



# The Blower

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## The Starting Line

REport by Duane Harrington

Merry Christmas



Happy Hanukkah

### Upcoming Events

Annual Banquet  
February 20, 2010

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Thanksgiving is behind us and soon Santa will bring all those neat goodies for our cars. While we are in the thanking mode, I would like to thank our outgoing officers and trustees. Some will be back to serve the region and some will take a well deserved time off. A big thank you to Debbie LaFond, who kept me on the straight and narrow for my first year.

Leaving us are John Hinkle and Penny Freeman. Thank you John for your input and help the last three years. Thank you Penny who probably had the hardest job of them all as treasurer. Not leaving us, but renewing his time with us is Jim Dietz. Jim decided to run for trustee again and was elected for another three years. Bill Crowe has decided it was time for a change and will be the new assistant Regional Executive.

Frank Zuppan has moved to Chicago and while still remaining a Neohio member, finds it difficult to commute and has resigned from the Board. To fill the remainder of his term, the Board has appointed Roland Hahn. Roland is a driver and has helped put together the revised 12 and 24 hour race at Nelsons.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the Board Jim Green, Trustee; Denny Freeman, Trustee; and Peggy Dietz, Treasurer. I know they will all do a good job directing YOUR region.

And a big THANK YOU to all the Officers and Trustees that have served and will continue to serve. Without YOU, we would just be another club.

Dorothy and I were off to the Great Lakes Division Round Table in South Bend last month. The main item for any

roundtable is next year's schedule. The big debate this year was who and how regions nationals would receive "Double National" status. Here's how it finally worked out.

- Only one Double per state per year.
- Each racing region will have the opportunity to host a double for two years in a row.
- If a region declines, the next region in order will move up and have the opportunity.
- All Doubles must be co-sanction with a second region.

In 2010, Neohio will host their second double with Detroit Region.

Also on the schedule, Western Michigan and Ft. Wayne Regions will host a double at Gratten.

Neohio will host a GLD Driver's School at Nelson May 8 & 9. This is where we need your help. We need instructors/officials and we need to spread the word so we don't leave anyone behind that would like to race in 2010. Pass the word.

New for 2010 will be the introduction of 15 year old drivers. Qualifications are still in the works, but it looks interesting. SCCA needs to get some young blood or we are going to get stale.

In case you missed it, the 2010 GCR will only be on-line as I understand it. Haven't figured that one out yet. The new and completely revise GCR should be online mid December with printed versions available after the first of the year.

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Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Road, Parma, OH 44134 at 7:00 PM. Their phone number is (216) 741-3399. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

Members and guests are welcome at all Board meetings.

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

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## Member Services Simplifies Competition License Renewals

Starting with December renewals, competition license holders will notice several changes to their renewal forms to make the process of renewing their license a little bit easier.

The first change is regarding physicals. In the past, all drivers were sent a blank physical form and either had to remember if they were due for one or had to call the national office and ask. The statement will now indicate whether or not a physical is needed for license renewal and will include any important medical notes from previous physicals. A medical form will only be included in the renewal packet if one is needed.

Also included on the renewal form will be a statement regarding race requirements. If National Race Results

show a driver's race requirements for renewal have been met, the statement will indicate this and state that no license application is required. Otherwise, a competition license application must be completed as in previous years. Regional Race Results will also be added in the near future.

With these additions drivers will no longer need to keep track of their own medical or call the national office, only those drivers needing medical forms will receive them, and some drivers will not need to fill out the competition license application. For those that do not require medical or a competition license application, renewing their license will be as easy as returning the renewal statement with their membership and licensing fees.

## NeOhio Awards

The NeOhio Board is looking for nominations for the following awards. If you have anyone that you feel warrants a nomination for any of these positions please contact any Board member or come to the November, December or January meetings.

### **Tommie & Bill Benham Memorial Award**

Given to a volunteer worker(s) who contributed to the Region's events above and beyond the call of duty.

### **Betty & Roxy Kincaid Memorial**

For Sportsmanship – devotion to the sport, conduct becoming to a sportsman, involving honest rivalry and graceful acceptance of results.

### **Thomas Prescott Memorial Award**

Michael & Judy Sherwin instituted this trophy to be given to a NeOhio competition driver who exemplifies the individual competitive spirit of amateur SCCA racing. It shall be awarded to an otherwise unheralded Competition Driver whose individual competitive

spirit and desire to win has characterized his/her racing season.

### **Scarpucci Award**

Awarded to the person who, during the previous year, has contributed outstandingly to the success of the Region's Rally program and of rallying in general.

### **Elden "Dutch" Moore Longevity Worker Award**

Recognizes a volunteer official who, year after year, is dedicated to motorsports in the NeOhio Region. This award is presented in appreciation of the longevity of NeOhio volunteers

### **Reed Andrews Friendship Award**

In recognition of the importance of friendship and good sportsmanship in amateur sports car racing

### **Rookie of the Year Award**

A road racing driver that is in their first year of competition racing that shows improvement and diversity in their racing skills.

Save the Date

**Annual Banquet  
February 20, 2010**

NeOhio Region, SCCA's annual banquet will be held on February 20, 2010 at Ravenna Elks Lodge on Freedom Street, Ravenna. At present, the time will be from 5:00 to 11:00 PM.

We will have a cash bar with reasonable prices. The lodge's liquor license will NOT allow BYOB, sorry. On the upside, we were able to invite back the same caterer as last year which was one item requested the most from attendees at last year's banquet. We have not set a price yet since the menu has not been finalized.

If I chair the banquet in 2011, I will try very hard to find a place either south or west for the convenience of many members. I fully realize that those on the west side have had a longer distance to travel. In order to accomplish this I would like to have the names of places that I can check out. Please give me the names of the establishment not just "On the corner of East St. and West Ave." I will do my best.

*Jim Green*

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In closing, we, the NeOhio Board, are looking for Competition Board members. If you have one day a month and would like to be involved, drop me an e-mail or phone call. Believe it or not, it's not that hard.

On behalf of your Officers and Trustees, may I wish you and yours the warmest holiday season and a happy, healthy, and safe new year.

*Merry Christmas*

### **Driver of the Year**

The driver that earns and submits the greatest total number of Regional and National points from any recognized SCCA Division.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 30	December 1 7:00 P Trustee Mtg/Dimitri's/ Parma	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6
December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12  Hanukkah	December 13
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25  Christmas	December 26	December 27
December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1  New Year's	January 2	January 3
January 4	January 5 7:00 P Trustee Mtg/Dimitri's/ Parma	January 6	January 7	January 8	January 9	January 10
January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17
January 18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	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 7:00 P Trustee Mtg/Dimitri's/ Parma	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7

# Neohio Region SCCA - Board Of Trustee Minutes Dimitri's Restaurant, Parma - October 6, 2009

**Members Present:** Bill Crowe, Bob Doernberg, Penny Freeman, Gail Green, Duane Harrington, John Hinkle, Debbie LaFond, Jim Pracker, Greg Vandersluis, Frank Zuppan

**Excused Board Members:** Jim Dietz, Mike Kowalsky, Mike Puskar, Gary Whipple

**Guests:** Stephanie Eisele, Dennis Freeman, Jim Green, Roland Hahn, Maurice LaFond, Bob MacDonald

Duane Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Minutes approved with corrections (Greg Vandersluis / Penny Freeman).

Treasurer's report approved as submitted, note there are bills to pay.

## Reports & Committee Reviews

### RE Report

Frank Zuppan is stepping down as of this meeting; a motion was presented by Greg Vandersluis / seconded by Jim Pracker to have Roland Hahn replace him for the rest of his term which is through 2011. Motion passed. We would

all like to thank Frank for all of his service.

### 2010 Events

Tentative dates for 2010 were handed out. The observers report was shared from Don Baker for 12 Hour and Mini Sprints.

### Membership

We have 638 members. Bill Snow shared ideas for recruiting including putting out flyers at Friday's events and putting on tech seminars through out the year at Neohio events.

### Rally

John Hinkle reported that The Johnny Appleseed event is still scheduled for this weekend. Information is in the *Blower*.

### Solo

Bill Crowe reported there were 46 entries for the split with Misery Bay. There will not be any more events the rest of this year. Welcome to Paul Magee who is willing to take over the solo events for next year. He is excited to be working

with the region and looking for 60 car events.

### New Business

A motion made by Bill Crowe to put the ballots in the *Blower*; seconded by Penny Freeman. Motion passed.

Motion by Debbie LaFond, seconded by Jim Pracker that we do not have the board meeting and just meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November for the General Meeting. Motion passed.

The nominations for 2010 Board are:

Assistant RE: Bill Crowe

Trustees: Jim Dietz  
Dennis Freeman  
Jim Green

Membership: Bob Doernberg

Treasurer: Peggy Dietz  
Penny Freeman

Secretary: Gail Green

Motion to close meeting by Jim Pracker, seconded by John Hinkle. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Gail Green, Recording Secretary

## Nelson Ledges Chaplain's Notes

By Chaplain Marvin Gray with help from Don Baker

### "Her Pinkness"

#### Remembering Donna Mae Mims

I don't remember exactly when I first met Donna Mae. It may have been when she was working on the false grid at Nelson Ledges or maybe when admiring her pink Corvette with the incredible mural of Marilyn Monroe on the hood. Her name sounded familiar as I had been following racing since the early 1960's, but it was only later I learned the extent of her accomplishments. Donna started racing in 1958. She was the first and only one of three women to win an SCCA National Championship in H Production in 1963 in her pink Austin-Healy Bug eye Sprite, in her pink coveralls and helmet. "I just always liked pink," she said. Donna was an employee of the famous Yenko Chevrolet and

worked with Zora Arkus Duntov among others in the development of Chevrolet Racing. She also raced Camaros, MGs, Corvettes, and Corvairs in places such as Sebring, Daytona, and Riverside. For one of her funnier escapades, she drove a Cadillac Limo in the 1972 Cannonball Run with an all girl team.

When many of her friends were gone or sitting in their rocking chairs, Donna was out bringing joy to everyone she met. Her story of going to her first SCCA meeting and loving it because two officials got in a fight is legendary. So is the story of how she and her husband bought a Corvette and she kept the car and ditched the husband. A member of the Steel Cities Region SCCA and Corvette, Corvair, and Sports Car Clubs, she was always ready to be part of the fun



and making it happen. She volunteered with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix from its inception. But Donna also had her serious side. She taught Sunday School at the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church and had me come and speak to her class because she wanted them to know about Motorsports Ministries and how she "got her Church at the race track." Mostly, I remember her always cheerfully greeting me in her pink outfit as she came early to chapel service so she could sweep the floor and help set up. A servant first and a legend second, there's more pink in Heaven today.

Great Lakes SCCA Race Schedule 2010  
Tentative as of 11/30/2009

DATES for 2010	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
Feb. 27-28				
March 6 - 7				
March 13 -14				
March 20 -21				
March 27 -28				
April 3 - 4				
April 10 - 11				
April 17 - 18				
April 24 - 25				
May 1 - 2		Indy @ BMP (D) C		
May 8 - 9	GL @ NL			
May 15 - 16				
May 22 - 23		OVR @ MO (R) C	OVR @ MO	
May 29 - 31 Memorial Day			WMR/FWR @ GRA (D)	Mahoning Valley National @ NL
June 5 - 6				
June 12 - 13		Neo @ NL (D) (C)		
June 17 - 20				June Sprints @ RA Grand Am @ MO
June 26 - 27				
July 3 - 5 Independence Day			Neo/Det @ NL (D)	
July 10 - 11		SBR @ GM R C	SBR @ GM	
July 17 - 18				
July 24 - 25				
July 30 - Aug 1		CIN @ MO (R) C		CIN @ MO (PDX)
August 7 - 8		Indy @ BMP R C	Indy @ BMP	IRL/ALMS @ MO
August 14 - 15		WMR @ GRA (D) C		
August 21 - 22		NEO @ Nelson (D) C		NEO 12 Hrs of Nelson
August 28 - 29				
Sept. 3 - 5 Labor Day		OVR @ MO (D) (C)		OVR @ MO (PDX)
Sept. 11 - 12				
Sept. 18 - 19				
Sept. 20 - 26				Runoffs @ RA
Oct. 2 - 3	Indy @ BMP	Indy @ BMP C		
Oct. 9 - 10		OVR @ MO (D) (C)		
Oct. 15 - 17		WOR @ MO (D) (C)		WOR @ MO (PDX)
Oct. 21 - 24				
Oct. 30 - 31 Halloween				
Nov. 6 - 7				
Nov. 13 - 14				
Nov. 20 - 21				
Nov. 27 - 28				
<b>D=Double</b>	<b>R=Restricted</b>	<b>T=Tentative</b>	<b>C=Champ Series Event</b>	
<b>GM-GingerMan</b>		<b>GRA-Grattan</b>		<b>M-O-Mid Ohio</b>
<b>NL-Nelson Ledges</b>		<b>WAT-Waterford Hills</b>		
		<b>BMP - Bluegrass</b>	<b>PUT - Putnam Park</b>	

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WANTED - Your news events, stories and articles! Please send to Duane Harrington or to Laura O'Neill for publishing them in the next issue of *The Blower*.



### Neohio Region SCCA 2009

## Driver Championship Series

#### ELIGIBLE DRIVERS

Any member of NEOHIO Region, SCCA who holds a Competition License or a Novice Permit is eligible. Drivers must be NEOHIO members on the date of the event in which points are earned. In the event of Dual Membership, NEOHIO must be the region of record at the time the event is run before earned points are recognized.

#### ELIGIBLE EVENTS

National, Regional, and Novice Drivers must earn points in a minimum of any four (4) SCCA National and or Regional races. Only the best six (6) finishes will be considered although drivers may enter as many as they desire and submit the results there of. No enduros, pro-races, or races for money will be counted. Only the longest scheduled race of the sanctioned event will be counted. Drivers must write the Region sanctioning the event, and the day and date the race was held on the result sheet. Runoffs or other Class Championship races will not be counted.

#### ELIGIBLE CLASSES

Production, GT, Sports Racer, all Spec cars, Formula, Improved Touring, Showroom Stock, American Sedan, Touring, Club Formula Cont. and Club Formula Ford Classes.

#### POINTS

Points are awarded for each event entered as provided in the "GCR", plus one point for each car BEAT finishing in class. The highest point total in each class from January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009 will be considered in declaring winners of the series. Ties in the final points totals shall be resolved on the basis of each driver's record of first place finishers: then if necessary, second place finishers: then if necessary, third place finishes etc., until all positions contributing to the point totals have been considered. In the event the preceding does not resolve the tie, the winner will be the competitor who raced against the largest number of starters for the races in his or her class. In cases where further tie-breaking is necessary, ties will be broken on the basis of which driver earned the total points first. First place trophies only will be awarded to the winner of each class as listed. All NEOHIO licensed competition drivers are automatic entrants, so there is no need to register for the series. All that is necessary is that drivers report non-NEOHIO event points earned to the Pointskeeper. Copies of all OFFICIAL result sheets for your race must be included in reporting of points earned (except for NEOHIO events which will be automatically, recorded). Drivers must include their Competition Drivers

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License number and license grade, (Nat., Reg., or Novice) for the Pointskeeper.

#### BONUS POINTS

Any NEOHIO Driver will be given ten bonus points for starting any NEOHIO event, with the exception of the driver school and enduro, for a maximum of 20 bonus points.

**DEADLINE for reporting points is  
NOVEMBER 15, 2009.**

Points POSTMARKED AFTER this date will not be considered for the 2009 series!

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#### AWARDS

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