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The Starting Line

REport by Dave Lancaster

Upcoming Events

SCCA - Neohio Region Banquet & Awards

Saturday,
February 15, 2020

Emerald Event Center
Avon, Ohio



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As I start my second year as your Regional Executive, I plan on working with the team to bring more competition events and activities to our members in 2020. I am proud that we were able to introduce two new events in 2019: a RallyCross and a Time Trial at Nelson Ledges.

For 2020, we are planning to double the fun with two Time Trials and two RallyCross Events. The Road Rally team is adding a second event and our Solo team is planning another full season of Solo Competition and looking into some unique events to add. The Nelson Council has been busy working with SCCA, the Great Lakes Division, and Nelson Ledges Raceway to bring Club Racing back to the track shortly.

To get 2020 started, Jeff Arendas and Greg Lester have resurrected the Ohio Winter Rally on February 1st. This is a great way to get our year started and it is great to see others step up and help Greg bring more rallies back to northeast Ohio.

Two weeks after the Winter Rally we have the NEOHIO Annual Banquet on February 15. This year we will be honoring Competition Drivers and Workers from all areas

of NEOHIO, as well as inducting Greg Lester into the NEOHIO Hall of Fame. Our guest speaker is Ann McHugh in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Longest Day of Nelson which ran from 1980-1996. It will be great to hear from Ann and learn about the history of our Region and our association with Nelson Ledges at that time.

At the January NEOHIO Board Meeting, we introduced the three new Board Members: Kerianne Sidoti, Evan Smith and Betsey McIntyre. It is great to have new people on the Board and I am excited with their engagement at their first meeting.

In other news, NEOHIO has been working with the SCCA National Office to bring more events to the track in 2020. The track will be hosting a National Time Trial due to the success of our event and a way to help grow SCCA's relationship with the track. The National SCCA office is also looking at the possibility of bringing some Track Night in America Events to the track. This would be a limited number for 2020 to see the feasibility of hosting these events in northeast Ohio. We will need volunteers for these events and if

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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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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | October 1, 2019

- Members Present:** Jim Green (Trustee '19), Michael Oswald (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Madeline Oswald (Trustee '21), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.)
- Excused Members:** Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)
- Guests:** Brenda Nick, Daniel Griewisch, Kerianne Sidoti, Evan Smith, Betsy McIntyre, Greg Lester
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Lancaster at 7:01 pm. Dave had the guests and Board members introduce themselves.
- Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the September 3, 2019 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Maddie Oswald, seconded by Bob MacDonald, and approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha distributed copies of his Treasurer's Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Mike Oswald, and approved without objection.
- Membership:** In Tara Oram's absence, Jeff Blumenthal reported our current membership is at 491.

Officer and Committee Reports

- Regional Executive Report:** Dave Lancaster noted we had a great turn out of workers for the ChampCar event at Nelson Ledges - thanks workers. It was also noted that we need to nominate officers and trustees, as well as set the annual meeting date, time, and location later in the meeting. Dave was recently contacted by Barbara Andrews (widow of Reed Andrews) as she has old racing photos and trophies that the Region might be interested in. Dave will meet with her and review the items.
- Rally Cross Report:** Dave Lancaster reported the event is coming up this weekend, there are 26 online entries, and the Geauga County Fairgrounds are offering free camping Saturday night. The event is 8:00am - 2:00pm Sunday.
- Rally:** Greg Lester - the October 19th Johnny Appleseed Rally is ready to go and has already been pre-checked.
- Competition Committee:** No report.
- Street Survival:** Jeff Blumenthal noted the event needed to be cancelled due to a lack of entries.
- Solo Report:** Jason Pokines emailed in his report which was presented by Joe Blaha - the sixth event was this past Sunday. Kerianne, Evan, and Joe ran the event. There were 45 drivers and each got six runs. The last event is October 19, 2019. There is no update on AXTi.me timing software, as well as no update on Darrin/Pronto. Joe also added they are always looking for pavement to hold solos.
- Time Trial:** Bob MacDonald presented the final accounting for the Time Trial. Income was \$11,340.00 and expenses totaled \$12,613.45, for a net loss of \$1,273.45 to be split

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 6	January 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	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	January 21	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 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8	February 9
February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15 NEOHIO Banquet & Awards	February 16
February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23

Neohio's 2020 Banquet and Awards

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020

Cocktails: 6:00 PM Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Place: 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 1/16/2020.

Invitations will **NOT** be mailed. *RSVP no later than February 7, 2020.* 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

70/30 with Mahoning Valley. With last month's partial payment to MVR, Neohio still owes them \$7.72 of their deposit money. Ray Glover motioned to refund the remaining \$7.72 to MVR, seconded by Mike Oswalt, passed without objection. Bob MacDonald recommended the Region purchase the directional signs from Fulton Sign to use for all our events. A motion was made by Bob MacDonald to purchase the signs for \$85.00, seconded by Maddie Oswalt, passed without objection.

Hall of Fame: Jeff Blumenthal stated, the committee has some nominations and held a conference call this past week. They are also working on updating the website.

Old Business: Officer nominations: Ray Glover - Recording Secretary, Joe Blaha - Treasurer, Tara Oram - Membership Secretary, and Jeff Blumenthal - Assistant Regional Executive.

Trustee nominations: Betsy McIntyre, Kerianne Sidoti, Evan Smith, and Bill Moore.

All nominations were accepted.

New Business: Election Committee of Bob MacDonald and Michael Oswalt was formed. Jim Green and Dave Lancaster will serve as back-ups. The date, time, and location of the Annual Meeting was discussed. Ray Glover made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm with the location to be either Boss Pro Karting, High Voltage Karting, or the Winking Lizard based on availability and cost as negotiated by Dave Lancaster. Seconded by Mike Oswalt, passed without objection. Dave Lancaster reminded every one to start thinking about all the annual awards.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ray Glover, seconded by Bob MacDonald, meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Next (Annual) Meeting to be 7:00pm November 12, 2019 at Boss Karting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover
Recording Secretary

Note: Instead of a Board of Trustee's meeting in November, an informational session and elections were held for membership.

NEOHIO SCCA Banquet
Saturday, February 15, 2020
Emerald Event Center, Avon, OH

Registration ends on February 7, 2020 11:59 PM EST

It's time to award the winners and hard chargers of the of our SCCA region. This 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. 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 made in advance: no walk-ins.

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you are interested please contact myself or Kurt Stevens.

The Board of Trustee Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Winking Lizard Restaurant in Bedford Hts, OH, at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend. Come out and see what we have going on and enjoy some food and socializing with other NEOHIO Region Members.

Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | December 3, 2019

- Members Present:** Jim Green (Trustee '19), Ray Glover (Trustee '20, Rec. Sec.), Bob Nick (Trustee '20), Bob MacDonald (Trustee '21), Jason Pokines (Trustee '21), Jeff Blumenthal (Asst. R.E.), Joe Blaha (Treas.)
- Excused Members:** Bill Moore (Trustee '19), Michael Oswald (Trustee '19), Jim Pracker (Trustee '20), Madeline Oswald (Trustee '21), Dave Lancaster (R.E.), Tara Oram (Mem. Sec.)
- Guests:** Brenda Nick, Daniel Griewisch, Gale Green, and Betsy McIntyre
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Assistant Regional Executive Jeff Blumenthal at 7:01 pm.
- Review of Prior Minutes:** Minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting were presented by Ray Glover for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Bob MacDonald, seconded by Jason Pokines and approved without objection.
- Treasurer's Report:** Joe Blaha distributed copies of his November and December Treasurer's Reports. A motion to approve the report was made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Ray Glover, and approved without objection.
- Membership:** Jeff Blumenthal reported that there were 484 members with 11 lapsing and 7 new.
- Officer and Committee Reports**
- Regional Executive Report:** Reported by Jeff Blumenthal and an email from Dave Lancaster: The annual meeting went over well (held at Boss Pro Karting). Neohio is well represented on this year's SCCA Hall of Fame inductees.
- We need to gather nominees for the various awards so they can be finalized at the January meeting.
- Neohio has been approved for a free registration for the Annual Convention.
- The *Blower* is traditionally not published in December. If needed, one can be produced.
- Rally Cross Report:** No Report
- Rally:** Greg Lester emailed in his report noting that the Ohio Winter Rally (February 1, 2020) is being revived if all goes as planned. It will utilize the Richta timing system (automated cell phone based timing). Jason Pokines also added that National is requiring a URL on all registrations and that Neohio uses MotorsportReg (with an associated URL) for all our events except rally.
- Competition Committee:** No Report
- Street Survival:** Jeff Blumenthal noted they are looking at late April or early May non-conflicting date.
- Solo Report:** Jason Pokines reported he is still trying to track down the author of the solo software we use.
- Time Trial:** Bob MacDonald noted Neohio has two tentative weekends reserved at Nelson Ledges - June 6 & 7 and July 11 & 12. He added that National is scheduling a national time trial for August 8 & 9.
- Hall of Fame:** Jeff Blumenthal stated there is no new news.
- Nelson Council:** Bob MacDonald noted that Nelson Ledges has had a preliminary track inspection.
- Old Business:** Jason Pokines reported that Banquet registration is now open on MotorsportReg. The date is February 15, 2020 and everything else is the same as last year (cost, menu, etc.).

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Neohio Region, SCCA presents the:

2020 Ohio Winter Rally
Saturday, February 1, 2020



Tanned, rested and ready: the **Ohio Winter Rally** is back after a 3 year hiatus! The approximately 150 mile route will visit portions of far northeast Ohio's Lake Erie "snowbelt" counties. Prevailing winter road and weather conditions will dictate the rally's difficulty.

Competitors can expect an absolutely straightforward, gimmick-free time-speed-distance (TSD) road rally. The emphasis will be on precise timing at well-placed controls. The rally counts toward the SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship as well as the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Divisional Rally).

A columnar "tulip" route instruction format will be used. Redundant, clarifying instructions will be included anywhere that there is any question of route-following ambiguity. Ample transit mileage will be included to allow competitors to traverse sensitive areas without disturbing residents, and enjoy the route.

The rally will be timed with the Richta automated checkpoint system. Each team must carry a "smart" phone (Android or iPhone) running the (free) Richta competitor "app". Links for downloading the app, as well as rally entry information can be found here: <http://msreg.com/OWR2020>

Rally Start/Finish Location:

The rally will start and finish at the Redhawk Grille, 7481 Auburn Rd., Concord Township (Painesville), Ohio 44077.

Nearby Lodging:

Comfort Inn, 7581 Auburn Rd., Painesville, Ohio 44077. Ph 440.579.0305. Use code LFEST when making reservation to obtain a 15% discount.

Tentative Schedule: (All times Eastern Daylight Time)

Saturday, January 25, 2020:
23:59 - "Early" entry cutoff.

Saturday, February 1, 2020:
14:30 - 15:30 – Registration.
14:45 - Mini rally school (experienced competitors welcome).
16:01 - Car #1 starts rally
22:00 (approx) - Car #1 finishes
23:00 (approx) - Awards.

Competition Classes:

E - Equipment unrestricted.

L – Either: a) Odometer unrestricted, and calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with the odometer and clock, or b) GPS-derived odometer, and any calculating device (including integrated smartphone TSD timekeeping "apps")

S – Unmodified stock odometer only. Calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with the odometer and clock.

Novice - Class S entry in which neither team member has entered more than 5 TSD rallies previously (simultaneously entered in Class S for championship purposes).

Entry Fees (Please make checks payable to: NEOHIO Region, SCCA):

SCCA members (both driver & navigator): \$40/car before early entry cutoff, \$50/car thereafter.

New Business: Various nominations and discussions were held regarding the Annual Awards. Representing the elections committee, Bob MacDonald presented the Annual Election results:

Assistant Regional Executive (uncontested): Jeff Blumenthal, 35 votes
Treasurer (uncontested): Joe Blaha, 35 votes
Membership Secretary (uncontested): Tara Oram, 33 votes
Recording Secretary (uncontested): Ray Glover, 34 votes
Trustees (top 3 to be elected): Betsy McIntyre, 34 votes
Kerrienne Sidota, 30 votes
Evan Smith, 24 votes
Bill Moore, 18 votes

Bob Nick made a motion to approve the election results, seconded by Joe Blaha, motion approved without objection.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Jason Pokines, seconded by Ray Glover, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting to be 7:00pm January 7, 2020 at the Winking Lizard, Bedford Heights.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Glover, Recording Secretary

Others: \$50/car before early entry cutoff, \$55/car thereafter. This entry fee includes SCCA weekend membership, which entitles the purchaser to a discounted annual membership for 60 days following the event.

Information : Jeff Arendas Ph. 440.781.3676, arendasj@yahoo.com.

<p>WORKERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help with prechecks, registration, course opening, sweep, scoring, etc. Your assistance is invaluable!</p>

Other Upcoming Rally Activity:

January 11, 2020 – **Son of Sno*Drift XXII**, South Lyon, MI, Detroit Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

February 29(?), 2020 – **Sno-Go**, Erie, PA. Misery Bay Region, SCCA.

April 18, 2020 – **Twilight Tour**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

May 16, 2020 – **Milk Run(?)**, Dover, OH. Neohio Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

July 12, 2020 – **Hoosier Crossroads**, Plainfield, IN. Indianapolis Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

July 25, 2020 – **Lazy Daze**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

September 12, 2020 – **POR**, Indian River, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

September 26 2020 – **Clare Color Tour**, Clare, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

October 10, 2020 – **Johnny Appleseed**, Zoar, OH. Neohio Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

November 1, 2020 – **Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally**, Conneaut, OH. Misery Bay Region, SCCA (GLD Championship)

November 13, 2020 – **Hell and Back**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (USRRC)

November 14, 2020 – **Pavement Ends**, Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (USRRC)

November 15, 2020 – **Are You Territorial?** – Whitmore Lake, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA (USRRC)

2020 SCCA Hall of Fame Inductee Class

TOPEKA, Kan. (Nov. 20, 2019)

Ten individuals, all who have made significant contributions to the Sports Car Club of America® (SCCA®) and world of motorsports, have been named as the Club's newest Hall of Fame class -- adding their names to a list of timeless superstars. The 2020 class, the largest group to be inducted at once into the Hall of Fame since its 2005 inception, includes three married couples and one individual who has now followed his father's path into the Hall of Fame.

Along with the accomplishments of all previous inductees, the latest Hall of Fame members helped position the building blocks that elevated SCCA's stature in the world of motorsports. This year's honorees are Bill and Jane Goodale, Walt Hansgen, Scott Harvey, Joe Huffaker, Cat Kizer, Bob and Patty Tunnell, and Dave and Sherrie Weitzenhof.

As has become tradition, this year's greats will be formally inducted during the SCCA® Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet. That event takes place Saturday, January 18 and serves as the capstone of the three-day SCCA National Convention taking place at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Below is additional background on those joining the prestigious ranks this year.

Bill and Jane Goodale

Within the Sports Car Club of America, Bill and Jane Goodale have been far more than accomplished drivers. They have been leaders, facilitators, officials and even mentors. It could be argued that

most SCCA members have been affected by their efforts, certainly on the Solo side. But beyond that, the grace, kindness and sense of inclusion they've displayed has become a hallmark of SCCA's Solo Program.

Neohio Hall of Fame

The Neohio Hall of Fame will induct Greg Lester at our annual awards banquet on February 15, 2020.

Greg has been a Neohio member since July 1984. He has been rallying for decades, mostly as a navigator with his name appearing in *SportsCar* magazine numerous times. Many of these rallies were run in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana, plus the Alcan which goes into Canada and up to the Arctic Circle.

He has been successful in Michigan's "Press-on- Regardless Rally" and the Moonlight Monte Rally held by the Detroit Region, SCCA. He has been involved in STPR, Susquehannock Trails Performance Rally in Pennsylvania.

The Alcan rally is held multiple days and possibly the longest winter rally covering over 5,000-6,000 miles from Seattle, Washington, to the Arctic Circle and back. In 1990, Greg came in 5th. Chris Jenson and he had 63 points. Chris wrote an article "If Alcan, So Can We" that was printed in the March 12, 1990, *AutoWeek* magazine. In 1992 Ken Knight and his co-driver Greg Lester won the Alcan.

For the past 25 years, Greg Lester and Ken Swarm shared rally master duties for the Ohio Winter

Jane was Solo Chair during the 1970s when New England Region's Solo program was just beginning to be a presence. She traveled the ProSolo circuit and went on to lend support to the Region and fellow competitors, and was well known as host of the Region party at Solo Nationals. Meanwhile, Bill

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Rally, with 2016 being the 50th anniversary. Being a rally master is a very thankless job with numerous days, wear and tear on your car, and a lot of gas spent to lay out the route. Greg has been the rally master for the Johnny Appleseed Rally for numerous years (decades). Entrants have been known to drive hundreds of miles just to attend this event because of Greg's reputation as a rally master.

Greg has served as Neohio's Rally Chair for years, seemingly decades, putting on regional, divisional, and national rallies. In the past Greg has also pre-checked, worked course opening, checkpoints, and/or run sweep for many Neohio rallies and other regions. He has also done run/work for rallies. He has helped Bill Stewart with numerous Misery Bay Region rallies, pre-checking and/or working controls. A quote on Steve McKelvie's blog sums it very nicely. "He (Greg) has done just about everything in rallying and is always competitive in any rally he is in."

In addition to rallying, Greg has crewed at Nelson Ledges for many Neohio members.

Greg is an engineer who designs and installs pipe organs around the world.

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was New England Region's first, and for decades only, Solo Novice chair.

In the early years of Solo Nationals, Chief Stewards were usually from outside the Solo community. When that changed to instead utilize those involved in autocross, Bill was one of the first to be asked to fill the role. He did for decades, working with and mentoring many others who have taken on the role as Solo Nationals grew. Bill's record in competition was impressive, too, as he was named the 1989 Driver of Eminence, received the 2010 Solo Cup, and claimed several national championships along the way.

Walt Hansgen

A member of the Northern New Jersey Region since joining SCCA in 1951, Walt Hansgen's influence and impact in American and European sports car racing was immense. As a competitor, Hansgen achieved much. He was a four-time SCCA "C" Modified National Champion, a three-time recipient of SCCA's President's Cup, and competed at world-class endurance events, NASCAR Grand National races, and a couple Grands Prix. Hansgen was also named the *New York Times* "Best Driver of the Year" and *Sports Illustrated* "U.S. Sports Car Driver of the Year."

Hansgen's successful racing career aside, he was a very active member of the Northern New Jersey Region where he held the Regional Executive position. On a National level, he served on the Competition Board and worked diligently to improve the Club's road racing program, safety

standards and competition rules. Additionally, Hansgen conducted racecourse safety inspections, making recommendations for circuit improvements to benefit drivers, crew and spectators alike -- standards that are still in use today. Hansgen also served as an early president of the Road Racing Drivers Club (RRDC).

Scott Harvey

While attending UCLA in the 1950s, engineering student Scott Harvey began rally and racing efforts in an MG-TD. By 1956, he had joined the Sports Car Club of America and was working as a Chrysler engineer in Detroit where he managed to convince superiors to loan him a 300D for motorsport activities -- the first in a long string of Chrysler products he competed in over the years. And while some know Harvey for engineering high-performance suspension parts, his real impact came through advancing the sport of performance rally.

It is Harvey's early adoption of the European idea of high-speed rally that landed him in the SCCA Hall of Fame. He helped form a club, called The Ralligators, that worked alongside SCCA's Detroit Region to create European rallying in the United States. Harvey was instrumental in creation of the MONY (Michigan, Ohio, New York) rally series, with most MONY events being SCCA rallies. This eventually led to creation of the SCCA PRO Rally series in 1973, which Harvey became first overall champion. Before that, he had participated in traditional Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) rallies where in 1963 and 1964 he won the SCCA National TSD championship.

In 1968, Harvey served as Chairman and Rallymaster of the Press On Regardless rally, a milestone event for the sport in America and the longest running rally event in SCCA history. Under his leadership, Harvey and the Press On Regardless were awarded the prestigious Arthur Gervais Rally of the Year in 1968 by SCCA, the first time a "performance" rally had been selected for the award. Harvey was also instrumental in bringing the World Rally Championship to the United States with his involvement in the 1972 Press On Regardless rally, an event in 1973 and 1974 with World Championship status.

Joe Huffaker

"Little" Joe Huffaker, the son of 2017 SCCA Hall of Fame inductee Joe Huffaker, has made a big mark in Sports Car Club of America road racing. At an early age, the younger Huffaker helped out around his father's garage before "officially" joining Huffaker Engineering in the early 1970s. Over the years he gathered a lot of useful knowledge, from his father and great drivers and mechanics, before taking over the business in 1991 when his father retired.

The younger Joe, however, didn't just continue his father's work. He significantly expanded the operation to become a force throughout SCCA Club Racing and Pro Racing, maintaining the highest possible standards in car construction and presentation, regardless of the series. As proof, note the fact that Huffaker Engineering has produced over 35 SCCA Runoffs® National Championship cars and claimed

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three SCCA Trans Am titles. Their successful record has earned the Huffakers the honor of being the very first father-son duo to be inducted into the Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame.

Beyond his car and engine building prowess, "Little" Joe -- who actually stands 6 feet 5 inches tall -- is an equally talented racecar driver. He has too many wins to count in SCCA road racing competition. But a couple highlights, as of 2019, include his 13 poles at the Runoffs and 10 National Championships gathered up across two different classes in cars he designed, built and prepared -- a feat that stands as testament to Joe's immense talent.

Cat Kizer

A continuous member of SCCA since 1976, Catherine "Cat" Kizer holds a special place in SCCA history. She was the first female to be crowned a Runoffs champion, and the only woman to be awarded the President's Cup. These two accomplishments have made Kizer a role model for other female racers.

It was 1979 when Kizer made history at Road Atlanta during the National Championship Runoffs. She faced a formidable field of competitors, many of whom were previous national champions. Starting from eighth on the grid, she quickly drove her H Production Red Roof Inns MG Midget into the lead. A great battle ensued up front, but it was Kizer who was first to the checkered flag. That inspiring drive earned her the prestigious President's Cup award that year. The following year, Kizer

was back at the Runoffs, placing her car on pole and finishing third in the race.

Bob and Patty Tunnell

The Solo duo of Patty and Bob Tunnell have posted an illustrious record when it comes to autocross competition. From Volkswagens in the early 1980s, through a long and storied stretch driving BMWs at many preparation levels, the married couple achieved success few have matched. They have claimed numerous Solo Nationals Championships and ProSolo Championships across many classes and categories, from Stock through Modified, in cars which were not the obvious choice for victory. Bob's recognition awards from SCCA have included the Solo Cup and, together with Patty, Driver of Eminence.

Beyond their success between the orange cones, the Tunnells stand as an example of how to be active, involved members of both the Solo community and Club as a whole. Bob has served the Club on a variety of fronts, including time on the Solo Events Board and as a Chief Steward for Solo Nationals. Patty and Bob have also lent their valuable experience and positive attitude to the Club's burgeoning Time Trials National Tour program. All throughout, the Tunnells never forgot how important it is to encourage experienced competitors to befriend and mentor those new to SCCA activities. Their kindness and compassion are also on display through philanthropic endeavors that create a very positive image for the Sports Car Club of America.

Dave and Sherrie Weitzenhof

Dave Weitzenhof's record over more than 50 years of SCCA road racing demonstrates his skill as both a driver and technician. Overall, he has seven SCCA National Championships and was presented with the Road Racing Drivers' Club Mark Donohue Award in 1972, as well as the 1977 SCCA President's Cup trophy. But as Dave himself admits, none of that would've been possible without the help of his wife, Sherrie Weitzenhof, who has been by his side and an instrumental part of the "team" throughout half a century of racing. The fact that Sherrie is officially recognized as a "Friend of the Road Racing Drivers' Club" proves that point. Furthermore, Sherrie supported the SCCA NeOhio Region by organizing many events, including the successful and long running Competition Clinic, and she chaired the NeOhio Hall of Fame committee.

To his credit, Dave earned four SCCA Runoffs wins in the highly competitive Formula Ford class, as well as a pair of Formula Continental Runoffs victories and a Formula Vee SCCA National Championship. Beyond that, he has won far too many SCCA races to count. Outside the car, Dave was an accomplished engineer with Bridgestone/Firestone and has numerous patents to his name. Throughout his involvement in SCCA racing, Dave openly shared insights on car setup and vehicle dynamics, as well as his tire expertise with fellow racers. Some of that know-how was deployed while serving as a test driver

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for development of the Sports Renault program, which evolved to become Spec Racer Ford -- one of SCCA's most popular car classes in road racing.

The new class of 10 inductees join the list below of 91 previously-entered SCCA Hall of Fame members:

- **2005:** Cameron Argetsinger, A. Tracy Bird, John Fitch, Arthur Gervais, Harry Handley, Vern Jaques, Bill Milliken, Sue Roethel, Art Trier, Rob Walker
- **2006:** John Bornholdt, John Buffum, Mark Donohue, Denise McCluggage, Grant Reynolds
- **2007:** Marge Binks, Marc Gerstein, Carl A. Haas, General Curtis E. LeMay, Theodore F. Robertson
- **2008:** Roger E. Johnson, Don and Ruth Nixon, Kjell Qvale, Robert Ridges, Fred Schmucker
- **2009:** Bill Chambres, Bill Johnson, Jim Kimberly, Paul Newman, John Timanus
- **2010:** Nick Craw, Briggs Cunningham, R. David Jones, Burdette "Berdie" Martin, Wayne Zitkus
- **2011:** Karen Babb, John Bishop, Jim Fitzgerald, Tracer Racing, Harro Zitz
- **2012:** Charlie Earwood, Jim Hall, Gene Henderson, Dr. Peter Talbot, Bryan Webb
- **2013:** Skip Barber, Bill Noble, Bobby Rahal, Carroll Shelby, Andy Porterfield
- **2014:** Kathy Barnes, Robert "Bob" Bondurant, Dan Gurney,

Congratulations 2019 Region Class Winners

Congratulations to our 2019 Region Class Winners:

- Bill Pristas - GT1, GT2, GT3, AS, SP
- Max Gee - STL, STU, BSpec
- Robert Dietz - FV, FF, F5, FM, FS, FST, CFF
- S. Sandy Satullo III - FA, FB, FC, FE, FE2, F1000
- Jason Jacko - ITA, ITB, ITC
- Kevin Bus - ITE, ITR, ITS
- Doug Geisler - ASR, P1, P2
- Jonathan Davis-SM (All Classes)

Dr. Robert "Bob" Hubbard and Jim Downing, Pete Hylton

- **2015:** Roger H. Johnson, Oscar Koveleski, Ron Sharp, Dr. George Snively, Bob Tullius
- **2016:** Hubert Brundage, Bob Henderson, Roger Penske, Randy Pobst, Alec Ulman
- **2017:** Pete Brock, Dennis Dean, Larry and Linda Dent, Joe Huffaker Sr., Lyn St. James, Phil Hill, Jim Kaser
- **2018:** William C. Bradshaw, Peter Cunningham, Janet Guthrie, August Pabst, Dave Stremming and Loren Pearson, Bob Sharp, Dr. Dick Thompson
- **2019:** David Ammen, Dr. Frank Falkner, George Follmer, Patricia "Patc" Henry, John McGill, Dorsey Schroeder, Henryk Szamota

The purpose of the Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame is to preserve, protect and record the history and accomplishments

- S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF, SRF3
- William Moore - T1, T2, T3, T4
- Gary Simmons - EP, FP, HP, GTL, SPU

Make sure you read the *Blower* for information on the February banquet. Debbie LaFond

Region Points

Region 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.

For discrepancies, contact Debbie LaFond for correction.

of the Club for current and future members by recognizing those members who have had a significant impact on the Club and the sport. This may be through service to the national organization, achievements in competition, advancement of the sport, or bringing recognition to the SCCA.

The Hall of Fame is overseen and guided by four Committees. The Steering Committee oversees the entire process. The Legacy Committee focuses on nominees from the first third of SCCA's history. The Nomination Committee focuses on nominees from the last two-thirds of the Club's history. The Chairs of the Legacy and Nomination Committees are encouraged to liaison with each other in cases where nominees might reasonably fall under the purview of both committees. The Selection Committee then picks each year's inductees.

**Great Lakes SCCA
2020 Tentative Race Schedule**

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	DATES for 2020	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
2	January 16 - 18	National Convention - South Point Casino & Hotel - Las Vegas, NV.			
3	March 7 - 8	Spring Training, Location TBD			
4	March 14 - 15				
5	March 21 - 22				
6	March 28 - 29				
7	April 4 - 5				
8	April 11 - 12				
9	April 19	WHRRI - DS - Classroom - T			
10	April 25 - 26	WHRRI - DS - T			
11	May 2 - 3				Majors @ BHF
12	May 9				SBR/INR CRE-Enduro-Track Event @ GM - T
13	May 16 - 17			SBR/DET @ GM - M - T	
14	May 23 - 24 (Memorial Day)				
15	May 29 - May 31				NASCAR @ MO and Detroit Grand Prix - SCCA Pro TransAM
16	June 6 - 7				NeOhio @ NL - Time Trial
17	June 13 - 14 (Father's Day)				June Sprints @ RA
18	June 20 - 21		WMR @ GRA - D - T		
19	June 27 - 28		DET @ WHRRI - R - T		
20	July 4 - 5				
21	July 11 - 12				NeOhio @ NL - Time Trial VMD @ MO & Cat Nationals @ RA
22	July 17 - 19			OVR @ MO - ST - T	
23	July 25 - 26		SBR/DET/INR - D - T		SBR/DET/INR CRE-Enduro- Track Event @ GM - T
24	August 1 - 2				
25	August 8 - 9		Cinci @ MO - D - T		Cinci Track Event @ MO - T
26	August 14 - 16				INDYCAR @ MO - VSCDA @ GRA
27	August 22 - 23			WMR @ GRA - M - T	
28	Aug 29 - Aug 30 (Labor day 2nd)				
29	Sept. 4 - 6		OVR @ MO - D - T		OVR Track Event @ MO - T
30	Sept. 12 - 13				
31	Sept. 19 - 20				
32	Sept. 26 - 27				
33	Oct. 3 - 4	SCCA National Runoffs - Road America - Test Days			
34	Oct. 5 - 11	SCCA National Runoffs - Road America			
35	Oct 16- 18		OVR @ MO - D - T		OVR Track Event @ MO - T
36	Oct. 24 - 25				
37	Oct. 31 - Nov 1				
38	Nov 7 - 8				
39	Nov 14 - 15				
40	Nov. 21 - 22				
41	Nov. 28 - 29				
42	T=Tentative	R=Restricted	D=Double	C=Champ Series Event	M=Majors
43	GM-GingerMan	GRA-Grattan	Q= Quad Only 1 sanction per day counts		DS=Drivers School
44	NL-Nelson Ledges	MO-Mid Ohio	MIS-Mich Internat. Speedway	WAT-Waterford Hills	ST = Super Tour
45	NCM - National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park		PIRC-Pittsburgh International Race Complex		BHF = Blackhawk Farms RA = Road America

Northeast 2020 Schedule

DATES	NeDiv Super Tours & Majors	NeDiv REGIONALS & DIVISIONAL SERIES	SCHOOLS	TIME TRIALS	CLUB TRIALS /TRACK EVENT	HILLCLIMBS	OTHER SCCA REGION EVENTS	Other Divisions Super Tours & Majors	VINTAGE DATES - TENTATIVE	CRE
January 4-5										
January 11-12										
January 16-18	SCCA National Convention -South Pointe Hotel & Casino - LasVegas NV									
January 18-19										
January 25-26								MSR -Cresson M		
February 1-2										
February 8-9								COTA- M		
February 15-16										
February 22-23										
February 29-1										
March 7-8										
March 14-15										
March 21-22			WDC-Summit Point							
March 28-29										
April 4-5		WDC-Summit Point- MA DCS						Hallet- ST		
April 10			NER-Thompson							
April 11-12								NCR VIR ST		
April 17-19		SJR-NJMP Lightning- MA DCS	SJR -Lighting ADS (17)				Cen-Div Driver school -Blackhawk			
April 18-19							Cen-Div Blackhawk R			
April 25-26	WDC-Summit Point M		GL Div Waterford Hills (T)							
May 2-3								BVR Blackhawk M		
May 2-3		NER-Palmer						Eagles Canyon - M		
May 9										SBR/INR Gingerman E(T)
May 9-10	STC-Pittrace - M						NCR VIR MARRS-SARRC			
May 16-17									SEB/DET Gingerman M (I)	
May 23-24	NNJR-Pocono M	NER-NHMS DCS		BMR-Spring Jefferson PHA			LO'L Brainerd R-DBL	MSR Houston - M		
May 30-31										
June 5-7		SJR-NJMP Lightning- MA	SJR -Lighting ADS (6)							
June 6-7						WHA-Spring Weatherly PHA				
June 12-13		NER-Limerock DCS								
June 12-14								CHI Road America ST		
June 13-14										
June 19-21	Glen-WGI - ST	WDC-Summit Point- MA								
June 20-21							WMR Gratten R-DBL (T)			
June 27-28							DET WaterfordHills R (T)			
June 27-28						BMR-Pagoda PHA	MILW Blackhawk R-DBL			
July 4-5		Glen-WGI DCS								
July 11-12	NER-Thompson - M					GDHA- Giants Despair PHA	LO'L Brainerd R-DBL	MILW Road America M		
July 17-19	SJR-NJMP Thunderbolt - M							OVR MidOhio M(T)	PVGP Pittrace	
July 18-19							CHI Blackhawk R			
July 22				FLR-WGI						
July 25-26		WDC-Summit Point- MA					SBR/DET/INR Gingerman R-DBL (T)		PVGP Schenley Park	SBR/DET/INR Gingerman E(T)
August 1-2						WMD/WDC-Polish Mountain PHA				
August 8-9		NER-NHMS			CINCI MidOhio (T)		CINCI MidOhio R-DBL(T)			
August 14-16								WMR Gratten M(T)		
August 15-16						BMR-Dunyea PHA	CHI Road America R			
August 21-23		SJR-NJMP Thunderbolt- MA	SJR -Thunderbolt ADS (21)							
August 29-30		STC-Pittrace DCS					LO'L Brainerd R-DBL			
September 5-6								MSR Houston- M		
September 4-6					OVR MidOhio (T)		OVR MidOhio R-DBL(T)			
September 5-7		WDC-Summit Point- MA		STC-Shenandoah PHA						
September 12-13		NER-Palmer								
September 18-20			MSR Houston (SOW)				MSR Houston- R			
September 19-20						WHA-Fall Weatherly PHA	CHI AutoBahn CC R			
September 26-27		FLR-WGI DCS								
October 2-3		NER-Thompson DCS								
October 3-4		WDC-Summit Point- MA								
October 3-11	SCCA National Runoffs -Road America									
October 10-11										
October 16-18					OVR MidOhio (T)		OVR MidOhio R-DBL (T)			
October 17-18										
October 23-25		SJR-NJMP 12hr. Devil in the Dark								
Oct 31-Nov 1										
November 7-8							Eagles Canyon- R DBL			
November 14-15										
November 21-22										
November 28-29										
December 5-6										
December 12-13										
December 19-20										
December 26-27										

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Series Designations & Event Types

MARRS=MA: Pa HillClimb Assoc=PHA

8 Event NeDivision Championship Series= DCS; Super Tour =ST; Majors= M; Regional=R; Enduro=E; Restricted (Class)=Rc; Tentative=T; Alt Driver school = ADS

WHA Weatherly Hillclimb Assoc, GDHA Giant Depair Hillclimb Assoc,



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CARS

\$1,100 - 2006 SAAB 9-3 Aero, 2.8L v6 turbo engine, 6 speed manual transmission, fwd. 166,000 mi. Car was in a minor accident & considered totaled. Has been repaired & has R title. Engine, transmission, suspension, & brakes are all in very good condition. Everything works, but it has some invalid warnings that pop up on the info screen and some glitchy gauges. Although it is registered and driven almost daily on the street I cannot in good conscience sell it as a street car. The srs airbag system has a fault and will not deploy in the case of an accident. I took it to a SAAB specialist shop and they could not repair it. Any

questions feel free to contact me at dmichels44@yahoo.com or call 330-361-0826.*

Van Dieman RF97, Formula Continental, Chassis #2354, Model #RF97 2, \$11,500, Allen Franzolino, 216-470-2791*

'06, Mazda Supercharged MX5, GT, 31,000 mi. **Price reduced to \$15,000!** Red w/black leather interior, soft top, remote keyless, excellent condition. Stored winters. Cosworth Super Charger; 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; Upgraded clutch & brake

pads. Contact Ed Boyer at eboyer3@gmail.com, 269.823.8332.***

MISC

FREE - 8 Goodyear racing tires (20.0x8.0x13), used, good for track days/autocrosses. Gary David, gdcomputer@aol.com, 216-272-5189**

Used set w/steel wheels mounted Cooper Weather Master Snow Tires from a 2003 Lexus ES300. Used 3 seasons. Bolt Pattern is 5 x 114.3mm. Includes 4, black wheel 7-spoke wheel covers & 20 lug nuts. Tires have from 6-8/32" of tread. 1-2 snow seasons left or great rally cross wheels and tires. \$220 Bill Snow 216-659-1179**

4 alloy wheels & tires from 2006 Jaguar XJ8. Wheels good condition w/minor curb rash. Mounted tires are old snow tires with 3/32" of tread depth at most. \$225 Bill Snow 216-659-1179***