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## MVR CALENDAR

June 4, 2019

Amen Corner Sports Bar & Grille  
20 W Main St.  
Girard OH 44420

June 29

Time Trial at Nelson Ledges

## RE Report by Brian Vondran

Somehow, it's June already. Hopefully everyone is having #funwithcars this summer, but if you're not, there is still time.....

Speaking of time, we're just a few weeks away from our Time Trial at Nelson Ledges (co-hosting with NeOhio) on Saturday, June 29. If you're interested in running the Time Trial, you should know a couple of things:

- 1) This is a one day event. We will have access to the track Friday night to register, drop your stuff, etc, and then we will Time Trial on Saturday;
- 2) You will get a number of "Time Attack" sessions, where you have 15-20 minute sessions to set your fastest lap;
- 3) You will also get a "Track Attack" session, where we will run a portion of the track as a larger autocross;
- 4) It will be fun; the SCCA Time Trial program is a lot different than a Road Racing or Autocross weekend, focused on fun and on the experience;
- 5) And if you really want, you can stay for the Track Day on Sunday, hosted by Nelson Ledges.

Hope you have a great summer, and hope to see you at Nelson Ledges,

## Minutes of the May Membership Meeting - Sandi Kryder

The April Membership meeting opened at 8:08 pm by R.E. Brian Vondran. There were six members present.

Motion to accept April Minutes as written in TRACK was made by Brad Morris. Seconded by Tom Nutter. Motion passed.

A motion to accept treasurers report was made by Brad Morris and seconded by Tom Nutter. Motion passed.

Old Business - Our April Street Survival was discussed and the surveys were passed around.

The June Time Trial was discussed. Registration is open, sanction received. Nelson Ledges has been approved. Brian Vondran asked Sandi Kryder to send a check to NeOhio to cover our part of the expenses in the amount of \$3500.00 or \$3600.00.

New Business - We discussed whether to hold a second Street Survival. Dates at Boardman Park do not work. We'll look for another location, but if we do not find one, we won't put one on.

August picnic membership - Location TBD

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Nutter and seconded by Brad Morris. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

## June Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have about 150 members including dual members.

June Renewals:

Greg Lesky

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Ray Boniface	6/22
Carl Bush	6/11
Eric Fiest	6/4
Kyle Kasubienski	6/6
Allen Milarcik	6/1
Doug Miller	6/23
Natalie Miller	6/1
Adam Reardon	6/4
Jim Royal	6/21
Mike Saddleton	6/21
Alia Sater	6/20

## SCCA Time Trial

Saturday June 29, 2019

Nelson Ledges Road Course

Registration & Tech open Friday evening and Saturday morning. Gates open 7:00am Saturday morning.

Cost is \$210.00 SCCA members will receive a \$20.00 discount.

Registration online at [msreg.com/NewNelsonTT](https://msreg.com/NewNelsonTT)

**Registration ends on June 27, 2019 3:59 AM EDT**

Mahoning Valley and NeOhio Regions, SCCA are pleased to present The NEW Nelson Ledges Time Trials. This is the first SCCA competition event to be held on the new pavement at Nelson Ledges Road Course.

This Event will include Time Attack and Track Sprint track sessions. Run groups will include Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced. There will be a classroom session for Novices. Our goal is to give each group three 20 minute sessions on the full track plus several Track Sprint (like Solo 1) runs.

This event will count toward Great Lakes Division Time Trials Championship Series year-end points. For information about Car Classification and Rules go to [www.TimeTrials.SCCA.com](http://www.TimeTrials.SCCA.com).

Nelson Ledges is hosting a Track Day on Sunday June 30th. Anyone who participates in this Time Trial (competitor or volunteer) can enter that event and you will receive a discounted entry. The Nelson Track Day is not part of this event or sanction.

Interested in volunteering to work the event? Register here: <http://msreg.com/NelsonTTvol>

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR  
Jack Burrows, Area 2 Director



I recently realized something which was vaguely disturbing, namely that a recent Majors event marked the 50th anniversary of the first SCCA race I ever worked - the 1969 Spring National at Marlboro Raceway. I'm not a 50-year member though. That was before the

requirement to be a licensed member to work in hot areas, so I worked under a series of worker log books for 11 years before finally joining the club. Regardless, the realization of having spent a *half century* at it made me feel *old*.

Like me, SCCA has been through a lot of changes since then. Most significantly, for anyone interested in competing on a road course, we were effectively the only game in town. Or there was gymkhana, which became more competitive and ultimately evolved into autocross/solo.

Other organizations were conducting autocrosses, but SCCA regions lucky enough to have access to racing venues largely ignored them because of the sense that racing was the club's core business. There were even occasional "field trials" which largely went away until re-emerging as RallyCross.

Like everything else, cars have changed dramatically and so has the motorsports environment. SCCA has long since ceased to be the only game in town. Marque clubs became more active in autocross and track events, and other organizations emphasizing track competitions have grown. The solo program grew geometrically, but the same can't be said for racing. My personal perception was that SCCA viewed emerging competitors as pesky "wannabes" and stuck to the position that "if you're serious about racing, SCCA is the only place to be." While that position may still have some truth, things like the complexity of preparation rules and classes have opened the door to allow those heretofore pesky wannabes to siphon off enthusiasts who feel more comfortable in their environment. In recent years SCCA has realized that we have some serious competition in the motorsports market and are no longer the only game in town, but our adaptation to the new market environment has been impeded by our long-standing corporate culture.

There's good news though. The solo program is healthy and strong. RallyCross is growing. Although the same can't be said for our racing program, help is on the way. SCCA has been working to mitigate barriers to participation such as cost and complexity of cars and classes and has been streamlining the competition licensing process. There has also been greater support for non-racing track events such as PDX/HPDE and time trials along with programs such as Track Night in America, all of which can provide a gateway and ultimately generate new racers. We have also seen such things as the Washington DC Region's development of bracket sprint racing program, which is totally independent of car classes and is open to virtually any fendered car that meets safety requirements.

So instead of sitting back and watching ourselves be slowly swamped by competing organizations, SCCA is

looking forward and moving forward. The Road Racing Board (formerly the Club Racing Board), which had previously been forced to emphasize car classes and rules, has incorporated a group specifically charged with developing strategies to rejuvenate the racing program. Also, the Board of Directors' Strategic Planning Committee is looking forward at SCCA as a whole. As a member of the former group and chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee I've seen the participants' dedication, concern, and innovative thinking, and I'm optimistic for our collective future.

There are no overnight fixes. But I firmly believe we are making course corrections which will benefit us all as a club. All I can say for certain is it will take place in a lot less than another 50 years, which is a good thing for me because I expect to be around to see it.

## NORTHEAST CONFERENCE MAJORS

April 12-14	VIR Int'l Raceway (w/SE) (ST)
April 27-28	Summit Point
May 11-12	PIRC
June 21-23	Watkins Glen (ST)
July 13-14	Thompson
July 19-21	NJMP
Oct. 8-13	SCCA National Run-Offs – VIR

## NORTHERN CONFERENCE MAJORS as of 1/23/19

May 4-5	Blackhawk
May 18-19	GingerMan
May 31-June 2	Mid Ohio (ST)
June 14-16	Rd America (ST)
July 13-14	Road America
August 9-11	Gratton

## SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MAJORS

### NeDIV DIVISIONAL SERIES

April 6-7	Summit Point
May 11-12	Palmer
June 14-15	Lime Rock
July 6-7	Watkins Glen
August 9-11	NJMP
September 21-22	Watkins Glen
October 4-5	Thompson
October 26-27	PIRC

January 4-5	Homestead
January 11-13	Sebring (ST)
March 15-17	Road Atlanta (ST)
April 13-15	VIR (w/Northeast) (ST)
June 8-9	Charlotte Motor Speedway
June 28-29	Roebbling Road

### NeDiv REGIONALS

April 20-21	NJMP
May 25-26	New Hampshire
June 1-2	NJMP
June 15-16	Summit Point
July 27-28	Summit Point
August 3-4	New Hampshire
August 31-Sept 2	Summit Point
September 7-8	Palmer
September 21-22	Summit Point
October 25-26	NJMP
October 26-27	PIRC

### GREAT LAKES REGIONALS

June 21-22	Grattan
July 13-14	Mid Ohio
July 20-21	GingerMan
August 3-4	Mid Ohio
October 26-27	Mid Ohio

### GREAT LAKES DIVISION DRIVING SCHOOL

April 27-28	Blackhawk
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### OTHER INTERESTING RACES or EVENTS

January 17-19	National Convention – Las Vegas
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### NEDIV DRIVER SCHOOLS

March 23-24	Summit Point
April 19	Thompson

### TRANS AM

March 3	Sebring
March 30	Road Atlanta
May 24-27	Lime Rock
June 2	Belle Isle - TA2 Only
August 4	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
August 9	Mid Ohio
August 24	Road America
September 8	Watkins Glen
September 21	VIR
October 6	COTA
November 14-16	Daytona