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AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 4, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REMARKS – Reed Kryder

Something remarkable happened at our July membership meeting. A member put forth an idea and before long it was being excitedly discussed by those in attendance. Everyone wanted to add an addition, make a revision, or promote a spin-off to the idea. As the meeting progressed the idea grew into something everyone felt was worth pursuing. We all had fun “growing” the idea because everyone recognized it for its value in generating a “funner” Golden Harvest Double Regional during the weekend of October 17-18. I don't know if “funner” is a proper word, but it fits what was accomplished.

So what happened? Initially Brad Morris suggested the idea of a Divisional Challenge at Nelson Ledges. He had some great reasoning and thoughts on how to proceed. Then we discussed adding a PDX to the program and voted to do it. We also discussed allowing “rides” on course during lunch breaks. That discussion led to sending invitations to local car clubs to participate in this function. And since the Golden Harvest is the last race of the year during our 50th Anniversary we decided there needed to be some special recognition and festivities.

There are already several volunteers working on various aspects of the weekend and we should hear some reports at the August 4th meeting. It's not too late to throw in your two-cents. See you there.

I would like to add one comment regarding the lunchtime course rides. Some of you may remember them from a few years ago. They were common at Nelson Ledges and other tracks. But then someone (National office?) laid down some ground rules and most tracks/regions decided the rides were no longer worth the effort. We have reviewed the rules and they appear overly restrictive. They definitely don't follow the club's new slogan of “Make it easy, make it fun.” But the activity is not forbidden and it is worth pursuing.

NEW STATE OF OHIO DRIVING LAWS

For those who have not read about or heard about the State of Ohio has a couple of new driving laws.

1. Truck speed limit for Interstate Highways is now 65 MPH.
2. Headlights are required when wipers are on in the rain.
3. Drivers must slow down or move over for tow trucks stopped on side of road.

These went into effect the first part of July.

SCCA Needs Nominations for Club Racing Workers of the Year

[Club Racing](#) 07/29/2009



Photo: Doug Koza

TOPEKA, Kan. (July 29, 2009) – SCCA is seeking nominations for the 2009 Club Racing Workers of the Year. The Club annually recognizes the contributions and efforts of one individual per specialty at the National Championship Runoffs.

Winners are selected by a pool of nominations made by their peers, so submitting nominations is critical to the process. In recent years, the number of nominations has decreased. Don't miss this opportunity to honor your favorite workers!

“We really want to see this program have a boost of energy in 2009,” SCCA VP of Club Racing Terry Ozment said. “Workers are SCCA's most valuable asset. They provide the means for SCCA to conduct events while holding costs down. The Worker of the Year program is designed to honor their significant contributions to Club Racing. It's too important not to submit a recommendation!”

Winners in 10 specialties (Emergency Services, Grid and Pit, Timing and Scoring, Scrutineering, Race Administration, Sound, Flagging & Communications, Registration, Stewarding and Starter) will be announced at the Worker Recognition Celebration, Thursday, Sept. 24 at Road America. Winners each receive a jacket, plaque, patch and SCCA Merchandise gift certificate. One winner will be drawn to receive a lifetime membership.

Nominations can be made by anyone and should include the individual's name and specialty along with a brief explanation of why their efforts in 2009 have been exemplary. To nominate someone, just send an email woy@scca.com. Don't delay, do it today!

Minutes of the June Membership Meeting

June membership meeting opened at 8:00 pm by R.E. Reed Kryder.

A motion to accept minutes from April as printed in track by Sandi Kryder, seconded by Bill Pintaric. Passed.

Treasurers report was approved.

Membership report – it was in TRACK.

Old Business: National race 91 entries. Good racing & good weather, lost between \$2000.00 & \$2500.00.

Worker burn out ? Our events attract great workers & good turn out. We had a great steak dinner & cake. There was controversy with F500 race winner. Golden Harvest PDX possible for race weekend.

New Business Joe Crugnale past away Friday May 29th. Joe & Lila Crugnale ran the concession stand for years. Teen driving school in the future at Nelsons?

Motion to adjourn, Brad Morris seconded Carl Holbrook 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley

Minutes of the July Membership Meeting

July membership meeting opened at 8:03pm by R.E. Reed Kryder, nine members present.

February, March & May minutes as printed in accepted motion by Sandy Kryder seconded by Carl Holbrook.

Old Business ,

Ambulance service over billed us for the National. We will receive credit towards are next race. PDX and Golden Harvest in October were discussed. Some of the topics, more publicity? Two sessions? Four sessions? Race drivers in car with students? Saturday event & Sunday event ? Street Survival-Teen Driving School possible in the future. Prices for PDX ? instructor incentives. One on one instructor / student 20 to 25 max participants. Lunch time parade laps on race weekends ? is this possible ? Golden Harvest challenge between North East & Great Lakes Divisions ? (little brown jug) trophy for division? Unique ideas for awards & rules, special tech stickers for winners. 50th anniversary stickers for Golden Harvest.

New Business:

Our sound equipment needs to be recalibrated before Golden Harvest. Other items: There were a lot of Detroit Region workers around the bon fire at the Neohio National, Lemons Races should be a big hit at Nelson.

Adjourned 8:45pm motion by Dick Wade seconded by Carl Holbrook

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Member with August renewals:

Todd Allen
Charles Grucella
Christina Libecco
Deidre Lutsch
Frank McWilliams
Brad Morris
Mike Saddleton
Chris Turkali

Happy Birthday to:

Courtney Doinoff	8/23
Deidre Lutsch	8/29
Edward Mandel	8/9
Matthew Mears	8/4
Jim Tibor	8/26
Dick Wade	8/29
Sherry Ziegler	8/29

The following have been dropped from the active list:

Glenn Boros
Allen Milarcik
Doug Miller
Kim Smith

Membership Participation Report – from Inside Line

Membership at the end of May stood at 47,348 representing a 2% drop from the beginning of the year and a 6.5% decrease from the same month a year ago. I strongly believe that these figures might be much worse if not for the tireless efforts of Region leadership in continuing to put on first class, safe events that members enjoy being involved in and the dedication our members have to the club. At the end of April, Club Racing entrants were down 15%, while the number of events has remained the same as last year. Some Regions have experienced stability and even increased entries over 2008, while others have been down significantly. The bright spot continues to be workers don't seem to be in short supply compared to 2008. Solo and Rally programs are currently operating at about the same levels as they were in 2008.

Lockton Risk Services to Offer Vehicle Insurance Coverage for SCCA PDX Participants

There is now an insurance product available for our PDX program that will help to attract new PDX participants and keep existing participants involved in these events. The HPDE Insurance Program, administered by Lockton Risk Services, has approved our PDX program due to the high level of safety and structure at these events. These policies are purchased exclusively through the HPDE Insurance Program website (<http://hpdeins.locktonaffinity.com>). Feel free to call their office at 866-582-4957 or e-mail at hpdeins@locktonaffinity.com to learn more about this program.

As an example, insurance coverage for a vehicle valued at \$25,000 can be obtained for approximately \$170.

CLASSIFIEDS

Free to Mahoning Valley, Neohio, Misery Bay, Steel Cities and Western New York Regions members. Ads will run 3 consecutive times (asterisks at the beginning of the ad indicates how many times the ad has run). Ads must be resubmitted after their 3rd run.

* RACE CAR PREP: Kryderacing offers race car preparation, chassis set up, trackside services, etc. Check out their Website www.kryderacing.com

* For Sale: 1972 MG Midget. Driven in PA salt from 1972 to 1984. In dry storage from 1984 to 2009. Lots of rust and mice! \$400 OBO. Call Dave Badger at 724-336-5661

* FOR SALE: 1970 Porsche 914-4 FP with trailer. Car is well used and needs some repair. \$2500.00 Cliff McCandless 724-458-6809

*For Rent: or Sale IT-C Renault Alliance. Sale price - \$3,500. Contact Carl Holbrook 330-856-7841 or email at cholb2698@aol.com

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Honda Launches New Grassroots Motorsports Initiative

[Club Racing](#) 07/24/2009



Honda Performance Development, Inc. Launches Grassroots Motorsports Initiative Will Develop Products, Services for Amateur, Lower-Level Professional Racers

For more information contact: T.E. McHale

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (July 24, 2009) – Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD), the authorized Honda and Acura auto racing company in North America, today announced a new automotive initiative targeted at expanding its presence in the grassroots motorsports market.

The broad-based initiative will include the development of products and services that support competition in the amateur and entry-level professional ranks, and will also include integrated marketing activities designed to raise the profile of Honda Racing and HPD.

“For many years, Honda enthusiasts have campaigned our products in racing series throughout the U.S.,” said Erik Berkman, President of Honda Performance Development. “On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Honda brand in the United States, we are pleased to announce that we will now support those efforts directly, by introducing products and services geared toward helping our customers fulfill their racing dreams.”

The new program will ultimately include an array of products and services for Honda and Acura customers who compete in amateur and professional racing. These products include both original equipment parts and racing-performance parts.

To launch its new grassroots initiative, HPD will operate the Honda Racing Line, a club targeted at licensed participants in amateur and entry-level professional racing. The Honda Racing Line will provide its members with a direct connection to Honda Performance Development and its unparalleled record of success at the pinnacle levels of motorsport.

This channel to factory support, which will offer Honda

Racing Line members the opportunity to purchase racing-performance parts for expedited delivery, has not existed previously.

“Thousands of our customers are racing Hondas or Acuras today with a need for regular access to parts,” Berkman noted. “A market has clearly been established for a service like the Honda Racing Line. We are pleased to provide that service, and look forward to expanding the roster of benefits and services available to Honda Racing Line members.”

Competitors may register for the Honda Racing Line club and gain access to the parts catalogue through a website portal, HondaRacingLine.com. Additional Racing Line membership benefits will be announced as they are developed.

HPD’s new grassroots motorsports initiative also supports the fans of grassroots racing through an integrated marketing plan, focusing on fan identification with the Honda Racing brand through merchandise sales and additional services.

Specific details regarding other components of the new grassroots motorsports initiative will be announced throughout the year.

Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD) is the factory-authorized Honda and Acura racing company within North America. Founded in 1993, and located in Santa Clarita, Calif., HPD is the technical operations center for Honda and Acura’s high-performance racing cars and engines. In addition to its grassroots motorsports participation, HPD is the single engine supplier to the IndyCar Series and competes in prototype sports-car racing under the Acura banner in the American Le Mans Series.