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Newsletter of Neohio Region, SCCA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Johnny Appleseed Rally

October 19

Monster Mash Divisional

Nelson Ledges

October 26-27

Annual Meeting

Boss Pro Karting Nov. 12

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

It's election season, and NEOHIO Region needs your votes. Before that, we do have two more competition events coming up.

The **Johnny Appleseed Road Rally** is scheduled for October 19th. It will start from DiBella's Subs in Canton. Full information and registration is available here: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2024-johnny-appleseed-rally-dibellas-subs-scca-neohio-road-765452>

The **NEOHIO Monster Mash** is coming up at Nelson Ledges on October 26th and 27th. This will be a hauntingly fun event as it includes **Divisional Racing**, **Time Trials** and a **Race Experience Enduro!** This race is also worth **DOUBLE POINTS** toward the **NEOHIO Region Championship**. The weekend also includes several non-automotive competition events.

Put your creative hats on and prepare to compete in any (or all) of these categories:

- Best Carstume (race car decorations, but they must be safe and not create a hazard)
- Best Paddock Decorations
- Best Worker/Volunteer Costume
- Best Costume (Driver/Crew Member)

Prizes being awarded at the Saturday Night Party (sponsored by **Atomic Autosports**) include Custom Black Flags and Summit Racing Gift Cards! Look for more information in this Blower or at <http://msreg.com/MonsterMash24> for competitors and <http://msreg.com/MonsterMash24VOL> for volunteers. Please come out, bring some treats for the kids and join us for this fun way to close out the 2024 competition season!

Thanks once again to our supporting sponsors **Summit Racing Equipment**, **Carbotech Brakes**, **Leonard Trailer Sales**, **Furlong & Co. Insurance**, **Zuber + Gardner CPAs** and **Stupid Fast Tires**. Thanks also to our Pace Car Sponsor, **Tim Lally Chevrolet**.

Now, back to that election thing. The NEOHIO Region **Annual Meeting** will be held at **Boss-Pro Karting** once again on the evening of November 12th. As has become our tradition, the region will provide pizza, wings and salad. Over dinner we will have updates from all of our programs, followed by go-kart racing and socializing. Ballots will be counted while that's going on and the evening will conclude with the announcement of election results. Beverages and go-kart racing are pay as you go.

Ballots including a link to our online voting portal, are being emailed as we go to publication. If you aren't online, there is a paper ballot included elsewhere in this edition of the Blower. In addition to voting on the usual slate of Officers and Trustees, you are being asked to vote on an **Amended and Restated Constitution**. That is also available for your review online. If you need a copy mailed, please call and leave me a message at (216) 509-6671.

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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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Great Lakes Division
www.greatlakes-scca.org
www.neohioscca.com

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

Oct. 19	Johnny Appleseed Rally	Canton
Oct. 26-27	Monster Mash Divisional	NLRC
Nov. 12	Annual Meeting at Boss Pro Karting	

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



Congratulations to our Neohio Road Racing drivers that went to Mid-Ohio for the OVR Autumn Classic XLIII October 12-13.

Robert Kucera - SM - 3rd Saturday & 2nd Sunday with a new track record - 1:40.486!!!
 Chase McIntyre - SM - 5th Saturday & 10th Sunday
 Ryan Peterman - SM - 17th Sunday
 Colin Wilson - SM - 18th Saturday & Sunday
 Raymond Glover - B-Spec - 4th Saturday & Sunday
 Greg Vandersluis - ITA - 1st Saturday & 10th Sunday
 Nicolas Boyeas - ITA - 3rd Saturday & 2nd Sunday
 Jacob Strong - ITA - 6th Saturday & 4th Sunday
 Matthew Miller - T4 - 1st Saturday & 2nd Sunday
 Robert Dietz - FF - 2nd Saturday & 1st Sunday
 Guy Bellingham - FV - 1st Sunday
 Andrew Mistak - GT2 - 1st Saturday & 2nd Sunday
 Edward Eckart - ITS - 1st Saturday & Sunday Terry Giles - GTX - 2nd Sat. & Sunday
 April Post - SRF - 3rd Saturday & 5th Sunday
 Bill Hornack - SRF - 6th Saturday & 4th Sunday
 Brian Post - SRF - 2nd Sunday
 Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 20th Sunday
Debbie LaFond



THANK YOU Carbotech Brakes!
 Longtime supporter of Neohio
 Region and a major sponsor of our

Neohio Region, SCCA

Trustee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024

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

Members Absent: Chase McIntyre ('26) Members Excused: Bob MacDonald (R.E.)

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

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by Asst. R.E. Brandon Anderson at 7:34pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the August 6, 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 September Treasurer's Report to the Board prior the meeting. The bank balance is up from last month, and up from last year. A motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Wieland, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following August statistics:

692 Members at the end of August. 15 New members. 7 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: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Need to reimburse Jim Pracker for the trailer license.

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

Continue to support all our sponsors.

Road Racing: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

24 entries so far for the "Fall Festival".

Looking for creative help with the Halloween race – the "Monster Mash."

Looking to get MSR up next week for the Monster Mash.

We have some new sponsors for the September and October races – Furlong Insurance and Leonard Trailers.

Kurt Stevens suggested to get more track flaggers as there are only two volunteers to date.

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Time Trial: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

Still looking at a possible Time Trial in conjunction with the Monster Mash. There is a conflict with the Time Trial Nationals however.

Solo: Jonathan Staggs reported the following:

Cancelled the last event due to low registration.

Next scheduled event is September 28, 2024 at the IX Center.

Rallycross: Alex Stone reported the following:

The 944 Fest was last Saturday.

There were 10-11 participants and it went well.

Thanks to the Timing & Scoring workers: Greg Lester, Dave Killian, Marie Bohusch, and Brenda Nick.

Thanks to Misery Bay Region for the cones.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

October 19th Johnny Appleseed Rally will be up on MSR next week.

Street Survival: Brandon Anderson reported the following: There are no updates.

Communications Committee: Jennifer Bradford reported the following:

Utilize the available forms on the website. Communications go to the whole Communications Committee.

Old Business:

John McFarland: no updates regarding the Piston Power Show (Autorama).

Brandon Anderson: no Constitution updates.

Joe Blaha gave the final accounting of the National and Pro Solos: the original budget was \$13,000 with an expected loss of \$3,000. The actual amount spent was \$10,842 with \$8,216 reimbursed from National. Therefore, the actual loss was \$2,626.

New Business:

Taylor Allen made a motion to approve a budget of \$110 for duplicate keys to the Timing & Scoring Cupboards at Nelson Ledges, seconded by Tom Wieland, and approved without objection.

Tom Wieland noted that we need some starter's equipment for use at Nelson Ledges. He is to put together a list and a budget.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Tom Wieland, meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Next trustee's meeting will be October 1, 2024 via Zoom at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary



COME JOIN THE MONSTER MASH FUN!



Hosted by **NEOHIO & MAHONING VALLEY REGIONS, SCCA**

Competition events include: Double Divisional Race Weekend

Divisional Time Trials Saturday afternoon through Sunday*

Race Experience 1-hour Enduro Saturday* (with Practice & Quali session)

Registration at <http://msreg.com/MonsterMash24>

*Novices welcome (see Registration website or SCCA.com for details)

Volunteers needed, training provided: <http://msreg.com/MonsterMash24VOL>

Non-automotive competition includes:

- Best Carstume (race car decorations, must be safe and not create a hazard)
- Best Paddock Decorations
- Best Worker/Volunteer Costume
- Best Costume (Driver/Crew Member)

Awards (custom Mechanical Black [Meatball] Flags and Summit Racing Gift Cards) will be presented at the Saturday night party. Atomic Autosports is providing their famous Taco Bar. The Regions will provide beverages. Please bring some treats for the young or young at heart so we can have a little "Trunk or Treat" adjacent to the Timing Tower.

Neohio Region Would Like to Thank Our Event Sponsors!



We Could Not Go Racing Without You!

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Looking back, the **Leroy Miata Challenge Finale** was at Eastlake on September 21st. The **Leroy Engineering** sponsored **Solo Points Event #4** and **Solo Points Event #5** were both held at the IX Center recently. Results are posted on the Region Website.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting!

NEOHIO Region SCCA Annual Meeting

November 12, 2024

Boss Pro-Karting

18301 Brookpark Rd.

Cleveland, OH 44142

SCHEDULE (All times PM)

- 6:00 – 6:30 Arrival and Check in
- 6:30 – 7:15 Annual Meeting while Eating
- 7:30 PM Cut-off for accepting hand delivered ballots
- 7:15 – 7:30 Drivers Meeting
- 7:30 – 8:30 Go-Kart Racing (Format below)
- 8:30 – 9:00 Podium and Announcement of Election Results

GO-KART RACING

- 3 Race Championship Format
- 2 Qualifying races per entrant
- Top 10 Advance to Championship Race
- Consolation Race(s) for qualifiers 11 - ??
- Boss Pro-Karting Trophy to the Champion!
- \$68 per racer paid to Boss Pro (advance on their website or paid at check in)

MENU

Pizza, Wings & Salad paid by NEOHIO SCCA Beverage purchases by participant



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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.

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)

**Congratulations to our Neohio Road Racing drivers from the Neohio Fall Festival
Divisional Club Race at Nelson Ledges September 21-22.**

Tex Melotti - STL - 1st both days Nick Boyeas - ITA - 1st both days
Robert Stoller - ITA - 2nd Sat. & 3rd Sun. Thomas Murphy - ITA - 2nd Sun.
Dan Koplow - SRF3 - 1st both days Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 2nd both days
Lee Spuhler - SRF Lee - SRF3 - 3rd both days Brian Post - SRF - 1st both days
April Post - SRF - 2nd Sat. & 3rd Sun. Bill Hornack - SRF - 3rd Sat. & 2nd Sun.
Thomas Gaydos - FP - 1st Sat. John Gaydos - FP - 1st Sun.
Rick Kozak - T4 - 1st both days Chris Arden - EP - 1st both days
Raymond Glover - B-Spec - 1st both days Jon Schneider - ITC - 6th Sat. & 7 Sun.
Justin Ingram-Paci - ITC - 6th Sun. Bob MacDonald - SM - 2nd Sat. & 3rd Sun.
Keye Daus - SM - 4th both days Colin Wilson - SM - 5th both days
John McFarland - GTA - 1st both days Al Gaudino - GT1 - 2nd both days
Brian Farnham - FV - 1st Sat. Guy Bellingham - FST - 8th Sat. & 9th Sun.
Reilly Harris - FA - 1st both days David Zuber - FE2 - 3rd Sat. & 4th Sun.
Allen Franzolino - P2 - 1st both days - track record Sun. - 1:04.033
EJ Korecky - FX - 1st both days James Libecco - FE2 - 2nd Sun.

Pursuit Race

Thomas Gaydos - 1st FP - 4th overall Dave Lancaster - 1st SRF3 - 8th overall
Bob MacDonald - 4th SM - 13th overall
Brian Post - 1st SRF - 14th overall
April Post - 2nd SRF - 15th overall



New Lap Records:

SP Chris Durbin 1:05.226 9/21/2024 P2 Al Franzolino 1:04.033 9/22/2024

CFC Chuck Moran 1:05.227 9/22/2024

SCCA 60th Anniversary Runoffs are completed and there was some great racing and weather this year. Congrats to our Neohio drivers.

Rob Piekarczyk - B-Spec started 3rd & finished 5th.

Jonathan Davis - SM - started 23rd in a field of 48 cars and got pancaked on the start into the pit lane wall. Car will need some TLC over the winter.

Dan Harding - SM - started 48th and finished 22rd.

Joe Camilleri - HP - started 17th and finished 11th. Received the Sunoco Hard Charger Award!

Eric Fiest - STU - started 11th and finished 7th.

Max Gee - STL - started 6th and finished 5th.

Dan Harding - STL - started 16th and finished 10th. Received the Sunoco Hard Charger Award!

Sandy Satullo - SRF3 - started 10th and finished 8th, some great racing!

Chase McIntyre - SMX - started 16th and finished 9th.

David Strittmatter - FP - started 5th and finished 22nd due to some mechanical issues.

Thomas Gaydos - FP - started 14 and finished 20th. Great racing for a rookie at the Runoffs moving all the way up to 6th at one point before having a mechanical issue a few laps from the end.

Larry Funk - FP - after having some tow vehicle issues heading to the Runoffs he encountered the wall the first day of qualifying. Hope to see him back next year.

Ryan McManus - GT1 - Started 7th but did not finish.

Reilly Harris - FA - started 7th and finished 11th.

Brian Farnham - FV - started 11th and worked his way up to 4th with an engine that was down on power. Great drive though!

William Moore - GT2 - started 16th and finished 14th.

Debbie LaFond





Longest Day at Nelson Ledges 1980 (photographer unknown)



Neohio Lunch Ladies at the Awards Celebration, February 2023.

The 2024 Johnny Appleseed Road Rally 10/19/2024



Meet at DiBella's Subs, Canton, Ohio (Belden Village area) at 11:00 AM

Contact: Greg Lester (wgregorylester@gmail.com 330 256-6531)

See Election Rules Below!

Election Rules:

Ballots must include an active SCCA Membership number on November 12, 2024, and must be listed as a member of Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. Ballot names will be removed from the Membership list for privacy.

Only one vote per active membership will be counted.

2025 Election Committee members will tally all Online and Printed ballots on November 12, 2024 at the Region Annual Meeting. Election results will be announced at this meeting. The Meeting will take place at

**Boss-Pro Karting
18301 Brookpark Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44142**

2025 Election Committee Members are: Taylor Allen, Bill Crowe, and Jason Pokines.

2025 Neohio Region Officers and Trustees Election Ballot

Vote online at: <https://neohioscca.com/vote>

OR USE this page as a printed ballot.

Online voting closes at 11:59 PM November 11, 2024

Votes cast past midnight must be submitted in person at 2024 Annual Membership Meeting.

Your Membership Number: _____

Regional Executive - two-year term- vote for one:

Bob MacDonald: _____

Write in Candidate: _____

Assistant Regional Executive - one-year term- vote for one:

Brandon Anderson: _____

Write in Candidate: _____

Treasurer – one-year term- vote for one:

Joe Blaha: _____

Write in candidate: _____

Membership Secretary – one-year term – vote for one:

Bill Snow: _____

Write in candidate: _____

Recording Secretary – one-year term- vote for one:

Ray Glover: _____

Write in candidate: _____

Trustees – three-year term- vote for not more than three:

Ashley Dorian Medwig: _____

Kurt Stevens: _____

Thomas Wieland.: _____

Write in candidate(s): _____

AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSTITUTION – vote to accept or reject the update:

Accept: _____

Reject: _____

Mailed ballots need to be postmarked by November 5, 2024, addressed to:

Taylor Allen – Election Chairman

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Shaker Heights, OH 44122



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