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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLEASE NOTE:

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

**WEST FORK ROADHOUSE
3850 BELMONT AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OH**
just south of I 80

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

SPRING has finally arrived. I am sure everyone has their race cars totally prepped for that first opportunity to hit the racetrack. Let me rephrase that last statement. I am sure everyone WISHES they had their cars totally prepped for that first opportunity to hit the racetrack. You had better get to work.

On Saturday, April 9th the annual Safety Training Day will be held at Nelson Ledges Road Course. These training sessions are great opportunities to personally experience or introduce someone to corner working and other volunteer activities. You can also get an annual inspection for your racecar and a physical for your competitor license renewal. Go to www.nelsonledges.com and look at their schedule for links to additional information.

Another opportunity to get out early in the Nelson Ledges FUNDAY scheduled for Friday, April 15. There are some passing rules and a few SCCA classes are not eligible, but it is an excellent opportunity to get some early track time. There is another FUNDAY scheduled May 6th, immediately preceding the May 7-8 Double Drivers School.

If you want to know more about upcoming events and other information you might want to stop by our April 5th Membership meeting. For example, did you know you could order clothing with MVR logos through the SCCA website and MVR receives a financial kickback? Hopefully you will see a couple of examples being modeled at the meeting. Other topics include upcoming races, PDX, Bonus National, and Street Survival. And we will continue to make the meeting more of a social function than business.

See you at the meeting,

2011 NEDIV ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

Below are a few of the highlights from the 2011 Roundtable. Typically the Roundtable is for training in specialties such as registration, grid, tech, etc. The 2011 Roundtable was centrally located in the Pocono area and all the training sessions were scheduled for Saturday. The fee was lowered (from past years) to \$25 to cover lunch and administrative costs only. The Saturday banquet was dropped. This new one-day, low fee approach worked very well with a noticeable increase in trainee attendance. Beyond the training sessions there was a National Racing Committee meeting on Friday evening and the NeDiv Council held their Sunday morning meeting.

This concept of holding the Roundtable in a central location and making it affordable to trainees appeared to be a big success. Attendance was up a lot. It will be tried again in 2012. While the majority of Regions and

their members are within a few hours of the Poconos, some of us are on the outer fringes. We did hear several suggestions for volunteer workers who wish to attend but live in these outer fringes and are put off by the costs. One of the better ones I heard suggested staying in lower cost lodging on Friday night. It doesn't need to be close, just within driving distance Saturday morning.

I attended the NRC meeting and the majority of the discussion was on the Bonus National concept. The SCCA Board of Directors and Club Racing Office have authorized two pilot Bonus Nationals for the 2011 racing season. While there were many questions most of them concerned implementation of the idea for a full season. Virtually everyone liked the idea and it was passed on to the NeDiv Council Meeting where it also passed easily.

What's a Bonus National? The original idea was to take one National and spread it out over the entire Division schedule of National races. Each Region holding a National would have the option of having one of the groups in their event compete in a second, points paying race. Think of it as a Double National, but only for a single group. The two "pilots" will be held at BeaveRun, where the "big bore" group will have two races. The Mahoning Valley Region's August National will have two races for the small bore group (EP, FP, HP, GTL, and STU).

The 2011 NeDiv Mini-Con will be held November 4-6. The 2012 SCCA National Convention has been moved to the first weekend in March due to scheduling advantages.

The NeDiv Council was successful in its objective of recording a financial loss for the 2010 year. That's right, the 2010 objective was to lose money. Seems the treasury had grown over the years and many felt it should be trimmed back a bit. It was decided there would be no NeDiv "assessment fees" for events in 2010. This program will continue through 2011 with a gradual phase-in of past fees starting with the 2012 season.

I sat in on some of Paul Morrison's Tech Seminars. They were very informative. Amongst a lot of stuff I learned Tech Inspectors are going to be more vigilant in enforcing SCCA patches (and no competing organizations) on driver suits. Reason being there are increasing amounts of media exposure and the correct organization needs to be displayed. I also learned past versions of the SCCA patch, including "wheel" type logos, are acceptable. Another tip learned regarded plumbing of the coolant hoses for cool shirts. You are safer if you run the hoses through a small cut in the bottom of a pocket than partially unzip the suit to make room for the hoses.

Each year, during the Mini-Con, members who have "departed" during the past racing season are mentioned by their Regions during part of the Sunday morning

meeting. Unbeknownst to most of us one of the things the SCCA Foundation does is send condolences to family members. It was suggested that when someone mentions a departed member in the future they supply a name and address to be passed along to the Foundation.

Safety Day 2011

Coming up Saturday April 9th is the annual Nelson Ledges Safety Day. As always it is of interest to our drivers with annual tech available from 9 am until noon and annual physicals with Dr. Saddleton by appointment I'm writing to tell about the activities for our volunteers. Track safety is done on a curriculum set up by the award winning Nelson Ledges Safety Team and Lake Erie Communications starting at the doughnut hour of 8 AM. While the sessions are part of the continuing education of Safety Team and F&C personnel it is of great value to anyone involved with the cars in any specialty as well as drivers and crew. Cars fires can happen anywhere on a race weekend and everyone can benefit from a little practice in dealing with them. From a drivers perspective it's good to know just how the integrated safety responders deal with both the cars and driver when things go wrong.

If you have an interest in getting involved with staffing the races most of the specialty Chiefs will be there so there is plenty to do even for those areas that are not hands on with the cars. What better way to get out and meet the volunteer event staff in a free, low key atmosphere. With no race schedule to stay on things get a little more social while getting ready for the upcoming season.

Now if Flagging or the Safety Team is your area of interest then this is almost a must do event. While not required it will give you a good idea of what you're getting involved with before it is time to play in traffic. While I'm on the topic of people interested in Flagging & Communications or the Safety Team I'll mention the upcoming Lake Erie Communications schools at Nelson Ledges. Flagging specific schools will be held at the Great Lakes Division Double Driver School May 7th & 8th as well as at our Double Regional and PDX May 28th & 29th. The Lake Erie schools are required to get started in F&C and recommended to get involved with the Safety Team because of the way the two teams work together. If you have an interest in a Lake Erie school feel free to e-mail me at mvrbrar@verizon.net and put "flagging" in the subject line and I'll be more than happy to help you get set up.

You may be wondering why I'm pushing the Safety Day so much and all I can say is that after having worked at 16 road courses and oval track staffing every major sanctioning body except for Formula One is I have come to know the value of what we have here at Nelson Ledges. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends again after a long winter cooped up and hopefully meeting a lot

of fresh faces at the free training day. And while I'm at it I'd like to thank the staff of Nelson Ledges Road Course, Lake Erie Communications, and the Nelson Ledges Safety Team for making a day like this available to us as it really is a value and an industry leading effort. See you at the track.

Executive Steward Town Hall at the Track

In order to effect better communications with competitors and volunteers who participate in NeDiv Club Racing events, I will be conducting Town Halls at selected races during the 2011 season. My purpose is to provide information and access for participants to a top level of administration at the divisional and national level. The Divisional Executive Steward is the individual who is responsible for Club Racing in each of the nine divisions in the SCCA. This is an opportunity to establish contact and open dialogue with officials who can provide answers and solutions to issues related to SCCA club racing.

The Town Halls will be scheduled as part of post-track activities on Saturday at a track location to be announced. I have requested that Race Chairmen determine locations and post that information at Registration and Tech.

The schedule for 2011 is:

April 16-17	WDC Regional @ Summit Point
April 30-May 1	NER Rational @ NHMS
May 21-22	WDC National @ Summit Point
May 28-30	MVR Regional @ Nelson Ledges
June 18-19*	NER Regional @ Lime Rock
July 2-3	MHR Regional @ Lime Rock
July 8-10	FLR Dbl National @ Glen
July 23-24	GLEN Regional @ Glen
July 30-31	STC National @ BeaveRun
Aug 27-28	MVR National @ Nelson Ledges
Sept 10-11*	NER Regional @ NHMS
Oct 7-9	GLEN Regional @ Glen
Earl Hurlbut Divisional Executive Steward SCCA Northeast Division	

Annual Tech Day & Driver Physicals

Nelson Ledges Tech Crew and Doc Saddleton will be performing annual Techs and Driver's Physicals at Nelson Ledges on Saturday, April 9th from 9 until noon.

Appointments are not necessary for Annual Techs, first come first Tech'ed. If you have a new vehicle that needs a logbook issued a phone call to Maurice LaFond is suggested, 440-946-2207.

Driver Physicals are by appointment and if you are in need of one please contact Debbie LaFond via email, fastlady1026@yahoo.com or 440-946-2207. Charge for physicals are a donation of \$50 to Extrication Fund.

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We currently have approx. 150 members including dual members.

Welcome new member Chuck Fenstermaker.

Welcome back to the Csaba Bujdoso Family

A reminder to the following members with April renewals:

Jennifer Badger
The Ray Barnhart Family
Caleb Brink
Matthew Cherrington
Mark Fickenscher
Jace Melick
Brian Vondran

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Ron Baldine	4/9
Steve Dominish	4/15
Alleryas Fryer	4/8
Vic Marsh	4/30
Brandon Nutter	4/12
Vicki Nutter	4/19
Steve Selmans	4/21
Tim Walton	4/14

The following have lapsed SCCA memberships:

George Kissinger
Matthew Meara

For Immediate Release: March 22, 2011
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TRANS-AM SERIES OPENER IN SEBRING, FL NOT THE FINISH THAT RUMAN HOPED FOR

Munroe Falls, OH – The Trans-Am season opener weeklong event at Sebring International Raceway started off well for Ruman but deteriorated during the race, resulting in a 12th place finish.

The Trans-Am field was a full one – 22 competitors raced in two classes, including the traditional Trans-Am class with 16 competitors and the Trans-Am 2 class with 6 competitors. Ruman qualified the #23 **McNichols Co./Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet Corvette** in 5th place on Thursday. Post qualifying tech moved the #23 up a position on the starting grid to 4th, when 3rd place qualifier Carlos de Quesada was moved to 8th position due to a technical infraction.

Race day had picture perfect weather for the 9:15 am start in front of a massive race day crowd. The field was a bit spread out when they took the green flag for the 28-lap (103.6-mile) race, but Ruman had a great start and was right in there. For the first 8 laps, Ruman had good battles going with #36 Cliff Ebben and then with #22 Carlos de Quesada. As the top five group waslapping some of the TA2 cars, Ruman got tangled up with one of them causing some damage to the front suspension and a flat tire.

"Unfortunately we got caught in a bad spot this race. I was on the tail end of the lead pack running in 5th and some of the guys just didn't see all the cars in the train coming. After the contact, I radioed that we may get a flat, and sure enough the next lap we did. I just didn't know the suspension was broken too!" exclaimed Ruman. "My crew had a challenging task in pit lane, but worked hard to fix the suspension and change the tire and got us back out there for the final 8 laps of the race. We were able to make up a few TA positions landing us in 12th."

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For quick news and updates during race weekends, please follow Ruman Racing and the Trans-Am Series on Twitter [@rumanracing](#) and [@TransAmSeries](#). Be sure to "Like" our official pages on Facebook: [Ruman Racing](#), [Amy Ruman \(Official Fan Page\)](#), [McNichols Company](#), and [Trans-Am Racing](#).

UPCOMING RACES:

May 13-15 – Trans-Am Round 3 at VIRgina International Raceway

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