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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 IX Solo Event #2
June 15 Street Survival@
Northside Christian Church
June 21-23 Solo National
Tour @ IX Center
Divisional @ NL June 28-30
June 29-30 SCCA Pro Solo
@ IX Center

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

It's May, and unfortunately, I again start this month with sad news. Long time NEOHIO Region member Ed Hughes passed away in April. We didn't get the news to include it in last month's Blower, but you will find a notice in this issue. Like many of our long-time members, Ed served his country as a Marine. As Memorial Day approaches, I hope you will take a moment to think about all of those who, like Ed, have sacrificed so that we may enjoy the lifestyle we do.

Continuing on that theme, our membership has a tremendous opportunity to donate a little of our time to help improve the lives of those around us, particularly teen drivers. After a 5+ year hiatus, NEOHIO Region is back in the **Tire Rack Street Survival** business. Our first new event will be at Northside Christian Church in Wadsworth on **June 15th**. We are currently the only school open in Ohio on the www.streetsurvival.org website. We have just four short weeks to get the word out and recruit participants. **Please tell anyone you know who has or knows of a driver between 15 (yes they can participate on their learner's permit) and 21 about this tremendous opportunity and send them to the website mentioned above.**

I have heard from our members that many are anxious to see this program come back and become successful here. To that end, to help out as a **coach or volunteer** (we will need quite a few) please reach out to Event Chairperson Bryan Hall. The best way to contact Bryan is via email at bryan_hall5000@sbcglobal.com.

I am pleased to report that **Summit Racing** has signed up again this year as the **Official Sponsor of NEOHIO SCCA**. They contribute financially to the success of our events and many of you will see benefits first hand when Summit Racing Gift Certificates and Discount coupons are presented to our participants. Please use those certificates and support our "home town speed shop".

We have plenty of other upcoming events for #funwithcars in the weeks ahead. **Leroy Engineering** has stepped in this year as the title sponsor for our Solo Points Series.

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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

June 2	Solo Event #2	IX Center
June 15	Street Survival@ Northside Christian Church 7615 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth	
June 21-23	Solo National Tour	IX Center
June 28-30	Divisional Race	NLRC
June 29-30	SCCA Pro Solo	IX Center

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



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Neohio Region, SCCA

Board Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2024

Members Present: Taylor Allen ('25), John McFarland ('25), Kurt Stevens ('24), Ashley Medwig ('24), Brenda Nick ('26), Chase McIntyre (26), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.), Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.) **Members Excused:** Matt Harbert (25), Thomas Weiland ('24), Bill Crowe ('26), Brandon Anderson (Asst. R.E.)

Committee Members and Guests: Greg Lester, Alex Stone, Bill Stewart, Jonathon Staggs, Jason Pokines, Jennifer Bradford, and Bryan Hall.

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

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the March 5, 2024 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 Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his April Treasurer's Report to the Board prior the meeting. He reported that our bank balance is down from last month but up from last year. A motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Brenda Nick, seconded by Taylor Allen, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following March statistics:

656 Total members for March. 15 New members. 16 Memberships lapsed.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

There is a lot coming up: Nelson Ledges Work Day, "A Day in Motorsports", Time Trial, Enduro, and a Rally Cross.

The Region's insurance coverage for the region's property has increased in cost by \$300 – from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

Program Chairs were reminded to continue to use the promotion form on the website for social media and website updates.

Continue to support our sponsors.

Road Racing and Enduro: Bob MacDonald reported the following on the June Race:

Supps are to be posted by April 15, 2024.

There is going to be a team competition – Like the old "War Games".

There are Road Race cars for display at the "A Day in Motorsports", but need some Enduro cars.

Need sanctions completed and submitted.

Time Trial: Bob MacDonald reported the following: registration is open for the May 4, 2024 event.

Solo: Jonathan Staggs reported the following:

Need to get the sanction in so proof of insurance can be sent to Lake County.

The solo committee held a Solo National events planning meeting.

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Rallycross: Alex Stone reported the following:

Sanction is almost ready to submit. Supps. are also almost ready.

The old Thompson is now called Kuhnle Motorsports Park.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

May 18, 2024 is the next rally. Sanction is in and it is open on MSR. The route starts in Wooster and goes south and west into Knox County.

Street Survival: Bryan Hall reported the following:

Wadsworth site – still trying to contact the North Side Christian Church.

June 15, 2024 date is still in play.

Will get the information on the Street Survival web page when the date is confirmed.

Communications: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

Held a communication committee last week.

Keep using the promotion form.

For website updates email Jennifer at social@neohioscca.com.

“A Day of Motorsports”: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

82 Registered so far on MSR (volunteers and guests).

All volunteers and guests should register.

Each specialty needs to be represented and will conduct a 3 minute presentation on their specialty.

Cars & Coffee will be there.

Old Business:

Bob MacDonald reported the following on the Constitution: the attorney is on vacation, so hope to have something for the May meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Taylor Allen, seconded by Kurt Stevens, meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Next trustee’s meeting will be May 7, 2024 via Zoom at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for May 2024

The meetings about racing are over and now it's time, literally, for the rubber to hit the road. I'll be heading to Mid Ohio for the Hoosier Super Tour event hosted by OVR this month.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (4/2): The CRB had its usual monthly meeting and they ran through scores of letters. The group also tied up some loose ends from our at the face to face meeting that was held in Kansas City last month. As the Hoosier Super Tour is well under way, a conversation was had about attendance at the June Sprints. Preparations are being made for the Runoffs as well. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (4/10): The Rally Cross Board (RXB) Chair (Gonzalo San Miguel) sat in on our meeting. His committee is wrestling with some EV related classification rules and was seeking guidance from us on how to construct the language needed. This was a big step for us. We are now at the point where the EVAC has other program boards requesting guidance. This level of legitimacy is very much appreciated. We continue to work on a "Fact Sheet" for regions and venues to use when investigating EV participation. We the various definitions of "hybrid" for the SCCA. As there are so many variants of a hybrid EV, we need to specify the language for our members. This will help see what cars can compete and how we deal with them. We also discussed a new letter that came to us via the CRB letter portal.

Board of Directors (BoD) (4/22): We reviewed the Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) that has been written for the Directors to sign. As you can imagine, we discuss many details of Club operations that need to remain in confidence. If a Director deliberately leaks some of these details, it can be disastrous for the Club.....on a variety of levels. We also reviewed the compensation package that we've offered Mike Cobb. I gave an EVAC update for the group.

CRB (4/25): A group from the CRB, BoD and Staff met via Zoom call to collate the ideas we worked on at our face to face meeting. Progress is being made but further work continues to be done.

SCCA Events:

None

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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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 MAY 4TH TIME TRIAL AT NELSON LEDGES—more on page 12.

Thank you Bill Snow and John McFarland!





2024 Great Lakes Division SOLO Series Championship Our 39th Consecutive Year

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|---|--|
| May 4 th & 5 th | Kentucky Region @ NCM Motorsport Park
Bowling Green, Kentucky |
| June 15 th & 16 th | Indianapolis Region @ Grissom Aeroplex
Peru, Indiana |
| July 13 th & 14 th | Fort Wayne Region @ Allen County Coliseum
Fort Wayne, Indiana |
| July 20 th & 21 st | Ohio Valley Region @ Fortress Obetz
Obetz, Ohio |
| Sept. 14 th & 15 th | Cincinnati Region @ Traders World
Monroe, Ohio |

Must compete in 2 Events or 4 Days of Competition to Qualify for Trophy.

Best 3 Events or 6 Days of Competition for Total Points for Final Standings

Scoring is going to be on Combined Times for Both Days. Run just 1 Day and you score 50% of the Points earned and counts as ½ Event or 1 Day of Competition



On April 9th our community lost a friend and fellow volunteer, Ed Hughes. A lifetime SCCA member, Ed was inducted into the Neohio Region Hall of Fame in 2017. He started racing locallyand Ed served his country by joining the Marine Corps.



Our Neohio Drivers at the Mid-Ohio Hoosier Super Tour May 17-19

Max Gee - STL - 1st both days	Matt Miller - T4 - 8th & 6 th	Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 16th & 14th
James Libecco - SRF3 - 10th Sat.	Jim Dietz - FF - 5th & 4 th	Rob Dietz - FF - 4th & 3rd
Brian Farnham - FV 2nd - both	Mark Farnham - FV - 10th Sat.	Chase McIntyre - SM - 25th & 24th
Jonathan Davis - SM - 6th & 9 th	Bob MacDonald - SM - 32nd & 30 th	Robert Kucera - SM - 7th & 6th
James Libecco - FE2 - 1st both days	Thomas Gaydos - FP - 7th & 5 th	David Strittmatter - FP - 4th both
Larry Funk - FP - 5th & 7 th	Rob Piekarczyk - B-Spec - 5th & 1 st	
Justin Ingram-Paci - B-Spec - 20th & 18th	Chase McIntyre - SMX - 13th & 9 th	
Ryan McManus - GT1 - 2nd & 1 st	William Moore - GT2 - 6th & 8th	
Aaron Quine - GT2 - 2nd & 3 rd	Reilly Harris - FA - 2nd Saturday	JT Novosielski - FC - 4th & 5th

Jim Libecco also set a new track record on Sunday in FE2 at 1:26:062!

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	
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				Tire Rack Street Survival - 6/15	
June 21-23			June Sprints ST @ RA	Vintage GP @ MO ; TransAm & FRP @ MO		SOLO National Tour @ IX Center	
June 28-30		NEO-D-C @ NL		Divisional @ WG		SOLO Prosolo @ IX Center	
July 6-7	NEO - TT @ NL		SBR/DET-M @ GM	IndyCar @ MO	RallyCross #1 T Sat only		
July 12-14	CINCI-TE @ MO	CINCI-D-C @ MO		Champ @ NL			
July 20-21	TTnT @ GM						
July 27-28	DS/CRE - SBR @ GM	SBR-D-C @ GM		Pitt Vintage GP @ PIRC AMA Vintage Bikes @ MO		LMC Race #2 @ Eastlake T (Sun)	
August 3-4				PVGP @ Schenley Park			
August 9-11	OVR-TE/TT - Friday	OVR-D-C @ MO				IX Event #3 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 #4 Saturday Only	
Sept 7-8				CHAMP - MO			
Sept 14-15							
Sept 21-22		NEO-D-C @ NL		NORPCA @ MO		LMC Finale @ Eastlake (sat)	
Sept 27-Oct 6	2024 RUNOFFS @ Road America						
Sept 28-29							IX Event #5 - Saturday Only
Oct 5-6						CHAMP - PittRace	
Oct 12-13		OVR-D-C @ MO					
Oct 19-20					Johnny Appleseed Rally 10/19		
Oct 26-27	TTnT @ NCM	NEO/MVR Div @ NL - R					
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 PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race Complex		WGI=Watkins Glen PP-Putnam Park	BHF=Blackhawk Farms RA=Road America	TE - Track Event TT - Time Trial			

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Road Rally Update by Greg Lester

2024 SCCA GLD Rally Championship Schedule:

The next event on the 2024 GLD schedule is Neohio Region's **Ohio Milk Run** rally. Starting in Wooster, rally-master Ron Johnstonbaugh has crafted a course that winds through the hills of Ohio's Wayne, Holmes, Knox and surrounding counties. The rally's name is a homage to a motorcycle enduro that ran in the same area. More information is available, and registration is open here: msreg.com/OMR24

The following 2024 GLD Championship rallies remain in the works:

May 18 - **Ohio Milk Run**, Wooster, OH. Neohio Region (Registration is open here: msreg.com/OMR24).

June 1 - **Twilight Tour**, Lansing(?), MI. Detroit Region.

August 17 - **Name TBD**, Bolivar(?), OH. Neohio Region.

September 7 - **1st POR**, St. Ignace, MI. Detroit Region.

September 7 - **2nd POR**, Manistique, MI. Detroit Region.

October 19 - **Johnny Appleseed**, N. Canton, OH. Neohio Region.

November 2 - **Pavement Ends**, Roscommon, MI. Detroit Region.

Look for date changes, and the addition of other rallies as the schedule solidifies. Please contact GLD Rally Steward Rob Moran (RTMoran2008@yahoo.com) with any questions.

2024 Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR) For those who enjoy stage rallying (flat-out racing against the clock over closed forest roads), this year's Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR) will take place June 6-8. SOFR will be an American Rally Association (ARA) National Championship event. It will start with a Thursday evening stage through Chillicothe's Yoctangee Park. Friday stages will run in Shawnee State Forest (near Portsmouth), and Saturday stages will run in Zaleski State Forest (near McArthur).

As always, a "cast of thousands" of volunteers, with a wide variety of skills, is needed to make this event successful. Amateur radio operators and emergency medical personnel are particularly in demand.



**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE
NELSON LEDGES TIME TRIAL**



72nd Cumberland Classic Majors at Pittsburgh International Race Complex April 27-28, 2024

David Harris - SRF3 - 18th & 16th

Max Gee - STL - 1st both days - new track record Sunday - 1:53.588

David Strittmatter - FP - 1st Saturday

Jams Lucas - EP - 1st Saturday

Chase McIntyre - SMX - 3rd & 2nd

Keye Daus - SM - 16th & 14th

Bill Dodd - SM - 17th & 16th

Reilly Harris - FA - 3rd & 2nd

David Zuber - FE2 - 4th both days

Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1st both days

Andrew Mistak - GT2 - 2nd both days

William Moore - GT2 - 4th & 1st

Debbie LaFond



Photos from the Solo Points Event #1 at the IX Center (left) and the Solo Event at the Lake Erie Captains lot (below) Captains event photos provided by Logan Citriglia.





More photos from Neohio's recent solo events.



A great big THANKS!!! goes out to Al Gaudino and Bill Pristas who donated and installed locking cabinets at Nelson for T&S. No more lugging up and down the stairs all the T&S stuff for every event. Thanks!!!

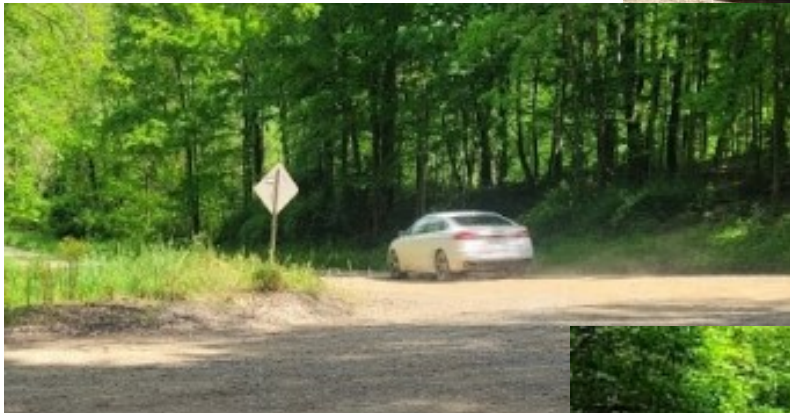
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**PHOTOS FROM THE
MILK RUN RALLY**

Report continued from page 1

Solo Points Event #2 will take place at the IX Center **June 2nd**. Our region is hosting a **Solo National Tour Event June 21-23** and the following weekend (**June 28 – 30**) we will host our second **Pro-Solo**, also at the IX Center.

On that same weekend, we will host the **Jim Green Memorial Divisional Club Race and Race Experience** presented by Zuber-Gardner, Stupid Fast Tires and Carbotech Performance Brakes at Nelson Ledges. This two-day event will include a **Great Lakes Divisional Championship** points race each day. Our Road Race Committee has also come up with a Team Challenge concept. This is supported in part by our sponsor Summit Racing and the top teams will receive Summit Gift Certificates for each competitor. There will also be cash prizes. To learn more about this look for the **NEOHIO Team Challenge** at <http://msreg.com/jimgreendiv> in the event information. And finally, we are including a **Club Race Experience** run group for each day to give those who want to give road racing a try in a user-friendly format.

By the time you read this, registration should be open for all of these events on Motorsports Reg (MSR). Please sign up and come join the fun as a competitor or volunteer!

Looking back at our recent calendar, I am sad to report that we elected not to put on the **Neohio SCCA 12 Hour Enduro at Nelson Ledges**. I say "we elected" but the reality is you, the members, made this decision by voting with your response. As the date was approaching, we had too few teams entered and too few volunteers to put on a successful event. After lengthy efforts to recruit both competitors and volunteers that clearly weren't succeeding, we reached an agreement with Nelson Ledges track management to not go forward.

That being said, in this issue you will find pictures of a successful "**May the Fourth be with You**" **Time Trial**. Our Solo team had good turnouts for both the April 27th **Test & Tune** and **Solo Points Event #1** at the IX Center on May 4th. And as I write this, I see results from the **Ohio Milk Run Rally** showing up in my inbox. This has been a very busy month and the season is just getting started!

We have an updated view of the year ahead on page 10. Items highlighted in BLUE are confirmed NEOHIO Region events. Items highlighted in GREEN are from the Great Lakes Division Calendar and the SCCA National website. I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!



The Tire Rack Street Survival Program Returns to Northeast Ohio!

Automobile accidents are the #1 cause of death for Americans between the ages of 16 - 19. If you have young drivers between the age of 15 and 21, this program teaches safe driving by improving car control skills. Kids can participate even if they are still on their Learner's Permit. If you don't have drivers in this age range, please talk the program up to people you know who do. The website is www.streetsurvival.org.

If you are interested in being a coach or a volunteer for this program, please contact Event Chair Bryan Hall via email at bryan_hall5000@sbcglobal.net.

Northside Christian Church 7615 Ridge Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281
June 15, 2024 8 AM to 4 PM



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The Blower

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Four Hankook Ventus 7207 rain tires, 200/580R15. Used only one weekend. \$200
All were stored indoors.
\$350 for all.
Contact Ray Glover
at ray.gloverracing@outlook.com**