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## The Starting Line

REport by Kerry Klotzman

### Neohio SCCA Points Event #3

**June 25, 2017  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Captain's Lot, Eastlake  
35010 Vine St.  
Willowick, OH 44095**

**Cost: \$25 - \$50  
Contact: Jason Pokines  
(440) 299-7656**

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Welcome to Summer! It seems that we have all been waiting a long time for the weather to change, and I am OK with 6 days in June so far at 90+ degrees , it allowed the repave at Nelson to get done. I got to “tour” the new surface last weekend, and it is SMOOTH! I don’t recall it being like a totally new track in my last 37 years of being there in one capacity or another. I will have to relearn the line, as there are no longer any “artifacts” on the surface to clue me in, but no complaints here!

Ganar had a great event out at Nelson last weekend. If you want to get out on the track to check it out, please contact Gabe Gutierrez. We appreciate their invite to come out and promote the SCCA to the attendees.

A big thank you to Maddie Oswalt for conducting our Focus group/ Trustee retreat last month. I believe that this will help your leadership team to do a better job of helping the Neohio Region to grow and be a lot more fun moving forward.

A shout out to Bob MacDonald and Impact Communications for hosting and allowing us to run our TRSS and Board meetings there for the past two months. The newly

renovated facility is beautiful and conducive to doing great things with minimal distraction. Also, thank you for the food and beverages, helping to nourish us and stay on track during the hours spent working together.

I understand that the Tire Rack Street Survival event that was scheduled for Saturday June 24 at Lorain County Community College has been postponed until October. Please ask Bob MacDonald what you can do to help.

Please note that the 7pm Neohio BOT meeting has been rescheduled to July 11 because of the National Holiday on July 4th. It will be back at the Winking Lizard on Miles Road in Bedford.

I can’t wait to get a copy of the book about the history of Nelson Ledges that is currently being put together by Reed Kryder. Please contact Reed at kryderacing@aol.com if you have any pictures and /or stories. If you act quickly, you could be immortalized in his book. He has offered to give credit to all who contribute.

Thanks to Dave Klein (Dave Klein Racing Photography) for

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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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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Green, Joe Blaha, Kerry Klotzman, Jim Pracker, Jeff Blumenthal, Jason Pokines, Dave Lancaster, Bob MacDonald, Gabe Gutierrez

**EXCUSED MEMBERS:** Tara Oram, Scott Lunder, Bill Moore, Madeline Oswald

**GUESTS:** Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:02pm.

Minutes presented from past meetings for approval. MOTION to accept the minutes as presented. (Lancaster/MacDonald) Approved. (Corrected amount of deposit check for next year's banquet from \$500 to \$250.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- MOTION – to accept report as presented. (Lancaster / Pokines) – Approved.
- \$610 adjustment + \$540 for Solo added to events fees for Solo in April report.

**REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS**

**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:** Welcome back to Kerry, after recent surgery!

**COMPETITION COMMITTEE:** No report

**MEMBERSHIP:** 544 (new=16)

**SOLO:**

- No new pavement at this time. Trailer Maintenance is done. Spring training had 19 attendees and points event #1 had 33.
- Promo video production is in process.

**RALLY:** No report

**STREET SURVIVAL:**

- 24th of June is our next target date. LCCC is open to hosting our event.
- Will also pursue an event for the fall.

**HALL OF FAME:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Need to review Constitution / Bylaws re: reference to who can / cannot vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Scott Lunder has resigned as Trustee and Asst RE due to family obligations. We need to elect a new Asst RE and new Trustee to replace Scott. Kerry will follow up with potential candidates.
- Need to elect a new Chairperson for the Board.
- Ganar invited SCCA to have booth at next (6/3-4) track day at Nelson Ledges or 6/16-17.

**Next Meeting:** At Impact Communications 6/6/17

MOTION to adjourn at 8:30 pm. (Lancaster / Blaha) – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

# DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE / JULY 2017

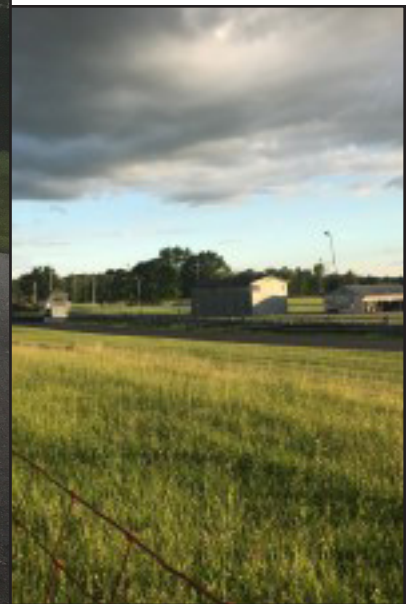
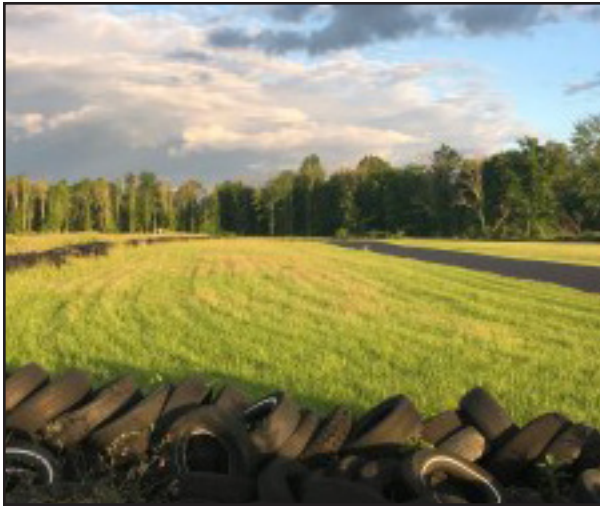
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 5	June 6 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25 Neohio SCCA Points Event
June 26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

# Nelson Ledges Road Course - Update

Reprinted from <http://www.nelsonledges.com/>

Nelson Ledges Road Course is repaved with a 2 miles long track and consists of seven major turns. It has a long history of racing. The track and facilities have been improved over the last several years under new management. The track has had two configurations. The present day course was created when the section of track from turn four to turn eleven was added to form what is known as the carousel. The original course turned to the right at turn four making a straight to turn eleven.

Here are a few photos of the new pavement!



## Race Results

By Debbie LaFond

Neohio had a great representation at Mid-Ohio the weekend of June 3-4 at the Hoosier Super Tour. Great weather and even better racing both days!

### Hoosier Super Tour Results

- Max Gee - STU - 7<sup>th</sup> both days
- William Moore - T2 - 8<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Ali Salih - T3 - 1<sup>st</sup> both days
- Keith Jones - T4 - 10<sup>th</sup> both days
- S. Sandy Satullo III - SRF3 - 18<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- Dave Lancaster - SRF3 - 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- James Libecco - SRF3 - 8<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- G. Lee Spuhler - SRF3 - 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>
- Ryan McManus - GT1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>
- Al Gaudino - GT1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Aaron Quine - GT2 - 1<sup>st</sup> both days
- Terry Gilles - GT2 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- John Lechner - AS - 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- Jonathan Davis - SM - 10<sup>th</sup> & 40<sup>th</sup>
- AJ Roderick - SM - 26<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- Robert MacDonald - SM - 38<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- Dan Harding - SM - 41<sup>st</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup>
- David Strittmatter - FP - 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- Louis Decuzzi - EP - 10<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

- Rob Piekarczyk - B Spec - 1<sup>st</sup> both days
- Ted Sahley - B Spec - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tom Coury - B Spec - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- David Harris - P2 - 7<sup>th</sup>
- James Dietz - FF - 8<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Brian Farnham - FV - 5<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Good Luck to those heading to the June Sprints in a couple of weeks.

Reminder to check the Neohio website for updated Region Championship points. If you are missing an event please contact Debbie LaFond at [fastlady1026@yahoo.com](mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com) to have them updated.

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permission to use photos taken by him at Nelson for our online and promotional use.

Be safe and remember to fasten your seat belt as tight as you can, as any loose inch matters in the eventuality of a high-speed crash. According to what I have read every half inch of slack will triple the G-force you'll have to endure in a crash. Let's hope that none of you ever have to find out if this is true.

Be safe out there,

Kerry



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# Improving Accuracy of GPS Measurements with Software

by Mike Young, MSYapps.com

Traditionalists often insist that devices that measure distance by counting tire rotations are superior to contemporary GPS receivers that compute distance based on electronic signals from orbiting satellites.

So, let's do some back-of-the-envelope computations to see how measurements by GPS might compare to measurements by tire rotation.

We know that at 60 miles per hour a car will travel 88 feet in one second and at 30 miles per hour a car will travel 44 feet in one second. If a measuring device records distance by computing the time between each rotation of a tire, we need to know the circumference of an automobile tire to know how far the car will travel with each rotation.

The front tires of my rally car are 225/40/R18 and the rear tires are 295/30/R18. The circumferences are 78.8 inches and 78.4 inches respectively, or 6.566 feet, which I'll round up to 6.6 feet just to keep the math a bit more simple.

GPS receivers measure distance by comparing successive three-dimensional points on the planet derived from between 2 to 20 simultaneous satellite signals (some devices receive both US and Russian satellite signals).

If for example, a GPS receiver computes distance once every second, we would expect that a car traveling at 60 mph would record a distance of 88 each time the GPS receiver updated

its distance measurement. By contrast, a device measuring tire rotations would have produced 13.3 estimates of 6.6 feet each in the same one-second interval using the tires used in our example. At 30 mph, there would have been 6.7 estimates of 6.6 feet each.

This would seem to be a huge measurement advantage in favor of the tire rotation recording device.

But, what if the GPS receiver computed distances more frequently. For example, the Dual 150 computes at a rate of four times per second (from US satellites only) and the Dual 160 model computes at a rate of 10 times per second (from both US and Russian satellites). With these devices, the advantage of the tire rotation recording device is lessened or lost depending upon the speed of travel.

But, there's more!!

What if we used software to estimate the distance traveled between signals from the GPS receivers that also report the speed at the same time distance is reported?

Instead of relying on GPS distance measurements every second, or four times a second, or ten times a second, we could estimate distance at almost any time interval we would like.

In all of my GPS-based rally apps including my newest, the GPS Rally Computer (aka SRC), I estimate distance every 0.06 seconds or

## 2017 SCCA GLD Rally Championship

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

- July 29 – Moonlight Monte; West Branch, MI; Detroit Region, SCCA
- 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

nearly 17 times per second. So, at 60 mph, my apps estimate distance in 5.3-foot increments, which is equivalent to once every 8/10ths of a tire circumference.

At 30 mph, the estimation algorithm produces 2.6-foot increments, which is equivalent to once every 4/10ths of a tire rotation.

While some might quibble with the idea that estimating distance between GPS signals is less accurate than estimating a distance between tire rotations, I suggest that the accuracy could be set at any desired level with either device. So, when all is said and done, the arguments about the accuracy of wheel-based systems vs. GPS are a distinction without a difference.



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