



# The Blower

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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Neohio Social June 14th*

*Autocross Points Event #2  
June 17*

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

*Time Trial at Nelson  
July 8-9*

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## The Starting Line REport by Bob MacDonald

Happy Memorial Day! As we approach the holiday, most of our motorsports programs are already running at full chat.

Our Home Opener **Time Trial (Time Attack)** on May 6<sup>th</sup> had about 40 competitors. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 77 teams competed in **Autocross Points event #1** at the IX Center. On that same day, the **Vertigo Rally** drew 17 teams. What a great start to the season. Look for results from all three events on our website. In addition, our Road Racers have been busy with the Steel Cities Majors at PittRace at the end of April, the Ohio Valley Region Majors event at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Mother's Day weekend, and the Mahoning Valley Region Divisional Race at Nelson Ledges this past weekend.

As we roll into June, we are headed for another NEOHIO premiere event, **The Shortest Night of Nelson Ledges Team Enduro**. To date, about 20 teams have entered. We would still like to see a few more teams so please talk this up with your friends. I am also hearing of some teams looking for another driver or two to join their roster, and a few drivers who would like to hook up with someone who has a car. If you fit in either category, please send an email to [regex-ec@neohioscca.com](mailto:regex-ec@neohioscca.com) and I will try to connect you. I also hope to post a notice on our Social Media channels to try and match some people up as well.

In regard to that same event, we also need a whole lot of volunteers to be successful. Last weekend at the MVR Regional for instance, John McFarland volunteered for F&C, Scott McFarland in Emergency Services and Ashley Medwig volunteered in Timing & Scoring. Thanks to all, and the two that I talked to shared that it was a great experience and they learned a lot. For the Shortest Night, we could still use help in F&C, T&S, Emergency Services, Pit Lane, Start and Tech. Please email me if you don't know who the Chief of Specialty is and I'll connect you.

Our next social event will be at **Boss Pro Go-karting** on Brookpark Road, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Look for details in the Blower, on Social Media and on the website. **Autocross Points Event #2** will be at the IX Center on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to see great turnouts for both of those events.

Ashley Medwig was nominated, accepted the nomination and was elected by the Board to complete the balance of the term for the Trustee seat that opened when Pat Prill passed away. Thank you Ashley. Pat's family has planned a Celebration of her life at Linwood Park in Vermillion on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Details are on Facebook and I hope many of Pat's racing friends will join me there.





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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

June 14	Social Event at Boss Pro Karting	Cleveland
June 17	Autocross points Event #2	IX Center
June 24-25	The Shortest Night Enduro	NLRC
July 8-9	Time Trial	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 at NELSON LEDGES JULY 8-9 RACE FOR THE PENNANT-  
Join Us at Our Home Track for These Fun Events!**



**The Vertigo Rally Was Held May 13th More on Page 9**

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## Neohio Region, SCCA

### Trustee Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023

**Members Present:** Bill Crowe (Trustee '23), Bill Moore (Trustee '23), Benda 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.), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.)

**Committee Members and Guests:** Jennifer Bradford, Greg Lester, Debbie LaFond, Ashley Medwig,, Devan Keeling.

**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 March 7, 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 Brenda Nick, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha emailed his April Treasurer's Report to the Board for review prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by John McFarland, approved without objection.

**Membership:** Bill Snow reported the following:

There are currently 620 members. There were 13 new members in March.

15 memberships lapsed in March.

Each month, Bill is emailing the new members list to the Board and the Program Chairs so they can reach out to these new members and talk to them about their areas of interest in the club.

Brandon Anderson is going to update the Board/Officer email forwarding to the current officials.

#### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

**Regional Executive Report:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

The Communication Committee did not hold a meeting the past month.

There was a small but muddy force that turned out for the April 1, 2023 volunteer work day at Nelson Ledges.

The first Neohio Social is being held tomorrow at the Winking Lizard in Independence (not Bedford Heights).

General Region supplies have been ordered from National. He recently attended the "Large Region" meeting.

He will order some new member fliers from National (free) to be distributed at "A Day in Motorsports."

**Road Racing:** Debbie LaFond reported the following:

"The Shortest Night" enduro is up on MSR. 14 teams are entered so far. Hospitality may be handled by Lynn Roberts.

There were only 50 cars at the Pitt Nationals and the OVR Majors at Mid-Ohio only has 15 entries so far. Car counts are down across the board. Jeff Colah should be at "A Day in Motorsports" to do annual tech inspections.

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**Time Trial:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

16 entries so far. Need flaggers. Kurt Stevens promoted the event when he was at Mid-Ohio.

**Solo:** Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Trailer maintenance day will be April 15, 2023. April 29, 2023 will be a "Test & Tune" limited to 30 entries. The first points event will be at the IX Center.

**Rally Cross:** Bob MacDonald and Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Working with Nelson Ledges for dates.

Frank will not be at "A Day in Motorsports" so somebody will need to cover Rally Cross.

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following:

Rally on May 13, 2023. 6 entries to date.

Greg has reached out to the new members that expressed an interest in rallying.

**Street Survival:** Brandon Anderson and Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Brandon is getting the mayor of Eastlake connected with Bryan Hall (Street Survival Chair).

Only 2 months away!

**Website & Social Media:** Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

Officer, Program Chairs, etc. are encouraged to send in photos of themselves for inclusion on our website. Send them to Jennifer

She is also working on various recurring social media posts, e.g. "Meet the Team Tuesday" and "Meet the Member Monday" where officers and members would be profiled.

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

Paired with Cars & Coffee. Rally Cross and Road Race representatives are still needed.

Greg Lester asked how will we be able to contact non-members in attendance? Jennifer noted that they will fill out a contact information form to receive a raffle ticket – of which one of the prizes will be a free SCCA membership.

**Old Business:**

Joe Blaha noted he received what he needed to get Bob MacDonald added to the bank account.

Bill Moore prepared a new draft of our constitution based on SCCA best practices and the best aspects of our current constitution.

**New Business:**

MVR would like to use our Timing & Scoring equipment for their May race. Brenda Nick noted she will be the T&S Chief at that event. A motion to allow MVR's use of our Timing & Scoring Equipment for their May race was made by Taylor Allen, seconded by Brandon Anderson, and after questions, approved without objection.

In honor of Pat Prill's death, Bill Crowe made a motion to make our Region's usual donation, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Bob MacDonald requested \$98.00 to paint the roll over car to be used at "A Day of Motorsports" demonstrations. A motion to approve \$98.00 to paint the roll over car was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection. Ashley Medwig was nominated to fill the remainder of Pat Prill's Board seat.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Tom Wieland, meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Next meeting will be May 2, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

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

First, I wanted to announce that I am running for a second term as your Director. I would have liked to have made this declaration earlier, but some health issues got in the way. The good news is decisions have been made about my treatment and it will not interfere with my ability to fulfill the position. The last thing I wanted was to have my health hinder my ability to do the job for you. To that end, I will take steps this summer to run again in the fall. I appreciate all the feedback I get from the members and will continue to carry your message to the BoD.

Second, my summer schedule is starting to shake out and I look forward to attending a wide variety of events. I'll volunteer to work some of them, observe some and even compete in a few as well. You can see where I'll be by following this [link](#).

Third, the rubber is about to hit the racetrack for me. After all of the "off season" meetings, travel, Zoom calls, emails, etc., the season begins in earnest this month. By the time you get this, I will have already been an instructor at the Waterford Hills Drivers School (4/29, 4/30). I remember my driver's school back in the spring of 2001. A lot of people helped me get my license and this is a way for me to help "pay it forward" for the next crop of Club Racers.

Lastly, please take a few minutes to fill out a demographic survey for the club. The data collected is completely anonymous and will not be sold. The data gathered is used to attract new partners and sponsors. I'll let the survey describe the details. Please click on this [link](#) and help the club.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (4/4): With the Club Racing season in full swing, there isn't much "tweaking" of the rules going on. BSpec remains an issue. In order to quench some of the politics within the class, the CRB has taken away the balance of performance (BoP) from the BSpec Advisory Committee (BSAC). A major overhaul of BSpec was recently issued and we hope this will get support within the community. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (4/12): We invited a guest (Tim Wahl) from motorsportreg.com (MSR) to our meeting. We are in the middle of preparing a document for the registrars on how to format the registration pathway to identify entrants with EVs. This would allow the region to know who is showing up with an EV so everyone could be prepared. We found out we would not be allowed to use the ISO graphic to identify EVs. As a result, the SCCA needs to come up with its own graphic to use. That project has already begun. We discussed the implications of Summit Point Raceway deciding to not allow EVs on its racecourse for competition. We also discussed some minor changes in the SCREV document as we receive feedback from the membership.

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Board of Directors (BoD) (4/24): The financial picture looks good. REALLY bad weather at some early season events reduced income from entries but we expect that to rebound as the weather gets better. This affected both Club Racing and Solo events across the country. We reviewed a proposal on the viability of a face to face, national convention in 2024. In the end, it was decided that there wasn't enough gained for the cost. With dramatically rising costs for travel and accommodation, the cost would have been prohibitive. So, if a face-to-face meeting was off the table, it was decided to apply the resources to the divisional meetings. Look for more support from Topeka for our divisional meeting next spring.

SCCA Events:

Club Racing driver's school at Waterford Hills (4/29, 4/30): Details in next month's update.

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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](http://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.

*Dayle Frame*



On April 22nd Neohio Region hosted the Day of Motosports event at Nelson Ledges. This event included seminars for the various specialties, track laps, and concluded with a Track Night in America. Thank you to the following sponsors who made this possible: Atomic Autosports, Carbotech Brakes, EBC Brakes, Hawk Brakes, Hoosier Tire, Kryderacing, Lally Chevrolet, Nelson Ledges Road Course, Summit Racing and Race-Keeper Data Acquisition.



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Photographs courtesy of Car.nation\_01 Automotive Photography. Thank you!  
Above: Extinguishing a fuel fire during the Day of Motorsports event.



**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE NEOHIO VERTIGO RALLY**

## Great Lakes Division Rally Championship Updates

### 2023 SCCA GLD Rally Championship Schedule:

The 2023 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship schedule remains a work in progress. The following dates are fairly certain:

#### **Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR), June 8-10, 2023:**

For those who enjoy stage rallying (flat-out racing against the clock over closed forest roads), the **Southern Ohio Forest Rally** will take place June 8-10, 2023. The rally will start with a Thursday evening stage through Yoctangee Park in downtown Chillicothe. Friday and Saturday stages will run through Shawnee State Forest (near Portsmouth), and Zaleski State Forest (near McArthur). SOFR will be part of the American Rally Association (ARA) National Championship.

A "cast of thousands" of volunteers is needed to make this event a success. A variety of positions, both on stage and in the service areas, need to be staffed for the rally to run. Amateur radio operators and emergency medical personnel are in particular demand.

More information can be found here: [southernohioforestrally.com](https://southernohioforestrally.com)

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

October 14 - **Moonlight Monte**, Chelsea(?). MI. Detroit Region

November 11 - **Pavement Ends**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region.

Expect other rallies to be added to this schedule. Dates may change as plans solidify in coming weeks.

## Neohio Social Event at Boss Pro Karting June 14



**Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that traveled to Steel Cities PITT International  
for the 71st Cumberland Classic Majors April 29-30 for a wet weekend!**

James Libecco - SRF3 - 11th both days

James Libecco - FE2 - 1st & 4th

David Harris - FE2 - 10th & 9<sup>th</sup>

Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1st Saturday

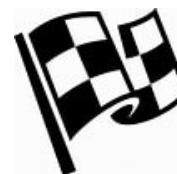
William Moore - GT2 - 3rd & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Max Gee - STL - 1st & 3rd

David Strittmatter - FP - 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rob Piekarczyk - B-Spec - 1st both days

Justin Ingram-Paci - HP - 1st & 2nd



**Despite the weather on Friday night and Saturday morning there was some great racing at  
Mid-Ohio for The Great Lakes Race of Champions - OVR Majors -  
May 13-14, 2023**

Max Gee - STL - 1st both days

S. Sandy Satullo - SRF3 - 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>

James Libecco - SRF3 - 2nd & 6th

Bill Hornack - SRF3 - 23rd &

Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 24th & 12th

Robert Dietz - FF - 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup>

James Dietz - FF - 4th & 6th

Brian Farnham - FV - 10th & 2nd

Rob Piekarczyk - BSpec - 4th Saturday

Jonathan Davis - SM - 1st both days

Robert Kucera - SM - 5th & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Chase McIntyre - SM - 9th both days

James Libecco - FE2 - 1st both days

David Harris - FE2 - 7th both days

Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1st both days

Aaron Quine - GT2 - 3rd Saturday

Terry Giles - GT2 - 4th & 6<sup>th</sup>

William Moore - GT2 - 5th both days

Larry Funk - T1 - 1st both days

David Strittmatter - FP - 2nd both days

Evan Gaston - GTL - 3rd & 4th

Justin Ingram-Paci - HP - 5th & 4th

Debbie LaFond



## NEOHIO REGION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our dedicated team of Lunch Ladies (guys invited too) needs a few more volunteers for the remaining Neohio Nelson Ledges events.

You would help with preparing the dining area, serving lunches and/or dinners and tidying up afterwards. This only requires a few hours each day and you will have the honor of wearing a prestigious Lunch Ladies apron!

This group was formed by our dear friend Pat Prill. We miss her and want to carry on with her vision!

The tentative dates where we would need your help will be:

**June 24-25 Shortest Night Enduro**

**July 8-9 Time Trial**

**October 28-29 Divisional Race**

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# NEOHIO TIME TRIAL SCHEDULE

MAY 6, 2023  
HOME OPENER

JULY 8-9, 2023  
RACE FOR THE PENNANT

\*ALL RACES WILL BE AT  
NELSON LEDGES!

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A photograph of a podium at Nelson Ledges. Three people are standing on the podium, which is labeled "1", "2", and "3". The person on the first step is holding a trophy. The background features a checkered flag and the text "NELSON LEDGES". The podium itself has "STUPID FAST TIRES" and "PODIUM" written on it.





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