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The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

Upcoming Events

February 16
Neohio Awards Banquet



March 2
GLD Spring Training,
Findlay, OH



March 5
7 P Trustee Meeting @
Winking Lizard
Bedford Hts.

*Happy
Valentine's Day!*

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January has been an active month for many of your Committee Chair's and Board of Trustee's for Neohio with the planning and scheduling of our events for this summer.

To start off with, our Solo schedule has been published and the Neohio Solo Program is set up for another strong season in 2019. Jason Pokines has worked very hard the past few seasons and is looking for a Co-Chair for his position. This is an opportunity to get more involved with the planning and coordination of our Solo Program and learn from a great program leader. With Jason's new job and young child, it is time we had someone share his responsibilities. If you are interested please reach out to Jason to discuss how you can help at solochair@neohioscca.com.

Plans are underway to organize our first Time Trial event on June 29th at Nelson Ledges Road Course. Not only are we introducing a newer category of Track Event to Northeastern, Ohio, we are also getting back to hosting an event at Nelson Ledges. Please plan on coming out on June 29th to either participate in the Time Trial or volunteer with your specialty to get reacclimated with Nelson Ledges Road Course and SCCA.

Bob MacDonald has been appointed Time Trial Committee Chair. Working with Bob these past few years on the Street Survival Program and seeing his enthusiasm during the early stages of the planning for this event, I know we have the right person for the position. Bob is a Club Racer and Track Event participant and also runs his own company, Impact Communications. He has the experience and commitment to make this a great event. We will keep our members informed as we progress with this exciting new event and reaching out to our members shortly for help with the different specialty needs, driver coaches, and participants. Let's all work together to make this a great event to showcase what Neohio Region of SCCA has to offer northeast Ohio motorsports enthusiasts.

Jeff Blumenthal has accepted the Committee Chair for our Street Survival Program. This is a minor change since Jeff has been an instrumental member of the team creating and operating our previous events. I am confident that Jeff will continue to build on our successful program. As I stated in last month's letter, these are great events to give back to

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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 7:00 PM in the private room at Winking Lizard, 25200 Miles Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower*.

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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | January 2, 2019

Members Present: Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Jim Green (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.), Duane Harrington (Outgoing Asst. R.E.)

Excused Members: Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)

Guests: Gale Green and Brenda Nick

Call to Order: The meeting called to order by Asst. R.E. Duane Harrington at 7:00 pm.

Review of Prior Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Jim Green, and approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's Report was presented by Joe Blaha. A motion to approve the report as presented was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Dave Lancaster, and approved without objection.

Installation of New Officers: Jeff Blumenthal nominated Dave Lancaster as Chairperson of the Board, Dave Lancaster elected Chairperson without objection.

Officer and Committee Reports:

Regional Executive: Dave Lancaster noted that he updated the SCCA website with all of our new officers as well as renewing our Charter with the State for 2019. Additionally, he's been meeting with past R.E.s and conversing with Rick Meyers (SCCA Manager Region Development).

Competition Committee: No report.

Membership: No report.

Solo: No Report.

Rally: No report.

Street Survival: Bob MacDonald reported that he is working on dates for 2019 and coordinating with other Street Survival events (e.g. BMW Club, Mahoning Valley).

Hall of Fame: Jeff Blumenthal reported that the Hall of Fame presentations for the Banquet are pretty well set. Inductees this year are to be Cat Kizer and Sam Oram.

Old Business: Duane Harrington noted that the banquet planning is moving along however, the entries have been slow. Jason Pokines will be doing email blast reminders.

Jeff Blumenthal stated that the banquet awards need to be finalized tonight.

Bob Nick made a motion to invite the award winners via email, *Blower*, etc. to attend the banquet, seconded by Jim Green, approved without objection.

Bob MacDonald gave an update regarding a Time Trial event at Nelson Ledges. They are looking at the weekend of June 29, 2019. A committee will be formed to organize the proposed event.

New Business: Duane Harrington will be attending the SCCA National Convention in his new roll as the Great Lake Divisional Club Racing Executive Steward and he asked if there were any specific topics that would be of interest to the Region – track inspections and time trials were suggested.

Joe Blaha stated that an audit committee needs to be formed to audit the Regions books before the end of January. Ray Glover, Jeff Blumenthal, and Betsy McIntyre volunteered to be the audit committee. It was also noted that Dave Lancaster has replaced Madeline Oswald as an authorized check signer. Joe would also like to be reimbursed for his expenses to date – \$86.13. Bob MacDonald moved to reimburse Joe his expenses of \$86.13, seconded by Bill Moore, carried without objection.

Next Meeting to be February 5, 2019 at the Bedford Heights Winking Lizard at 7:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Moore, seconded by Jeff Blumenthal, meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14 Valentine's Day	February 15	February 16 Neohio Awards Banquet	February 17
February 18 President's Day	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2 GLD Spring Training, Findlay, OH	March 3
March 4	March 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17 St. Patrick's Day
March 18	March 19	March 20 Spring Begins	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31

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the teenagers in northeast, Ohio and share what you have learned on the track or solo course with new drivers. Our coaches always come away feeling rewarded on their student's progress throughout the day. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Jeff at streetsurvivalchair@neohioscca.com.

The latest development in January to report is that we have started to investigate hosting a Rally Cross Event in northeast Ohio. I am excited to introduce Andrew Grannis as Neohio's Rally Cross Chair. We are in the early stages for a Rally Cross Program and Andrew and I will be working together to find a suitable location to hold an event and do a feasibility test.

The goal is to be able to host an event this fall. In our early research, we are finding that facilities that already have some type of motorsports activities or property owned by people involved with motorsports work the best. We will be reaching out to the area dirt tracks, fairgrounds, and ATV/Motocross parks. If any member has a relationship with one of these owners, we need your help introducing us to them. Please reach out to me at Regexec@neohioscca.com with any information you have, or if you would like to join Andrew on the Rally Cross Committee.

I hope to see some more Neohio members attend the Great Lakes Divisional Spring Training held on March 2, 2019 in Findlay, OH. This will be my first time attending and I will be spending most of my time meeting with other region leaders and learning more on how

Get Ready for 2019 – Spring Training!

Shake off winter and get ready for spring – Spring Training, that is! It's the kick-off to all the excitement that will race across Great Lakes Division in 2019.

On Saturday, March 2, we'll gather in Findlay, Ohio, to learn what's new, share best practices, and network with friends. There's something for everyone, and GLD's new Executive Steward Duane Harrington is excited about the enhanced agenda being developed this year.

In addition to the full-day Solo Track, and Road Race specialty meetings, loads of new sessions will be offered this year. Hear from SCCA's Rick Myers about the sanction process and waivers. Find out more about Time Trials from SCCA's Jon Krolewicz and GLD's Divisional Administrator CJ Carter. Jon will also share insights on Creating the Culture.

Let SCCA's Chris Robbins tell you about creating the most welcoming environment. Lend an ear when SCCA's Jeff Luckritz talks about the Power of Positive Leadership.

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to operate a SCCA Region. There are many other seminars and workshops on Solo Programs, Rally Cross, Road Racing Specialties and Time Trial Events you can participate in. If you are planning on attending and have not already reached out to me, please do, so I know where our members will be at during the day. To find out more information please go to www.greatlakes-scca.org, the cost is \$25.00 per person.

Be sure to attend the "Explore the Race Steward Role" session, hosted by Training Steward Lauri Burkons. She'll outline the program and talk about your opportunity to get involved. Drivers, workers, and anyone interested in this role are highly encouraged to attend.

If you're an RE or region Race Representative, join Duane for his meeting with you, too.

Plus, we're going online for registration via MSR! If you prefer, we'll offer an option for paper registration, too.

While online registration is almost ready, and the agenda is being tweaked to include even more, you can book your overnight room at the Findlay Inn now. The discounted room rate is \$92 this year; call Findlay Inn at 419-422-5682 and request the "SCC19" group rate.

Whether you're already active or want to be more involved, mark your calendar for Saturday, March 2. Then, watch the GLD website for details (<http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/>).

Condolences

Gib Stine - January 6, 2019

Father of Jason Stine, Neohio member and HP driver. Gib was also an SCCA member. Gib was a great racer in an HP Bugeye Sprite. Jason will be doing a 500 mile bicycle ride to race funds in his memory.

Eilene Funk - January 4, 2019

Mother of longtime Neohio member, Larry Funk. Eilene was 101 years young.

What Is RallyCross?

RallyCross is the most widespread and readily accessible form of extreme dirt motorsport in the Sports Car Club of America, and the perfect place to see if you have what it takes to power slide your way to victory. Imagine a scaled down version of a rally stage laid out on a non-paved plot of land where the course is delineated by traffic cones instead of trees or rocks.

The entry fees and equipment requirements are considerably less than those necessary to enter any other forms of performance rally, so in most locations one need only arrive at event registration with a safe hardtop vehicle and the entry fee. Many SCCA Regions have helmets to loan and will assist the first-time competitor with entering the appropriate class, making their way through technical inspection and finding their way around the course. Best of all, it's great fun!

If you have never participated in SCCA RallyCross, don't know the specific details or want to know more - keep reading or check out the menus to the right (bottom on mobile) to learn more.

RallyCross Levels

Regional

Regional events are hosted by the individual Regions which make up SCCA. These events tend to be small events, and you do not need to be an SCCA member to participate in a Regional event (they will make you a temporary member for the weekend) but it does usually mean a discount if you are.

Region Championship Points

The points system has been restructured into groups of classes versus each class for end of year awards.

You do not have to submit points at the end of the year as you have in the past. NEOHIO will track

them during the year. Each month points will be posted at <https://neohioscca.com/road-racing/region-championship-points/>, in the *Blower*, and on Facebook.

If you see a points discrepancy, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Challenge

The DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Challenge is a three-event rotating-location series with events on the east coast, west coast and a central location. These are two-day multiple-course events and just like the national championship are scored by combining the time from each of your runs.

DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Championship

The DirtFish SCCA Rallycross National Championship is an annual winner-take-all event which crowns national champions in each RallyCross class. This event is a two-day event in which competitors drive two different courses, with the combined time from every run used to determine the champions.

RallyCross Classes

Stock

The stock category of SCCA RallyCross is the most restrictive and made up of three classes: Stock Rear Wheel Drive (SR), Stock Front Wheel Drive (SF) and Stock All Wheel Drive (SA). Cars must run on DOT-approved tires which

are not marked "For competition only", "Not for street use" or similar. There are a few minor modifications allowed, most for RallyCross-specific protection/safety, non-performance cosmetic accessories or minor performance enhancements like cat-back exhaust or drop-in air filter.

Prepared Category

Like Stock, the Prepared Category is made up of three classes: Prepared Rear Wheel Drive (PR), Prepared Front Wheel Drive (PF) and Prepared All Wheel Drive (PA). Cars in prepared class may do anything allowed in stock, and some additional modifications. Additional mods including allowing any tires (other than home-built studded tires) exhaust modifications, any shocks/struts and more.

Modified Category

In keeping with the category structure in Stock and Prepared, Modified also has three classes: Modified Rear Wheel Drive (MR), Modified Front Wheel Drive (MF) and Modified All Wheel Drive (MA). These classes see the most modifications including major weight reduction, aftermarket forced induction, and aero-devices like wings or splitters.

How Do I RallyCross?

RallyCross is easy to do - all you need is a car which passes a basic safety inspection and if you don't own your own approved helmet, regions will often have "loaner" helmets available (convertibles must have factory hard tops in place).

Once you have the safe car, use the "find an event" link above to find events near you. From there - use the links to find registration, directions and other information and then show up on site the day of the event.

Once there you will want to empty your car out, check in (or register

if there was no online registration) and go through tech inspection where officials will double-check your car to make sure it's ready.

Next, there will be a "run/work" order. As RallyCross officials are also drivers. If it's your first time, don't worry - experienced people will be there to help guide you. Ask questions, make new friends!

When it's time for you to work, check in and work (usually this will be on course helping pick up cones which are knocked over, but it could be helping in the timing trailer, helping on grid or other duties.

When your turn to make runs make sure to be ready for a parade

lap prior to make competition runs. Someone in Grid will let you know when to head to the start line. Once at the start line make sure your windows are rolled up and have fun and avoid hitting cones when the starter notifies you to go.

The drivers on course while you're working are the people who will be working when you are on course - so give it your best effort to help everyone have a great event.

Once the event is over, there is usually an awards ceremony, and it's likely that some of those new friends you made all head to dinner for post-event bench racing.

Find An Event

Find RallyCross Events on SCCA's website: <https://www.scca.com/events?categories=rallycross%2Crallycross-2>.

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2019 NEOHIO Solo Schedule

Date	Event Type	Location
4/27	Spring Training	Eastlake
4/28	Points Event #1	Eastlake
5/25	Points Event #2	Eastlake
6/30	Points Event #3	Eastlake
7/13	Points Event #4	Eastlake
8/4	Points Event #5	Eastlake
9/7	Points Event #6	Eastlake
9/29	Points Event #7	Eastlake
10/19	Points Event #8 Season Finale!	Eastlake



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I'VE GOT IT- YOU WANT IT Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads for Neohio members run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, contact The Blower newsletter editor to remove the ad.

CARS

'06, Mazda MX5, GT, 31,000 mi. \$19,000 obo. Supercharged MX5. Cruise with top down or stomp on gas pedal and enjoy one FAST track car. Red with black leather interior, soft top excellent condition. Stored winters; Remote keyless; Cosworth Super Charger from Goodwin Racing—adds 100 hp; Hard dog roll bar, Safety harness-6 point G force (also original 3 point belts); Koni Stage 1 adjustable suspension; Bose sound system; Eibach rear sway

bar; New EGR; Up sized fuel pump & injectors; New set of OEM coil packs; GWR stainless header, resonator, exhaust & muffler; Continental summer wet (new) 17X235 on original wheels; Toyo 888 235 track tires (50%) TR3 17X9 wheels; 12-13 lbs of boost from supercharger; upsized fuel pump, injectors; stainless header, midpipe, exhaust all toward 300HP. Upgraded clutch & brake pads. Upgrades & most service by certified mechanic & expert on supercharged NC Miata.***

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