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The Starting Line

REport by Kerry Klotzman

SCCA is in the process of updating its email communication service. The upgrade offers members a new way to manage incoming SCCA email newsletters, announcements, partner messages and more.

Members can set their personal preferences by logging in to their profile page at SCCA.com, then click on the "Email Subscriptions" link in the "SCCA Membership" box on the left side of the webpage. At any time, people can revisit the "Email Subscription" link to add communication topics as their Club interests evolve. Members may also choose to unsubscribe from a particular topic via links provided at the bottom of individual email messages.

This email platform upgrade will not affect messages containing information on events you have entered, or the system settings already in place for Region communications or information from Track Night in America Driven by the Tire Rack.

Oh no!! Summer is more than half over! Where did it go?

To some, this year feels like we are in a holding pattern, waiting for our local race track to once again conduct sanctioned events. The track surface is fantastic, but there is something missing - SCCA Club racing! Your Board of Trustees are working with the National SCCA and the owners of the property to get it physically ready to be "blessed", but the required safety and various personnel to properly run a race are next, and just as important.

Please consider that this is an ideal opportunity to be ready for that time by learning about and becoming credentialed in a number of disciplines that will be needed when staffing the various mandatory positions is a reality. If you look on page 2, you will see the list of Specialty Chiefs. Notice that there are several categories open, and must be staffed in order to hold a sanctioned event (particularly road course racing at Nelson, as well as other events at other venues). If you have ever wanted to learn about the crucial functions "behind the scenes" in order to stage a race, or have a desire to be part of the action without being behind the wheel, we need you! I believe that all of the experienced Chiefs would be pleased to welcome extra hands that are interested in learning, as well as the drivers that depend on these functions. Isn't this part of the reason that you joined the club? The roar of

the engines, the smell of race gas and other sensory experiences that make this sport unique, are all depending on you to bring this track back to life. Be part of history and join us. Come to a meeting, email any one of us or give a call, and jump on board. This is going to be a fun ride!

Please take a look in this issue, we recently lost a longtime friend and active member. Don Poole will be missed, and leaves a large void in our hobby.

Maddie Oswald, Trustee, has accepted the open position of Assistant RE. Thank you for stepping up, Maddie. We know that you will make an even greater contribution to our organization than you already have in your short time as part of the board.

Bob Nick has accepted the open position of Trustee, he was first eligible due to the next highest number of votes during elections. Thank you Bob, we look forward to having you back on the Board. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from your recent health scare, and hope that you are back on your feet soon.

SCCA Foundation Triple Play Raffle has been announced via email. Please consider supporting the SCCA Foundation. There are some great prizes available to the lucky winner.

There is one more event before the Runoffs at Indy. Good luck to all racers.

See you at the checkered flag!

Kerry

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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 APPROVED | June 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Joe Blaha, Kerry Klotzman, Jim Pracker, Jeff Blumenthal, Jason Pokines, Dave Lancaster, Bob MacDonald, Madeline Oswald

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Tara Oram, Gabe Gutierrez, Bill Moore

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:11 pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes with one correction. (MacDonald/Oswalt) Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION – to accept report as presented. (J Green / Klotzman) Approved.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

- Request made to help promote the upcoming Street Survival event (June 24th at LCCC)
- Nelson Ledges progress encouraging! We will help to get SCCA events there ASAP. (Certification required)

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: No Report

MEMBERSHIP: 544 members (19 new April, 12 new May, 10 memberships lapsed April)

SOLO:

- Trailer inventory is complete. To be typed up for reference.
- Trailer graphics are ready for review.
- May event went well. Cards to be used for Solo recruitment were distributed to Trustees.

RALLY: No report

STREET SURVIVAL:

- Event scheduled for 6/24/17 at LCCC progressing. We need help by all to promote so more students are reached for signup! MOTION: Request for \$1800 budget to run the event (Lancaster/Blaha) APPROVED.
- (Note: Likelihood for income from sponsors and entrants will offset the budget requested.)

HALL OF FAME: No report

OLD BUSINESS: MOTION: to re-elect Jim Pracker as Chairman (Klotzman / Oswald) APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reminder to support Track Night in America event at Pitt Race. Trustees encouraged to represent Neohio SCCA and talk with TNIA participants.
- Trustees participated in planning session facilitated by Maddie Oswald. Objective to identify key focus items for Neohio Board of Trustees to address.

Next Meeting: TUESDAY 7/11/17 at Winking Lizard

MOTION to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Blaha/Pokines – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

DATE June 6, 2017 approved

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY / AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 31	August 1 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6
August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20
August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27
August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3
September 4	September 5 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10
September 11	September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	September 17



In Memory Of **Donald Edgar Poole** **Nov 9, 1939 - Jul 12, 2017 (Age 77)**

Donald Edgar Poole, beloved husband of Linda Smith Poole, passed away on July 12, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born November 9, 1939, in Cleveland, Ohio.

He and Linda were married on July 7, 1972, in the living room of their home in Mentor, Ohio. He leaves behind his wife, Linda (nee Smith); brother, Bill Poole of Willoughby, Ohio; brother-in-law, Larry Smith and sister-in-law, Beth Smith of Concord, Ohio; two nieces, three nephews, four great-nieces, four great-nephews, one great-great-niece, and many good friends. His parents were William Edgar Poole and Willieta Danforth Poole.

Long time Neohio member and Tech Inspector Don Poole passed away July 12. Don and his wife Linda worked Tech for Neohio for many years and taught all of our current Tech folks many things over the years. He will be missed by many.

Don grew up in Willoughby, Ohio and graduated from Willoughby Union High School in 1957. He was a proud veteran, having served in the Air Force from 1962-1966, as a missile mechanic in Kansas and New Mexico. Don had a life-long love of competition racing, including stock cars, drag racing, motocross, motorcycle road racing and autocross. He raced nationally and won almost exclusively. His love of competition also led him to creating and competing in road rallies. He was president of the North East Ohio Sports Car Club and a National Tech Inspector for the NEO Region of the Sports Car Club of America. Don was an ASE Certified Master Mechanic. He designed, engineered and built all of his racers and hot rod cars including all of the painting, wiring, upholstery and metal work for each one. Up until last month, he worked on his latest hot rod project car.

Don was an exceptional mechanic, engine builder, engineer and gifted artist (especially painting aircraft nose art on sweatshirts). His creative talents were limitless. There was nothing he could not build, create or repair. His gift of knowledge and wanting to share what he knew led him to being the best teacher in the whole world. Don and his gentle and kind demeanor will be missed by everyone who knew him. He was everyone's friend.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, July 31, 2017, at Wildwood Cultural Center, 7645 Little Mountain Road, Mentor, Ohio, where family will receive friends from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and military honors will be presented at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are entrusted to McMahon-Coyne-Vitantonio Funeral Homes in Willoughby and Mentor.

To leave condolences for the family, order flowers or light a memorial candle, visit www.MCVfuneralhomes.com.

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

Lennon-McCartney

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Race Results

By Debbie LaFond

Bert Olsen Majors at Gingerman

Congratulations to our Neohio drivers that competed at Gingerman the weekend of July 8-9, 2017. The following brought home some hardware:

- Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 5th on Saturday and 3rd on Sunday
- Ryan McManus - GT1 - 1st on Saturday
- Al Gaudino - GT1 - 2nd on Saturday and 1st on Sunday
- Aaron Quine-GT2-2nd both days
- Terry Gilles-GT3 - 9th both days
- Rob Piekarczyk - B Spec - 3rd on Saturday & 6th on Sunday
- Tom Coury-B Spec-5th both days
- William Moore-T2 - 3rd both days
- Keith Jones - T4 - 9th both days
- Jonathan Davis - SM - 7th on Saturday and 9th on Sunday
- Dan Harding - SM - 22nd on Saturday and 25th on Sunday
- Jeff Blumenthal - F500 - 8th on Saturday and 6th on Sunday
- Jim Dietz - FF - 4th on Saturday and 7th on Sunday
- John Lechner - AS - 6th on Saturday and 5th on Sunday
- Max Gee - STU - 6th on Saturday and 5th on Sunday
- David Harris - P2 - 4th on Saturday

One more Majors for these drivers next month at Grattan before the Runoffs at Indy!

Make sure you check out your points on the Neohio website for the Region Championship, we have some close races.

OVR Sprints at Mid-Ohio

Congratulations to our drivers at Mid-Ohio July 15-16, 2017. The weather was perfect and the first Divisional race of the season locally had some good racing.

- Al Gaudino - GT1 - 2nd Saturday & 1st Sunday
- Wayne Drotloff-GT1-3rd both days
- Kaleb Austin - SP - 1st Saturday
- Jim Libecco - FE - 1st both days
- Jason Stine - HP - 1st both days (1st overall on Saturday)
- Michael Sestili-HP-2nd both days
- Gary Simmons-EP-2nd both days
- Ken Alderson - FP - 2nd Saturday

- Robert Dietz - FF - 1st both days
- Anthony Camperchioli - ITB - 2nd Saturday
- Jason Jacko - ITC - 3rd Saturday & 4th Sunday
- Matthew Jacko - ITC - 8th Saturday & 7th Sunday
- Jim Libecco - SRF3 - 2nd Saturday & 1st Sunday
- David Lancaster - SRF3 - 3rd Saturday & 2nd Sunday
- Jeromey Mizer-SRF-1st both days
- Robert Stoller - SM - 24th Saturday & 23rd Sunday
- Jason Shultz - T4 - 1st both days

One Hour Enduro

- Jim Libecco - SRF3 - 2nd in class and 2nd overall
- Matthew Jacko - ITC - 1st in class and 17th overall

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Indianapolis Runoffs Registration

Competitor registration opened July 19 for the Sports Car Club of America® 2017 National Championship Runoffs® being held this year for the very first time at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In just 24 hours, 763 driver entries were registered -- crushing the 413 entries made in 24 hours for last year's 2016 Runoffs at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Mike Cobb, SCCA President/CEO, noted that SCCA® Club racers have been working all year to meet Runoffs qualification requirements through participation in the Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA Super Tour and SCCA U.S. Majors Tour, as well as SCCA divisional and regional events.

"We knew the 2017 Runoffs at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was going to be a huge event," Cobb said. "But to have more than 760 entries on the first day of registration exceeded even our expectations.

"There has been tremendous buzz about this year's Runoffs since the SCCA announced back in 2015 that the event was going to make its first-ever visit to Indianapolis Motor Speedway," Cobb continued. "The SCCA firmly believes the Runoffs offers up the absolute best three days of amateur racing in the United States, if not the world. Wednesday's opening of registration was quite a milestone in what promises to be a historic event in Indianapolis."

The winner-take-all SCCA® National Championship Runoffs® will consist of 19-lap or 40-min. races September 29-October 1 on a 15-turn, 2.592-mile road course at



the legendary Speedway. National Champions will be crowned in all 28 Runoffs-eligible SCCA car classes. Each class will have a 20-minute qualifying session each day -- Monday through Thursday -- to set starting grids.

The 2017 Runoffs course layout consists of ten right-hand and five left-hand turns, as well as a main straight 3,700 feet in length. The configuration includes portions of the track previously utilized by Formula One for the U.S. Grand Prix and currently used by the Verizon IndyCar Series for the Grand Prix of Indianapolis.

Spectator passes for the 54th SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Indianapolis Motor Speedway are on sale now through the Speedway's website. Four-day admission passes, providing access Thursday through Sunday, can be purchased for \$60 per person. Single-day admission for Thursday is \$15, and single-day passes are \$25 for Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Additionally, Tower Terrace Suite Club passes are available for the event, which provide entry to a suite in Tower Terrace with views of the Main Straightaway. The back balcony provides infield views and a picturesque view of the Indianapolis skyline. A cash bar will be available in the suite and light snacks supplied each day. Four-day Club passes, providing access Thursday through Sunday,

2017 SCCA GLD Rally Championship

2017 SCCA Great Lakes Division (GLD) Rally Championship schedule:

- September 9 – Press On Regardless (POR); Gaylord, MI.; Detroit Region, SCCA
- September 30 – Clare Color Tour; Clare, MI; Detroit Region, SCCA
- October 14 – Johnny Appleseed; Bolivar, OH; Neohio Region, SCCA
- October 29 – Lake Erie Covered Bridges; Conneaut, OH; Misery Bay Region, SCCA
- November 18 – Pavement Ends; Ionia(?), MI; Detroit Region, SCCA

can be purchased for \$225 per person. Single-day Club passes are \$75 for Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

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