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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20 Solo Points Event #2
at Captain's Lot Eastlake

July 25 Street Survival @ Lorain
County Community College

July 25 Leroy Miata Challenge
@ The Captains Lot

August 8 Solo Points #3
@ The Captains Lot

Johnny Appleseed Rally 8/ 22
Spirit of **76 Rally August 23

Neohio/Steel Cities Cumberland
Double Divisional 8/29-30

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The Starting Line

REport by Bob MacDonald

As we approach the mid-point of 2026, competition programs are in full swing. However, we have a brief quiet period for NEOHIO events. Fear not, things pick up dramatically from the end of July through August!

Solo Points Event #2 is scheduled at the **Captain's Lot** in Eastlake on **June 20th** and the third round of the **Leroy Miata Challenge** is at the same venue on **July 25th**. Look for more information elsewhere in this issue.

Our next **Tire Rack Street Survival** event is coming up quickly, **July 25th** at **Lorain County Community College** in Elyria. This is an outstanding skills training opportunity for drivers between the time they get their Learner's Permit and graduate college. If you have young drivers or know people who do, please have them look into registering at streetsurvival.org. These events are now available under Ohio. Many volunteers will be needed to make these successful. If you're interested, please reach out to Bryan Hall at bryan_hall5000@sbcglobal.net. Again, look for more information on page 16 in this Blower.

The month of August is when our region calendar gets really busy! There are six days of Solo competition. Plans are in process for back to back Road Rallies the weekend of **August 22nd – 23rd**. The **Johnny Appleseed Rally** will be Saturday and this year's special event, The **Spirit of '26 Rally** will be Sunday. Watch for details from RallyMaster Rob Moran soon.

The last weekend of August will be our big multi-program event at **Nelson Ledges Road Course!** Thursday night and Friday (**August 28th**) will be our **Competition Drivers School** for those aspiring to earn a SCCA Competition license. Friday afternoon, our School attendees will be joined by experienced racers for a half day **Test & Tune** session. **August 29th-30th** (Saturday to Sunday) NEOHIO and Steel Cities present **The 74th Annual Cumberland Races**, a Dual Divisional Road Race event on both the NEDIV and Great Lakes Division Championship calendars. To finish the weekend up, Sunday will include a **OPTT Time Attack** event for Intermediate and Advanced Time Trial competitors.

Racers, if you need an Annual Tech prior to going to your first race, please contact Maurice LaFond via email at mrl1070@yahoo.com and let him know when your first event is. He will then contact you to make an appointment. In this issue we have published an updated view of the year ahead on page 10. Items highlighted in BLUE are confirmed NEOHIO Region events. Items highlighted in GREEN are confirmed to the best of our knowledge.

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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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Articles for publication in **The Blower** may be submitted in most Windows-based word processing formats. You may mail or email material to the editor or RE at regexec@neohioscca.com by the last day of each month.



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.



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Neohio Region, SCCA Inc. Calendar of Events

June 20	Solo Points Event #2	CCPL
July 25	Street Survival @ Lorain County Community College	
July 25	Leroy Miata Cup Challenge	CCPL
August 8	Solo points Event #3	CCPL
August 22	Johnny Appleseed Rally	
August 23	Spirit of **76 Rally	
August 29-30	Neohio/Steel Cities Cumberland Double Divisional	NLRC
	Provisional: Dates for some of these events may change	

CCPL	Lake County Captains Parking Lot, Eastlake, OH
NLRC	Nelson Ledges Road Course, Garrettsville, OH
TBD	To Be Decided

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Our sponsorship program continues to grow. This is important because these businesses support our region, making events more robust and affordable. Please look for our sponsors and advertisers throughout the Blower and continue to support them so they continue to help us.

Finally, it's not too soon to start thinking about elections for Officers and Trustees. This is a club and not a business, so we need volunteers to help with all of our programs. If you enjoy our events, please consider reaching out to a Trustee or Officer to help keep them going strong. Even if you're not interested in running for office, your help in any capacity will go a long way to continuing the great heritage of NEOHIO Region.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!



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

Neohio Region, SCCA Trustee Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2026

Members Present: Bill Crowe ('26) Brenda Nick ('26) Thomas Weiland ('27) JKurt Stevens ('27) ohn McFarland ('28) Rachel Rininger ('28) Joe Blaha (Treas.) Bill Snow (Mem. Sec.) Bob MacDonald (R.E.) Brandon Anderson (Asst. R.E.) Ray Glover (Rec. Sec.)

Excused: Ashley Medwig ('27) Absent: Taylor Allen ('28) Chase McIntyre ('26)

Committee Members and Guests: Dave Lancaster, Jonathan Staggs, and Greg Lester.

Call to Order: The Zoom meeting was called to order by R.E. Bob MacDonald at 7:33pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the April 7, 2026 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 Brenda Nick, seconded by Kurt Stevens, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Blaha emailed his May treasurer's report to the board prior the meeting and reported the following. The cash balance is up from last month and also from last year. A motion to approve the May treasurer's report was made by Tom Wieland, seconded by John McFarland, and approved without objection.

Membership: Bill Snow reported the following for the month of April:

661 members at the end of April. 33 lapsed memberships. Bill will be following up with them.

17 new members. Bill will contact them as well regarding their areas of interest.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive Report: R.E. Bob MacDonald reported the following:

Bob noted that Ann McHugh passed away last Wednesday (April 29, 2026) and calling hours are tomorrow (May 6, 2026).

All officer and Trustees were reminded to please complete the "Oath of Office" and "Conflict of Interest" forms and return to secretary Ray Glover.

Bob reiterated that SCCA is now charging \$20 for weekend memberships.

Program and specialty chiefs should fill out their forms and the meet the chief forms.

No update from the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission on the Cleveland GP.

Solo: Jonathan Staggs reported the following: all events are set and ready to go.

Road Rally: Greg Lester reported the following:

Jeff Arendas looking at putting on a "Tour of Murals" rally in June or July.

August rally?

Rally Cross: Bob MacDonald reported the following for Alex Stone: still looking for a site.

Street Survival: Bob MacDonald reported the following for Bryan Hall:

We are locked in the October 31, 2026 event at Drive Team.

The event needs a solo safety steward – Bill Crowe volunteered.

Rachel Rininger will work with Jeff Blumenthal to learn course design.

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Joe Blaha noted that he is also a solo safety steward.

If a new event is added this year Street Survival will double the sponsorship money that comes back to the region for the second school.

July 25th for a possible second street survival.

LCCC charges \$700 to use their lot.

Road Racing: Dave Lancaster reported the following:

August race weekend shaping up as follows:

Friday August 28, 2026 – driver’s school and test day put on by Steel Cities.

Saturday August 29 – divisional and pursuit race by Neohio.

Sunday August 30 – morning divisional and afternoon time trial.

Mother’s Day TT was cancelled by the track

October Monster Mash race also cancelled by the track.

Time Trial: Brandon Anderson reported the following:

August 30 time trial with Steel Cities is the only Neohio TT this year.

Working with other regions to co-promote other events.

Brenda Nick noted that Southeast Division has a box of transponders for rent (or included with the cost events) for their division’s use.

Brandon noted he has been named the Great Lakes Division time trial administrator.

Intro to Motorsports: Bill Snow and Brandon Anderson reported the following:

96 attendees.

All positive feedback 16-17 surveys were submitted).

Having people all in the same room worked out very well.

Be sure to reach out to all attendees with a follow up email. Also to pass along the list to the communications team so they can be added to receive the *Blower*.

This was a far more successful event than the previous Nelson events.

Budget review will happen soon.

Communications/Website: Bill Snow – no update.

Social Events: Bill Crowe – no update.

Old Business:

Bill Crowe stated the storage closet at Nelson Ledges is off the table.

New Business: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ray Glover, seconded by Tom Wieland, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next trustee’s meeting will be June 2, 2026 via Zoom at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Glover, Recording Secretary



A talented actor and racing driver photographed at Nelson Ledges.



Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that went to Waterford Hills Road Course for the WHRRI Jerry Shiloff Memorial Races Memorial Day Weekend

Michael Rohaley - ITA - 2nd - Sat. & 4th Sun.

Jacob Strong - ITA - 4th - Sat. & 2nd Sun.

Joe Camilleri - HP - 4th - Sat. & 5th Sun.

Jon Schneider - ITC - 2nd both days

Jacob Strong - SM - 8th - Sat.

Ryan Peterman - SM - 9th - Sat. & 6th - sun.

Jeff Kubiak - SM - 11th both days

Ray Huang - SM - 17th - Sat. & 7th - Sun.

Debbie LaFond



Proposed Rally Schedule for 2026

(GLD) Rally Championship schedule. Mark your calendars now:

The following rallies remain (tentatively) on the 2026 SCCA Great Lakes Division (GLD) Rally Championship schedule. Mark your calendars now:

Saturday, August 22, 2026 - **Johnny Appleseed**, Canton(?), OH. Neohio Region.

Sunday, August 23, 2026 - **Spirit of '26**, Canton(?), OH. Neohio Region.

Friday, September 11, 2026 - **Friday POR**, Gaylord(?), MI. Detroit Region.

Saturday, September 12, 2026 - **Saturday POR**, Gaylord(?), MI. Detroit Region.

Saturday, October 24, 2026 - **Pavement Ends**, Ann Arbor, MI. Detroit Region.

Other 2026 SCCA GLD Championship rallies are in the planning stages. You can expect to see the schedule evolve as dates solidify.

2026 Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR), June 11-13, 2026:

For those who enjoy stage rallying (flat-out racing against the clock over closed forest roads), an annual pilgrimage to the Southern Ohio Forest Rally (SOFR) is a must. SOFR typically kicks off with a short stage through Yoctangee Park in downtown Chillicothe, Ohio on Thursday evening. Friday and Saturday forest stages are then run in Shawnee State Forest near Portsmouth, Ohio, and in Zaleski State Forest near McArthur, Ohio.

A "cast of thousands" of volunteers is needed to staff the stages and rally service area. Here's a partial list of positions that need to be filled in order for the rally to operate: Amateur Radio communications. Emergency Medical coverage. Pre/post event stage setup and teardown. Stage Start/Finish check-in and timing. Stage access point marshalling. Spectator area marshalling. Service area setup/operation. Etc.

Rally Equipment For Sale/Wanted:

It's time to "thin the herd":

- 1) **For Sale:** Timewise 547B dual odometer/clock ("B-Box"). This unit recently traveled to the Timewise spa, where all of its toggle switches were replaced.
- 2) **For Sale:** ALFA Pro dual odometer/clock ("B-Box") with driver display (0.001 mile/km odometer resolution, Time-of-Day clock operates in either Min:Sec or Decimal Minute mode, digital speedometer).
- 3) **For Sale:** ALFA Checkpoint clock (operates in either Min:Second or Decimal minute mode, multiple split memory) sending unit, or switch between 2 sending units.). Indicator LED's toggle with each incoming "pulse".
- 4) **For Sale/Trade:** Lots of Halda items (Twinmasters, Tripmasters, Speedpilots, T-gears, external wheel drives, cables, complete sets of X/Z calibration gears, misc. repair parts, etc).

Contact Greg Lester (wgregorylester@gmail.com or Phone 330.256.6531).

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Congratulations to the Neohio drivers who participated in the Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA Super Tour at Mid-Ohio on May 16-17, 2026.

Eric Fiest - STU - 5th Saturday Max Gee - STL - 4th & 9th Dan Harding - STL - 8th & 7th
Rob Piekarczyk - T3 - 8th & 7th Matthew Miller - T4 - 3rd both days S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 1st & 4th
Jack Haydu - FF - 2nd & 2nd Robert Dietz - FF - 4th & 3rd Mark Farnham - FV - 6th both days
Brian Farnham - FV - 9th & 10th Ryan McManus - GT1 - 2nd Saturday William Moore - GT2 - 7th & 6th
Andrew O'Donnell - T1 - 3rd Sunday Thomas Gaydos - FP - 3rd & 7th David Strittmatter - FP - 5th both days
Larry Funk - FP - 7th & 9th Craig Chima - FP - 9th & 2nd Robert Kucera - SM - 12th both days
Jonathan Davis - SM - 15th & 18th Chase McIntyre - SM - 22nd & 17th Jacob Strong - SM - 31st & 27th
Dan Harding - SM - 34th & 29th Keye Daus - SM - 35th & 30th Bill Dodd - SM - 28th Sunday
Reilly Harris - FA - 1st both days

And Craig Chima set a new FP lap record that had stood for 20 years – a 1:37. 242!

Debbie LaFond



NEOHIO Area 2026 Event Schedule

DATES for 2026	TE/TT & DRIVER'S SCHOOL	DIVISIONALS	MAJORS & SUPER TOURS	SCCA PRO or OTHER EVENTS	Rally/RallyX	Solo
June 20-21 (Father's Day)		WMR-D-C @ GRA	FLR Super Tour @ WGI	SVRA & TransAm @ Indy		Points Event #2 @ CE (6/20)
June 27-28				IMSA @ WGI Lemons @ NL		
July 4-5				IndyCar @ MO USF Pro @ MO		
July 11-12	CINCI-TT @ MO (Fri 7/10)	CINCI-D-C @ MO				
July 18-19	TTnT @ Pocono	SBR-D-C @ GM (7/18-19)	SBR-M @ GM (7/17-18) LOL-M @ BR	Fpromo @ WGI PVGP @ Schenley Park DART KART @ NL		
July 25-26			MIL-M @ RA	NEO Street Survival @ LCCC (7/25)		LMC Round 3 @ CE (7/25)
August 1-2	TTnT @ Autobahn	MVR TT & D @ NL		Champ @ VIR MotoAmerica @ MO		
August 8-9	OVR-TT - (Fri 8/7)	OVR-D-C @ MO		NASA TREC @ NL VSCDA @ Grattan		Points Event #3 @ CE (8/8) LMC Round 4 @ D42 (8/9)
August 15-16						
August 22-23	TTnT @ The Ridge		WMR - M @ GRA		JAR - (8/22/26) So'26 Rally (8/23)	Novice Day @ CE (8/22) Points Event #4 @ CE
August 29-30	SCR/NEO DS @ NL + Test & Tune (Fri 8/28)	SCR/NEO D-C @ NL SCR/NEO TT @ NL (TT Sunday only)				Points Event #5 @ CE (8/29) LMC Round 5 @ LES (8/30)
Sept 5-6 (Labor Day)				CHAMP - MO Vintage bikes @ NL		
Sept 12-13					Press on Regardless Rally (9/11-12)	LMC Round 6 @ D42
Sept 19-20	FLR TT @ WGI	Fun One D @ WGI				
Sept 26-27				Extreme Exp @ NL		LMC Round 7 @ CE (9/26) Points Event #6 @ CE
Oct 3-4	2026 RUNOFFS @ Road America (Sept 28 - Oct 4)					
Oct 10-11		OVR-D-C @ MO		CHAMP - Pocono TNiA @ MO		
Oct 17-18				AER @ MO		
Oct 24-25					Pavement Ends Rally (10/24)	
Oct 31 - Nov 1				NEO Street Survival @ Drive Team (10/31)		
LEGEND:						
T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	M=Major	RX=RallyCross	Confirmed 2026 Dates	
GM= GingerMan	GRA=Grattan	C=Champ Series Event		DS=Drivers School	NEOHIO Events 2026	
NL=Nelson Ledges	MO=Mid Ohio	WAT=Waterford Hills	LCCC=Lorain County Community College	ST= Super Tour	CE = Captain's Lot @ Eastlake	LMC = Leroy Miata Challenge
BR= Brainerd Raceway	RA=Road America	WGI=Watkins Glen	BHF=Blackhawk Farms	TE - Track Event TT - Time Trial	D42 = Dragway 42 LES = Lake Erie Speedway	JAR = Johnny Appleseed Rally So'26 = Spririt of '26 Rally

SOLO PROGRAM UPDATE

Attention Autocross/Solo competitors! With the changes at the IX Center, NEOHIO's Solo Team has moved most of our events to The Captain's Lot at Eastlake, OH. Due to the smaller size of this venue, the decision has been made to create two separate series of competition events. The Leroy Miata Challenge series has grown to about 60 competitors, so you will see dates on the calendar that are identified as LMC for those. All other classes are invited to attend the events on the calendar labeled as Points Events. This plan is intended to manage space in the paddock and maximize the number of runs competitors get. Please note that some LMC events are at Dragway 42 and Lake Erie Speedway in conjunction with other regions/clubs. For more information, contact Jonathan Staggs at Jonathan.staggs@leroyengineering.com



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Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that went to Road America for the June Sprints June 5-7

Jonathan Davis - SM - 16th – Sunday Mark Farnham - FV - 4th - Saturday & 7th - Sunday

Brian Farnham - FV - 17th – Saturday Thomas Gaydos - FP - 9th - both days

Rob Piekarczyk - B-Spec - 7th - Saturday & 8th Sunday Reilly Harris - FA - 5th - Saturday

Eric Fiest - STU - 3rd – Saturday Rob Piekarczyk - T3 - 5th - Sunday

William Moore - GT2 - 11th both days

Debbie LaFond





The Super Tour rolled into Mid-Ohio May 16 and 17. Neohio members Bill Moore in GT2, and Sandy Satullo III in car #07 leading the SFR3 pack. Thank you, Scott Zimmerman, for providing these images! More on the next page.



A few more images from
the Mid-Ohio Super Tour.
Thank you,
Scott Zimmerman!



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- Challenging driving situations, including skid control and emergency lane change on closed courses allowing students to experience abnormal vehicle behavior in a safe and supervised environment
- A greater sense of awareness regarding sharing the road with other vehicles and focusing on controlling the student's own vehicle

Neohio Sports Car Club of America is bringing this program to Northeast Ohio twice in 2026:

- **July 25th** at **Lorain County Community College** from 8 AM to 4 PM
- **October 31st** at **DriveTeam in Peninsula** from 8 AM to 4 PM
- The registration fee is \$175 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.
- The program is open to drivers 15 years old through college on a learner's permit or a regular driver's license.

Register under Ohio at www.streetsurvival.org



Neohio/Steel Cities Cumberland Double Divisional

Nelson Ledges August 29-30

This event will be a Drivers School on Friday, Test N Tune on Friday.
Double Divisional Event on Saturday and Sunday and
then a Time Trial on Sunday only.



Photos from last
year's Stars and
Stripes Event!
Thank you, Scott
Zimmerman!



Bob Roberts

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