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## MVR APRIL CALENDAR

April 4

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

April 23

Street Survival  
Boardman Park  
Boardman OH

## **REport - Reed Kryder**

Okay, time to get going on activities with your cars. There is a Track Night in America at Pitt Race on Thursday, April 20. Entry fee is \$50 for SCCA members, but you had better register soon. I believe several MVR members will be participating. Two days later, April 22, the annual Safety Training Day is being held at Pitt Race. If you know anyone interested in becoming a corner worker or other volunteer activity at race events, please have them contact Brad Morris.

And if that weekend wasn't already busy enough, our yearly Tire Rack Street Survival is scheduled for Boardman Park on Sunday, April 23. The next item on my 'todo' list following this writing is to start contacting people about the TRSS. We still have room for participants and instructors.

Amongst other news items: Nelson Ledges Road Course is starting to come alive again. There was activity when I checked their website and Facebook page on March 19. Check it out.

In the meantime, don't miss our April 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. And bring some ideas on future meetings with some social features.

## **Membership Meeting Detour**

The exit ramp from I-80 to route 422 in Girard (by the Amen Corner) will be closing soon and will be closed for over a year. This could make getting to and from the meetings difficult for those traveling along I-80.

## **March Membership Report**

We have about 155 members including dual members.

Welcome new members:

Michael Britvich  
Andrew Bujdoso

March Renewals are:

Ray Barnhart  
Merrell Brownlee  
Atahan Koymen  
The Jim Royal Family  
The Brian Vondran Family

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Raymond Mozes	4/20
Brandon Nutter	4/12
Holly Royal	4/17
Steve Selmants	4/21
Jacob White	4/6

## **Minutes of the March Membership Meeting**

March membership meeting opened at 8:06 pm by Asst. R.E. Brad Morris. Four members present .

Brian Vondran motion to accept not reading treasures report seconded by Kathy Langston . Motion passed. Brian Vondran motioned to accept minutes as in Track. Seconded by Kathy Langston. Motion passed.

Old Business - Tire Rack Street Survival April 23rd Brian Vondran will be speaking with Boardman High School & their PTA on promoting the event. NeOhio is working on their own event . Nelson Ledges Counsel - no new update. Track Night in America April 20 at Pitt Race

New Business - Safety day April 22nd. Brian Vondran motion to adjourn Kathy Langston seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

## **Annual Tech's and Driver Physicals**

NeOhio SCCA Annual Tech Day and Competition Driver Physicals

Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 to 12:30:

Track First-Ohio  
2636 Brecksville Rd Suite A  
Richfield, OH 44286

Note that this is a new location

For physical appointments contact Debbie LaFond at [fastlady1026@yahoo.com](mailto:fastlady1026@yahoo.com) or 440-946-2207

Annual Tech is on a first come first serve basis. If you have a new car that needs a logbook please let us know in advance so we are prepared for you.



## Ohio Chaplain's Notes March 2017

### Do You Miss it?

Sebring. As the competitors fly by on the screen, the mixed emotions fill my brain. The new IMSA DPI's are spectacular. In fact, at the Daytona 24, Jeff Gordon's kids thought their dad was finally a cool race driver because he was driving a mean black Cadillac DPI, the Batmobile. I even like the shark fin tails on the DPIs that are also sprouting on Formula 1 cars this season. Certainly, the battle in GTLM is fierce with Corvettes, Porsche 911s, a Ferrari 488 and BMW M6s chasing the Ford GTs trying for a triple of last year's 24 Hours of Le Mans and this year's Rolex 24 and Sebring. The new Ohio built Acura is looking good in GTD.

It really seems time to blow out of this miserable Ohio March and to get to a race track. Last year, I had already made a first weekend in March return to Sebring after 47 years for the Trans Am 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary race. As that weekend came and went, I wished I had been able to return to watch Cliff Ebben's Mustang take this year's win. But his win only came about after problems for young Mr. Ernie Francis Jr's number 98 Mustang. It broke after claiming the pole, setting the fastest race lap and leading the first 16 laps of the race. He is certainly one to watch for now and the future. Sadly, this year my chaplaincy duties for Road Race Ministries will be limited. Due to sanctioning and personnel changes with the Pirelli World Challenge and Trans Am, I will only be at a couple of the more local Trans AMs.

Of course, all SCCA racers in the Northeast Ohio areas and around wait with baited breath for more news from Nelson Ledges. The rumors seem good and if they are true it will be so good to be back at a "grown up" Nelson. For this now it seems to be as Joni Mitchell sang "You don't know what you've got til its gone." There is one great SCCA deal this month to get over the "I miss the race track blues." Members can sign up for a Track Night in America for only \$50. Who knows, you might see a red 94 Mustang GT at Pitt Race in April.

Despite the joy we get from racing, the ultimate joy is having a relationship with God. You are always on His schedule. You just need to go to Him.

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