see all 600+ of our members there! Nelson Ledges has graciously opened their facilities to us so we can stage this first of its kind event. We will have areas dedicated to everyone of our Programs (listed in the Social item) and we hope to have participants with as many competition vehicles as possible, willing to share stories and talk to potential new members.

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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 7:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact any Officer or Trustee for a current Zoom link.

Membership meeting dates and times are shown in the **Blower**.

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Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events

April 1	Tire Stacking Day	NLRC
April 22	Day of Motorsports Event	NLRC
April 29	Autocross Test and Tune	CCPL
May 6	Neohio Time Trial	NLRC
May 13	Autocross Points Event 1	IX Center
May 13	Vertigo Rally	Dover OH
May 20-21	MVR Divisional Race	NLRC
June 24-25	The Shortest Night Enduro	NLRC

CCPL	Lake County Captains Parking Lot, Eastlake, OH
GCF	Geauga County Fairgrounds, Burton, OH
NLRC	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, OH
TBD	To Be Decided



TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE at NELSON LEDGES

May 6, HOME OPENER

JULY 8-9 RACE FOR THE PENNANT

Join Us at Our Home Track for These Fun Events!



Preliminary 2023 SCCA Rally Championship Schedule:

The 2023 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship schedule is a work in progress.

The following dates are fairly certain:

May 13 - **Vertigo**, Dover, OH. Neohio Region

September 8/9 - **Press On Regardless**, Gaylord, MI. Detroit Region

Expect several other rallies to be added to this schedule, and dates to change as plans solidify in the coming weeks. *Provided by Greg Lester, Rally Chair*



THANK YOU Carbotech Brakes!
Longtime supporter of Neohio
Region and a major sponsor of our
events at Nelson Ledges!

Neohio Region, SCCA

Trustee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023

Members Present:

Bill Crowe (Trustee '23) Bill Moore (Trustee '23) Brenda Nick (Trustee '23)
Kurt Stevens (Trustee '24) Tom Wieland (Trustee '24) Taylor Allen (Trustee '25)
John McFarland (Trustee '25) Matt Harbert (Trustee '25) Bob MacDonald (R.E.)
Brandon Anderson (Asst. R.E.) Joe Blaha (Treas.) Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.)

Members Excused: Pat Prill (Trustee '24) and Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)

Members Absent: None.

Committee Members and Guests: Dave Lancaster, Duane Harrington, Jennifer Bradford, Devan Keeling, Greg Lester, Bob Roberts, and Frank Colletti.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:33pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the January 3, 2023 Zoom meeting were emailed to the Board by Ray Glover for review prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bill Moore, seconded by Brenda Nick, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his January Treasurer's Report to the Board for review prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following:

There were 14 new members in January. Nine memberships lapsed in January. There are currently 610 members.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Welcome to Tom Wieland at his first Trustees meeting.
Communication Committee is meeting. Working on improving communications with the members.
National Convention was online the last ten days of January. Recording are available for viewing.
Great Lakes Division Roundtable is first weekend in March, Bob plans on going.
Charter has been renewed.

Club Racing: Dave Lancaster:

Date is finalized for September 17 and on the Great Lakes calendar.

Enduro: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

Debbie LaFond, Bob MacDonald, and Dave Lancaster compiled the Sups. Official rules also came out, will follow except for brackets/car classes
Launching the event on MSR on February 15, 2023.
15 verbal commitments so far.
Specialty Chiefs have been contacted.
Tim Lally stepped up as main sponsor of the event.

Time Trial: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

Time Trial Board: Dave Lancaster, Taylor Allen, Joe Harbert, Mike Kubiak, and Eric Franz.

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May 6, day before the One Lap

July – 2 day event.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

10 events planned for this year, 6 at the IX Center and 4 at the Captain's lot in Eastlake. Four events will be with the Leroy Engineering Cup Class (Mazda Miatas).

Rally Cross: Frank Colletti reported the following:

One confirmed date - Labor Day weekend at Nelson Ledges with the 944 Fest.

Looking at 2 to 3 other dates at Nelson in the summer.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

We had a rally and it went well. 20 entries, new attendees.

May 13 is the next rally.

Street Survival: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Looking at July 8 or 9 as a possibility, but conflicts with Nelson Time Trial.

Website: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

New website has been launched.

Let Jennifer know about any changes that need to be made.

SCCA Foundation Grant "A Day of Motorsports": Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

An introduction to everything the SCCA has to offer.

Saturday April 22, 2023 at Nelson Ledges.

Speakers (5): Dan Dennehy (SCCA), Bill Snow (car prep), Bill Moore (brakes), Adam Batton (Hoosier, tires), Bill Stevens (data).

All programs should be represented. Chair or their appointee should be there. Display a car of for each program.

All specialties should be represented. Chair or their appointee should be there. They will be located in their appropriate area of the track.

Vendors.

Ride-alongs.

Cleveland Cars & Coffee.

Track Night in America at 3:30 – 8:00.

Secured 4 major sponsors.

Trying to do annual techs that day.

Awards Ceremony: Bob Roberts reported the following:

Schedule is coming along.

Plans on running the 50th Anniversary video during the cocktail hour. Can they be offered for sale? Bob MacDonald suggested we take orders in lieu of making CDs.

30 registered so far, budget based on 75.

Bob might be on jury duty that week, he will keep us updated.

Bill Snow suggested an email blast to remind members.

Old Business:

Bob MacDonald gave the Audit report: committee of Pat Prill, Betsy McIntyre, and Bob Macdonald along with treasurer Joe Blaha, met at Pat Prill's, on January 21, everything was in perfect order. The report will be submitted to the Recording Secretary.

Bill Crowe would like to have quarterly social events for the membership. Suggested dates: March (before the season starts), combine with "A Day of Motorsports", or the 3rd week of May? Bill Crowe made a motion to put on a social event as a test, seconded by Kurt Stevens, approved without objection. Bill Crowe, Bill Snow, Brenda Nick, and Kurt Stevens to work up some ideas and bring them to the next meeting.

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for March 2023

February is always a brief respite as we gear up for the oncoming season. Region officials are working on their events, competitors are reviewing the schedule to see when and where they want to race.....and both are carefully reviewing budgets to see how it will play out financially.

On a personal note, I was asked by two regions in our Area to attend their annual banquets. I was extremely flattered. With the possibility of a nice meal, great conversation and the chance to schmooze with members on the table, I jumped at the opportunity to accept (as much as a 61 year old man with a 'soon to be replaced' hip is capable of jumping). Both regions (Cincinnati and Detroit) are populated with folks I know and so both evenings were a lot of fun.

So, here's what I did this past month.....

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (2/7): We continued to work on plans for the first of two face to face meetings in 2023 which would be held in March (3/17, 3/18). This meeting would concentrate on long term, strategic questions about the Road Racing program (What will the runoffs look like?, What will the class structure entail?, etc.). A review of the "hot" letters showed that very few have percolated to the CRB for discussion. This is a good thing as it shows the advisory committees are doing their jobs better. This, in turn, allows the board to prioritize more serious issues. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (2/8): The Training and Education Advisory Committee (TEAC) has continued to work on content for the Learning Management System (LMS). The EVAC has maintained its focus on responding to the many letters we receive through the CRB letter portal. Its great news that we have so many interested folks willing to write to us. Nearly all of these letters are very supportive and ask deep questions about safety and technological advances as well as offer advice for future protocols.

Board of Directors (BoD) (2/27): We received preliminary, year end financial numbers. Considering all that's happened recently, we ended up in a pretty strong position. The next step is for the auditors to do their thing (which they do annually). We were also briefed that convention conversation will start soon. We need to figure out if the membership wants to meet face to face, virtually or a combination of the two. Start thinking about that and let me know what you would like to do. We reviewed proposed rules changes for the Hill Climb program as well as additions to the RallyCross Board (RXB).

SCCA Events:

Cincinnati Region Banquet (2/4): I finished my high school years and started college in Oxford, OH which is just 30 minutes northwest of downtown Cincinnati. Throw in that Melinda and I know quite a few members from the Cincinnati Region, and you have a recipe for a nice weekend jaunt down for their annual banquet. I was asked to say a few words by the outgoing and incoming REs. I kept my remarks

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short (and clean!) since the agenda was full that evening. I made mention of the fact that they ran the second most events in the division and only solid leadership could foster an atmosphere where so many programs thrived. The meal was very nice (great green beans!) and the awards ceremonies were a lot of fun.

Detroit Region Banquet (2/18): The new RE (Alex Della Torre) invited me over and I gladly accepted his kind offer. As my region (Western Michigan) borders the Detroit Region, I have had the chance to get to know many of their members over the years. I had not planned on making any remarks but Alex asked me to speak about the region's efforts in 2022. I pointed out that among GLDiv regions, Detroit had the most events across the most programs of any region in 2022. I reminded the audience that it takes strong region and program leadership to have so many programs operating so effectively. Once again, the meal was very nice, and the ceremonies afterwards were well run and fun to watch.

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One last reminder that the GLDiv Spring Meeting will occur on 3/3 and 3/4 in Fort Wayne, IN at the same site as last year (Manchester University). A link for registering for the event can be found [here](#). The registration cost is \$30. An additional \$10 gets you a really nice pasta, salad and dessert dinner from Casa d'Angelo on Friday evening. Registration closes on 3/2 @ 11p so be sure to sign up ASAP.

In addition to all the informational meetings, there will be a silent auction of donated items including motorsports memorabilia. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the GLDiv and the SCCA Foundation. Contact Val if you have something to auction.

The meetings will be across all programs, so I encourage all members to attend. With more programs under the SCCA banner these days, we need to focus on teamwork to help each region put on the best events they can for our members.

As usual, Val McCammon is coordinating the event. The agenda has been posted on MSR. Please contact her (pyramid@bluebirdview.com, 260.437.6707) with any questions you may have about the meeting.

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Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

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TENTATIVE 2023 GLD SCHEDULE

DATES for 2023	DRIVER'S SCHOOL	DIVISIONALS	MAJORS	TE/TT, SCCA PRO EVENT or OTHER EVENTS
March	SPRING TRAINING - March 4, 2023 - Fort Wayne, IN			
April 1-2				
April 8-9	DS-WHRRRI Class- room @ WAT			
April 15-16				
April 22-23	DS-WHRRRI Track Sessions @ WAT			
April 29-30				PIRC 4/28 Test and tune. SCR @ PIRC Majors
May 6				NEO -TT @ NL
May 12-14			OVR-M @ MO	
May 20-21		MVR-D @ NL		
May 27-28 (Memorial Day)		DET- D @ WHRRRI		
June 3-4				6/2-3 PIRC Driver's School 6/4 PIRC Time Trials (tent)
June 10-11				
June 17-18 (Father's Day)		WMR-D @ GRA		
June 22-25				Vintage GP @ MO ; TransAm @ MO & NEO- Enduro @ NL
June 30- July 2				Indy NXT @ MO; USF Pro @ MO
July 7-9				NASCAR Trucks @ MO (7- 8)
July 15-16			SBR/DET-M @ GM	
July 21-23				AMA Vintage Bikes @ MO
July 28-30		CINCI-D @ MO		CINCI-TE/TT @ MO (7-28)
August 5-6				
August 11-13		OVR-D @ MO		
August 19-20			WMR - M @ GRA	
August 25				8/25 PIRC Track Event & Driver's School
August 26-27				SCR @ PIRC Double Re- gional Time Trial National
Sept 1-3 (Labor Day)				
Sept 9-10				
Sept 16-17		NEO-D @ NL		

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TENTATIVE 2023 GLD SCHEDULE

Sept 23-Oct 1	2023 RUNOFFS @ VIR			
Sept 23-24				
Sept 30-Oct 1				
Oct 7-8				
Oct 13-15		OVR-D @ MO		
Oct 21-22				
Oct 28-29		NEO-D @ NL		
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Major
GM= GingerMan	GRA=Grattan	Q=Quad Only 1 Sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
NL=Nelson Ledges	MO=Mid Ohio	MIS=Mich Intl Speedway	WAT=Waterford Hills	ST= Super Tour
NCM= National Corvette Museum MS Park PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race Complex		PP=Putnam Park	TE - Track Event TT - Time Trial	BHF=Blackhawk Farms RA=Road America

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New Business:

Bob MacDonald suggested reforming the committee to examine and propose updates to the Constitution and By Laws. Bill Moore to present some ideas next month.

Bob MacDonald is going to place an order with National for general supplies (log book, helmet stickers, etc.).

Brandon Anderson would like to request a budget of \$1,500.00 for the 4 dates at the Captain's lot. Motion made to approve an initial Solo budget of \$1,500.00 for site rental by John McFarland, seconded by Bill Crowe, and passed without objection.

Bob MacDonald suggested other programs bring their budget requests to the next meeting.

Joe Blaha would like to add Bob MacDonald as a signatory to the bank account and the bank needs to see approved minutes to complete that action. Kurt Stevens made a motion to add Bob MacDonald as a signatory to the bank account, seconded by John McFarland, and approved without objection.

Brenda Nick would like to make a motion to change the name of the Club Racing Committee to the Road Racing Committee to align with SCCA National's naming. No motion necessary. No objections to the name change so the name will be changed.

Duane Harrington asked how to post videos to the Neohio YouTube Channel. He was referred to Jason Pokines.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Taylor Allen, seconded by Bill Moore, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2023 via Zoom. Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary



The Neohio Region Awards Celebration took place at the Winking Lizard Party Center in Bedford Heights on February 24th. Here is a list of the awards that were presented that night. **The event also recognized the 70th anniversary of the founding of Neohio Region, SCCA!**

Time Trial Max Category: Toby Weber Sport: Laraine Dale Unlimited: Devan Keeling

Solo Street Class: 1 Ro Jansen 2 Todd Swenson 3 Joe Blaha

Street Touring : 1 Michael Oswalt 2 Betsy McIntyre 3 Jason Pokines

Street Modified: 1 J.D. McPherson 2 Michael Mastalski 3 Derek Meinke

Modified: 1 Jeff Blumenthal 2 Toby Weber 3 Jennifer Bradford

Solo Spirit Award: J.D. McPherson

Road Racing Rookie Driver of the Year: John Gaydos

Driver of the Year: Brian Farnham (FV National Champion)

Individual and Perpetual Awards

Tommie and Bill Benham Award: Jeff Arendas

Thomas Prescott Memorial Award: Aaron Quine

Betsy and Roxy Kincaid Award: Eric Franz

Reed Andrews Friendship Award: Nelson Ledges Track Workers

Scarpucci Award: Ron Johnstonbaugh

Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award: Bob Heidelbergman

Trustee Awards Neohio Lunch Ladies

Brenda Nick

RE Award Brandon Anderson

Congratulations to all our award winners as we look to a great 2023 season!

Check Out The Photos On The Following Pages

***Join us at the Winking Lizard in Independence on April 5th
for our Pre-Season Social!***

LET'S TALK RACING

***Join your fellow SCCA members for an evening of socializing
Starts at 6PM —Check out our Facebook event for details***



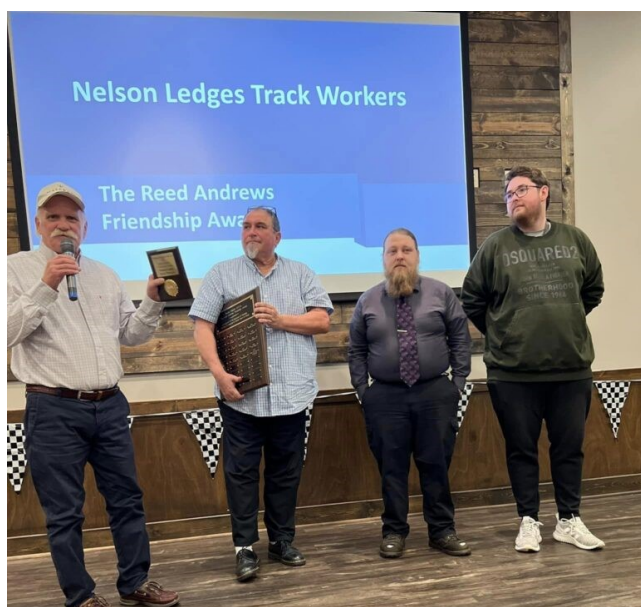


We saw a great turnout of members and friends at our Annual Awards Celebration!

More photos on the next page.



Neohio Region would like to extend our thanks to Summit Racing Equipment for their longstanding support of Neohio Region and motorsports activities in our area! Please show your support by being a customer of our home-grown speed shop.



More photos on the next page. Check the Neohio Region website, too.

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We will have 30 minute presentations including an Overview of all things SCCA, Tires, Brakes, Car Prep and Data Acquisition. In the volunteer arena, we hope to have representation from all specialties. I already know our F&C and Emergency Services crews plan some truly exciting demonstrations. There are also quite a few vendors who have signed up.

As a draw to our racers, Jeff Colah will be available to do **Annual Techs** through the day Saturday. We have permission to leave race trailers overnight so racers can participate in the Test & Tune scheduled for Sunday. This is a great opportunity to prepare ahead of the Majors Race at PittRace the following weekend. The day Saturday concludes with a **Track Night in America**, an opportunity to get folks a track driving experience in their street cars. Thank you to all our sponsors, and let's turn out **BIG** for this event!



**Congratulations to all
those who were
recognized at the
Awards Celebration!**



NEOHIO SCCA lost a very dear and long time member of our family March 15th.

Pat would have celebrated 50 years of membership in the SCCA this coming October. She's been a very active member, supporting her husband Paul in his racing early on and becoming very involved as a volunteer in many aspects of our club. In recent years, she had the opportunity to see her son Eric win three National Championships and the RRDC Mark Donahue Award.

However, Pat will be remembered by most of us for the many ways that she supported our club and its members through roles of RE/ Assistant RE, Registrar, Race Chairperson, Hospitality and as a Trustee. Pat frequently stepped up when there was a job that needed to be done including Co-chairing NEOHIO's 50th Anniversary and numerous Awards events. Pat is a 2022 Inductee into the NEOHIO SCCA Hall of Fame and, with her fellow Lunch Ladies, was awarded a Trustees Award in February. She will be dearly missed.



Pat, her daughter Tracy and her son Eric
at the Awards Celebration last year.



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- 1/4 Page—\$25 / month (4"x5")
\$65 / 3 months
- 1/8 Page \$15 / month (3.5"x2")
\$40 3 months