



# The Blower

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## 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

Welcome 2024! Here in NEOHIO Region we're looking forward to an outstanding year of #funwithcars ahead.

First up, our first **social event** of the year. Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> **Track First** is inviting us to come enjoy an Open House at their facility at 2230 Picton Parkway in Akron. Details are presented on page 6. Come on out!

Our first competition event of the year will be the **Ohio Winter Rally** on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Rally will start from DiBella's Subs in Solon, OH with the first car off at 3:01 PM. This will be a straight-forward TSD rally using "tulip" style route instructions. If you have never tried a Road Rally before, this is a great way to scratch your motorsports itch during the long cold winter. You will definitely have fun! Registration is open and a lot more information is available at this link: <http://msreg.com/OWR24>. On line Registration closes January 31<sup>st</sup>. On-site Registration is available at DiBella's from 1:45 to 2:30 PM the day of the event.

Next up is our **Annual Awards Celebration** on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us once again at the Winking Lizard Party Center as we recognize 2023 accomplishments in Road Racing, Autocross, Time Trials, Rally and give special recognition via our perpetual awards. We will also welcome two new inductees to the **NEOHIO Hall of Fame** (see page 11). This is a great opportunity to catch up with all of your warm weather friends from the motorsports community, and we have increased our catering order so everyone can get enough to eat. Registration is open at <http://msreg.com/awardscelebration23>.

On a greater geographic level, the **SCCA National Convention** is virtual again this year and is free to all members. It's starting/started on January 18<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 26<sup>th</sup>. There are lots of great sessions and the nice thing about the virtual format is you can check out sessions that didn't fit in your calendar via the "on-demand" function. Registration is available at [https://whova.com/portal/registration/sccaa\\_202401/](https://whova.com/portal/registration/sccaa_202401/).

For those who prefer a more in-person experience, the **Great Lakes Division Spring Training Conference** will take place Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Summit Conference Center in Ft. Wayne Indiana. This year 8 SCCA National Office team members including Mike Cobb, Chris Robbins, Rick Myers and Kristen Poole will be there in person to conduct sessions in their specialties and listen to members. Full information and Registration is available at <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/gld-spring-training-conference-2024-summit-scca-great-lakes-division-564592>.

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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

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!**



**Registration now open on MotorsportReg (MSR).**



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

# Neohio Region, SCCA

## Board Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2023

**Members Present:** Brenda Nick ('23), Ashley Medwig '24), Kurt Stevens ('24), Tom Weiland ('24), Taylor Allen ('25) John McFarland ('25), Matt Harbert ('25), Bob MacDonald (R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.)

**Excused:** Bill Crowe ('23), Bill Moore ('23) Brandon Anderson (Asst. R.E.), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.)

**Committee Members and Guests:** Dave Lancaster, Duane Harrington, Greg Lester, Bob Roberts, Debbie LaFond, Jonathon Staggs. and Chase McIntyre

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:35pm.

**Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the October 3, 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 Taylor Allen, seconded by Matt Harbert, and approved without objection. The one correction requested is to correct the spelling of Chase's last name to McIntyre.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha emailed his November and December Treasurer's Reports prior the meeting and reported the following:

A motion to approve the November Treasurer's Report was made by Brenda Nick, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

A motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Wieland, seconded by Matt Harbert, and approved without objection.

Greg Lester reported \$72.40 profit on Johnny Appleseed Rally.

**Membership:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

There are currently 652 members. 9 lapsed in November. There were 7 new members in November.

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

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

The Calendar for 2024 is coming together. A few dates are still in flux. Hope to publish soon.

John Hinkle's bone marrow transplant went well.

Continuing to confirm specialty chiefs – need Grid and Start Chiefs.

Working with the Communication Committee to streamline event marketing.

We also need nominees for the Awards Celebration.

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

First Divisional of the year is in June.

Divisional in September is first in GLD Champ Series for 2025.

October is at the request of the track, unfortunately competes with Time Trial Nationals @ NCM.

Enduro: 12 hour on Sat. May 11, 2024.

Debbie addressed workers taking Fridays off as a potential problem.

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**Time Trial:** Time trial one day event May 4, 2024 and a weekend event July 6 – 7, 2024. Time trialers want a third Nelson event. Finding a date might be an issue.

**Solo:** Jonathan Staggs reported the following:

IX dates for 2024 are locked in. Eastlake dates still in progress.

Meeting Dec 18<sup>th</sup> to put together a Solo leadership team.

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

Possibility of 3 to 5 events in 2024. May see resurrection of Alley Rally.

OWR first weekend in February. All except Alley Rally are part of GL Divisional schedule.

**Rally-cross:** Possible new team willing to take leadership in Rallycross. Follow up for Janu. Meeting.

**Street Survival:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Finally got a conversation with the facilities person at Faith Family Church in North Canton. She is speaking to Church Leadership regarding our needs and will be in touch to let us know if we have a possible match. Probably now looking at April 2024.

**Website and Social Media:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

New online tool for Event Leads to input information for marketing upcoming events.

Seems to be working well in test. Need enough personnel to push out communications on a timely basis. More info to come.

**Social Events:** Bob MacDonald reported the following:

January Event at Track First.

Look for information in the *Blower* and on the Website.

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

Stupid Fast Tires Dave Zuber Summit Racing is close Atomic Autosports Hawk maybe

**Old Business:**

Election Results from the Annual Meeting Held at Boss Pro-Karting on November 14, 2023:

Assistant R.E.	Brandon Anderson	46 votes
Treasurer	Joe Blaha	45 votes
Membership Secretary	Bill Snow	44 votes
Recording Secretary	Ray Glover	44 votes
Trustees	Brenda Nick	39 votes
Chase McIntyre		32 votes
Bill Crowe		30 votes
Bill Moore		30 votes

There was a tie for the third trustee. Per the By-Laws a runoff from members present was held. The winner of the runoff was Bill Crowe. The election committee of Matt Harbert, Marie Bohusch, Bob MacDonald, and Dave Lancaster oversaw the election and runoff.

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A motion to approve the election results was made by John McFarland, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

Bob MacDonald reported that the attorneys have been working on a draft of the Constitution changes.

**New Business:**

Joe advised that we need to form an Audit Committee to review Region Financials in January. John McFarland, Duane Harrington, and Debbie LaFond volunteered. Tom Wieland will ask his wife if she will help also. Date and location to be determined.

Awards Celebration: Increase quantity of food, motion to subsidize the budget so we can hold the \$35 per person entry fee. (\$1,000 target). Motion by Taylor Allen, seconded by Ashley Medwig, and motion passed without objection.

At approximately 9 PM we adjourned to a Committee of the Whole to determine annual Award Winners. Board Meeting resumed at about 9:30 PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Kurt Stevens, seconded by Matt Harbert, meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

Next trustee's meeting will be January 2, 2024 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted (from awesome notes taken by Bob MacDonald), Ray Glover, Rec. Sec.

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Once again, in this issue we have published a view of the year ahead on page 9. Items highlighted in BLUE are confirmed NEOHIO Region events. Items highlighted in GREEN are confirmed to the best of my knowledge via the Great Lakes Division Calendar and the SCCA National website.

Finally, our sponsorship program is growing because you have been patronizing these businesses that support our region. Please continue to support our sponsors and advertisers so they continue to help us bring you better value in our programs.

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!



**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  
2230 PICTON PARKWAY  
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**TRACK  
FIRST**

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.

## Registration for the Ohio Winter Rally is Open on MSR.

[www.motorsportreg.com/events/2024-ohio-winter-rally-dibellas-subs-scca-neohio-road-352457](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2024-ohio-winter-rally-dibellas-subs-scca-neohio-road-352457)



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Grouping GT1 - GT2 - GT3 - GTA - AS - SP (points)

GTA John McFarland (275) GT2 Dan Harding (183) GT2 William Moore (101) GT1 Al Gaudino (100)  
GT1 Ryan McManus (93) GT2 Aaron Quine (89) GT2 Terry Gilles (67) GT2 Andrew Mistak (21)

Grouping STL - STU - B-Spec

STL Max Gee (182) B-Spec Brandon Anderson (128) B-Spec Ray Glover (100) STU Eric Fiest (100)  
B-Spec Rob Piekarczyk (98) STL Tex Melotti (97) STL Chris Ardern (72) STL (Dan Harding (34)

Grouping FV - FF - F6 - FM - FS - FST - CFF

F6 Scott Thorp (200) FF Rob Dietz (119) FF Evan Gaston (72) FF Jim Dietz (46) FV Brian Farnham (32)  
FV Joseph Churpek (32) F6 Jennifer Bradford – R (21)

Grouping EP - FP - HP - GTL - SPU - LEG

FP Thomas Gaydos - R (230) FP John Gaydos (199) HP Gary David (134) FP David Strittmatter (111) HP James Palmer (100) FP Ken Alderson (86) HP Justine Ingram-Paci (79) HP Carl Goodwin (36) GTL Evan Gaston (35)

Grouping FA - FB - FC - FE - FE2 - F1000 - FX

FE2 James Libecco (142) FC EJ Korecky (125) FE2 David Harris (101) FC Mark Defer (69) FX Jim Vanzart (21)

Grouping ITA – ITB – ITC – IT7 – ITS – ITE

ITA Tom Podmore (277) IT7 Chris Ardern (136) ITC Stephen Jacko (118) ITA Nicholas Boyeas (109)  
ITE Eric Fiest (108) ITC Jason Jacko (102) ITC Matthew Jacko (89) ITC Jon Schneider (87) ITS Eric Franz (86)  
ITA Tom Murphey (42) ITA Keith Workman (34) ITA Robert Stoller (29) ITC Markus Juhasz (27)

Grouping ASR – P1 – P2 P2 Allen Franzolino (250)

Grouping SM (All Classes)

SM Chase McIntyre (367) SM Bob MacDonald (305) SM Tom Podmore (138) SM Robert Kucera (134) SM Jonathan Davis (103) SM Keye Days (78) SM Bob Kucera (59) SM Ray Huang (58) SM Ryan Foltz (34) SM Stewart Lovdal (7)

Grouping SRF – SRF3

SRF Bill Hornack (323) SRF3 David Lancaster (282) SRF3 S. Sandy Satullo III (164) SRF Brian Post (155)  
SRF3 David Zuber (144) SRF April Post (125) SRF3 Lee Spuhler (110) SRF3 James Libecco (100)  
SRF3 Daniel Koplowl (75)

Grouping T1 -T2 - T3 - T4

T4 Rick Kozak (336) T1 Larry Funk (75) T4 Matt Miller (42)

Debbie LaFond





# NEOHIO Area 2024 Event Schedule

DATES for 2024	TE/TT & DRIVER'S SCHOOL	DIVISIONALS	MAJORS & SUPER TOURS	SCCA PRO EVENT or OTHER EVENTS	Rally/RallyX	Solo
February 3					Ohio Winter Rally (02/03/2024)	
March 2	SPRING TRAINING - New Venue TBA					
April 13-14	Track Work Day @ NL (4/13)					
April 20-21				Motorsports Expo @ NL (4/20)		
April 27-28	DS-WHRR @ WAT		SCR @ PIRC Majors	SVRA & FPromo @ MO		InT @ Eastlake T
May 4-5	Saturday NEO TT @ NL			NORPCA @ MO		IX Event #1 Saturday Only
May 11-12 (Mother's Day)	Saturday 12 Hr. Enduro @ NL				RX Option	
May 18-19	TTnT @ NCM		OVR-ST @ MO		Vertigo(?) Rally (05/18/2024 ?)	LMC Race #1 @ Eastlake T
May 25-26 (Memorial Day)		DET - D @ WAT		Champ @ WGI		
June 1-2	PIRC Driver's School & TT - T		Super Tour @ WG			IX Event #2 Sunday Only
June 8-9				IMSA @ MO FRP @ PIRC		
June 15-16 (Father's Day)	TTnT @ Pocono	WMR-D-C @ GRA				
June 21-23			June Sprints ST @ RA	Vintage GP @ MO ; TransAm & FRP @ MO		SOLO National Tour @ IX Center
June 29-30		NEO-D-C @ NL		Divisional @ WG		SOLO Prosolo @ IX Center
July 6-7	NEO - TT @ NL		SBR/DET-M @ GM	IndyCar @ MO	RX Option	
July 12-14	CINCI-TE @ MO	CINCI-D-C @ MO		Champ @ NL		
July 20-21	TTnT @ GM					LMC Race #2 @ Eastlake T
July 27-28	DS/CRE - SBR @ GM	SBR-D-C @ GM		Pitt Vintage GP @ PIRC AMA Vintage Bikes @ MO		
August 3-4				PVGP @ Schenley Park		
August 9-11	OVR-TE/TT - Friday	OVR-D-C @ MO				IX Event #4 Sunday Only
August 17-18		Fun One D @ WGI	WMR - M @ GRA	MotoAmerica @ MO	Possible Rally (08/17/2024 ?)	
August 23-25	SCR @ PIRC SCCA Festival & D @ WAT (Sat/Sun)					
Aug 31 - Sept 1 (Labor Day)				944 Fest - NL	944 Fest RX (Sat Only)	IX Event #5 Saturday Only
Sept 7-8				CHAMP - MO		
Sept 14-15						
Sept 21-22		NEO-D-C @ NL		NORPCA @ MO		LMC Finale @ Eastlake T
Sept 27-Oct 6	2024 RUNOFFS @ Road America					
Sept 28-29						IX Event #6 - Saturday Only
Oct 5-6				CHAMP - PittRace		
Oct 12-13	TT National NCM	OVR-D-C @ MO				
Oct 19-20					Johnny Appleseed Rally 10/19	
Oct 26-27		NEO/MVR Div @ NL - R		TTnT @ NCM		
LEGEND:						
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	M=Major	RX=RallyCross	Confirmed 2024 Dates	
GM= GingerMan	GRA=Grattan	C=Champ Series Event		DS=Drivers School	NEOHIO Events 2024	
NL=Nelson Ledges	MO=Mid Ohio	MIS=Mich Intl Speedway	WAT=Waterford Hills	ST= Super Tour		
NCM= National Corvette Museum MS Park	WGI=Watkins Glen	BHF=Blackhawk Farms	TE - Track Event			
PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race	PP=Putnam Park	RA=Road America	TT - Time Trial			

## WELCOME TWO NEW NEOHIO SPONSORS FOR 2024

NEOHIO Member, 2024 sponsor and racer Aaron Quine is your authorized Hoosier, Goodyear, Toyo and Pirelli race tire dealer. From sales, shop mounting and balancing or trackside service at the road courses we do it all. 34 years experience road racing and auto-crossing & 20 years experience doing race tire testing, engineering and mounting services. You also get free tech support from someone who's been there done that and still racing. My phone is always on to text or call 7 days a week should you have questions or help with set ups and pressures. All tire orders will receive discounted mounting and balancing whether your doing Autocross, road racing, TT or Track HPDE days. Don't forget to pre-order your tires for any racing events 1 week prior.

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## 2024 Neohio Hall of Fame Induction

To honor those who contributed to the region through their volunteer work or who brought honor to the region for their accomplishments

Neohio Region would like to thank the Hall of Fame Committee for their time, effort and selection process. Sherrie Weitzenhof, Chair, Jeff Blumenthal, Dorothy Harrington, Brenda Nick and Bob Roberts.

### Dorothy Harrington

We are inducting Dorothy Harrington into the Neohio Hall of Fame because for about 45 years, she has provided constant support for Neohio Region and SCCA. Dorothy joined the region in 1979 and became registrar in 1980. While chief registrar for Neohio, she has also served as registrar at events organized by other regions, holding a national license from 1982 - present. She was Divisional Administrator for Registration for CenDiv and Great Lakes Division for 20 years. Dorothy served as registrar for the Runoffs from 1994 – 2003 and 2011. She was SCCA worker of the year in 1990 and 1997. She has also been registrar for Pro events, including Trans Am, S2000, Formula Atlantic, World Challenge and Can Am.

Dorothy has supported Neohio Region in many other ways. She served on the Neohio board from about 1998 – 2001. She supported the organization of various Neohio activities, such as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and Competition Clinics. She started the Neohio Hall of Fame in 2013, serving as chair of the committee for many years; and still serves on the committee. She was the Neohio Pointskeeper for 35 years and was on the Competition Board for 25 years.

On the personal side, Dorothy supported the racing careers of her husband, Duane, as well as son Don.

### William Scott Stewart (Bill)

Bill has been selected for the Neohio Hall of Fame because he has contributed so much to Neohio and SCCA for decades.

He grew up interested in cars, influenced by his father who worked for Volkswagen of America, and started attending sports car races while in college. After returning to Erie PA in the late 70's he autocrossed with Misery Bay Region and occasionally with WNY, NEOSCC (an Ashtabula/Lake County car club) and Neohio. In 1980, Bill became an SCCA member and volunteered as a Pit Marshal at Nelson. He was accepted as a Pit Marshal at the Detroit F1 Grand Prix in 1983, and he continued until the last F1 Detroit race in 1988. He also worked F1 at Indy and COTA. Over the years, Bill has worked for Trans-AM and World Challenge from Mosport, to Sebring, and to Sears Point. He also worked pit and grid at Formula-E races in Brooklyn. Bill did pits at Nelson, Mid-Ohio, the Glen, and Mosport and even the Niagara Falls Trans-AM Grand Prix in 1988. Since his 1996 retirement, he has worked over 20 Runoffs, becoming SCCA Pit Marshal of the Year in 2004, and Chief Pit Marshal at the Mid-Ohio, Indy, and VIR Runoffs. He was Misery Bay's RE for 1998 & 1999, while the region earned SCCA's Small Region of the Year in 1999, and has been their RE the last 2 years. In the Northeast Division, Bill was the DA for Pit and Grid for 6 years and has been a Member at Large on their Board of Directors for the last 5 years.

While Bill had worked most of Neohio's races and ran the occasional Neohio Solo or Road Rally, he became more involved when he first worked pits at the Cleveland Grand Prix and then became a Neohio member and Chief Pit Marshal there from 2005 to 2007. Over the years, Bill has worked with Greg Lester with numerous road rallies. He also has helped Neohio with their Teen Street Survival Schools and most recently, Time Trials. Neohio awarded Bill the 2014 Elden "Dutch" Moore Award, and the 2020 Reed Andrews Friendship Award.

In addition to SCCA, Bill started attending Corvette Cleveland Time Trials and Porsche Club Schools at Nelson Ledges in the 1980's. He became an instructor in 1987 and has driven tracks from Daytona and Mosport to Laguna Seca, and even Spa and Nürburgring. Bill also belongs to the Audi, BMW, and Porsche clubs.

The last 5 years, he has helped run Nelson's "Wonderful Wednesdays" track days and SCCA's Track Night in America at Nelson and Pitt Race.

Bill has worked and driven 17 race tracks throughout the US; driven but not worked 7 tracks; worked but not driven 8 tracks; and visited 8 other tracks throughout the world. This year he helped put out a substantial fire at the Runoffs and then had to miss the last day with COVID.



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