

NELSON LEDGES UPDATE - 3/11/15

Track Management is going ahead with plans for 2015. As of a few days ago the only place I know of to get information is on the motoseries.com website forums. Hopefully other outlets for information will become active in the near future. When I last looked there were still 3 websites – one inactive (www.nelsonledges.com), one which had not been updated since last Fall (www.nelsonledgesracecomplex.com), and one where I found the forums (www.motoseries.com). Please visit these sites for schedule information and updates on what is happening at the track.

In other news, on March 3rd the Neohio Region of the SCCA cancelled their May 2-3 Regional Race weekend at the track. They were facing some procedural deadlines with the SCCA National office. They had received a lengthy contract from the track on March 1. I don't know if the reason for cancelling the event was related to stuff in the contract (I never read it) and/or deadlines. I do know the vote to cancel was unanimous. There are no SCCA events scheduled at Nelson Ledges in 2015.

The annual Safety Training Day has been moved from Nelson Ledges to Pittsburgh International Race Complex. I do not know the exact reason for the change in venue. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. There will be additional details and contact information in the upcoming issue of TRACK, the MVR Newsletter.

On March 11 I sent an email to Bazell Oil and the Nelson Ledges track manager notifying them of Kryderacing's decision to no longer handle the racing gas concession at Nelson Ledges. Earlier discussions had led me to believe Bazell would move the equipment to another track if there was no one desiring to continue selling gas at the track. During February the track manager led me to believe he did not want to take over the operation. Hopefully this situation will change.

A couple of Kryderacing's clients are talking about testing at Nelson later this Spring and I know a few people are looking forward to a return of Funday style events. I will gladly post their comments, good and bad, on any future "Update". While there continues to be a lack of communication between the track and myself (amongst others) it is my hope the situation will change in the future.

Comments on my personal status:

For many years I have served as the Chief Instructor at Nelson Ledges Road Course. Duties included a half-day program for beginners at Fundays, providing guidance to clubs and other organizations who rented the facility for private events, and offering one-on-one instruction to those who requested it. "How to learn a track" was written based on these programs. It outlined ways a person could self-teach themselves if other types of instruction were unavailable. Along the way I developed a successful race-driver training program for those wishing to take advantage of SCCA's Alternate Driver School opportunities. These Alt DS programs were also done at Mid-Ohio and Pittsburgh International Race Complex and many drivers took advantage of them. Unless things change I doubt I will be returning to these duties at Nelson Ledges. This will give me more time to work with the Kryderacing operated TransAm team and its driver, David Pintaric. Kryderacing has other clients and I will continue to attend their races whenever possible. With any luck I might find more time to spend restoring my IMSA GTU Nissan for vintage racing. But there is an emptiness left by no longer being able to help as many people as I have in the past. I have enjoyed working with new drivers for most of my life and hope to find ways to continue these activities, even if it means at tracks other than Nelson Ledges Road Course.

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