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The Starting Line

REport by Duane Harrington

Upcoming Events

Nomination Meeting
October 4, Dimitri's, Parma

"Spook-Tacular"
Quad Regional
October 29-30, Nelson Ledges

Annual Meeting
November 15, Dimitri's, Parma

*Enjoy a ride in the country!
Johnny Appleseed Rally-October 15*



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Back from a wet, cold Runoffs, but it was still fun seeing all the competition. A tip of the hat to Chris Puskar with a second in T-3 and also winning the Hawk Hard Charger Award. Now that's funny if you know the family. Also to Tom Sloe with a second in T-1.

The season ending Neohio "Spook-Tacular"™ Quad Regional at Nelson Ledges the October 29-30 is starting to pick up momentum. The forms are printed on pages 6-9 of this issue of the *Blower* and is on-line at MotorsportReg. I am told that some interesting things are in the planning stage and I for one would not want to miss it.

A note regarding the banquet. Due to the time it takes to get trophies made, not only for ours, but Nationals and Great Lakes, the Banquet date will be January 28, 2012. Watch for more details.

On the Neohio Champion Series, Dorothy has already collected your Neohio results. She will have the Quad Regional results for you, so you just need to send her your results from the other events you ran this year. There is no reason to wait until the last minute. The

rules are printed on page 13 of this issue of the *Blower*.

At the Board meeting last month, we opened nomination for our annual election. Nominations are located on page 3 of this edition. Time for nominations is running out. The board has extended the nomination time to October 15th. If you wish to nominate someone, send me an e-mail with your nomination and have the person you are nominating send me an e-mail stating that they accept the nomination. Without those, they won't be put on the ballot. We really can use your help. If you feel you have someone in mind, talk it over with them and make that nomination. Any Neohio member in good standing can make nominations. If you would like to run, contact a Board member and ask them to nominate you. Along with that nomination, the Election Committee must receive a written note from the nominee that he/she accepts that nomination and will fill the position if elected. This must be received before your votes can be counted.

(RE continued on page 12.)

Interested in Becoming More Active in NEOHIO?

Nominations remain open until October 15th for all positions on the Board with the exception of Regional Executive. Contact Duane if you are interested in having your name added to the ballot at 440-933-8420.



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Monthly Meetings

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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www.neohio-scca.org

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Annual Meeting of the
Neohio Region, SCCA,
is November 15, 2011
at 7:00 PM.

Meeting location is
Dimitri's Restaurant,
1830 Snow Road,
Parma, OH 44134.

NOMINATIONS

(as of printing)

- **Assistant RE**
Dan Koplow
- **Treasurer**
Peggy Dietz
- **Recording
Secretary**
(No nominations)
- **Membership
Secretary**
Bob Doernberg
- **Trustee
(3 positions open)**
Roland Hahn
Greg Vandersluis
Jim Practer



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OFFICIAL NOTICE • IMPORTANT • PLEASE READ

At the August Trustee Meeting, the following **changes** received approval and are now ready for **official vote** by the membership of **Neohio Region, Inc. of Sports Car Club of America** at the annual election to be held in **November 2011**.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. Officers
 1. No change
 2. No Change
 3. **Nominations, Election, and Term of Office**

(Paragraph #2)

Ballots will be accepted, verified, and counted by the Election Committee at the Annual Meeting. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for an Office will be declared elected. ***Should a tie occur, decision shall be determined by a flip of a coin. The candidate winning the flip of the coin shall be declared elected.***

ARTICLE VII - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

(instead of #5 - meetings of the trustees - the following change is proposed)

5. ***The Region Board shall consist of nine Trustees, the RE, Assistant RE, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary. This Region Board will meet on a regular basis at a time and place determined by the members of said Board. All meetings, regular or special, shall be recorded and state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. No member of the Region Board can give to another Region Board member the power to vote in his stead.***

6. Chairperson ***of the Region Board***

At the first meeting of the Region Board the members of the Board will elect a Chairperson from its members.

Proposed August 2, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 3	October 4 7 P Nominating Mtg/Trustee Mtg/Dimitri's/ Parma, OH	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8 OVR Dbl Regl at Mid-Ohio	October 9 OVR Dbl Regl at Mid-Ohio
October 10	October 11	October 12	October 13	October 14	October 15 Johnny Appleseed Rally	October 16
October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23
October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29 NEO "Spook- Tacular" Quad Region- al @ NL	October 30 NEO "Spook- Tacular" Quad Region- al @ NL
October 31	November 1 7 P Trustee Mtg/Dimitri's/ Parma, OH	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6
November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12	November 13
November 14	November 15 7 P Annual Meeting & Officer Election / Dimitri's/ Parma, OH	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20

Neohio Region SCCA

Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011 - Dimitri's Restaurant, Parma

Members Present:

Jeff Blumenthal, Jim Dietz, Peggy Dietz, Gail Green, Jim Green, Duane Harrington, Roland Hahn, Jim Pracker, Pat Prill, Mike Puskar, and Greg Vandersluis.

Excused Board Members:

Bob Doernberg and Denny Freeman

Absent Member: Bill Crowe

Duane Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes approved as corrected Jim Pracker / Roland Hahn.

Treasurer's report was approved - Roland Hahn / Jim Pracker.

Reports & Committee Reviews

Regional Executive:

Duane reported that when there is a cancelation of an entry by a credit card we are charged a 4% cancelation fee and would like to pass that fee on to the entrant. There was a discussion and no changes will be made.

Competition Committee:

At the quad race weekend for the Kryderacing points 2 races for the weekend will qualify for their competition - Neohio will choose which races. It will be the second race of each day.

Debbie LaFond reported that the Day After Race was a success. She thanked Jim Dietz for the decals and reported that the "trophies" of the homemade pies were a big success. She also reported that the approval for the quad regional has been sent in.

Membership:

Bob Doernberg was excused- he sent in a report that we now have 525 members.

Rally:

Greg Lester reported that the "Johnny Appleseed Rally" will be on October 12th and the starting place will be southeast of Akron.

Solo:

Jeff Blumenthal reported that Neohio Solo had a good showing at National and it was a good time.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Pat Prill made a motion for the Neohio 2012 tentative dates as follows:

- National May 12 & 13 (may choose to add a Restricted Regional).
- Great Lakes Division Driver School will be at Gingerman.
- Enduro & Day after June 30 and July 1.
- Quad August 18 & 19.
- Double Regional October 21.

Motion was seconded by Greg Vandersluis, Passed - one abstained.

Duane appointed Pat Prill as election committee chairperson.

Pat requested that the letters of intent be given to her first, then to the Secretary. Pat



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has received letters from Greg Vandersluis, Roland Hahn, and James Pracker for Trustee, Dan Koplou for Assistant R.E. and Peggy Dietz for Treasurer.

There was discussion that the Ballots will be mailed one per household. Any household with more than one member, may copy the ballot and return the ballots in the same envelope with all member's numbers are on the outside of the envelope.

The final decision for how the ballots will be returned has been tabled until next meeting.

Jim Green regrettably has resigned as Trustee as of

today stating personal reasons. Pete Sedlak will fill the open position through 2012. Motion to accept Roland Hahn / Mike Puskar - motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn: Roland Hahn / Jim Pracker.

Submitted by,
Gail Green





Neohio's "SPOOK-TACULAR" Quad Regional

Four Races In Two Days!!

Great Lakes Division Championship Series
Last event of the season

October 29-30, 2011



THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS FROM



Note: The second race of each day will only count for Kryderacing Championship points.

**SPOOK-TACULAR Quad Regional
Nelson Ledges Road Course**

**October 29-30, 2011
Sanction: 11-R-1764-S, 11-R-1765-S, 11-R-1766-S, 11-R-1767-S**

- approved racecar number and class.
- Un-muffled engines shall not be operated between 8:00 p.m. and 7:30 am.
 - Pets must be restrained AT ALL TIMES & attended by an adult.
 - Camping is permitted for a fee specified by track management. Hookups are not available. Campfires must be contained and attended by an adult at all times. No accelerants may be used.
 - Competitors must remove all tires and used automotive fluids from the premises. Please clean your area before departing the track.
 - Racing fuel may be available in the paddock at **Kryderacing**.
 - Any team with more than 40 gallons of fuel must notify the Safety Steward and Chief of Emergency Services as to their paddock location.
 - Water and air should be available in the paddock.
 - No testing of race cars off the track premises.
 - Complete list of track policies available at the track office.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY October 28, 2011

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Registration
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM Tech Inspection

SATURDAY, October 29, 2011

7:00 AM to 11:00 AM Registration
7:30 AM Tech Inspection

8:30 AM 10 min. qualifying sessions followed
by Saturday's Race 1 followed by
Saturday's Race 2

First 10 lap race grid based on qualifying

**Second 10 lap race grid based on finishing order of
first Race**

**Hospitality party 30 minutes after the last checkered
flag – details to follow!**

SUNDAY, October 30, 2011

7:00 AM to 9:30 AM Registration
7:30 AM Tech Inspection

8:30 AM 10 min. qualifying sessions followed
by Sunday's Race 1 followed by
Sunday's Race 2

**10 lap race grid based on Sun. qualifying
Second 10 lap race grid based on finishing order of
first Sunday Race**

Lunch – approximately noon each day

**Anyone not completing Qualifying session or Race 1
will start from back of grid in car number order.**

Group 1: GT-1, GT-2, GT-3, SP, ITE, ITS, ITR, AS,
T-1, T2, STO, SP

Group 2: FV, F500, FST, FF, CFF

Group 3: EP, FP, HP, GT-L, SPU, LC, ITA, IT7, STU,
STL

Group 4: SRF

Group 5: ASR, CSR, DSR, S-2000, FA, FC, CFC,
FM, FS, FB, FE

Group 6: ITB, ITC, SSB, SSC, SM, SM5, T-3

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ACS – Operating: Jim Green, Dan
Hodge, Barry Kaplan

Safety Steward: Joe Willer

Chairman of SOM: Chuck Dobbs

SOM: Donna McDonough, Tom Sloe

Black Flag: Jim Pracker & Don Baker

Entry Fee: 1 car - 1 driver - 4 Races - \$400 (\$100 per race) Over Crew: \$10.00 SRF & FE add: \$10.00 Per race Worker fund donation: \$ _____ Late Fee: \$50.00 Postmark after October 22, 2011 Make Checks Payable To: Neohio Region Inc., SCCA.	<h1>SCCA®</h1> <p>Sports Car Club Of America SPOOK-TACULAR Quad Regional Nelson Ledges Road Course Date: October 29, 2011 Sanc.: 11-R-1764-S & 11-R-1765-S Date: October 30, 2011 Sanc.: 11-R-1766-S & 11-R-1767-S Held under 2011 SCCA General Competition Rules</p>	 Neohio Region Inc c/o Dorothy Harrington 340 Bellaire Dr. Avon Lake, OH 44012-1503 Call between 6-10 pm EDT only please 440-933-8420 e-mail: doubledlh@hotmail.com
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Make	Model	Color	Class	Official Use Only
Desired Number:	1st	2nd	3rd	Race #
Please Print:				Car #
Drivers Name:		Date of birth:		Class
Address:				Postmark
City/State/Zip:				Fee Rec'd
Member #:		Phone		Check #
Competition License #:			Grade:	Cash
Region of Record:			Email:	
Entrant Name and Membership #:				Check Box:
Crew Members: 1 (free)				Race 1-Sat
2 (free)				Race 2-Sat
3 (free)				Race 3-Sun
4 (free)				Race 4-Sun
5 (pay)			6 (pay)	

In case of emergency notify: _____ Phone: _____ At track? _____

I hereby agree that the car and driver as described above are to appear at this Race Meet to compete under the 2011 GCR, amendments of the SCCA, Inc and the supplementary regulations of this event. I affirm that the car entered complies with all requirements for the class and category in which it is entered and that all of the information provided on this entry form is valid on this date.

Signatures: Entrant _____

Driver _____ Date _____

Mandatory Timing & Scoring Information – Driver Must Complete				
Car Class/Category:	Make:	Model:	Color:	
Driver's Region of Record:		Member #:	Grade:	
Driver's Name:		Address:		
City/St/Zip:		Transponder #:		
Sponsors:				
	Race 1 – Saturday	Race 2 – Saturday	Race 3 – Sunday	Race 4 - Sunday
Car #				
Class				

A working AMB TRANX260 Transponder on each car is mandatory for this event.

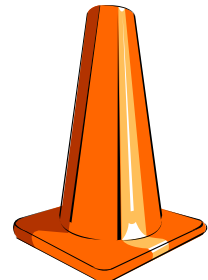
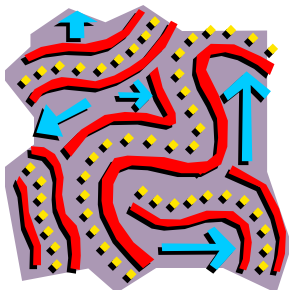


Neohio Awards Banquet



Save the Date

Saturday, January 28, 2012 at
 Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma



2011 Johnny Appleseed Rally - October 15th

The Johnny Appleseed Rally is Saturday, October 15th. The rally counts toward the SCCA Great Lakes Division Road Rally Championship, as well as the SCCA National Touring Rally Championship (Regional Rally).

The "Johnny Appleseed" name is a legacy from a SCCA National Rally organized by NEOHIO Region in the 1950s and 1960s. It reappeared as a SCCA National Touring Rally in 1993.

The approximately 100 mile, all paved, route will take competitors through the hills of Ohio's Stark and Columbiana counties. Foliage should be at peak coloration. Come out and enjoy a drive in the country!

Competitors can expect an absolutely straightforward, gimmick-free time-speed-distance (TSD) road rally. The emphasis is on precise timing at well-placed controls. Ample transit mileage will be included to allow competitors to traverse sensitive areas without disturbing residents and to enjoy the route.

Rally Start Location: Picnic area in **Quail Hollow State Park**, off Congress Lake Road, on the northeast side of Hartville, Ohio (Latitude: N40°58.682', Longitude: W081°18.527')

Tentative Schedule: Saturday, October 8 20:00 "Early" entry cutoff. General instructions distributed by email.
Saturday, October 15 11:00 - 12:30 Registration
11:30 Mini Rally School (Experienced Competitors Welcome)
13:01 Car #1 Starts Rally
17:30 (approx) Car #1 Finishes
18:15 (approx) Provisional scores posted (hopefully)
18:45 (approx) Awards

Competition Classes

E Equipment Unrestricted

L Odometer Unrestricted

Calculating device restricted only in that it may not be integrated with the odometer & clock.

S Unmodified Stock Odometer(s) Only

Calculating device restricted to non-programmable electronic calculator or any mechanical calculator.

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:

Make checks payable to **NEOHIO Region, SCCA.**

SCCA Members (both driver & navigator)

- \$35/car before 10/8/11, \$45/car thereafter

Others

- \$40/car before 10/8/11, \$50/car thereafter

Entry fee includes nationally mandated SCCA weekend membership for competitors. *Weekend member eligible for annual SCCA member discount for a limited time after event. See www.scca.org for details.*

Registration Mail entry & check payable to NEOHIO Region, SCCA to:

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

Entry Criteria / Required Equipment

Entry is open to two-person teams. Each competitor must sign a SCCA liability waiver at registration. **Note that SCCA requires signatures of both parents on minor waivers. Contact 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.

Teams are urged to enter early so car descriptions can be included on control logs and organizers can have sufficient quantities of materials prepared for the entire field. The field may be limited to the first 30 paid entries, or the number of entries received by the early entry cutoff, whichever is greater.

WORKERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with prechecks, registration, controls, scoring, etc. If you can help, contact Greg Lester at 330-256-6531. Your assistance is invaluable!

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

Organizer: Greg Lester, (330) 256-6531 or
WGregoryLester@gmail.com

Check Neohio Region SCCA website
(www.neohio-scca.org) for rally updates.

Johnny Appleseed Rally Entry Form

Driver: _____
Address: _____
City, State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

Navigator: _____
Address: _____
City, State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
e-mail: _____

SCCA Member? ()Yes ()No
Number: _____
Region: _____
Exp. Date: _____
Minor? **(No minor drivers.)**

SCCA Member? ()Yes ()No
Number: _____
Region: _____
Exp. Date: _____
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? _____

CLASS: E L S Novice (Circle one or more, as appropriate.)

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 _____

For administrative use only:

Date Received: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Car Number: _____

Generals mailed: _____

Race Results

Runoff Race Results:

Class	Place	Name
E Prod	10 th	Gary Martz
E Prod	7 th	Scott Lunder
FE	6 th	Sam Beasley
FV	22 nd	Guy Bellingham
F500	12 th	Jeff Blumenthal
T1	2 nd	Tom Sloe
T2	2 nd	Chris Puskar <i>Sunoco Hard Charge Award</i>

RE (continued from page 1.)

Open positions this year are:

- **Three (3) Trustees**

We have a total of nine (9) Trustees with three (3) retiring each year. The only commitment needed for this position is a keen interest in where your club is headed and one Tuesday evening a month. This is a three year term. Easy.

- **Treasurer**

This is a voting position and requires some bookkeeping skills. Also easy. If I can do it, anyone can, and that was before computers. Is responsible for writing and keeping track of checks, making deposits and entering information in the computer. Also requires one Tuesday evening a month and is a one year term.

- **Secretary**

The secretary's position is also a voting position and is responsible for taking the minutes at all "Called" meetings. Again, one Tuesday evening a month and is a one year term. Do you see a trend here?

- **Assistant Regional Executive**

The Assistant RE, like the name implies, assists the Regional Executive and fills in for him/her when the need arises. This is a voting position and is a one year term.



T1 Podium Winners, Neohio's Tom Sloe (left) finished second.

Photo compliments of Dominic Nigro & David Pintaric.

I have held each of these positions at one time or another and can tell you that they are all easy.

You will also see a Constitutional change to be voted on. This is really not a change, but a clarification in the wording. Please vote FOR this change in wording. Nothing will change, as this is how it has worked in the years I have been associated with the Board and that is around 30 years.

For this year's election, each household will be mailed one ballot toward the end of October.

The Election Committee needs to have ballots returned to them no later than 8 PM on November 15.

You may copy the ballot for all Neohio members of your family over 18 years of age. All ballots from your family should be put into one envelope and sent to the Election Committee. **Most importantly, the membership number for each ballot enclosed MUST be on the OUTSIDE of the envelope someplace, otherwise NONE of the ballots will be counted.** All ballots must be from members in good standing with dues paid up to date.

You will notice that there is no one nominated for Recording Secretary. We really need your help folks. The same

people keep coming back to run your region and we really can use your help.

While there is no position in contest for this election, I urge you to show your support to those that are running by voting for them. Please vote. It costs the region to send out these ballots. We like to see some return for this investment.

While on the subject of elections, the Great Lakes Division will be electing a new Director soon. Running for this office is the incumbent Marcus Merdith and Steve Harris. I urge all of you to look at the candidate's accomplishments and cast your vote for the person that you feel will take SCCA forward.

Annual Meeting of the Neohio Region, SCCA and Election of Officers

November 15 at 7:00 PM

Dimitri's Restaurant
1830 Snow Road
Parma, OH 44134



Neohio Region SCCA, Inc. 2011 DRIVER'S 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.

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.

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, 2011 through October 31, 2011 will be considered in declaring winners of the series.

Ties in the final point 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 in each of the SCCA classes. 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).

DUE TO AN EARLY BANQUET THIS YEAR, DEADLINE FOR REPORTING POINTS IS:

October 31, 2011

POINTS POSTMARKED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2011 SERIES!!!

NO EXPRESS MAIL OR MAIL REQUIRING A SIGNATURE WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!

NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXTENSIONS.

AWARDS

The Region Series Champions will receive awards at the annual Neohio Awards Banquet. Please forward Points to:

DOROTHY HARRINGTON, 340 Bellaire Rd., Avon Lake, Ohio 44012-1503

By Chaplain Gray

Striking Distance

Most everyone has heard the old saying that you can't win a race on the first lap, but you can lose it.

Unless you are blessed with one of those rare days when your car is clearly the class of the field, it is necessary to stay in touch with the leader to have a chance to make your move before the finish. In IndyCar, NASCAR, and ALMS you need to stay on the lead lap to be able to make a winning move. You see a lot of cars pushing extra hard to not go a lap down when the leader is coming up behind them.

In SCCA Regional racing, you are way done if your car is anywhere near going a lap down. You have to stay fairly close to have a shot at a win. One of my proudest victories came just that way.

Many years ago it was a near 90 degree humid muggy July day at Nelson. The mount was our trusty steed, the medium blue GT-3 Mattress Warehouse Pinto.

I had qualified fourth in class and made a good start. By the time I had disposed of two of the three combatants, I was a fair distance behind the lead GT3 911 Porsche. Hot, hard work brought me to the tail of the white machine from Zuffenhausen and by that time I was knackered (I am in much better shape now!) but in striking distance.

Wisely I decided to ride in the slip stream for a few laps to regroup for the final strike.

Somewhere around the penultimate (next to last and gee I love that word) lap, I swept by on the back stretch to claim a well fought W.

In the tech shed during impound we were given towels soaked in ice water to put on our necks. A cool suit could never feel this good.

The wonderful thing about our God is he is always in striking distance. Are you getting closer to Him?

Blessings,

Chaplain Marvin Gray
chapnlrc@aol.com

Neohio Competition Drivers

Submit your non-Neohio results to Dorothy Harrington by October 31, 2011 to be eligible for the Neohio Region Championship, Rookie of the Year, and Driver of the Year.

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Rally News

By Greg Lester

Upcoming rallies:

- October 15 – **Johnny Appleseed Rally**, Neohio Region, www.neohio-scca.org.
- December 3 – **Pavement Ends Rally**, Detroit Region, www.detroit-scca.org.
- January 7(?) - **Son of Sno*Drift**, Detroit Region, www.detroit-scca.org.
- February 4 - **Ohio Winter Rally**, Neohio Region, www.neohio-scca.org.
- January through March 2012 - Finger Lakes SCCA Winter Rally Challenge Series (Rochester, NY area). www.flr-scca.com.

See Region's websites and newsletters for schedules and points standing updates.

I'VE GOT IT - YOU WANT IT

Classified Ads For Members

Classified ads are a privilege to Neohio members. Each ad will run for three issues. If your item sells before the third month, please contact *The Blower* newsletter editor to remove the ad.

CARS

1967 Classic VW Beetle for sale! Very good condition, garaged in the winter. Contact John Petrone 440-256-3648.**

Looking for a car to rent for upcoming events? We have an HProduction Honda and GT3 Pinto available. For details contact Maurice LaFond evenings at 440-946-2207.**

1974 Datsun 260Z automatic, in very good condition. Low miles, (63,178) all original, light blue, mesh wheels. Asking \$7000, call Jim @ 814-224-5091(H), or 814-330-8550(C).**

2000 Nissan Pathfinder SE, 5-speed manual 4WD, 139k miles-one owner-never crashed. Clean interior-minimal rust-everything works. Class III hitch-airsprings, newer shocks and tires, (knows the route to NL & M-O), \$4750 obo. Call Michael at 330-697-1524.**

SPU Stuart Taylor Locosaki Tube frame chassis, fiberglass and aluminum body, Kawasaki ZX-9 motor, six speed sequential gear box, Quaife limited slip, IRS, coilovers, spares, 19 wins in 4 seasons, \$15,000. Contact Bob 440.846.0065 or e-mail: bob@impactcommunications.com.**

2002 Explorer, Eddie Bauer Edition, about 130k miles and really clean. \$5300 or partial trade for a 3/4 ton pickup. Bob Roberts, 330 607-2343.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Blue Racequip 3-layer SFI 3-2A/5 suit. Size Large - fits up to 6'-2" & 200#; good condition; just cleaned. \$100 OBO. Paul Derov, pderov@apk.net. 440-552-9754***

Four Koni Racing shocks - externally adjustable, fits 1989 to 91 Honda Civic or CRX - \$400. Contact Maurice as mrl1070@yahoo.com.**

30' Gulfstream RV 1989. Nice condition. \$7300 or will trade plus cash for a 3/4 ton pickup. Bob Roberts, 330 607-2343.**

Practically new race helmet & fireproof driver suit (both XL), used twice in 2008. Gloves, Nomex underwear and 2 pairs of socks. Contact F. Reed Andrews at 216.514.8201. \$400 from \$500 OBO.**

WANTED

Your news events, stories and articles! Please send to Laura O'Neill for publishing in the *The Blower*.

An Opportunity For You!

Neohio Region members have a rare opportunity to support their region, as well as to market their businesses by sponsoring various aspects of race events during the 2011 season. This rare opportunity will help deflect costs to the region and promote member businesses.

As the event organizer, the region provides lunch to workers and a dinner on Saturday night for all participants in addition to the awards/trophies. The region this year would like to bring back a weekend race program, along with T-shirts and other giveaways to all participants. These items will provide a great opportunity to market your business for a modest sponsorship amount. Opportunities can include logo placement on printed materials and event shirts or sponsoring a lunch or dinner during the weekend. Sponsorship in-kind of services, products or discounts

to participants or even branding an event with your corporate identity in a title sponsorship is available.

As a not-for-profit organization run by its members, partnerships are important to help maximize the experience of our member participants and volunteer workers, as well as to help minimize the costs to participants for these events.

Please contact any of the committee members for additional information:

- Pat Prill - 330-715-0793, prillp313@yahoo.com;
- Debbie & Maurice LaFond - 440-946-2207, racers10@sbcglobal.net;
- Bob Roberts - 330-607-2343, Roberts302SB@yahoo.com.

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Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes?

Contact Bob Doernberg, Membership
Secretary
216-276-2652
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SCCA Neohio Clothing for Sale

Place your SCCA Neohio clothing order by calling Pete Sedlak at (440) 975-9954.

Apparel Price List

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<i>(white and red available)</i>	
Pocket T's	\$15.00
<i>(white, red, ash)</i>	
Long Sleeve T's	\$15.00
<i>(white, red, ash)</i>	
Sweatshirts	\$20.00
<i>(white, ash, heather gray)</i>	
Hats	\$15.00
<i>(white, black, khaki)</i>	
Visors	\$15.00
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Gym Bags	\$35.00
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