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APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, April 3, 2012**

**EVERCLEAR RACING
3700 OAKWOOD AVE
AUSTINTOWN, OH**

Doors open at 6:30pm

Dinner at 7:00pm

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Reservations required. Attendance is limited to 30. Call Sandi Kryder no later than Friday March 30.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

ATTENDANCE AT THE APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS LIMITED. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER

Bet you never thought you would see the above statement. But it's true. Our April Membership meeting will be at Ahsen Yelkin's race shop. It will include food and space is limited, therefore we are limiting the number of attendees. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. One other thought regarding the upcoming meeting: it would be a fantastic opportunity to introduce someone new to our club.

Elsewhere in this newsletters you will find reports on the recent SCCA National Convention and NeDiv Roundtable. A lot more happened than is contained in those reports. 2012 is being billed as a "year of change" for the SCCA. Please contact myself or Sandi for additional information.

One thing is obvious, 2012 will be a year of change. For MVR. We have planned a Double National, our traditional Regional weekend returns to a Fall date, the MARRS Series returns after several years absence with a August Regional, and it is starting to look like our long search for a "Street Survival" location may have reached a successful conclusion. And there are a few other things going on.

While at the recent Convention and Roundtable all we heard about was "change". The club definitely recognizes the need and is taking a different approach from the past. It seemed in the past "change" meant a new rule was issued and everyone was either going to like or dislike it. Further changes would follow. The new approach seems to be to open things up for individual Regions and Divisions to try their own ideas. The "Majors" is a perfect example. It is obvious the National office wants a say in how "Invitational's" are run, but if a Region desired to run a "Showcase" they are encouraged to put together the type of weekend event which would make it a success in their area. A "Showcase" could include a National, Bonus National, Rational, Driver School, PDX, Enduro, Time Trials, Vintage, and whatever else you would want to include in order to make it a success. The Region picks and chooses their own mixture. The National office is looking for creativity from the local Regions and tracks. They are encouraging us to try our ideas. This attitude applies to a lot of other areas within the National office.

This is a huge change from past policies need to take advantage of the opportunities it presents.

Please remember to get your reservation in for the April meeting ASAP. See you then,

April Meeting

You are invited to spend an evening with Everclear Racing. Come see their race shop and tour their oil reclamation facility. Everclear will be providing dinner and beverages. Please note: this evening replaces our normal membership meeting at the West Fork RoadHouse.

WHEN: April 3, 2012

TIME: Doors open at 6:30 pm

DINNER: 7:00 pm



This function is limited to 30 people, so reservations are a must.

Please send your reservation in to Sandi Kryder at kryderacing@aol.com or call her at 330-418-3328.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 30, 2012
Everclear Racing, 3700 Oakwood Ave., Austintown, OH 44515

For directions: www.nelsonledgescup.com Take driveway on left side of office building back around the building to get to the race shop.

SCCA NATIONAL CONVENTION - REED KRYDER

Sandi and I attended many seminars and meetings during March 1-3 at the SCCA National Convention at South Point Hotel in Las Vegas. The March MVR Membership meeting was held a day following our return and a lot of the happenings were reported on at that time. A brief summary of some important items follows. Please contact Sandi or myself with any questions.

SCCA President/CEO handled opening remarks. 2012 will be a year of change. Money will be spent promoting SCCA and determining how best to market it. He announced that on the Tuesday proceeding the convention the SCCA was included in the group working with the upcoming F1 race in Texas. Details are still to be worked out.

The Run-Offs schedule will be greatly changed after reviewing a survey given National drivers. The idea will be to create a schedule which allows a driver in a single class to practice, qualify, and complete their race in a maximum of four days.

In the Club Racing Board Town Hall meeting it was stated a bigger percentage of their time would be allotted to "increasing competition and racing" while decreasing the percentage of time spent on a mountain of individual car "competitiveness" adjustments. The CRB would still try to keep everyone equal, but they feel they overall racing program needs a higher priority.

During another meeting a statement was made which also relates to the above. It was said that in the past most decisions made by the club tried to be "fair and equal". Unfortunately it is difficult to do this all the time. The difficulty increases when the subject concerns a change as opposed to an adjustment.

The room was standing and loudly applauding (Sandi was in tears) when "Con" Peplowski was announced as the recipient of the John McGill Award for outstanding contributions to club racing. Connie passed away suddenly last year and it was obvious her contributions over the years directly impacted many people at the convention. As a footnote: MVR donated the John McGill Award many years ago and its stature amongst national awards is such that it is one of a few given during the Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Banquet at the end of the convention.

Other Seminars we attended include:

Club Racing Specialty (Sandi)
Pro Racing Updates (Reed)
"Majors" (Reed)
Risk Management (Sandi)
RE's/Club Racing (Reed)
BoDirectors Town Hall (both)
CRB Town Hall (Reed)
Membership Programs (Sandi)
MSR Training (Sandi)
Registration (Sandi)
RE's/ Membership (Reed)
RE's and BoD (Reed)

Some additional items from the convention were covered in the Roundtable report and REMarks.

2012 NEDIV ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

Below are a few of the highlights from the 2012 Roundtable. Typically the Roundtable is for training in specialties such as registration, grid, tech, etc. For the second year in a row it was centrally located in the Pocono area and all the training sessions were scheduled for Saturday. The fee of \$25 covered lunch and administrative costs. Beyond the training sessions and the National Racing Committee meetings there were a couple of informational meetings targeted towards drivers and other interested parties. The NeDiv Council meeting was held Sunday morning.

During the NRC meetings it was agreed to make NO changes in the 2012 NeDiv National schedule. The next item was continuation of an ongoing discussion to revive the NESCCA Championship. During the past months NRC Board Members have been working towards a final plan. It was approved for 2012. It will run concurrent with the NeDiv Divisional Championships which are mandated by the National SCCA office and are used to determine Run-Offs invitations. The NESCCA rules are slightly different. The biggest reason to go ahead with what we felt was an improved Championship procedure was the knowledge Divisions may be permitted to independently determine the procedures for Run-Offs invitations in the future. Full details will be on the NeDiv website in the near future. There are some items we need to do for our Double National which are NESCCA related. For example, we need a victory circle ceremony.

On Saturday, Terry Ozment gave a presentation on many of the new happenings with Club Racing. Most of the discussion centered on the "Majors" program.

There were many questions. It seems as if the National Office is opening a lot of possibilities for Divisions and Regions to put together programs which fit their own needs. At the NRC meeting Saturday evening each Region was charged with determining what their needs are on a local level. We may make a lot of changes in the Fall, but the goal will be to make each event more successful. The "Majors" program may or may not be part of the program.

I attended some of the Tech sessions. Paul Morrison was unable to attend due to illness. There was not a lot discussed. A few new rule changes and some clarifications mainly. For example, it seems some approval stickers on HANS devices will display the work "Void" if the sun hits them just right. If the word disappears when the device is tilted, it is okay. Helmet cams were allowed as of the National Convention. Minimum weight stickers are required mainly to minimize confusion and speed up the process of weighing cars. Be aware of which side the scale crew is observing from when you apply your markings. Better yet, mark both sides of the car.

There was a meeting devoted to the alternate drivers school. The program is evolving and there were lots of questions. There was some concern people would use this program as a short-cut to getting a racing license. That is not the intent. It is an alternate method for someone to get their license if attending a regular school or pro school just doesn't work. It is likely the alternate driver's school may require more time and money for a student to complete than a regular SCCA school. For example, the "alternate" participant needs to find time to display their talents in front of the approved instructor. This will require them to pay for some other type or event (PDX, Funday, private track session, etc) which gets them on a racetrack. The instructor is encouraged to charge a fair price for their time and effort. Helping a good buddy is one thing, but the job of instructing on your own personal time is not intended to be something which is offered for free. Memberships and medicals are still required. And then there is the cost of the Regional event where they will be evaluated by others, including the Chief Steward. Finger Lakes Region will be conducting the first Regional at Nelson Ledges this year. Their Chief Steward is looking forward to conducting one of these programs. Note that instructors must be on an approved list. I can help with that or other questions.

Briefly:

- The Council meeting on Sunday morning went smoothly. In other words, there were no big arguments. We were done with an hour to spare.
- The NeDiv Mini-Con will be held in Ithaca, NY on November 9-11. I have lodging info.
- Pocono will be using a new track layout this year.
- Sandi attended meetings involving Registration, Membership, and a few others. She also helped with Friday evening Registration.

Membership Report

We have approx. 136 members including dual memberships.

Welcome new Kyle Knecht and dual members Tom Lang and Steve Mortimer.

A reminder to the following members who are up for renewal in April:

Jennifer Badger
Ray & Barbara Barnhart
John & Marie Blaine
Mark Fickenscher
Ken Mast
Jace Melick
The David Pintaric Family
Julia Raccio
Brian Vondran
Devin Wilmouth

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Steve Dominish	4/15
Vic Marsh	4/30
Brandon Nutter	4/12
Steve Selmants	4/21
Beth Sipple	4/13

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Call Bill Kasmer 330/547-5350

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