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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Social Event

Saturday Jan. 20th

Track First Akron

Ohio Winter Rally Feb. 3

Annual Awards Celebration

Winking Lizard

Party Center

Saturday February 17th

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

November is here and we have wrapped up the competition seasons in all of our programs.

On October 21st, we held a one-day **Time Trials** event at Nelson Ledges Road Course. The turnout was less than our biggest event of the year, but the folks who came had a good time. Final Results can be found on the Time Trials Program pages of our website.

On that same date, we hosted **Autocross Points Event #6** at the IX Center. Again, the field was smaller than the largest event of the season, but the participants all had fun. Final Results are available on the Solo Program pages of our website.

Finally, NEOHIO again partnered with Mahoning Valley Region to present the **Halloween Divisional Road Race** weekend at Nelson Ledges. Like the other October events, we had fewer competitors than came out for the Pat Prill Divisional but the racing was good. Once again, Final Results and a link to pictures from Turn 13 Photography are available on the Club Racing Results page of our website.

With Thanksgiving upon us, I want to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to all the volunteers who make it possible for our events to run. Certainly, at the top of that list are the folks who often work in cold and wet conditions such as our F&C teams, Pit and Grid, Start and Emergency Services. Next up are the folks from Timing & Scoring, Registration and Tech and the variety of Stewards who participate in keeping our Time Trials and Road Races going. Not to be overlooked are the Program Chairs and volunteers who put in time to make our Solo, Rally and Rallycross program events, as well as special events like the Awards Celebration happen. Above and beyond that, there are our Officers and Trustees who devote time to managing the business of the region and keeping us strong so we can continue to offer these great programs. And finally, thanks to all of you who enter our events because without you, we don't have programs or a club.

Finally, thanks to all who voted in our recent **Club leadership elections**. I must also thank those who showed up at our Annual Meeting at Boss Pro Go-karting. The election was so competitive that we had to call on the members present at the meeting to vote in a run-off for the final Trustee position. The results as announced at the Annual Meeting and pending certification by the Board are:

Assistant RE: Brandon Anderson	Treasurer: Joe Blaha
Recording Secretary: Ray Glover	Membership Secretary: Bill Snow
Trustees serving in 2024 – 2026:	Brenda Nick, Chase McIntyre & Bill Crowe

And finally, at our December Board Meeting, we will be selecting the winners for this year's **annual awards**. Although the Board votes on the final recipients, any member of the club can nominate someone. Please think about your fellow club members and email me at regexec@neohioscca.com with a suggestion for an award recipient and a brief statement of why you feel the person should be a winner. There is an article on the Website listing the Awards for consideration.

I wish each of you and your families a great Thanksgiving!



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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

Jan. 20	January Social Event at Track First Akron	
Feb. 3	Ohio Winter Rally	
Feb. 17 2024	Neohio Region Annual Awards Celebration @ Winking Lizard	

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



JOIN US ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH AT THE WINKING LIZARD PARTY CENTER ON MILES ROAD IN BEDFORD HEIGHTS FOR THE ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION!

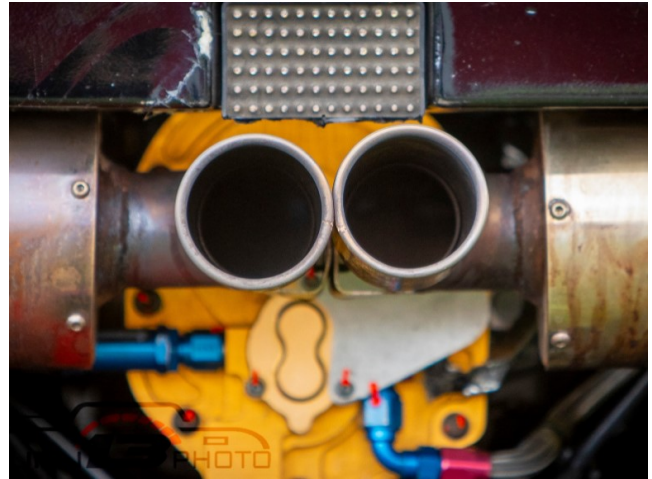


THANK YOU Carbotech Brakes!
Longtime supporter of Neohio Region and a major sponsor of our events at Nelson Ledges!



THANK YOU Turn13Photo for providing these great images!





**Pictured Below Is A Photo of Our
Crew of Lunch Ladies — THANK YOU!**



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

First, please forgive the tardiness of this update. After returning from the Runoffs down at VIR on 10/2, I had my left hip replaced on 10/5. It's been a pretty tough road back with all of the rehab exercise. But things are slowly starting to get back to "normal" around here and just in time for the holidays and family visits, etc.

Second, I cannot proceed without mentioning the loss of another long time SCCA member that hits close to my home. Jerry Shiloff passed away earlier this week. As we were both from Michigan, I saw Jerry frequently over the years as he stewarded many events at tracks here in the state. Whether I was a driver, worker or race administrator, Jerry was always there to offer guidance and support where needed. He was a treasured resource on a wide variety of topics. His wisdom and experience were highly valued. Our condolences go out to Mary, his family and friends and the Detroit Region for their loss. He will be sorely missed by the SCCA community.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (10/9): This was rescheduled from 10/5 so as not to conflict with folks still returning from the Runoffs. Unfortunately, there was a GLDiv Zoom call that same evening. I had to choose so I sat in on the divisional meeting (see below). The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

GLDiv BoD meeting (10/9): The aforementioned divisional meeting was our annual get together with the division's REs so we could go over the past year's budget, discuss aspects of the spring meeting, and review other divisional topics. It was also an opportunity for me to answer questions from the attendees.

Our spring convention is scheduled for 3/2 in Fort Wayne, IN. As usual, Val McCammon is coordinating the event and will have further details as they become available.

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (10/11): This month's meeting was cancelled as I was in no shape to host the Zoom call so soon after my surgery. We closed several action items via email thread.

Board of Directors (BoD) (10/23): Our year-to-date financials look pretty good considering the awful weather we had at the beginning of the year. This quenched entry turnout and we've been playing catch up ever since. The BoD expects to see a 2024 budget next month. We got an update on the Club Spec concept from Heyward Wagner. We will have two offerings in this arena. Option packages are being developed for both vehicles. There will be further details coming soon. We got an update on the proposed Hillclimb Board as well. We reviewed some proposed Operations Manual revisions for 2024.

SCCA Events:

None (I conveniently scheduled my surgery for the off season). My next trip is to Kansas City for the December face to face meeting there. ***Continued on next page***

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I will make one last appeal for your vote in the Area 4 Directorship election. I have worked very hard to make sure that I represent the membership of the GLDiv and its regions on our BoD. I also believe I have done enough to warrant your continued support in this election.

I urge all members to vote. If you haven't already, you will receive an email from the SCCA outlining the voting process. The window for voting will close on 11/15 so you have another week or so to vote. You can do so electronically by logging into your my.scca.com account. Choose the "Member Resources" tab at the top of the page and then select "Surveys and Voting" and the bottom of that pull down menu. If needed, you can also request a paper ballot there. Whether you vote for me or my opponent, please query us on your concerns and vote. This Club is member driven and it is a better organization when those members participate in the process.

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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.

Dayle Frame



JANUARY SOCIAL

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW SCCA MEMBERS
FOR A MORNING OF COFFEE, BAGELS,
SIM RACE LAPS, AND SOCIALIZING**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH 9AM - 1PM

**TRACK FIRST
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This open house will get going at 9AM with coffee, bagels, pastries and socializing. Tim from Track First will share updates about the latest in safety gear and equipment. SimXperience will have their simulators set up for Daytona and attendees will be able to try to get the fastest lap. Tours of the McCann Racing race shop will take place as well.

**Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that survived the weather at the Neohio/
Mahoning Valley Halloween Divisional at Nelson Ledges Oct. 28-29.**

Al Franzolino - P2 - 1st both days and track record on Saturday	
Scott Thorp - F6 - 1st both days	Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 1st & 2nd
Dave Zuber - SRF3 - 3rd both days	April Post - SRF - 1st Saturday
Brian Post - SRF - 2nd Saturday	Bill Hornack - SRF - 3rd & 1st
Chase McIntyre - SM - 1st both days	Bob MacDonald - SM - 3rd both days
Ryan Foltz - SM - 4th Saturday	Tom Podmore - SM2 - 2nd Saturday
Keye Daus - SM2 - 3rd & 2 nd	Eric Fiest - STU - 1st both days
John McFarland - GTA - 1st both days	Al Gaudino - GT1 - 1st Saturday
Eric Franz - ITS - 3rd & 1 st	Tex Melotti - STL - 1st & 2nd
Chris Ardern - STL - 3rd both days	Rick Kozak - T4 - 1st Saturday
Tom Murphy - ITA - 2nd Saturday	Tom Podmore - ITA - 3rd & 2nd
Jon Schneider - ITC - 1st Saturday	Thomas Gaydos - FP - 2nd both days
John Gaydos - FP - 1st both days	James Palmer - HP - 1st both days
Ray Glover - B-Spec - 1st both days	Brandon Anderson - B-Spec - 3rd & 2nd

Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that raced the last race of the season at Mid-Ohio October 14-15 in some wet and cold conditions.

Chase McIntyre - SM - 2nd & 5 th	Bob MacDonald - SM - 4th & 3rd
Thomas Podmore - SM - 5th & 4 th	Matthew Miller - T4 - 2nd both days
Rick Kozak - T4 - 3rd Sunday	Thomas Podmore - ITA - 5th & 4th
Joseph Churpek - FV - 5th both days	Daniel Koplów - SRF3 - 8th & 9th
Bill Hornack - SRF - 1st both days	
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October Time Trial at
Nelson Ledges.

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for providing these images!



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**One more shot
from the Time Trial!**



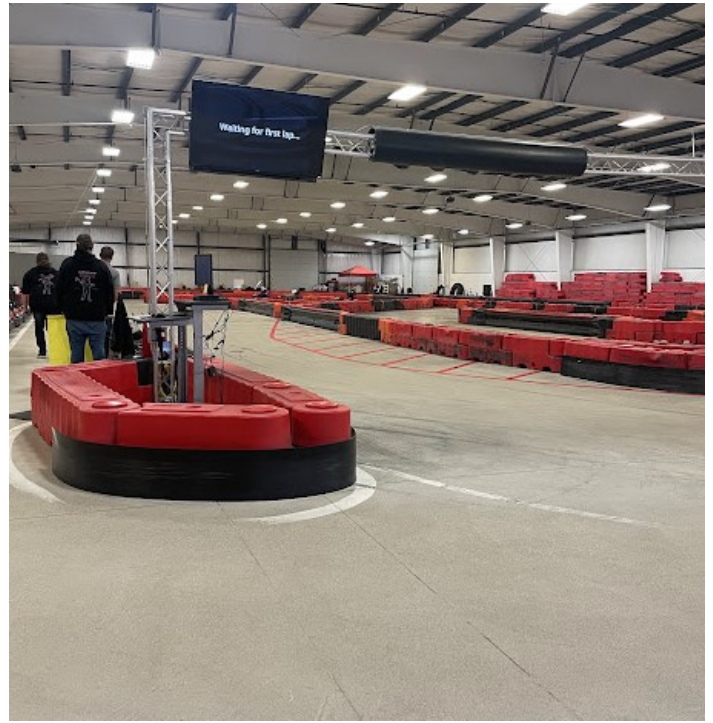
**SOME PHOTOS FROM OUR ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT
BOSS PRO KARTING. THIS WAS A GREAT EVENT!
THANKS BILL SNOW FOR THE IMAGES.**

In Memoriam:

Former F&C Volunteer Joe Bartzi passed away on November 4th. He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley.

Former region member Joan Mallick, wife of deceased member Martin Shook, passed away last Wednesday, November 15th.

NEOHIO Region SCCA offers our condolences to families and friends.





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