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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Festival Divisional
September 21-22
@Nelson Ledges
LMC Solo Cup Finale @
Eastlake Sept. 21

Leroy Engineering Solo
Points Event #5 IX Center
Sept. 28

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

As you receive this, Summer is coming to a close and we are transitioning to Fall. We still have plenty of events on the calendar, so be sure to get a little more **#funwithcars** in as the leaves change colors.

Before the update on upcoming events, there is some club business that I want to bring to everyone's attention. It's time to think about our upcoming **NEOHIO Region Elections**. Nominations for all positions opened at our September meeting and will be accepted through our October Board Meeting (via Zoom). Written (email) nominations are perfectly acceptable if you can't attend a meeting. If you want to attend a meeting, please reach out to Joe Blaha treasurer@neohioscca.com and ask him to send you the Zoom link.

A committee has been working on creating an **Amended and Restated Constitution** for the region and we plan to include approval of that on this year's ballot in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The original version of the current Constitution was adopted in 1965 and since then there have been 39 Amendments and 14 Standing Regulations adopted, leading to a lot of cross-referencing back and forth through the document. Our current board has had the new draft to review and provide feedback since our July meeting. The plan is to share the new version with all members starting shortly after the October meeting and asking for a vote to adopt via our ballot, which will be tallied at the annual meeting along with the ballots for officers and trustees.

Turning to upcoming events, the **Leroy Miata Challenge Finale** is at Eastlake on September 21st. Close behind that is the **Leroy Engineering** sponsored **Solo Points Event #5** at the IX Center on Sept. 28th.

The **NEOHIO Fall Festival Club Race** presented by **Zuber + Gardner CPAs** is coming up at Nelson Ledges on September 21st and 22nd. This will be our biggest Divisional Race of the year, as it **kicks off** the Great Lakes Division Champ Series for 2024/25! This race is also worth **DOUBLE POINTS** toward the **NEOHIO Region Championship**. Thanks to our supporting sponsors **Summit Racing Equipment, Carbotech Brakes, Leonard Trailer Sales** and **Stupid Fast Tires** for contributing to a great event. Thanks also to our Pace Car Sponsor, **Tim Lally Chevrolet**. As a special addition to the weekend, the **Furlong & Co. Pursuit Race** is open to all competitors in closed wheel cars. Five prizes are being offered that include cash and Summit Racing Gift Cards! Competitor registration is open at <http://msreg.com/FallFest24> and volunteer registration is open at <http://msreg.com/FallFest24VOL>. Please come out and join us for this outstanding event!

The **Johnny Appleseed Road Rally** is scheduled for Oct. 19th. It will start from DiBella's Subs in Canton.

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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. 21-22	Fall Festival Divisional	NLRC
Sept 21	Leroy Autocross	CCPL
Sept. 28	Solo Points Event #5	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



Neohio Region Would Like to Thank Our Event Sponsors!





NEOHIO Fall Festival Divisional Club Race

Presented by Zuber & Gardner CPAs

September 21-22, 2024

Nelson Ledges Road Course

Sanction #24-R













THANK YOU Carbotech Brakes!
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Trustee Meeting Minutes August 6, 2024

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

Committee Members and Guests: Jennifer Bradford, Alex Stone, and Greg Lester.

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 July 2, 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 Kurt Stevens, seconded by Brenda Nick, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his August Treasurer's Report to the Board prior the meeting. The bank balance is down from last month, but up from last year. A motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report was made by Brandon Anderson, seconded by John McFarland, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following June statistics:

697 Members at the end of July. 12 New members. 14 Memberships lapsed.

All new members have been contacted by Bill Snow and the list forwarded to Board so they can reach out to individual new members in their specialty.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Need to reimburse Jim Pracker for the trailer license.

Inventory for our property insurance is completed.

Keep using the website's promotion form for all program announcements.

If you need to be reimbursed, please use the check request form under "Resources" on our website.

Continue to support all our sponsors.

Road Racing: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Registration is open on MSR for the September race – "Fall Festival".

There are some entries all ready.

There will be a pursuit race at the end of the day Saturday. \$75 dollar entry fee.

October race will be called the "Monster Mash." It may be a mix of Road Race and Time Trial run groups.

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Trustee Meeting Minutes continued

Time Trial: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Both scheduled Time Trials went fairly well.

Looking at the October Road Race as the next possibility.

Solo: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

There is one this weekend. Another the last Saturday of August.

Rallycross: Alex Stone reported the following:

Still looking for timing equipment. Safety Steward looks set.

Promote the 944 Fest – it is open to non-944 participants.

Bob MacDonald will work on the sanction.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

September 28 Rally is off the table.

October 19th Johnny Appleseed Rally.

Street Survival: Bob MacDonald reported the following:

There is a connection to Drive Team, will look into that as a possible site/partnership.

Probably looking at spring for a date.

Communications Committee: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

Anything needed for AutoRama (Piston Power Show)? Use the promo form.

Old Business:

Bob MacDonald: has received feedback on the proposed constitution from four people. Get any additional comments to Bob within a week. Current constitution is on the website.

Winking Lizard deposit has been submitted for the Awards Celebration.

John McFarland: six applications (cars) have been submitted to the Piston Power Show. We should hear if we are in the show around the end of October. The show is March 28-30, 2025.

John McFarland: nothing new on the Great Lakes Championship Series.

New Business:

Greg Lester requested a budget of \$1,200 for the October 19th, 2024 Johnny Appleseed Rally. Bill Crowe moved to approve a budget of \$1,200 for the Rally, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Crowe, seconded by Chase McIntyre, meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Next trustee's meeting will be September 3, 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 September 2024

As the summer wanes, the Club works towards the “Championship Season” with titles on the line at the Solo Nationals, Runoffs, Rally Cross and Time Trials Championships.

So, here's what I did since my last report.....

Video Conference Meetings:

Club Racing Board (CRB) (8/6): This meeting was cancelled since we had just held a face to face meeting in Kansas City. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).

Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (8/14): As we had no meeting while I was out in Oregon on vacation, we had quite a full agenda. We got an update on our FAQ document that we hope to be able to send to regions. We discussed creating a new Vehicle Technical Specification (VTS) specifically for EVs. We also chatted about the makes and models for the new Electric Touring class in Club Racing. Once we had that figured out, we moved on to the specifics of what items to consider for the specs lines.

Board of Directors (BoD) (8/26): Our financials are still looking pretty good. As the competition season draws to a close, entries are near early projections. Membership renewals are also as expected. Mike Cobb reported on the upcoming “Championship Season” as the various programs will have their crowning events occurring in the next month or so. As in other years, its an “all hands on deck” situation. The Club Racing program is in the middle of announcements about upcoming changes. As I liaison to the CRB, I was able to add some nuance to the discussion. The BoD went into “Executive Session” (unrecorded, BoD only) to discuss a report from Chris Robbins about a member behaving badly.

SCCA Events:

WMR Solo at Grattan Raceway (9/2): This was the first time I would solo my new BMW i4. I asked the Solo Events Board (SEB) to classify the car and they stashed her in A Street. This is a class dominated by Porsches, Corvettes, etc. The Bimmer would be MUCH heavier (she weighs in at a robust 4650 pounds) and be on MUCH narrower tires (225s for longer range) compared to my class colleagues. I didn't think I would be competitive. Then again, I wasn't there to win this event but to have fun. I wanted a challenge and I got it. I've said it before and I'll say it again.....autocrossing is a VERY different skill set from Club Racing and I have not transitioned to that skill set yet.

Once again, the WMR folks ran a nice event which ran smoothly with over 90 cars getting six runs on the nearly two mile track. Dan Moody and his crew should be very proud of the event they organized and ran.

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Later this month, I'll head off to Road America to attend the 60th Runoffs. Road America is a special place for me. I remember going there as a kid back in the 60's and watching my father race there. I entered my first regional there back in 2001. I've worked a few races there over the years. I won my first national there in 2006. It's also where I had a significant altercation with the concrete wall in the kink in 2013 which destroyed my car and earned me a trip to the hospital. I was able to compete in the 50th Runoffs there in 2013. So, some good remembrances and some bad.

This year's event looks to be exciting and fun as everyone likes to race at Road America. I'm looking forward to it and hope you can attend in some fashion. I'll have plenty of free time so please consider dropping me a text (517.575.9450) so we can meet up and have a chat.

As I'll be there until well into October, I won't be able to do an update next month. I'll return for an update for November.

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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.

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

Congratulations to our Neohio Club Racers on placing in the Great Lakes Division Championship for 2023-2024

Bob MacDonald - SM - 1st

Jon Schneider - ITC - 1st

Joe Camilleri -HP - 2nd

Scott Thorp - Formula 600 - 2nd



Debbie LaFond



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<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2024-johnny-appleseed-rally-dibellas-subs-scca-neohio-road-765452>

In the meantime, our **Club Race** and **Time Trials** Committees are already hard at work planning for our event at Nelson Ledges the weekend of October 26-27th. This will be a really fun event, combining elements of Divisional Race, Race Experience and Time Trials. I believe the name under consideration is **The Monster Mash!** Our T&S team are putting together a **costume party** Saturday night and maybe there will be prizes for that. Start planning now!

On August 31st we hosted a **RallyCross** as part of the **944 Fest** weekend at Nelson Ledges. Nine competitors had fun tearing around in the fields west of the main gate. Results are available on the Region website. For better or worse, **Solo Points Event #4** at the IX Center was cancelled that weekend due to a lack of entries. The takeaway is a statement to the importance of registering for events ahead of time. Whether it's a **Solo, Race, Rally, Rally Cross or Time Trial**, it takes a lot of planning to put on a good event and that includes commitments to suppliers and volunteers. There are financial commitments to support such as venue costs, security, ambulances, food vendors, porta potty rentals and many more. If the entries don't appear to support the investment, the region has to make the responsible decision. If you want great events and think you will attend, please **REGISTER EARLY!**

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!



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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	
August 23-25	SCR @ PIRC SCCA Festival	DET - D-C @ WAT					
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		BHF=Blackhawk Farms		TE - Track Event			
PIRC - Pittsburgh International Race Complex		WGI=Watkins Glen	RA=Road America	TT - Time Trial			
		PP-Putnam Park					



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RALLY PROGRAM UPDATE

2024 Press On Regardless Rallies:

Neohio was well represented at Detroit Region's 75th Anniversary Press On Regardless (POR) rally weekend. This year's POR consisted of two rallies totaling around 500 miles of forest roads in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The courses included many roads that served as stages in the early days of the SCCA Pro Rally series. Neohio rallymaster, and multi-time POR winner Ron Johnstonbaugh teamed with SCCA Area 1 Director Peter Schneider. Neohio Rally Chairman Greg Lester reunited with his old Alcan 5000 rally partner Ken Knight. Neohio members Merav and Jeremy Cronin also made the trek north for POR.

The next event on the 2024 SCCA GLD Rally Championship schedule is Neohio Region's Johnny Appleseed Rally (JAR) rally on October 19th. More information about this event will be available, and registration will open shortly on motorsportsreg.com.

Neohio Region's CAST In Stone rally, previously scheduled on September 28, 2024, has been postponed to a yet-to-be-determined date in 2025.

The following 2024 GLD Championship rallies remain in the works:

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

October 26 - Pavement Ends, Roscommon, MI. Detroit Region.

Please contact GLD Rally Steward Rob Moran (RTMoran2008@yahoo.com) with questions.

Rally equipment For Sale/Wanted:

1) Wanted: Timewise 798A rally computer.

2) Wanted: 2 Hella Rallye 2000 "Euro" (driving) beam lens/reflector assemblies (new or good used condition).

- contact Greg Lester (wgregorylester@gmail.com or phone 330.256.6531)

1) For Sale: Timewise 797A rally computer.

2) For Sale: Stevens Rally Indicator (Stevens "Wheel" - circular TSD rally timekeeping slide rule).

- contact Ken Kovach (rallykov@att.net or phone 216.509.4966)

- 1) For Sale: Coralba C-Giant Rally Computer. - contact Eric Duram (eric.duram@gmail.com)

A Message From Gail Green



In my grief and sadness I realize I have been remiss in expressing my thank you to the NEOHIO region. All the people of the region have given me wonderful memories. From the remembering of my granddaughter to be able to start a race and even checker it using her "PaPa's Flags." to hearing all of the memories and fun times of being with Jim on the corners, in the starters stand, and being a steward. I want to thank the race chairpersons and all of the people that volunteer their time and the love that was felt from the every one. The ladies put on a great spread and cake included. Thank you.

Gail.



Bob Roberts

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