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The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

Upcoming Events

February 16, 2019
Neohio Awards Banquet
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I am excited to be your new Regional Executive. For my first RE Report, I want to inform our members how the Neohio Region is going to help our members have “Fun with Cars” in Northeastern, Ohio in 2019 and into the future.

We currently have many active SCCA Programs to offer our members and are working hard to bring you additional ways to have fun. Below is a summary of what our teams have been working on.

SOLO PROGRAM – Neohio has a strong solo program lead by the Committee Chair Jason Pokines. The Solo Committee has been working hard for years running a Program that consists of 7-10 events each year. The events are held at the Captains Club Parking Lot in Eastlake, OH. The team is always looking for more chiefs to support the events and competitors. Contact Jason Pokines for more information at solochair@neohioscca.com.

Plans are to start in early spring with an event on Saturday consisting of a training and test-n-tune followed by the first points event on Sunday. Watch the *Blower* and Facebook for the official announcement soon.

STREET SURVIVAL PROGRAM- This is a great program that many of our members have volunteered to help young drivers improve their car control skills. I am very proud of the group we have and the quality program we have been providing students in the area.

For 2019, we are hosting two events. The main goal in 2019 is to improve enrollment with a better marketing campaign prior to the events. We have perfected the program and now is the time to work on reaching new students.

If you’d like to come out and join the fun, help is needed. We have a good group of 10-12 driver coaches and will need more as our enrollment grows. For more information contact Bob MacDonald at streetsurvivalchair@neohioscca.com.

ROAD RALLY PROGRAM - Neohio Region was once a power house region in the Road Rally Program. Greg Lester is a great Road Rally competitor and champion of this sport for Neohio. His slogan is “Ralleymasters are needed”. Greg is looking for help to host more Rallies for the Region and make this Program stronger.

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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*.

The Blower

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Jeff Blumenthal, Duane Harrington, Debbie LaFond, Dave Lancaster, Bob MacDonald



Rallymasters needed!

Northeast Ohio was once a hotbed of road rally activity. We'd love to be able to present a proper Regional Rally Championship series once again. To achieve this we will need some "new blood" to volunteer to help organize rallies, as well as some experienced rallymasters to emerge from dormancy to serve as mentors.

Please contact Greg Lester if interested.

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Currently Neohio hosts The Johnny Appleseed Rally which is held every October in the hills of Ohio's Tuscarawas, Carroll, and Harrison counties. The rally counts toward the SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship as well as the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Divisional Rally).

Please contact Greg Lester to learn more at rallychair@neohioscca.org. Greg needs your help!

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM - One of my first official acts as RE is signing a contract with Nelson Ledges Raceway for a Time Trial Event in 2019. Time Trial events fit somewhere between a PDX and a Club Race. Nationally this program is taking off for SCCA and Neohio wants to start our own Program at the ground floor and build a relationship with Nelson Ledges Raceway.

Time Trials are designed to be low key fun events where anyone with a safe track car can enjoy. Solo Racers can experience a closed course and increased speeds, PDX/Track Event participants can test their skills against others and those with Race Prepared cars will be able to compete in a qualifying type format.

To learn more about Time Trials visit the SCCA National website at www.TimeTrials.SCCA.com and check out Bob MacDonald's article in this month's *Blower*.

RALLYCROSS – We have had some recent interest about this SCCA PROGRAM's availability in northeastern Ohio. If you are interested in helping drive this program please contact me at regexec@neohioscca.com.

CLUB RACING PROGRAM - That leads me to the Elephant in the Room topic, "what about a Club Race at Nelsons"? I know many of you are waiting patiently for this to happen. The Board of Trustees along with the Nelsons Council is working with the track management at Nelson Ledges Raceway and SCCA National Office to learn how to make this happen again. I am confident we have a great team that is working together on this single goal.

Nelson Ledges Raceway is making dramatic improvements to that track that many of us have loved in the past and we are all excited to race out there again. I understand that is it confusing when we learn of or even participate in other organizations events at the track. The Time Trial Event will be the first step to getting Nelson Ledges Raceway and Neohio Region to work together.

Join us on February 16, 2019 for the Neohio Banquet. Neohio has competitors in Club Racing and Solo Events receiving awards. There are also many volunteer workers, Program supporters and Specialty Chiefs that deserve to be recognized for their contributions to our Region and the support they offered other Region's events. We also have two Neohio Hall of Fame inductees being recognized this year.

In closing, please join me in congratulating Duane Harrington on his recent position as Great Lakes Divisional Club Racing Executive Steward. This is a well-deserved position for Duane and we are proud to have one of our own members in this high-profile position.

Tire Rack Street Survival® Continuing Strong in Neohio

By Bob MacDonald, Neohio Street Survival Chair

Neohio Region SCCA continues to build momentum with the Tire Rack Street Survival program. This year, for the first time in our history, we put on two events. The first event was at Lorain County Community College in April and attracted 13 students. We added a new venue on the northeast side of town with the Captain's Lot Eastlake. That event drew 8 students even though we realized later that we were competing with another TRSS event at PittRace on the same weekend.

Student and Parent feedback continues to be outstanding with an overall rating of 4.87 out of 5 for this year's two events. This outstanding rating is the result of the tremendous volunteer efforts put forth by our team of organizers and coaches. For their exceptional effort in making each of these events a success I want to thank Dave Lancaster for coordinating coaches and Jeff Blumenthal and Jason Pokines for all their work (including transporting the Solo Trailer) in setting and managing the driving exercises. Thanks to Gail Green and Mike Oswalt for managing Waivers for this year's events. Thanks to Dave Bueno and Bill Stewart for serving as Safety Stewards. Also, thanks to Kerry Klotzman and Jim Pracker for acquiring and managing the airbag demonstrations. Thanks to Marty Matuszak (<https://photosbymartyllc.com>) for being

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**Neohio Region, SCCA
Annual Meeting Minutes | November 20, 2018**

Members Present: Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Jeff Blumenthal, Jim Pracker, Ray Glover, Madeline Oswald, Bill Moore, Dave Lancaster, Jason Pokines

Excused Members: Bob Nick, Tara Oram

Guests: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Madeline Oswald at 7 pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as presented. (Pokines/MacDonald) Approved.

Treasurer's Report: MOTION to accept report as presented. (Glover/Lancaster) Approved.

Reports & Committee Reviews

Regional Executive:

- Next meeting December 4, 2018. We must decide about January meeting date due to Holiday. MOTION – Move January meeting to Wednesday, January 2, 2019 (Harrington/MacDonald) Approved

Competition Committee:

- Per Bob MacDonald, report given about Nelson Council and discussions regarding SCCA racing. We are exploring the opportunity to hold a Time Trial or Track Night in America event.

Membership: No report (SCCA website didn't have information available.)

Solo:

- October 21, 2018 event was held despite freezing conditions.
- MOTION: Sell old JAC timing box to Detroit Region for \$50. (Pokines/Blumenthal) APPROVED
- Creation of Solo Site Acquisition Team: Jeff Blumenthal to work on and present.

Rally:

- Annual October event was successful.

Street Survival:

- October 30 event had 8 students. Training went well and we will plan for larger turnouts with our 2019 events.

Hall of Fame:

- Committee meeting via phone is scheduled for next week to finalize 2019 nominations and plans.

Old Business:

- Banquet: We have a special hotel room rate for those who plan to stay overnight. Cut off date for reservations is 1/16/19.
- We will promote the banquet via website, Facebook, and email. Discussed meal options and member charges for event.
- MOTION: Establish dinner prices (\$35 steak/\$25 other) with Neohio subsidy. (Glover/Pokines) APPROVED.
- Joe Blaha has submitted our report stating how Neohio used funds from our SCCA grant.

New Business:

- We need nominations for our Neohio Annual Awards, presented at the Annual Banquet. Submit names to Trustees.

MEETING SUSPENDED FOR ELECTIONS AT 8pm. RESULTS BELOW:

RE:	Dave Lancaster	Trustee:	Madeline Oswald
ASST RE:	Jeff Blumenthal	Trustee:	Jason Pokines
Secretary:	Ray Glover	Trustee:	Bob MacDonald
Membership:	Tara Oram	Treasurer:	Joe Blaha

MEETING RESUMED:

Next Meeting on December 4, 2018. MOTION to adjourn at 8:35 pm. (Mike Oswald/Jim Green) Approved.

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

**Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | December 4, 2018**

Members Present: Bob MacDonald, Michael Oswald, Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Jeff Blumenthal, Bob Nick, Ray Glover, Tara Oram, Dave Lancaster

Excused Members: Jim Pracker, Bill Moore, Madeline Oswald, Jason Pokines

Guests: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Duane Harrington at 7:00 pm.

Minutes presented from past meeting for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as corrected. (Green/Glover) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- MOTION – to accept report as presented. (MacDonald/Lancaster)– Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: No report

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- Discussed Nelson Ledges inspection regarding Time Trials and/or TNIA. Bob MacDonald and Dave Lancaster working with SCCA.
- MOTION: Authorize Nelson Council to negotiate with Nelson for a Time Trial event. (Lancaster/Glover) APPROVED

MEMBERSHIP: 483

SOLO: No report

RALLY: No report

STREET SURVIVAL:

- Plans for more events in 2019 are in the works. Promotion needed before and after the events. Share with Neohio community for more involvement.

HALL OF FAME:

- Inductees for this year will be Sam Oram and Cat Kizer

OLD BUSINESS:

- Banquet planning is set.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Long time member Al Beasley Sr passed away. We also lost member Wayne Drotloff last month.
- Dan Hodge has retired as Executive Steward for Great Lakes Division. Congratulations to Duane Harrington who has been named to that post.
- Nominations for Annual awards have been made. Will finalize at next meeting.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:05 pm (Nick/Blaha Approved).

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Blumenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 31	January 1 Happy New Year!	January 2 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	January 3	January 4	January 5	January 6
January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13
January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19	January 20
			SCCA National Convention January 17-19, 2019, Las Vegas, NV			
January 21 MLK, Jr. Day	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27
January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2	February 3
February 4	February 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10
February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14 Valentine's Day	February 15	February 16 Neohio Awards Banquet	February 17

2019 Neohio Awards Banquet

Come to the Annual Banquet on February 16th and be a part of the celebration! The annual awards banquet is a great opportunity for members to gather in the off season, toast the past season's winners, and induct new members into the NEOHIO Hall of Fame.

NOTE: NEW LOCATION!

**Emerald Event Center
333040 Just Imagine Dr.
Avon, Ohio 44011**

(Directions: North at Exit 155 on I-90. You can see it from the freeway. Close to the lake and out of the snowbelt. More parking and entrance in the rear. Attached to the Event Center is a Residence Inn.)

Residence Inn is holding some rooms at \$99 per night plus tax. Call them directly at 440-937-0909 and mention Neohio until January 16, 2019.

Cocktails will start at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM.

All dinners are \$25-\$35 per person, and there will be a cash bar. Reservations must be paid in advance to keep our costs down.

No walk-ins. Neohio Board of Trustees are subsidizing the cost of meals in order to attract more members. Please show you care and attend.

Invitations will NOT be mailed. RSVP no later than February 8, 2018. You can register online with MotorsportsReg.com. If you prefer to mail in your registration, the form can be viewed and printed.

Obituary

Al Beasley Sr.

A memorial service for Alvin E. "Al" Beasley Sr. was held December 7, 2018 at Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Mentor. Al passed away on December 3, 2018, at the age of 92. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and was a graduate of West Virginia University and a proud U.S. Navy Veteran. Al was an amateur race car driver for 49 years, with the Sports Car Club of America, winning two national championships. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, canoeing, and camping. He was an amazing father and always kind and generous. He worked for the City of Mentor as Director of Public Works for many years, retiring in 1994. He was a longtime member of Mentor Baptist Church. The Beasley's are grateful for the love and support of his church family. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Dorothy G. (Krueger) Beasley; children, Becky (Carl) Anderson, Bonnie Hall, Al (Debbie) Beasley Jr., Ben Beasley, and Betce (Rich) Wainio; grandchildren, Daniel Sr., Elizabeth, Emily, Nathan, Rachel, Alex, Tyler, Sam (Sara), Anna, Julia, Richie, and Callie; great-grandchildren, Daniel Jr., Bentley, Parker, Rosie, and Piper. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Cleo Beasley. Final resting place will be in Mentor Cemetery. Family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Special thanks to the staff at Holly Hill Nursing Home for their care.



Al was winner of the 1988 SCCA D Sports Racing National Championship and the President's Cup for the top drive at the National Championship Runoffs – at age 62! He was one of the Club's top D Sports Racing drivers behind the wheel of a Bobsy and Bease-Decker ...winner of multiple SCCA divisional championships and the National C Sports Racing National title in 1986.

Al was also the Neohio Driver of the year in 1974, 1978, 1979, 1986, and 1988; and recipient of the Betty & Roxy Kincaid for Sportsmanship in 1980 and 1998.

Obituary

Wayne F. Drotleff

Wayne Drotleff, 74, beloved husband for 41 years to the late Shirley (nee Noelck), dear father of Diane (partner Brandi Alicie) and Kurt (wife Lauren), loving grandfather of Henry Joseph Drotleff, devoted son of the late Fred and Cora (nee Herchler), cherished brother of Corinne Noelck (husband Myron – deceased), fond uncle and great-uncle. Wayne was also a long time Neohio member and GT1 Corvette driver. Funeral services held November 20, 2018.

Neohio's 2019 Banquet and Awards

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019

Cocktails: 6:00 PM Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Place: *NOTE- NEW LOCATION!*

Emerald Event Center
333040 Just Imagine Dr. (North at Exit 155, I-90)
Avon, Ohio 44011

Emerald Event Center can be seen from the freeway. It's close to the lake and out of the snowbelt! Additional parking and entrance in the rear. Emerald Event Center is attached to Residence Inn.

Hotel Info: Residence Inn is holding some rooms at \$99 per night plus tax. Call them directly at (440) 937-0909 and mention **Neohio** until 1/16/2019.

Invitations will **NOT** be mailed. **RSVP no later than February 8, 2019.** You may make reservations on-line at Motorsportsreg.com. You can also use this form to register.

Name: _____

For registration confirmation, print legible email address:

Choose Dinner Selection:

All entrees include tossed salad, broccoli-cauliflower-carrot medley and rosemary roasted potatoes.

Qty	Selection and Cost	Qty times Cost
_____	Filet Mignon \$35.00	_____
_____	Salmon with Dill Crème drizzle \$25.00	_____
_____	Chicken Florentine \$25.00	_____
_____	Farfalle Pasta with Grilled Vegetables \$25.00	_____
	Total	_____

Neohio Board of Trustees are subsidizing the cost of meals in order to attract more members. Please show you care and attend the banquet.

Reservations must be paid in advance to keep our costs down.

Meals will not be available without a pre-paid reservation. No walk-ins.

Payment: Checks payable to "Neohio SCCA".

Mail to: Neohio Banquet
Dorothy Harrington
340 Bellaire Rd.
Avon Lake, Ohio 44012-1503

Questions?: Call 216-990-5855 or email doubledlhtwo@yahoo.com

2019 Hall of Fame Inductees

The Neohio Hall of Fame will induct two new members at our annual awards banquet on February 16, 2019 – Catherine (Cat) Kizer and Sam Oram.

Cat Kizer

As a NEOhio Region member since 1976, Cat Kizer is the only woman in the history of SCCA, awarded the highest honor given to Club Racing drivers, the President's Cup. Cat is proud to share this honor with the likes of Dave Weitzenhof, Al Beasley Sr., Roger Penske, Bobby Rahall, Paul Newman and a host of other big names.

In 1979, her second year in National competition, Cat drove the #2 Red Roof Inns MG Midget to four H Production wins in six starts to qualify for the Runoffs as the Central Division H Production Champion. Recognition along the way, among other things, included being the first woman to win a race and set a class lap record at Mid-Ohio.

The HP field at the Runoffs was formidable, including four drivers that cumulatively held six national championship victories at that time. Starting from eighth on the grid, Cat made an inspiring charge through the field to take the lead on lap four. Giving up the lead only briefly a few times, Cat beat two time champ Randy Canfield to the checker by just 0.162 seconds to become the first woman to win a Runoffs National Championship, an accomplishment subsequently equaled by only one other woman to date.

To show it was no fluke, Cat returned to the Runoffs the

following year in 1980, captured the pole, and finished on the podium in 3rd.

Cat's other accomplishments include a share of the victory with the winning Fred Baker team at the 1981 Longest Day, becoming the first woman driver to participate in an overall win there.

Cat went on to be a factory driver for Renault Racing where she contributed to Renault winning the manufacturer's championship in the IMSA RS series. Later, she drove for Volkswagen of America, also in the IMSA RS series, before retiring from competition.

Although the Kizers have lived in Oregon since 1991, they've remained loyal NEOhio Region members.

Sam Oram

Sam Oram, a long standing member of the Neohio Region, is best remembered in the flagging

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.

community. He began corner working at Nelson Ledges where his daughter Tara "Toe" Oram recalls staying with her mom in the camping area while dad was on the corner. Eventually Sam became Chief of Flagging for the region. He was also part of Lake Erie Communication providing service at Mid Ohio & Nelson Ledges. After LEC leader Bill Benham passed away, Sam became its Director in the late 1970's and led the organization for nearly 20 years. Sam was partially responsible for keeping LEC intact when Les Griebing, owner of Mid-Ohio at the time, considered starting his own Mid-Ohio flaggers group. Sam's dedication to LEC was responsible for the long lasting run it has enjoyed after the original founders died or moved on to other endeavors.

Sam was also a Neohio Trustee; Competition Board member and ultimately the RE in 1990 & 1991.

Congratulations Region Championships!

Congratulations to the Neohio Region Champs for 2018:

- Al Gaudino-GT1, GT2, GT3, AS, SP
- Bob MacDonald-STL, STU, B-Spec
- Robert Dietz-FV, FF, F5, FM, FS, FST, CFF
- Craig Chima-EP, FP, HP, GTL, SPU
- James Libecco-FA, FB, FC, FE, FE2, F1000
- Matthew Jacko-ITA, ITB, ITC
- Jerry Waltenberger-ITE, ITR, ITS
- David Harris-ASR, P1, P2
- AJ Roderick-SM
- S. Sandy Satullo III-SRF, SRF3
- William Moore-T1, T2, T3, T4

Debbie LaFond

Nelson Council Resurrected As Nelson Ledges Continues Revival

By Bob MacDonald, Neohio Liaison to Nelson Council

Neohio Region SCCA members have expressed a lot of interest in the activities at Nelson Ledges Road Course since it was acquired by new ownership in early 2016. The new owners have demonstrated a commitment to improving the facility to a significantly higher standard than the reputation it was remembered for in the last few years of the original ownership.

To date, the track has been completely repaved following the traditional two mile course that many of us remember. Concrete curbing has been added at the apexes and the track is now smooth and fast. The older and more decrepit buildings have been torn down and the debris removed from the facility. The Timing and Scoring tower and the Tech Shed remain and are being used regularly. There is now a new building in the infield shortly after you cross the bridge that crosses the front straight at Pit Out.

This is just the beginning of an extensive plan that the new owners have embarked on to resurrect Nelson Ledges to the fun and enjoyable home for motorsports that many of us remember. As the team working at the track is currently small and the "to-do list" is large, efficiency is critical.

In an effort to respect ownership wishes and streamline the communication channel between track management and SCCA, the Neohio Region Trustees voted to resurrect the Nelson Council and delegate the Council as the

primary point of contact to the track. In the weeks since this vote has taken place, I have been in contact with representatives from Mahoning Valley, Misery Bay, Steel Cities, Western New York and Finger Lakes Regions. Every region contacted was excited at the idea of Nelson Ledges coming back on-line as a competitive SCCA venue. All expressed interest and willingness to support SCCA events that come up in the future.

Mahoning Valley, as our sister region who traditionally put on regular events at the track, is especially interested in working to build a long term relationship with the track and agrees with the designation of the Nelson Council as the primary communication channel going forward. Brian Vondran, MVR Regional Executive and I have been carrying on frequent conversations to assure that we are aligned and can represent SCCA in the most positive light with track management.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue of the *Blower*, we are working diligently to lock in a date for an SCCA Time Trial event to take place at Nelson Ledges this summer. We hope that everyone reading this will come and participate and invite your friends. We think this will be a great, competitive event that will reflect well on SCCA and contribute to building a long term relationship with the track.

In the meantime, in the interest of freeing up the team at Nelson Ledges so they can focus on their plans for enhancing the facility, we

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our event photographer. We now have an outstanding bank of images from the events we've put on. Finally, thanks to all the others listed here who have served as volunteers and/or coaches this year:

Dennis Barret
Bill Crowe
Brian Estanek
Steve Fixx
Erik Franz
Dustin Graef
Bryan Hall
Bill Hornack
Betsy McIntyre
Dave Ronyak
Dave Rothgery
Kerianne Sidoti
Evan Smith
Chuck Sommer
Jason Sukey

We are starting to make plans now for our 2019 events. Several of the key volunteers who have worked on this for the past three seasons have stepped into new roles in the club, so we would like to find some new volunteers to take on some of the responsibilities they have been fulfilling. If you're interested in finding out more, please reach out to me at bob@impactcommunications.com.

ask that our membership honor their wishes for a single point of communication, namely the Nelson Council. The leadership of Mahoning Valley Region has agreed that they support this same decision of all communication being channeled through the Nelson Council. To that end, please direct any and all ideas, questions or comments to nelsoncouncil@neohioscca.com.

Time Trials Coming to Tracks Near Us

By Bob MacDonald

Time Trials are SCCA's newest form of motorsports competition! Time Trials are events in which competitors vie for the fastest lap or elapsed time to complete a designated course. Time Trials competitors may share the track, but these events are not wheel-to-wheel competitions. In this area, the events will be run on local race tracks.

SCCA Time Trials are open to most four-wheeled vehicles that pass the safety inspection. There are four categories that are based on the level of preparation for a car. The Sport Category is for street vehicles that can have some minor modifications. The Tuner Category allows builders to develop a car as far as possible without changing the core DNA of the car. The Max Category is the maximum allowable modification for a vehicle that can still be driven on the street. Finally, the Unlimited Category is just that, full blown competition cars with no consideration for being street legal. Advanced safety equipment such as roll bars or cages is allowed in all categories, but only required in Unlimited.

This provides competitors the opportunity to compete on a race track in their Solo car, in their souped up street car or in their full built race car. There are two formats to the competition and both formats can be included in an event. The TrackSprint format is very much like an Autocross on a race track. The start and finish lines are set such that the run is slightly less than a full lap. Cars are dispatched on track from a standing start with enough time between starts that catching the car in front

of you should not be an issue. Scoring is based on the shortest time to complete the course.

The Time Attack format runs more like a qualifying session in a race weekend. Competitors will complete several laps within a timed session. Run groups are based on track experience and passing rules are set per group based on driver's experience. Passing for the least experienced group is limited to straightaways much like a PDX. Passing for the most experienced group can take place anywhere on track, although a point-by is to be used when passing in corners. Scoring is based on best lap time.

Time Trials appear to be a great opportunity for anyone interested in driving fast. Non-members

can participate on a weekend membership. Licensing is based on experience and drivers with no previous experience can get a Novice License as long as they have a valid driver's license. Any competition license that is listed in the SCCA GCR is acceptable.

Currently there is a National Time Trial event scheduled at PittRace on the weekend of April 27th. Nelson Council is also in the process of booking an event at Nelson Ledges the weekend of June 29th. This is a great opportunity to get all of our racers to bring their cars out and experience the new pavement as well as giving our Solo competitors an opportunity to run on a full race track in their Solo vehicles. Please watch for more information on this event in coming issues of the *Blower*.

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