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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Autocross Points Event #4
@ IX Center August 19**

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

**NOTE: Results from the Enduro
& Time Trial are posted on the
Neohio website!**

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

Summer is in full swing and NEOHIO's turbos are kicking in! As this issue goes to press, we have tremendously exciting news. NEOHIO Region is hosting a **SCCA Pro-Solo at the Cleveland IX Center** July 21st - 23rd. This is a huge undertaking and a great honor for our Solo team led by Program Chair Brandon Anderson. We're expecting about 200 entries with folks coming from as far as Florida, Texas and Utah to name a few. Congratulations to the team!

On a local level, this is going to cause us to reschedule Points Event #3 which was originally scheduled for this weekend. Keep an eye peeled for updates on that front. At this point, **Solo Points Event #4** is planned for August 19th at the IX Center.

Our next Road Race event will be the **Pat Prill Memorial Divisional**, honoring the woman who did so much for our region. I'll put more details in next month's news, but please put the weekend of September 16th - 17th on your calendar and plan to join us.

Before I recap our recently completed events, I want to offer a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to all of our **Volunteers** who contribute so much to making our programs successful. We have had great turnouts this season and everyone has accomplished so much in terms of dealing with the endurance required to get the Team Enduro done and the complexity of making the Time Trials events run smoothly. We couldn't do what we do without the people who handle Registration, Tech, Pit & Grid, Timing & Scoring, Flagging & Communications and Emergency Services, not to mention Event Administration. Thanks to all who participate, and I encourage every member to check out one of these specialties next time you have a weekend when you're not running an event.

Thanks also to the great group of sponsors who are contributing so much to the success of our events as well. To date this year, **Summit Racing** has stepped up as a major sponsor of all Regional programs. **Tim Lally Chevrolet** stepped up as title sponsor for the Team Enduro and as a major sponsor for the Mid-summer Time Trials. Other sponsors of these recently completed events include **Hawk Brake**, **ECS Tuning** and **Atomic Autosports**. **Carbotech Brakes** has been a long-time sponsor of the region's activities and they are stepping up again to make the Pat Prill Memorial Race special. A very recent addition to our roster of sponsors is **Hoppin' Frog Brewery** who supported the Time Trials and are supporting the Pro-Solo Social event and the Divisional Race as well. Our friends at **Boss Pro-Karting** have been long-time supporters of the region and they are also stepping up to support the Pro-Solo. And finally on this front, **Leroy Engineering**, who has contributed tremendously to the Solo program including creating a Challenge series that is very popular. **Continued on page 3**



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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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July 21-23	SCCA Pro-Solo	IX Center
August 19	Autocross Points Event #4	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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Neohio Region is in need of a Chief of Start, Chief of Grid and Race Chair for our Divisional Race September 16-17!

If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact Debbie LaFond at Fastlady1026@yahoo.com.

Report continued

As the last Blower went out, we put on another NEOHIO premiere event, **The Shortest Night of Nelson Ledges Team Enduro**. As stated last month, endurance racing has a rich history in NEOHIO. For the second year in a row, we carried this torch forward by putting on an SCCA Team Enduro. There is still a lot of learning going on at both the national and regional level, but we consider both events we have produced to be a successful step in the development of this program. We started the weekend out with 20 – 21 teams entered, which nearly doubled last year's car count. We lost a few in the days running up to the event, including some on Friday as Testing took its toll. When the green flag flew Saturday, 15 teams were active competitors (although one started in the Tech Building). After 14 grueling hours, as the last lap started, 10 were still running.

Closely following this event, we had our **Mid-Summer Time Trials** July 8th and 9th at Nelson Ledges. This was another excellent two-day event which attracted about 68 competitors. Be sure to check out the story, pictures and results on our website (neohioscca.com). Finally, **kudos** to so many of our region members who have been working hard to put on great events starting with our Day of Motorsports back in April. If you check on page 11 of this month's issue of SportsCar, you will see that NEOHIO is leading Large regions with 9.9% membership growth year to date. Congratulations to Jonathan Staggs who sits at the top of the leader board for Membership Referrals. You, our members, are the ones who are doing this! THANKS!



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 June 6, 2023

Trustees Present: Bill Crowe '23, Bill Moore '23, Brenda Nick '23, Ashley Medwig '24, Kurt Stevens '24, Tom Weiland '24, John McFarland '25, Matt Harbert '25
Brandon Anderson (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.)

Excused: Taylor Allen (Trustee '25), Bob MacDonald (R.E.)

Committee Members and Guests: Duane Harrington, Jennifer Bradford, Greg Lester, and Eric Franz.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Assistant R.E. Brandon Anderson 7:32pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the May 2, 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 Kurt Stevens, seconded by Bill Moore, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his June Treasurer's Report to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Joe stated the IRS has accepted the application for the tax filing extension. It is now due in November. The balance this month is very close to last year's. A motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following:

There are 663 members as of today. There were 21 new members in May.

14 memberships are set lapse in June, he will reach out to all of them.

Bill Moore suggested splitting up the "*A Day in Motorsports*" attendee list between the trustees to call them all.

John McFarland asked about the status of the Neohio business cards [see New Business].

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Welcome Ashley Medwig as a new trustee to fulfill the remainder of Pat Prill's term.

Communication Committee – Jennifer Bradford has created Google Forms for posting requests, she will send out a link to them.

Bill Snow needs to be added to the email administrative rights list.

"*A Day in Motorsports*" has been featured in an article on the SCCA Website.

The Summit Racing sponsorship deal has been signed.

The Neohio's state business license needs to be extended. There is a \$25 fee.

Still need a Chief of Start.

Not too early to start thinking about year-end awards

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Pat Prill's service was this past week.

Next trustee's meeting is scheduled to be July 4. A motion to change the meeting date to Tuesday of the following week [July 11] was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Matt Harbert, and approved without objection.

Joe Blaha will send out a meeting invitation to the next batch of trustee's meetings.

Road Racing: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Registration has been opened for Neohio's September Divisional but it needs to be changed, Jennifer Bradford will take care of it.

The Enduro has 20 confirmed entries (will be down to 19 as one is cancelling). Entry fee is now \$1,400. Need more workers for pit lane and corners. Going to offer \$70 discount to the Time Trial or free Solo entry to volunteers who work the Enduro. The Neohio Lunch Ladies are back in business. What time does registration open on Friday? Kurt Stevens noted that his workers will only be there Saturday and Sunday therefore the track will need to supply workers for Friday.

Time Trial: Eric Franz reported the following:

Two day event at Nelson Ledges July 8 (track sprints) & 9 (time attack).

Partnering with the Akron Sports Car Club on Saturday and using their timing equipment.

Need Sunday workers.

Sponsors: Tim Lally Chevrolet, Hawk Performance, and Summit Racing.

Brenda Nick will put the sponsor's names on the result sheets.

Kurt Stevens suggested that when the results are announced that the car number and color also be announced in addition to the Driver's name as that is how the workers recognize the cars.

Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

The last event had 76 entries! Thanks to Leroy engineering for all their help.

June 17th is the next event, partnering with Wingman Garage.

Rally Cross: Brandon Anderson reported the following: possible pairing with the July 8 & 9 Time Trial at Nelson Ledges.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following: the Vertigo Rally was May 13. The course headed southeast toward West Virginia.

Street Survival: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

The Captain's Stadium is out as the classroom site. The lot is good to go, but a classroom site is needed.

Website: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

An Enduro page needs to be made. There is a problem with the calendar not advancing beyond June.

Bill Snow noted the new website does not get found in searches.

Social Events: Bill Crowe reported the following:

Next social event is June 14th at Boss Pro-Karting at 6:30 PM ±.

Is a sanction number and waiver required?

The next social event may be in September. Ideas for the events are welcome *continued page 11*

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

Another busy month with plenty of Zoom calls as well as trips to events. While Zoom calls are an effective tool to communicate with folks, nothing beats going to an event and interacting face to face. Whether its meeting new folks or reconnecting with old friends, getting out to the race track is the reason we're in this club, right?
So, here's what I did this past month.....

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (6/6): After the Town Hall meeting on 5/16, the consensus was that the driver corps did not want to see changes in the qualifying schedule. Changes in the Club Racing program are in the offing so we would make plans to present options at our face to face meeting I Kansas City in August. The data on the BSpec adjustments looked good. The group ran through the letters. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (6/14): With several members unable to attend, we decided it would be judicious to cancel the meeting.

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. As a result, I sat in on a Zoom call with Aimee Thoennes, Chris Robbins and Abby Scher. We discussed a variety of topics (training, licensing, membership, etc.) and left with an understanding of how each of us could move forward.

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". It was a light agenda, so we finished pretty quickly for a change.

GLDiv BoD (6/27): The GLDiv BoD, along with folks from other divisions, sat in on a Zoom call to discuss support from the National Office for divisional conventions in 2024. to discuss next year's divisional convention. As I mentioned last month, since there is no national convention in 2024, we fully expect to have more support from the national office. That means financial support as well as national Office personnel coming from various points. Updates on this to follow.

SCCA Events:

Track Night in America (TNiA) at GingerMan Raceway (6/15): A friend of mine had finished building his track day car and he asked if I would come out to GingerMan to help him. Of course, I accepted his invitation. TNiA are REALLY fun events. If you haven't been to one yet, I highly recommend that you bring your car out to one. It's a low stress, good time on a racetrack. What else could you ask for? The SBR folks do a wonderful job running these events and are to be commended. My buddy had not been to a TNiA event before so not only was this his maiden voyage in the new car but this was also his first taste of speed at GingerMan. Unfortunately, there were some teething issues with his car and he had to skip the last session. But he was pleased with his performance. *Continued on next page*

Formula SAE at MIS (6/16, 6/17): Last year, I was able to attend a portion of the FSAE event at MIS but missed the competition portion of the event so I could flag a regional race weekend at Grattan. This year, I would attend both days of the FSAE competition and skip one day of flagging at Grattan. This year's FSAE was all EV as there were 60+ teams from around the globe in attendance. It still amazes me how these collegiate teams can produce such great cars. It should be no surprise that many manufacturers (Nissan, Honda, GM, Ford, Tesla, Rivian, etc.) were there recruiting the students.

I was also asked to present an award at the closing ceremonies. The SCCA bestows the Carroll Smith Award to the team advisor for outstanding contributions to the team. I decided to speak for a couple of minutes about the SCCA/FSAE relationship. Carroll Smith wrote many books that are 'must reads' for new racers even today.....decades after their publication. It was an honor to be asked to present this award on behalf of the SCCA. I thank Raleigh and Velma Boreen for considering me worthy of this task.

WMR Double Regional at Grattan Raceway (6/18): As I mentioned above, I was able to go to Grattan to support my region (WMR) by flagging Sunday at T7. And what a great day it was.....the weather was perfect, the racing and car count were pretty good, there were no incidents on track and we were on our way home by 3:30.

Non-SCCA Events:

First Responder Training (GM Proving Grounds, Milford, MI) (6/2): I was invited to sit in on a GM training class for first responders. This was specifically for responding to EV incidents. There were almost 100 attendees at this session. Most of the attendees were unfamiliar with how EVs worked and the training did some basic schooling so they would understand the differences when it came to attacking an incident. You just can't approach an incident the same way as you would for an internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle. GM had a un-VIN'd car there for the pupils to cut apart. It was going to go to the crusher anyway so why not use it as a test scenario for the students. GM is to be commended for hosting these types of training sessions. As more and more EVs get on the road, more incidents will occur with them and first responders need to know how to support the public properly.

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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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Some photos from the Shortest Night Enduro at Nelson Ledges held
June 23-24. A true “club” event at our “home” track!

Thank you, Turn 13 Photo!





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:

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.

The Starting Grid for the Shortest Night Enduro



Congratulations to our Neohio Drivers!

The Michael "Doc" Saddleton Memorial at Nelson Ledges - May 20-21

Daniel Koplow - SRF3 - 1st both days

Chase McIntyre - SM - 2nd & 1st

Ray Huang - SM - 5th & 4th

Al Gaudino - GT1 - 1st both days

Allen Franzolino - P2 - 1st both days

Bob MacDonald - SM - 4th & 3rd

Rick Kozak - T4 - 1st both days

Thomas Gaydos - FP - 1st both days

Jon Schneider - ITC - 7th Saturday

WMR & Midwest Council Double Regional at Grattan - June 17-18

Bob MacDonald - SM - 17th & 10th

Dan Harding - GT2 - 1st both days

June Sprints Super Tour at Road America - June 23-25

Jonathan Davis - SM - 52nd on Saturday

Ryan McManus - GT1 - 3rd on Saturday

Rob Piekarczyk - B-Spec - 5th & 6th

David Strittmatter - FP - 4th & 8th

S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 5th both days

Debbie LaFond



A photo from the July 8-9 Time Trial at Nelson Ledges.
Thank you to our sponsors who helped make this event possible!



Old Business:

Bill Moore is working with Bob MacDonald to finalize the draft of the Constitution. It will then be forwarded it to Ray Glover, Bill Snow, Dave Lancaster, Bill Crowe, Joe Blaha, D. Harrington.

New Business:

Bill Crowe made a motion to pay the State of Ohio \$25 Statement of Continuation fee, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Joe Blaha stated he needs a new supply of checks for approximately \$100. Bill Moore made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$100 for new checks, second by Ashley Medwig, approved without objection.

The Communications Committee is requesting a distinct email address, cost would be \$12 per month plus tax. A motion to approve \$12 per month plus tax for the email address was made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Tom Wieland, and approved without objection.

Jennifer Bradford noted that Neohio business cards would cost \$100 for 1000 cards. Kurt Stevens made a motion to approve \$100 for business cards. During the discussion it was noted that a line for volunteers should be added to those existing on the current card. The motion was seconded by John McFarland and approved without objection.

Bill Crowe made a motion to adjust the Solo budget from \$600 to \$840 (\$240 increase for new cones), seconded by Ashley Medwig, and approved without objection.

A motion was made by Bill Crowe to cover the cost of a weekend membership (\$15) for any volunteer worker at the Enduro, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection. It was noted that a third party should probably help proof the Blower – Ashley Medwig volunteered.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Kurt Stevens, meeting adjourned at 9:02pm. .Next meeting will be July 11, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover,

Recording Secretary



**Some photos from the July 8-9
Time Trial Event at Nelson Ledges.**

**A little oil dry was necessary from
Station 10 to Pit In on Sunday.**

Thank you Kurt Stevens for photos!



**Getting ready for a run
during the Time Trial at
Nelson Ledges.**



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Four Yokohama Advan A052s - 225/50R16 - \$250. Tires have appx 40 AutoX runs and measure 5/32" remaining tread depth. Grassroots Motorsports crowned these tires "King of the Super 200s" for street class AutoX, and validated they're good 'til the last drop - and then some! Plenty of life left in these. Call/Text/Email with questions. Matt Neidert, Akron OH 330-620-3184, Matthew.j.neidert@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Four 7.0" x 16" Audi "Swing" wheels from early 2000s Audi A4. 5x113 bolt circle means they'll fit most VW/Audi applications. Cosmetically a 6/10, but no bends/cracks/issues. Perfect for winter or track/AutoX duty. Just \$125 for the set. Call/Text/Email with questions. Matt Neidert, Akron OH 330-620-3814184, Matthew.j.neidert@gmail.com





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