Right about now either you are ramping up for the Runoffs or considering how to end up your racing season. This time of year also requires a lot of projects to be attended to by the Board of Trustees.

The first thing that has to be completed at our next Trustee’s meeting is the nomination of officers for the November election. Nominations were started at the September meeting. The Nomination meeting will be at The Winking Lizard in Bedford on October 3. Offices that need to be filled are Assistant Regional Executive, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and three Trustee positions. If you have an interest in helping to run the region this is your chance. If you have questions about any of the positions, please come to the meeting on October 3rd at the Lizard.

Remember to block out time and make your reservations for the SCCA Nation Convention in Las Vegas. It is in January from the 18th to the 20th. There will be more than 40 planned educational sessions. It is being held at the Southpoint Hotel and Casino. If we send a certain number of first time attendees (4, I believe), we may be eligible for some benefits such as sending one person at no charge. Please let me know if you plan on attending.

It is time to think about nominees for the NEOhio Hall of Fame. Email or give a call to Dorothy Harrington if you have someone in mind.

Solo has completed their Nationals, see the SCCA website for details.

This weekend is the Runoffs at Indy. Almost 1000 competitors are expected. Good luck to all racers, this is sure to be a highlight event for all involved.

I have had some meetings recently that have us ready to submit dates for races at Nelson Ledges next year, stay tuned for more next month!

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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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EXCUSED MEMBERS: Joe Blaha, Jim Green, Dave Lancaster, Bill Moore

GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Meeting called to order by Jim Pracker at 7:00 pm.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE:

- Bob MacDonald will have discussion regarding Nelson Ledges with Misery Bay Region.
- Per Jason Pokines, there may be interest from Mahoning Valley Region regarding RallyX.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- No report. We will need to begin discussion regarding 2018 possible schedule for Nelson Ledges.

MEMBERSHIP:

- 546 members, with 4 new, 37 memberships are due to lapse in July but likely to renew.

SOLO:

- 34 Participants at last Solo event. New locks were purchased for the trailer.

RALLY:

- Discussed possibility of members interested in helping with Rally. We will connect with Greg Lester for those interested.

STREET SURVIVAL:

- We are in planning stages for the October Street Survival event. There are already 3 registered. We will need to get active for promotion.

HALL OF FAME:

- No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nothing new yet regarding the Solo trailer graphics.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed possible Solo site that Porsche Club has used. We will try to connect.
- Discussed ideas for possible driving events like RallyX, HPDE. We will send a survey to members for their opinions and any other suggested activities they are interested in.

Next Meeting: 7pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at Winking Lizard (Bedford Hts, OH).

MOTION to adjourn at 8:04pm. MOTION: (MacDonald/Oram) – Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Blumenthal
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SCCA Foundation Announces Raffle Winners!

The SCCA Foundation has announced the three winners of the 2017 "Triple Play" Raffle. Adam Janosek, of the New York Region, won the two-day Porsche Driving Course. Gilberto Pinzon, of the Florida Region, won the NASCAR trip. And Kerry Klotzman, of the NeOhio Region, won the three-day DirtFirsh Rally School. Congratulations to all three winners!

This year's raffle drew strong participation with more than 3,000 tickets sold, raising just over $26,000 for the Foundation. The proceeds will be used to support the continued growth of the Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving program at a region level, to help fund the preservation of SCCA Archives at the International Motor Racing Research Center, and student programs in Formula SAE.

Put-in-Bay Road Races at Libraries

A slide show on the Put-in-Bay road races from 1952 to 1963 will be presented at five Cuyahoga County public libraries, from September 27 to November 14, by author Carl Goodwin who wrote the book on the Put-in-Bay races as well as a book titled "They Started in MGs." This is the schedule of the slide shows, with locations:

- September 27 at 7 pm - Brooklyn Public Library (4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH; (216) 398-4600)
- September 28 at 7 pm - Chagrin Falls Library (100 East Orange St., Chagrin Falls, OH; (440) 447-3556)
- October 10 at 7 pm - Bay Village Public Library
- November 8 at 7 pm - Parma Public Library
- November 14 at 7 pm - South Euclid Public Library

The slide show will feature images from the early races and will be about 60 minutes in length. Many of the drivers and racing officials in the 'Bay races were Neohio members. After the show you will have an opportunity to purchase a book and have a message inscribed and autographed by the writer, or an autograph on a book you already own.

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Neohio Region, SCCA presents the:

2017 Johnny Appleseed Rally

The Johnny Applesed Rally will run on Saturday, October 14, 2017

The Johnny Appleseed name is a legacy from a National rally hosted by Neohio Region, SCCA in the 1960’s. The approximately 140 mile route will wind through the hills of Ohio’s Tuscarawas, Carroll and Harrison counties. Fall foliage should be near peak coloration.

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 (Regional 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.

Rally Start Location:

The rally will start at the public parking area adjacent to the Firehouse Grill (formerly the Zoar Tavern), 162 Main Street, Zoar, Ohio 44697 (Latitude: N40°36.683', Longitude: W081°25.402').

Tentative Schedule: (All times Eastern Daylight Time)

Saturday, October 7, 2017:
18:00 - "Early" entry cutoff.

Saturday, October 14, 2017:
11:30 - 12:30 – Registration.
11:45 - Mini rally school (experienced competitors welcome).
13:01 - Car #1 starts rally
19:15 (approx) - Car #1 finishes
19:45 (approx.) - Provisional scores posted (hopefully)
20:30 (approx) - Awards.

Competition Classes:

E - Equipment unrestricted.

L - Odometer unrestricted. Calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with the odometer and clock.

S - Unmodified stock odometer(s), and/or GPS 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, $45/car thereafter.

Others: $45/car before early entry cutoff, $50/car thereafter. This entry fee includes the nationally mandated SCCA weekend membership (which entitles the purchaser to a discounted annual membership for a limited time following the event—see www.scca.org for details).
Entry criteria/required equipment:

Entry is open to two-person teams. Each competitor must sign a SCCA liability waiver at registration. Note that the SCCA requires signatures of both parents on minor waivers. Please contact the organizers in advance to obtain minor waiver forms.

Each driver must possess a valid automobile operator’s license, and be prepared to produce proof of a valid automobile liability insurance policy meeting coverage minimums listed below.

Teams are urged to carry at least one reflective warning triangle or 30 minutes worth of road flares.

**Teams are urged to enter early** so that car descriptions can be included on the control logs, and the organizers can prepare a sufficient quantity of printed materials for the entire field.

The field will be limited to the first 30 paid entries, or the number of entries received by the early entry cutoff, whichever is greater.

**Information**: Greg Lester. Ph.(330) 256-6531, WGregoryLester@gmail.com.

**Registration**: Mail entries, along with check payable to NEOHIO Region, SCCA, to:

Johnny Appleseed Rally  
90 Devon Lane #201  
Akron, OH 44313

Watch the NEOHIO Region SCCA website: www.neohioscca.com for updates on the rally.

**WORKERS NEEDED**: Volunteers are needed to help with prechecks, registration, controls, scoring, etc. Your assistance is invaluable!

Each experienced team may be asked to staff one or more “work/run” controls during this rally.

**Other Upcoming Rallies:**

September 9, 2017 – **Press On Regardless** (POR), Gaylord, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA.

October 7, 2017 – **Clare Color Tour**, Clare MI. Detroit Region, SCCA.

October 29, 2017 – **Lake Erie Covered Bridges Rally**, Ashtabula, OH. Misery Bay Region, SCCA.

November 18, 2017 – **Pavement Ends**, South Lyon, MI. Detroit Region, SCCA
Entry Form: Johnny Appleseed Rally

Driver: ___________________________ Navigator: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________

City, State: __________, ______ City, State: __________, ______

Postal Code: ________________ Postal Code: ________________

Phone: (____) _________ - ____________ Phone: (____) _________ - ____________

e-mail: ___________________________ e-mail: ___________________________

SCCA Member? (   )Yes (   )No SCCA Member? (   )Yes (   )No

Number: ___________________________ Number: ___________________________

Region: ___________________________ Region: ___________________________

Expiration Date: ____________________ Expiration Date: ____________________

Minor? (No minor drivers.) Minor? (   )Yes (   )No

VEHICLE (Please be as specific as possible; this information may be used by control crews to identify cars.):

Make: ___________________________ Model: ___________________________

Year: __________ Color: ___________________________ License #: __________

State: __________ Distinguishing characteristics: ___________________________

PUBLICITY: How did you find out about this event? ___________________________

COMPETITION CLASS: E   L   S   Novice (Circle or highlight one.)

The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of not less than
$20,000/$40,000/$10,000 is in force for each vehicle entered.

Driver ___________________________ Date ______, Navigator ___________________________ Date ______

Date Entry Received: ____________________, Check #: __________, Amount: $___________

Assigned Car # ___________________________, Generals sent: ___________________________
How Do I Road Rally?

Because SCCA RoadRally events are held on public roads and well within any laws, this form of motorsport has no more barriers to entry than the daily driving done by millions of people. The costs are as low as any form of motorsports in existence and the risks are no higher than you might encounter on your commute to work.

What you need

A street legal car, covered by an automobile insurance policy:

Your car needs to be road legal and will have to pass a basic safety inspection which includes all working lights, windshield wipers, rear-view mirror, working brakes including a parking brake, seat belts for each occupant, a working horn and tires in road-worthy condition.

In addition, each entered vehicle must be covered by a valid auto insurance policy as required by the state in which it is registered, and that the policy must be up to date throughout the event.

Helpful tip - Chances are if your vehicle is legal to drive on the road in your home state, and you have the documentation you need to show during a traffic stop you're also going to be good to participate in a RoadRally, but we figured we would spell it out in case you were planning on driving your top fuel drag racing car in the event. (Please don’t.)

Two people: Each RoadRally team is required to have two people - a driver and a navigator. Anyone on the team planning on driving during the event must also have a valid drivers license. Teammates can be best friends, spouses, parent and son/daughter, co-workers or random people you met at other automobile events.

Helpful tip - Team members do not have to be over 18, but if you are under 18 and planning on participating in an SCCA RoadRally - you will need your parents to sign a minor waiver for you.

Some small stuff: When we say, "Small stuff" we mean something to write with (in order to do some math or make notes on the route instructions) some paper (to do math on) and some type of device which keeps time down to the second - usually a watch or smart phone. If the RoadRally is at night (most are not), you might also need a flashlight or a working map light in your car.

Helpful tip - The truth is, you don’t actually NEED those things to do a RoadRally. In some events there will even be "seat of the pants" class where only guesswork and your cars guages are used to try to get to the checkpoints on time. But, if you do want to be more competitive; pens, paper and a second-hand on your watch are a minimum of what you will want.

How to Participate:

Find an event (See information on Johnny Appleseed Rally!): Below this description of steps will be an application to help you find events. Put in your zip code, find the event pages and see details to determine which event is right for you.

Register: Some events may have online registration, some may have mail-in forms, some may have both and some may even allow you to show up and register on site. When you find an event look for the details about how registration might be unique. Depending on the Region and the location, events usually cost less than $40 to enter.

Helpful tip - If you still have questions about which RoadRally might be right for you or questions about a specific event, contact us or the event organizers and ask all of your questions. SCCA RoadRally organizers love to help out and chances are you will make a new friend!

Show Up: Once you know which event you're going to attend - get your team together and get to the event. Attend any drivers meetings, get your car double-checked by the organizers to make sure it's safe, go over the route instructions and try to shake off the nervous anticipation.

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Helpful tip - As with asking questions when you're looking for an event, SCCA members are a helpful bunch once you get to the event as well. Tell someone this is your first time and chances are you're going to get walked through any processes necessary for the event. As before, you'll probably even make some new friends along the way.

Drive: This is the easy part - well, easy to do, tougher to be perfect at. Buckle up, wait for your team's assigned start time and have fun. After all, that's what this is all about.

Helpful tip - Since it's probably your first time, you're going to learn a lot about things you would do differently the next time so go into the event relaxed and with an open mind. Talk to your co-driver a lot, smile even more.

So there you have it - you know the basics of what you need and how to participate in an SCCA RoadRally.

Helpful tip - See pages 6 & 7 for upcoming rallies!
Conversations from the Road (America)

You know, Chicago should be its own country. They call it Chicagoland for a reason and it always seems to take years to drive around it on the way to Road America. But after a day’s work and 8 hours on the road, I could finally rest in Wisconsin. Morning came and I headed for America’s National Park of Speed as Chaplain for Trans Am. On Sunday, the two rainy races showed the continuing domination of the TA and TA4 Mustangs of Ernie Francis, Jr. and Brian Kleeman. A surprise first win by the Viper of Jason Daskalos in TA3 was bookended by the same for TA2 winner Sheldon Creed in a Challenger.

After her TA race, I had a chat with Ohio’s Amy Ruman, the two-time defending Trans Am Champion. Amy had fallen to last at the start as the rainy conditions caused her windshield to fog badly. She said she had to strain to wipe the windshield with her glove. (We won’t tell anyone she had to loosen her belts a little to do it.) Finally, at a quick stop, her crew gave her a high-tech fix to wipe with, a rag on the end of a hammer. A few good laps saw Amy rally for a sixth-place finish.

Later, walking through the paddock came a pretty, smiling face. It had been a while since I had been at the track with Shea Holbrook. But for her, this was the fourth time at Road America in the last few weeks. “I get to go home for a couple of days and I can’t wait, she exclaimed.” I congratulated her on her World Challenge TCA class win at Utah and on her upcoming fall wedding. She said she didn’t think much of wedding planning before, but now she is getting into it. Best wishes Shea!

Earlier on Saturday while dodging the raindrops, I had a chance to have a most pleasant conversation with Rick Benjamin. Rick is the longtime race broadcaster and the lead voice of Trans Am on CBS Sports Network. His dad was a machinist and they were involved in Oval Track Racing. But when Rick was in high school in 1970, he heard there was to be a Trans Am race at Lime Rock Park, only an hour away from his home. Drivers named Gurney, Jones, Donohue, Follmer, Revson, Hall, and Posey were to compete. It was the race that hooked Rick on Road Racing. Ironically, I also attended that race after leaving the opening day of practice for the Indy 500 and driving through the night with my friend to see our favorites Gurney and Donohue.

After turning down an engineering scholarship, Rick pursued his desire to be a TV broadcaster. He did local news along with several different racing series for a number of years. Finally, he is able follow his passion for racing as his only gig.

Rick said, “I am blessed to be right where God wants me to be.” I know how he feels. Whether I serve as Trans Am Chaplain or a Substitute Teacher, I know I am where God wants me to be. Are you?

Chaplain Marvin Gray
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