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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

RallyCross @ NL with 944 Fest

September 2

Autocross Test and Tune

@ Captain's Lot Sept. 3

Autocross Points Event

IX Center September 16

Neohio Divisional @ NL

September 16-17

Neohio Social Sept. 27th

Hoppin Frog Brewery

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

As we pass through the heat of August, our event schedule is heating up again!

NEOHIO Region is putting on a **RallyCross** in conjunction with **944 Fest**! If you have been hankering to play with your car in the dirt, this is your chance. It's coming up quickly on September 2nd at Nelson Ledges in the grass to the right of the entrance. Registration is now open on MSR at <http://msreg.com/944FestRallyX23> and we want you to join us. Don't be alarmed that you don't see a lot of entries, we have about 20 participants who are registering through the 944 Fest program. To that end, the organizers of 944 Fest have invited our participants and volunteers to join them at the end of the day Saturday for a Bar-B-Cue, Bonfire and Beer Exchange. The only cost to participate in that event is to bring some interesting beer to throw into the bucket.

In the **Autocross** program, the next **Test & Tune** Event will be at the Captain's Lot on September 3rd. **Autocross Points Event #5 and the Leroy Miata Cup Round 7** are scheduled at the IX Center on September 16th.

That same weekend, we are hosting our next Road Race event, the **Pat Prill Memorial Divisional**, honoring the woman who did so much for our region. Thanks to Mike Puskar and his team at **Carbotech Performance Brakes** for sponsoring a nice dinner in memory of Pat and to one of our newest sponsors, **Hoppin' Frog Brewing**, who is sponsoring the beer. **Summit Racing** is providing lots of Certificates and Prizes again but you have to be part of the weekend to win. This is also a **DOUBLE POINTS** weekend for the NEOHIO Driver's Championships and **EXTRA POINTS** are available for providing volunteer workers. Details are available on the Registration page. Competitor registration is open [HERE](http://msreg.com/patprillmemorialVOL) and Volunteer registration is open at <http://msreg.com/patprillmemorialVOL> so please sign up. Please talk this up with your racing friends and let's get a big turnout!

To wrap up September, we have another **NEOHIO social event** planned on Wednesday the 27th at the **Hoppin' Frog Brewery and Tasting Room**, located at 1680 Waterloo Rd. in Akron. Please check out the details elsewhere in this issue of the Blower.

Looking ahead to October, we have added another one-day Time Trial event at Nelson Ledges, there is planning in the works for a TSD Rally and we will once again co-host the Halloween Divisional with our friends in the Mahoning Valley Region. Look for information on these events on our Website as details become available, on our social media channels and in next month's Blower.

To recap our recent events, it's hard to believe that just a month ago, we were hosting our first ever (or at least as long as I can remember) **SCCA Pro-Solo at the Cleveland IX Center**. It was a huge undertaking, and our region came through with flying colors. We had tremendous volunteer participation with a lot of people crossing over from other programs to help make the event a success. Congratulations to the entire team!

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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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Region Points Regional Championship points are tracked during the year. Each month points are posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the **Blower** and on Facebook. Contact Debbie LaFond.

Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events

Sept. 2	Rallycross @ 944 Fest	NLRC
Sept. 3	Autocross Test and Tune	CCPL
Sept. 16	Autocross Points Event	IX Center
Sept. 16-17	Neohio Divisional	NLRC
Sept. 27	Neohio Social Event @ The Hoppin Frog Brewery in Akron	

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
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.

**Hey Neohio drivers! Do you want some extra points towards the
2023 Neohio Championship?**

First you will get double points for competing in the Pat Prill Memorial Race
or Halloween Race.

Second if you provide a crew, family member, friend to work a specialty (F&C,
Tech, T&S, Pit/Grid, Sound or Hospitality) to help out you will get the following:

2 points for half day 5 points for full day 10 points for full weekend

Debbie LaFond



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 July 11, 2023

Trustees Present:

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

Committee Members and Guests: Dave Lancaster, Duane Harrington, Greg Lester, and Debbie LaFond.

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

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the June 6, 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 Crowe, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his July Treasurer's Report to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Joe noted a majority of the expenditures were for the Enduro and Solo. A motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report was made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Brenda Nick, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following:

There are 649 members to date.	There were 21 new members in June.
19 memberships lapsed in June.	29 memberships are set to lapse in July.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Great work Dave Lancaster and team for the Enduro and Time Trial!

Regarding the extension of Neohio's state business license: who should be the new "Statutory Agent"? It is currently Duane Harrington.

Tom Weiland is interested in the Chief of Start position. Keep thinking about year end awards.

Road Racing: Debbie Lafond reported the following:

The sups. for the September race have been sent to Lauri Burkons for approval.

Entry fee is to be \$425 for two days. The race will count towards the 2024 Runoffs and Championships.

Enduro: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

The race went well, we learned a lot. 16 cars took the green flag. We lucked out with the fog.

Time Trial: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

The event was this past weekend. 50 Saturday entries.

At the last minute it was decided to use the track loops for Saturday's timing. It went well and there were lots of positive comments from the competitors. Possible Time Trial October 22, 2023?

Kurt Stevens is requesting a separate radio frequency for Timing & Scoring calls please.

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Solo: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

The Saturday event last weekend with Leroy Engineering at Eastlake was sold out.

Sunday's Test & Tune was also sold out!

The Pro Solo at the IX Center is in two weeks. There were 200 entries in 43 minutes. July 21 will be set-up with racing on the 22nd and 23rd. This is a great opportunity to grow our Solo program.

Rally Cross: Brandon Anderson reported the following: Labor Day weekend event with the 944 Fest is still on.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

An October 7, 2023 rally is in the works.

Will try to work out the date conflict with Solo.

It will head southeast out of Canton.

Probably will be the "Johnny Appleseed."

Street Survival: Brandon Anderson reported the following: Still trying to work out the date and classroom space.

Website: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Calendar should be working now.

Email website issues directly to the webmaster for fastest service.

Kurt Stevens would like administrative rights to MSR for worker registration. Brandon suggested contacting Jennifer Bradford with the request.

Social Events: Bill Crowe reported the following:

Looking at September for the next social event. Maybe something during the runoffs?

Contact Bill with any suggestions.

Sponsorships: Dave Lancaster reported the following: In light of our recent sponsorship deal with Summit Racing we should have their logo on all our trophies from here on out.

Old Business:

Bob MacDonald is reviewing the newest draft of the proposed Constitution.

New Business: Statement of Continuance fee has not been paid yet. Have until September. Bill Moore suggested that the Statutory Authority should be a Trustee. After additional discussion it was decided to table the designation of a Statutory Authority, but pay the fee now.

Duane Harrington noted he also receives the insurance mailings, maybe those should go to somebody else.

Brenda Nick would like to take My Laps timing system to the vintage race at Schenley Park July 22 & 23. A motion to allow Brenda to take the My Laps timing system to the vintage race was made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Brandon Anderson is requesting a Pro Solo budget of \$9,500 with an expected \$1,000 loss. The budget is comprised of approximately \$1,000 miscellaneous supplies, \$2,500 social at Boss Pro-Karting, and \$6,000 of expenses that get reimbursed from National. A motion was made by Bill Crowe to budget up to \$10,000 for the Pro Solo, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Ray Glover, meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

Next meeting will be August 1, 2023 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

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

July was a bit of a slower month for me. It'll pick up in August as I have three consecutive weekends that will have me on the road. First are the face to face meetings with the CRB and BoD in Kansas City (8/1-8/6). The following weekend, I'll be at the CAM Solo event in Indiana (8/11, 8/12) as well as a Club race at Mid Ohio (8/13). That will be followed by flagging a Club Race at Grattan (8/18-8/20). Whew....no rest for the wicked, right?

All that said, my hip is scheduled to be replaced on 10/5. I'm not sure which, if any, of the championships I will attend.....or be allowed to attend. I'll keep everyone updated.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (7/5): The CRB discussed a variety of topics as they prepare for their face to face meeting in Kansas City in August (8/3, 8/4). They reviewed the letters that came through the portal, discussed responding to a member about leaded fuel and worked on an F&C update about licensing. There was also a presentation by Eric Prill about an in-car flagging system called Flagtronics. With corner worker staffing declining, the Club needs to work on other methods to maintain control of the field on track. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (7/12): With last month's meeting cancelled and some question about the role EVAC has in the Club, we held a meeting with updates about our own action items (SCREV updates, training, decals, etc.).

EVAC (7/18): The Solo Events Board (SEB) had come up with some questions about the SCREV and Solo. As a result, a small group of us walked through those questions with Nick Dunlap. He would report back to the SEB and get them prepared for the face to face BoD meeting in Kansas City in August.

Board of Directors (BoD) (7/24): As we are having a face to face meeting in August (8/4, 8/5) we decided to cancel this meeting.

SCCA Events:

None (for a change)

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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.

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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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Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that raced at Mid-Ohio for the Todd Cholmondeley IT/SPECTACULAR July 29-30

Robert Kucera - SM - 1st both days	Chase McIntyre - SM - 2nd 7th
Bob Kucera - SM - 9th & 5h - in need of new driving shoes	
Bob MacDonald - SM - 14th & 15 th	Ray Huang - SM - 18th & 17th
Stewart Lovdal - SM - 22nd & 14 th	Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 3rd both days
Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 8th Saturday	April Post - SRF - 1st Saturday
Brian Post - SRF - 2nd Sunday	Bill Hornack - SRF - 2nd & 1st
Jason Jacko - ITC - 2nd & 4 th	Stephen Jacko - ITC - 3rd & 5th
Matthew Jacko - ITC - 5th & 8 th	Markus Juhasz - ITC - 6th & 9th
Jon Schneider - ITC - 9th & 10 th	Robert Dietz - FF - 1st both days
Jennifer Bradford - F6 - 2nd Saturday	Max Gee - STL - 1st both days
Keith Workman - ITA - 3rd & 5 th	Nick Boyeas - ITA - 4th & 1st
Tom Podmore - ITA - 5th & 4 th	Rick Kozak - T4 - 2nd both days
Thomas Gaydos - FP - 2nd & 1 st	Robert Stoller - ITA - 6th 7th
Chris Arden - IT7 - 3rd both days	Gary David - HP - 2nd both days
Jim Vanzant - FX - 2nd Saturday	Aaron Quine - GT2 - 1st Saturday
Andrew Mistak - GT2 - 2nd Saturday	Terry Gilles - GT2 - 3rd Saturday
Larry Funk - T1 - 1st Saturday	John McFarland - GTA - 1st Saturday
Dan Harding - GT2 - 5th & 1 st	
Dave Lancaster - 2nd in class and overall in the Bracket Race	



Debbie LaFond

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And finally, NEOHIO Region continues to be in the SCCA national spotlight. If you check on page 10 of the current issue of SportsCar, you will see that NEOHIO continues leading Large regions with 11.1% membership growth year to date and Jonathan Staggs still sits at the top of the leader board for Membership Referrals. In addition, thanks to Lauri Burkons, our Day of Motorsports event was presented in a nice feature article on pages 44 – 45. THANKS to all of you who are building, staffing and participating in our events and keeping our region strong!



The Neohio ProSolo Event at the IX Center July 22-23 was quite a success!

A bit of pavement repair was necessary before getting underway!



Thank you Cone Dodge Photography for these images taken during the ProSolo event.





An unusual aerial view of the ProSolo event provided by Christina Lebecco Henegar. Thank you!



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.

Summit Racing is celebrating 55 years of business. Founded 1968!



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.

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW SCCA MEMBERS
FOR AN EVENING OF GREAT BEER,
FOOD, AND SOCIALIZING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
6:30PM - ?**

**HOPPIN' FROG BREWERY
1680 E WATERLOO RD.
AKRON, OH 44306**



Join other Neohio Members for a fun evening!

Congratulations to Our Neohio Drivers at the Ohio Valley Sprints at Mid-Ohio August 8/12-13/23

Chase McIntyre - SM - 2nd & 9th

Thomas Podmore - SM - 14th Saturday

Aaron Quine - GT2 - 1st both days

Nicholas Boyeas - ITA - 1st & 2nd

Rick Kozak - T4 - 3rd both days

Bill Hornack - SRF - 2nd both days

Bob MacDonald - SM - 8th & 7th

Max Gee - STL - 2nd & 3rd

Dan Harding - GT2 - 2nd both days

Thomas Podmore - ITA - 5th & 4th

Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 8th Saturday

James Palmer in the HP Invitational - 17th

Debbie LaFond



Please Consider Joining Us for the Pat Prill Memorial September 16-17 at Nelson Ledges!

Pat wore a lot of hats during her time with Neohio Region. She acted as an Event Chair, organized the Annual Banquet in 2022 at the Winking Lizard, and of course was the Queen of the Lunch Ladies. During her time as an SCCA member she served in many capacities in the Detroit and Cincinnati Regions as well. For many years, she volunteered each week at an Akron-area food pantry. She supported her husband Paul and son Eric throughout their racing careers. Please come out and join us in honoring Pat in whatever capacity you can.

Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that traveled to Grattan Raceway in Michigan for the WMR Last Chance Majors August 19-20, 2023

Sandy Satullo - SRF3 - 1st both days	Dan Harding - GT2 - 1st both days
Jonathan Davis - SM - 6th & 4 th	Robert Dietz - FF - 4th both days
Jim Dietz - FF - 7th Saturday	



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