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## MVR APRIL CALENDAR

April 6, 2015 **DATE CHANGE**

### NEW LOCATION

**AMEN CORNER SPORTS BAR & GRILLE  
20 W. MAIN ST.  
GIRARD, OH 44420**

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

**April 25, Tire Rack Street Survival  
Boardman Park  
Boardman, OH**

## REport - Reed Kryder

On March 19 Sandi and I traveled to Somerset, Pa for a funeral. Most of you didn't know Shirley Shafer, but her and husband George played a big part in our racing lives. George was my instructor at one of the two SCCA driver school events required in 1975. We maintained a great friendship which included Shirley feeding me (she didn't give me a choice) when I was a Goodyear Tire Engineer working at TransAm races where their son, Craig, was competing. We also enjoyed many get-togethers at their Sebring condo in later years when we were competing in the 12-Hours of Sebring. Shirley was often instrumental in helping us find lodging for the crew during our Sebring visits. We last saw them during the recent Sebring TransAm weekend. They were helping George's twin, Bob, with his vintage program. Both George and Shirley appeared to be in good health and spirits. A few days later Shirley suffered a heart attack. For those of you who knew her, you know she was a very special person in our racing community.

If you haven't already noticed, the April MVR membership meeting has been moved to Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held at a different location. Even though we do not have a race scheduled for 2015, we have a lot of other activities and the April meeting will lay the groundwork for most of them. Discussion items to be covered include our April 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Tire Rack Street Survival, working with Steel Cities Region at their September Regional race event at PIRC (STC is sending someone to discuss), and becoming involved with Northern Ohio Valley Region at their Salem solo to be held on Sunday, June 21.

We should also have updates on the upcoming PIRC Track Night in America, news (?) regarding Nelson Ledges (Neohio did cancel their May Regional races), and we can discuss whatever anyone else wants to bring up.

We would also like your opinions regarding this new meeting location and whether we should make it permanent.

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## Membership Report

We have about 165 members including dual members.

A reminder to the following that your membership is due for renewal in March:

Jennifer Badger  
Ray Barnhart  
Atahan Koymen  
Julia Raccio  
Brian Vondran

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Kevin Leatherman	4/14
Taylor Manol	4/11
Brandon Nutter	4/12
Holly Royal	4/17
Steve Selmants	4/12
Beth Sipple	4/13

Expirations:

Ralph Denny, The Jim C Royal Family and The Nick Doinoff need to renew their memberships, or risk being dropped.

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## John McGill Award

TOPEKA, Kan. – Dennis Dean has been given the 2014 John McGill Award, the final SCCA Club Racing award to be given out this season.

The honor was bestowed upon Dean this past weekend as part of the Northeast Division Steward Training Seminar, with NEDIV Exec Steward Kathy Barnes in the role of presenter.

The award is given to one Club member who is deemed to have made a significant contribution to the Club Racing program. The winner is chosen by the members of the Club Racing Board, in concert with the SCCA Chief Operating Officer.

“This is not an award you work for,” Dean said. “This is an award that comes to you. For five year, while I served as the Vice President of Club Racing, one of my duties was to partner with the Competition Board to select the winner of the John McGill Award. Very few things I did then were as important to me as making that selection, because I had a deep understanding of its significance to the SCCA and to Club Racing. Because of that, I am deeply humbled by being added to the roll of honorees. “To be put on a list with people like Frank Schultheis, Johnny Bornholdt, Rob Walker, and Sue Roethel is something I would never have dreamed could happen and I am honored beyond my capacity to properly articulate it.”

The presentation of the John McGill Award signifies the final annual SCCA award to be given out for 2014. While the top Club Racing driver, Andrew Longe, was awarded the President's Cup at the SCCA Annual Convention, many of the other top honors for those involved with the Club Racing program were given away at Divisional and Regional events held throughout the winter months.

## Minutes of the March Membership Meeting

There was no official membership meeting in March.

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How do you want to be remembered? 50 years from now most of our racing accomplishments will be forgotten. But those you have loved and served will remember. With the Lord's help you can leave an eternal legacy.

Chaplain Marvin Gray chapnlrc@aol.com



### Ohio Chaplain's Notes March 2015 1965

Have you ever gotten to an airport, made it quickly through security and had to wait a long time for your flight? I head to the shops at those times and mid-February I did just that as I waited for our flight to the UK. At a newsstand I came across a Shelby annual that looked like good reading on the long ride to London Heathrow.

The Shelby mag covered car shows, the new production facilities in Las Vegas and included a poster of the 2015 Shelby GT Mustang. But the most interesting stuff recited the stories from 1965, now 50 years ago. I was a sophomore at Troy High and just getting into that racin' thang. My first live event was first day of Time Trials for the 65 Indy 500 but it was sports cars that were at the top of my heap and at the top of that heap sat Carroll Shelby.

The season before his Cobra Daytona Coupe was developed by Peter Brock on the 289 Cobra chassis. While most of those in the shop thought the project was a waste of time, ace driver and test pilot Ken Miles convinced Shelby to go ahead albeit with no budget. In its first test it was *only* 3 ½ seconds faster around the old Riverside circuit in CA. Shelby had his weapon to attack Ferrari and his GTO's on the high speed European courses in the World Manufacturers Championship. SCCA Hall of Famers Dan Gurney and Bob Bondurant gave the Cobra the class win at LeMans but reliability issues caused the championship to escape when Ferrari persuaded the Italian promoters to cancel the race Shelby needed. Carroll's response was, "Next year Ferrari's behind (he used another word) is mine!"

So we come to 1965. Shelby took over the failing Ford GT program but also was determined to see his Cobras World Champs. Victories for the GT's and the Cobras at Daytona and Sebring started the season right. Despite failures of both models at LeMans, on July 4<sup>th</sup> a class victory at Reims, France gave the Cobra the crown. Shelby said, "The most satisfying thing I ever did was winning the world championship."