



# The Blower

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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

***The Shortest Night  
Enduro @ NL June 23-25***

***Mid-Summer Time Trials at  
Nelson Ledges July 8-9***

***Leroy Miata Cup Round 4  
@ Captains Lot July 8***

***Autocross Test and Tune  
@ Captains Lot July 9***

***Autocross Points Event #3  
@ IX Center July 22***

***Neohio Divisional  
At Nelson Ledges  
September 16-17***

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The Starting Line Report by Bob MacDonald

Our season is in full swing! This weekend we are headed for another NEOHIO premiere event, **The Shortest Night of Nelson Ledges Team Enduro**. Endurance racing has a rich history in NEOHIO, as the original Longest Day of Nelson Ledges, which started in 1980, was the first race of its type. That 24 hour endurance race for production based automobiles became the prototype for the ESCORT series and many other similar events in the following years.

In the past 24 months, SCCA has expressed an interest in building a healthy new endurance racing model that gives our competitors a chance to once again work together in a team environment. Last May, NEOHIO put on the first SCCA Team Enduro and even though the turnout was small, the event was deemed a success. A lot was learned from that event, and the program has evolved a little. This weekend, we have the opportunity to show once again how important endurance racing is to the region.

With that said, we **need a whole lot of volunteers** to be successful. I'm pleased to see that as of this writing, we have 45 volunteers registered for the event on Motorsportsreg.com and a lot of them are competitors in other events who are supporting the region for this event. We would still be happy to have additional help in F&C, T&S, Emergency Services, Pit Lane, Start and Tech. It's also a great opportunity to see our events from a new perspective! Please email me at [regex-ec@neohioscca.com](mailto:regex-ec@neohioscca.com) if you don't know who the appropriate Chief of Specialty is and I'll connect you.

**Thanks to our title sponsor for this event, Tim Lally Chevrolet along with supporting sponsors Summit Racing, Hawk Performance Brakes and ECS Tuning.**

Closely following this event, we have our **Mid-Summer Time Trials** July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Nelson Ledges. This will be a great two-day event, but you can choose either single day or the full two-day experience. Saturday will be a full day of Track Sprints which I like to describe as a drag race with curves. Three different courses will be laid out on different sections of the track and each competitor will get multiple runs on each course. Your best time on each configuration will be scored. Sunday will be a full course Time Attack with each competitor getting a practice session and three sessions that will contribute to their score. Registration for competitors is open here (<http://msreg.com/midsummertt23>) and registration for volunteers is open here (<http://msreg.com/midsummervol23>). Please come out and compete (First timers are welcome and will be mentored) or volunteer.

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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 23-25	The Shortest Night Enduro	NLRC
July 8-9	Time Trial	NLRC
July 8	Leroy Miata Cup Round 4	CCPL
July 9	Autocross Test and Tune	CCPL
July 22	Autocross Points Event #3	IX Center
Sept. 16-17	Neohio Divisional	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 TRIALS at NELSON LEDGES

### JULY 8-9 Mid-Summer Time Trials

**Join Us at Our Home Track for These Fun Events!**

Competitors: <http://msreg.com/midsummertt23>

Volunteers: <http://msreg.com/midsummervol23>



**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 May 2, 2023

**Members Present:**

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.) Ray Glover (Rec. Sec) Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.)

**Members Excused:** Bill Crowe (Trustee '23) Bill Moore (Trustee '23)

**Committee Members and Guests:** Jennifer Bradford, Greg Lester, Dave Lancaster, Ashley Medwig, Bill Stewart, Bryan Hall.

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:32pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the April 4, 2023 Zoom meeting were emailed to the Board by Ray Glover for review prior to the meeting (note Tom Wieland, Matt Harbert, and John McFarland are still not receiving emails via the board's email list, Brandon Anderson to add them). A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Tom Wieland, and approved without objection.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha emailed his May Treasurer's Report to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Joe noted it is consistent with last year's. He also noted the accountants have applied for a tax extension. A motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report was made by Matt Harbert, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

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

There are currently 650 members. There were 31 new members in April. 18 memberships lapsed in April.  
Looking into MailChimp for our email marketing needs.  
He emails every new member and encourages officers and program chairs to also contact them and welcome them to the region.

**Officer and Committee Reports:**

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

The Communication Committee did not hold a meeting the past month.  
We need to start promoting the solo, it's only two weeks away.  
Great job on the "A Day in Motorsports."  
The Social was well attended. June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the next social – at Boss Pro-Karting.  
MVR would like our help to promote their May 20 & 21, 2023 race at Nelson Ledges.  
We are going to need a new Chief of Start, time to recruit and start training now.  
He's been conversing with the mayor of Eastlake and the Captain's GM about the use of their lot.  
Potential June 10<sup>th</sup> date is probably too soon without a concrete quote from Eastlake/Captains.

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July 8 & 9 is a scheduled solo. He did have a chance to observe Toledo's event.

**Time Trial:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

34 entries so far and that should increase with good weather.

Flagging – 4 + 9 track people, only need 5 per Kurt Stevens.

It's up against a National Time Trial in Bowling Green.

**Road Racing:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

"The Shortest Night" entries have been flat, Nelson is helping to promote the event. It's six weeks out. Worker recruiting has been going well. Lynn Roberts stepped up to manage the food vendor.

Neohio's September Divisional: Lynn Roberts will revive the "Neohio Lunch Ladies" to feed the workers. All Chiefs have been selected.

**Sponsorship:** Dave Lancaster reported the following:

We need to submit a written proposal to Summit Racing.

Our sponsors for this year are:

Atomic Autosport.

EBC Brakes.

Hawk Performance.

Carbo Tech – September "Pat Prill Memorial Race."

Tim Lally – Enduro.

Boss Pro-Karting.

Wingman Garage.

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

The Test and Tune sold out!

May 13, 2023 is the next event – it needs a promotion push.

**Rally Cross:** Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Frank Colletti is working with Nelson Ledges to coordinate dates with other track rentals.

Looking at possibly combining a rally cross with the July 8<sup>th</sup> Track Sprint at Nelson Ledges.

**Road Rally:** Greg Lester reported the following: May 13 Vertigo Rally – great course!

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

130+ Attendees with 85 non-members.

Already looking forward to next year's event.

If you have any ideas for next year, please email Jennifer.

Debriefing meeting will be Monday.

**Website & Social Media:** Jennifer Bradford reported the following: if you need a social media (or web site) posting – email a photo and a write-up to her and she will post it.

**Old Business:**

Bob MacDonald is reviewing Bill Moore's draft of the Constitution and he will forward it to Ray Glover, Bill Snow, and Dave Lancaster.

**New Business:**

Fill open trustee position:

Ashley Medwig was the only nominee to fill the remainder of Pat Prill's Board seat.

She was elected unanimously to the position.

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

As I mentioned in last month's update, May was when I started to hit the road to go to divisional events. I went to two last month. A drivers school at Waterford Hills and a Major hosted by OVR at MidOhio. I have a couple more events scheduled in June.

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

### Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (5/2): There was some discussion about the new BSpec revisions. We reviewed the GCR edits including a myriad of letters on GCR 1.2.3.D. We also chatted about potential alterations to the qualifying schedule for the Runoffs. A member had written the CRB (among others) about the use of leaded fuel in SCCA. While he made some valid points, we cannot eliminate leaded fuel from use in the SCCA. We will craft a reply to his letter soon. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (5/10): A couple of members wrote letters to the CRB asking to allow Prototype Electric (PE) and Electric Touring (ET) to be included in the GCR. This is the next step in having EV classes in Club Racing. We discussed a myriad of topics (kill switches and whether to mandate them or not, how to handle hybrids, definition of an EV, etc.).

CRB (5/15): We met via Zoom call to discuss potential changes to the Runoffs qualifying format. In an effort to make the Runoffs more appealing, the CRB and national staff have been working on various potential revisions to the traditional schedule. We needed to meet to coordinate the town hall meeting that would be on 5/16.

EVAC (5/19): The EVAC had come up with some recommendations that would require input from Topeka about licensing, training, etc. We needed to chat with some folks there to make sure we were all on the same page.

Board of Directors (BoD) (5/22): The dust has settled on our external audit and financial parameters look pretty good. We also discussed several other topics (liaison reports, GCR revisions, etc.). The good news is that we did not have to set aside time for "members behaving badly".

GLDiv BoD (5/30): I met with the GLDiv BoD to discuss next year's divisional convention. As there is no national convention in 2024, we fully expect to have more support from the national office. We have a date (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and are working on a location as Manchester University will be under construction next March. With no national convention to go to, regional leadership should be allocating funds for their members to go to our divisional convention. We will be content heavy so there will plenty to learn during the event.

### SCCA Events:

Club Racing driver's school at Waterford Hills (4/28 - 4/30): Cold, windy and rainy.....weather conditions that would test the mettle of all involved. The good news is that rainy conditions mean that the students would pay more attention and it would dial down the "red mist" while on track.

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As usual, WHHRI hosts a well run school with 35+ students and almost as many instructors. Alex DellaTorre and his team are to be commended for doing such a fine job in all aspects of the event.

I was there as an instructor so I could help “pay it forward” to the next generation of racers. Many people worked hard to help me get a license way back when and now it was, once again, my turn to help out. I had the pleasure of helping a second generation driver who was the son of a friend I used to race against back in the day. Truly, the circle of life in SCCA Club Racing. I had a great time and look forward to helping out in the future.

OVR Major at MidOhio (5/12-5/14): I have always enjoyed going to MidOhio events. Whether it was as a worker, driver, media or as Director. This year was no exception as the weather cooperated which allowed good competition across the various run groups.

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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.

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**New Business continued**

Bill Snow noted that our email list has not been updated in over a year and we will surpass the 2,000 address limit for a free MailChimp account. A MailChimp account to serve 2,000-2,500 addresses would cost \$40.00 per month. Taylor Allen made a motion to approve \$40.00 a month for a Mail Chip account, seconded by Brenda Nick, and approved without objection.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Kurt Stevens, meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Next meeting will be June 5, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,      Ray Glover,      Recording Secretary



Some photos from the Autocross event at the IX Center May 13.  
Another one coming up in July!

Thanks to juicemedia for the photos. [@juicemedia\\_oh](https://www.instagram.com/juicemedia_oh). Instagram





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Finally, our **Autocross Program** is very active with multiple events coming up in the next few weeks. Those include:

- July 8<sup>th</sup> – The Leroy Miata Cup Round 4 at the Captain's Lot in Eastlake (sponsored by Leroy Engineering)
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Autocross Test & Tune at the Captain's Lot in Eastlake
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Autocross Points Event #3 at the IX Center in Cleveland

It was great to see another fantastic turnout for our **Social Event** at Boss-Pro Karting on June 14<sup>th</sup>. I didn't get the results to see who the fast karters were that night, but everyone seemed to be having a great time. Information for all of our events can be found on our website at [www.Neohioscca.com](http://www.Neohioscca.com). I hope to see you at an event soon!



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.

## 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](http://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 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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