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The Starting Line

REport by Kerry Klotzman

News from SEMA-

The future of our hobby is threatened by legislation that is on the verge of being enacted that will make it illegal to modify cars for use as race cars! Do you care? Don't sit on your hands, send emails, handwritten letters and better yet make phone calls to your elected officials. Let them know how you feel. Once it is law, it is very difficult to get it changed.

Easy Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Future of Motorsports

As the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act builds momentum in Washington, D.C., it's up to the race community and industry to continue the energy and rally customers, employees, followers and friends to take action and tell Congress to save our racecars.

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Spring is around the corner, and with it comes the excitement of the 2017 racing season.

Are you ready? Have you taken care of those items that you put off last season, that you would get to during the winter? How about a checklist to get ready for tech? Check those belts for expiration date, is your helmet up to current Snell rating? Once you have gone through as much as you can, call Maurice Lafond to set up a tech "date". Remember, he has a busy schedule this Spring (including running the Boston Marathon!), set everyone up for success and plan ahead.

For the drivers and other members, perhaps consider trying some of the other activities our region offers. If you have never done Solo, offer to help out or try driving in an event. Get some training in track support or flagging. Do a rally. Even though my interest is primarily in racing on a road course, I have been an instructor and learned more, faster, than when I was just driving. I originally started out in the SCCA by doing security at Burke Lakefront Airport when the Indy Cars were racing there. You would be surprised at how much fun you can have doing something that you hadn't previously considered.

In Car Talk, Lessons learned, we can read about how one of the most important aspects to being safe and enjoying our racing is to be physically

fit and mentally prepared for activities surrounding and on track. This is great advice and is something that we can all do right now to get prepared for this season. Consider that this can often make the difference between first place and everyone else. We expect our cars to perform optimally for the entire race, how about the driver and crew?

Congratulations to our Solo Chair, Jason, and his wife Courtney on the birth of their daughter, Peyton Elizabeth Pokines.

Congratulations to our Assistant Regional Executive, Scott and his wife Christina, on the birth of their son, Everett Henry Lunder. Details on page 3.

This is one way to grow the membership of the Region, but we can't necessarily wait 16 years to fill out the ranks. In the mean time, if someone asks what you do on the weekends, invite them to join you to an event. They may just get excited enough to get involved. I have never heard of having too much help at a race weekend. Volunteer to help out at a Tire Rack Street Survival event. Remember, before we can get on the track, there has to be trained safety workers, people in registration, timing, etc. That takes time. We have some experienced people in these positions that would be pleased to

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Monthly Meetings

Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

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

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

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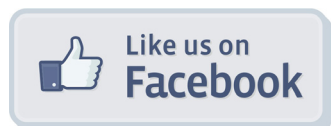
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SCCA Drivers School

The Great Lakes Division, SCCA/ WHRRI Drivers' School will be held at Waterford Hills Road Racing again this year. We are looking to get the information out to as many regions as possible.

The dates are:

- Saturday, April 8 - Classroom session at the Oakland County Sportsmens Club, 4770 Waterford Rd, Clarkston MI 48346.
- Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30 - On track sessions at the WHRRI track (same address as above)

For those who are unable to attend the April 8th classroom, we will hold another classroom session on Friday, April 28, in the track tower.

All information and registration is available at <http://msreg.com/2017-WHRRI-School>.

Note from Ed Hughes

2/24/17

Yo Kerry,

A note to say thank you for Saturday, I have been greatly honored. You have put me with some outstanding company.

Also best of luck with your back surgery. Do your therapy and get back soon.

Stay happy,

Ed

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have people to train and carry on the traditions of our Region. Now is the time to get ready for the "rebirth" of Nelson Ledges Race facility.

Oh, and speaking of Spring, let me plant a seed: the 2017 SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sept. 21-Oct. 1.

That's it for now,

Kerry

Neohio SCCA Award Banquet

At the Award Banquet this year, we gathered to honor those members who have worked hard over the past year and have made us proud. Without further adieu, here are this year's recognized members.

- Tommie & Bill Benham Memorial Award - Michael "Doc" Saddleton
- The Thomas Prescott Memorial Award - John McFarland
- Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial - Al Gaudino & Bill Pristas
- The Reed Andrews Friendship Award - Bob MacDonald
- Scarpucci Award - Greg Lester
- Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award - Maurice LaFond
- Trustees' Awards - Jim Green
- Driver of the Year - Ryan Norman
- Rookie of the Year - Gary Simmons, E Production
- Hall of Fame Inductees - Ed Hughes & Duane Harrington

Great Lakes Division Awards:

- B-Spec - 1st place, Rob Piekarczyk
- SRF, Gen 3 - 2nd place, David Lancaster
- FC - 2nd place, Jim Dietz
- E Prod - 3rd place, Gary Simmons

Solo Competition Awards:

Birth Announcements



Congratulations to Neohio Assistant Regional Executive, Scott Lunder, and his soon to be bride, Christina, on the birth of their son, Everett Henry. Everett was born February 24 weighing in at 8 lb. 4 oz. and 21 inches long. Scott and Christina will be married on March 16. We send many blessings to the Lunder family.



Congratulations to our Solo Chair, Jason, and his wife Courtney on the birth of their baby girl, Peyton Elizabeth Pokines. Peyton was born March 2 at 12:27am weighing in at 6 lbs., 4oz. and 18.5 inches long. She already has daddy wrapped around her little finger!

Congratulations to both families!

- Street Modified, Gabriel Gutierrez
- Street Modified Ladies, Ana Badillo
- Street Touring Ultra, Ro Janssen
- Street Touring Xtreme, Michael Oswald
- S Street, Jon Rausch
- A Street, Milan Atanaskovic
- B Street, David Alessandrini, Jr.
- B Street Ladies, Kerianne Sidoti
- C Street, Ralph "Buddy" Cummings
- D Street - 1st place, Joe Murphy
- D Street - 2nd place, Brad Haag
- E Street, Noah Feldstein
- G Street, Anton Moore
- Solo Spirit Award - Fred Sigarto

Congratulations again to all of our award recipients.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH / APRIL 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 6	March 7 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17 St. Patrick's Day	March 18	March 19
March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26 Safety Training Seminar @ Track First
March 27	March 28	March 29 High Voltage Indoor Karting, 7-9 Show SCCA card -10% off	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2
April 3	April 4 7 P Trustee Meeting @ Winking Lizard Bedford Hts.	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16 Easter
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23

Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes APPROVED | February 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Green, Joe Blaha, Tara Oram, Scott Lunder, Jeff Blumenthal, Jason Pokines, Bob MacDonald, Bill Moore

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jim Pracker, Gabe Gutierrez, Madeline Oswald, Dave Lancaster, Kerry Klotzman

GUESTS: Welcome to all!

Meeting called to order by Scott Lunder at 7:01 pm.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION – to accept report as presented. Oram/MacDonald – Approved.

MOTION to add RE as 2nd signatory to Neohio bank/checking account. (MacDonald/Moore) APPROVED

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

NO REPORT

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

MEMBERSHIP

524 members

SOLO

Potential sites discussed and are being pursued. A new Youtube channel is being set up. A planning meeting was discussed and will be scheduled. A Safety Training seminar will be conducted 3/26 @ Track First (new location!). Seminar will be lead by Scott Hearne. A Pre-season Solo 'event' is scheduled for Saturday 3/11 at RadAir in Wickliffe. Preparation for the Solo season will be discussed and Tech Inspections will be offered.

RALLY

Per Bill Stewart: Misery Bay Rally 2/26 will be ½ day (Near Erie, OH) "SnoGo" Rally

STREET SURVIVAL

Group met 2/7 prior to BOD meeting. There are about 6 potential sites being reviewed. Possible dates are 5/20 and 6/24

HALL OF FAME

NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Banquet is on schedule and planning is complete. Awards presenters were selected.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to make Doc Saddleton an Honorary Neohio member (Blumenthal / Lunder) APPROVED.

Bill Stewart shared/reported on SCCA National Convention.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:09pm. (MacDonald / Oram) – Approved

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Blumenthal

What is Road Rally?

Reprinted from www.scca.com.

RoadRally is a scenic drive with a purpose, a chance to enjoy a day with a friend, the least expensive form of motorsport and as one participant described it, "The most intense thing I have ever done."

Considering that his, "most intense thing" was done on a public road without ever breaking any laws in a car with absolutely no modifications – it's clear that RoadRally is much more than a simple phrase can describe.

Because events do not involve speed, teams do not need specialized equipment for their car. Although there are classes for vehicles with RoadRally specific equipment on them, often teams will do the events with only pens, paper and a wristwatch. On the rare occasion the RoadRally is held at night, a small flashlight might be needed. Entry fees for the events are typically less than \$40, and often events will even have classes for RoadRally novices.

RoadRally starts months in advance when organizers plan a route for teams to follow, determine safe and legal speeds for each portion and then write up step-by-step instructions on where to drive using distance, landmarks or even mystery-style clues for teams to follow.

When designing the route, organizers make sure to set average speeds below the speed limits for the roads traversed. Competitors should never feel the need to speed or drive unsafe to meet time goals. The goal of a RoadRally is precision, not risk.

When the day of the event arrives, teams will compete to see who is the best at reading the route instructions carefully, following the route, and maintaining the assigned average speeds. RoadRally teams are made up of two people with one of them – the driver – keeping eyes on the

Mark Your Calendars!

2017 SCCA® Runoffs®
at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

September 25-October 1, 2017

Event Schedule Overview

- Wednesday, Sept. 20: Paddock opens in the afternoon
- Thursday, Sept. 21 – Sunday, Sept. 24: Optional Test Days
- Monday, Sept. 25 – Thursday, Sept. 28: Qualifying
- Friday, Sept. 29 – Sunday, Oct. 1: Race Days



road and the other – the navigator – reading directions, figuring out times and helping spot landmarks.

Competition is measured by when teams arrive at precisely-measured checkpoints set up along the rally route where the exact arrival time has been calculated based on the designated average speeds. Penalty points are assigned if a team arrives at a checkpoint late or early. The further off the time, the more points the team gets and when the time comes to hand out trophies - the lowest score wins.

RoadRally Classes

Class S: Distance measuring equipment is limited to stock odometer(s) in the stock location(s) and/or GPS device(s) and the navigator must manually enter the information from those into any computer or device which calculates average speeds.

Class L: For this class, no there are no limits on distance measuring equipment, but any information from these modifications must be manually fed into any calculating equipment – such as a computer – by the navigator.

Class E: In this class, there is no limit on the equipment permissible for use. Cars in this class will often have custom speed and distance measuring devices installed which automatically feed data into computers which let the teams know how close to target average speeds they are.

Special Classes: Depending on the level of a RoadRally event, organizers may be allowed to offer other classes such as vintage class or classes which only allow the navigator to use pencil and paper. These classes vary from event to event and usually stem from local trends.

RoadRally Styles

Touring Rallies are RoadRally events where the emphasis is on staying on-time and arriving at each checkpoint at precisely the correct time. These are also known as Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) events and they use easy to follow route instructions to guide contestants along roads that are fun to drive. In addition to instructions which include average speeds, sometimes the mileage is given for each route instruction which makes the course even easier to follow.

Course Rallies also have TSD elements, but offer the additional challenge of specific rules for following the course. The General Instructions for a Course Rally describe those rules and contestants are tested on their ability to follow those rules, observe signs and landmarks, and to follow specific directions.

GTA Rallies, named for their "Game, Tour and Adventure" elements, GTA rallies are like Course Rallies, but without average speeds and checkpoint timing. Scoring is typically based on your ability to correctly answer questions about things that you see along the rally route.

2017 SCCA Great Lakes Division Rally Championship

The following rallies remain on the 2017 SCCA Great Lakes Division (GLD) Rally Championship schedule:

- April 22 – Twilight Tour; Ann Arbor, MI; Detroit Region, SCCA
- 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

Watch here for additions and revisions to this schedule.

2017 Steel Haul Rally Weekend,
April 29/30

Steel Cities Region, SCCA (Pittsburgh, PA area) will host the Steel Haul National Rally on Saturday, April 29th, and the Laurel Run Divisional Touring Rally on Sunday, April 30th. Competitors may opt to run the Steel Haul National Rally as either a Course (trapped) or Tour (straightforward) rally. The Laurel Run will be a Tour rally only.

2017 Southern Ohio Forest Rally,
May 19/20

After a 20 year hiatus, stage rallying will return to the hills of southern Ohio on May 19th. The Southern Ohio Forest Rally will be part of the Rally-America National Championship

series. The rally will be headquartered in Chillicothe, Ohio.

The stages will be run in Zaleski and Scioto Trails State Forests, as well as at the Ross County fairgrounds. Many of these stages will traverse roads made famous in the Sunriser 400 and Tulip 200 rallies.

Eric Jones Memorial Riverrun,
May 27, 2017

Riverrun is an all-day, 250+ mile driving tour of southeast Ohio (and sometimes northern West Virginia and/or Kentucky). It is held annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Started by the late Eric Jones as a British Car Council activity, it has morphed into a gathering of car enthusiasts of all

stripes. The event now routinely draws upwards of 120 cars.

Riverrun is not a competition. There is no fixed schedule. Rather, it is an excuse to turn off the cell phone and enjoy a day of spirited driving over some great roads in the company of some great people and beautiful machinery. Participants leave the Columbus, Ohio area around 9:00am. A midway break allows for a leisurely restaurant lunch or picnic along the Ohio River.

A nominal fee is charged to cover organizing expenses. Many supplement this fee with memorial gifts. All proceeds are donated to a Mesothelioma research charity in Eric's memory.

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

CARS

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MISC

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