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MVR AUGUST CALENDAR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, August 5, 2014**

Wolf Creek Equestrian Center

Picnic Dinner starts at 6:30pm

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

Important MVR dates to Remember:

Sept. 27-28
Oct. 5

Double Regional - Nelson Ledges
Street Survival - Boardman Park

REport - Reed Kryder

Last month's membership meeting was one for the ages. It was evident a lot of people had an interest in MVR's future racing programs at Nelson Ledges. The discussions at the meeting were lengthy and many viewpoints were brought up. In the end it was decided by everyone to cancel our July event and give the track time to complete needed work projects before we held our September event. Work has been ongoing and I should have an update at our August meeting.

There is a new web site for the track. Go to www.nelsonledgesracecomplex.com for the latest in scheduling and information.

I have also suggested to the track management they hold a Funday/Tune & Test Day prior to the end of August so drivers can look at the facility and get the word out promoting our race weekend. Brad Morris is working on a web site where people can post photos and opinions.

Speaking of the August meeting, we are all being invited to a picnic style meeting at Bill and Sandy Pintaric's stables. Even if you have no interest in horses you will be impressed by their facility. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We also have another TireRack Street Survival planned for this year. It will be held October 5th.

It is a busy time and things are changing constantly. Check in at www.mvrscqa.org frequently. And come to the meetings, especially the August meeting.

Reed Kryder, RE
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

6:30PM Dinner - bring dish to share and your own beverages.

8:00PM Meeting - we may break the record for shortest MVR meeting - currently less than 60 seconds.

MVR will provide hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, napkins, plastic ware. A grill will be provided.

Please let Sandi know what you will be bringing so that we might even out the food dishes.

Contact: Sandi Kryder
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Membership Report

We have about 180 members including dual members.

We would like to welcome new members:

Peter Falco
Ronald Yarab, Jr.

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

Chris Bell
Dave Klein
Steve McElroy
Brad Morris
The Stephen Pollak Family
Michael Saddleton
Chris Turkali

The following memberships are on the list to be dropped until their renewals have been received:

Caleb Brink
Kellen Miller

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Jake Bigler	8/15
Ashley Calvimontes	8/29
Ryan Ferris	8/5
Colton Kaisk	8/30
Atahan Koymen	8/7

JOIN US AT MAHONING VALLEY REGION'S ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING

AT
WOLF CREEK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
3684 S. Bailey Rd. (Rt. 45)
North Jackson, OH

DeeDee Lutsch	8/29
David Piantaric	8/2
Cade Pollak	8/15
James Schell	8/29
Jim Tibor	8/26
Dick Wade	8/29

What's going at Nelson Ledges - Update

Nelson Ledges Road Course Status Report - July 28, 2014

Fundays were held on July 26 and 27. There have been some significant improvements in the facility since I last visited two weeks ago.

The repairs to the pavement continue. A sealer (from someone with race track repair experience) was applied in many areas and the results have been impressive. Dry traction appears to be similar to the rest of the track and maybe better. Wet traction is an unknown, but the motorcycle guys are extremely interested in this item and will be testing it in the near future. (That has got to be a brave rider.) It is my opinion the condition of the track through the Oak Tree turn is better than it has been in several years. Other areas were also worked on, including the area entering the carousel.

A lot of gravel has been laid down in problem areas like the cross-over road, several infield sections, and where mud-holes develop in the outer perimeter road. It is not the best gravel (broken up asphalt) but it is very welcome.

The complete paddock and majority of the infield areas are mowed to the point they look like a lawn. There are other outlying areas still to be addressed, but the improvement is dramatic.

The paddock area where the trailers were parked between turns 11 and 12 has been cleared of all but two trailers, and they will be moved in the near future. This area will now revert to paddock usage as it was many years ago. Discussions are underway as to where to relocate these trailers.

General opinion: The overall condition of the facility is a lot better than it was when Finger Lakes Region ran their June Regional races. This includes both the paddock area and the pavement. In many ways the improvements also corrected much of the damage done by the rough winter. While there still are some areas needing discussion regarding the running of a race at the facility, they are in the areas of equipment choices (radios, safety trucks, etc) and no longer the track surface or grass.

The Mahoning Valley Region is going ahead with plans to hold Regional Races on September 27-28. If you are a driver or volunteer worker, I have a request: Please try

to visit and personally inspect the facility during the month of August. Then spread the word. Within the next few days there should be a special MVR website on which you can post photos and opinions. DOING THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IF MVR IS TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL ENTRY LEVEL AT THE EVENT.

For those of you wanting to test, Fundays scheduling can be found at the www.nelsonledgesracecomplex.com website. Many racers treat them as Tune & Test dates. While not currently on the schedule, I expect firm dates to appear shortly for August 9 and 10. I am hopeful for additional Fundays being scheduled for August 23 and 24.

If testing is not possible but you want to view the facility and track surface you can still stop by on the Fundays. I'll provide a ride around the track for your inspection. Targeting a time starting after noon would work best for a ride-along inspection.

Reed Kryder

Minutes of the July Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder, called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. There were 21 members present.

Sandi Kryder made a motion to approve the minutes at printed in TRACK. Barb Ruman seconded. Motion passed.

Carl Holbrook made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by John Gingery. Motion passed.

Membership report was in TRACK.

Old Business:

Fundays are this coming weekend (July 5 & 6). John Gingery discussed our next Street Survival. Dates to choose from are Sept. 13 or Oct. 5. Oct. 5 was picked.

New Business:

The August membership meeting, which had been previously held at Nelson Ledges, will have to be moved. Possibilities include Bill Pintaric's horse farm..

Lots of discussion on Nelson Ledges from track surface to restrooms and whether to cancel our July event.

A group of driver's are going to go out to the track on Sat. July 5th to meet with Rick Drucker to discuss problems with the track and facilities.

Greg Alley motioned to cancel our July 26-27 event was voted to cancel our July event. Sandi Kryder seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Sandi Kryder made a motion to not pay a deposit on our September event. Brad Morris seconded. Motion passed.

Brad Morris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sandi Kryder seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.



Nelson Ledges Chaplains Notes July 2014

Cha Cha Cha Cha Changes

Detroit. The name brings images of a city in shambles. A bankrupt city government, row upon row of abandoned houses, and shuttered businesses come easily to mind. Detroit seems a glorious past, a disastrous present, and a scary future. But just like my home town of Cleveland, the old image masks new emerging reality.

At the start of the summer I was the Road Race Ministries Chaplain for the Pirelli World Challenge at the Detroit Grand Prix. As I entered downtown I made a wrong turn and a couple of gentlemen were kind enough to send me in the right direction (They did like my Mustang.) Due to the very limited parking on Belle Isle, I was had to use the shuttle which was reliable and convenient. At the gate there were an overwhelming group of volunteers welcoming all to Detroit and thanking everyone for coming. Hay had been put down in a number of areas to deal with the remnants of rain earlier in the week. Belle Isle is a lovely setting for race with a beautiful view of downtown from the pit lane.

There is lots new in the Pirelli World Challenge Series, too. The addition of FIA GT3 spec cars has brought an amazing diversity of exotic machinery. McLarens, Lamborghinis, Audi R8's, Ferraris, Cadillac CTS V's, Dodge Vipers, Porsches, Mercedes, and Aston Martins join Mustangs, Camaros, Kias and Nissan Zs. Competitive racing put on by a welcoming staff and competitors made for an enjoyable weekend at the track. It was a good way to see Detroit on the way back. I will come again.

Closer to home, most everyone knows that there has been a change in management at Nelson Ledges. While there were several difficulties at the first SCCA weekend causing the cancelation of the July race, we all hope to see Todd Karam and the new team pull a great

comeback. I know they are working hard to make it happen.

And, if you are down personally, we have a God who will help you make the cha cha cha changes that will get you back on track. You only have to ask Him. He is always ready to listen.

Chaplain Marvin Gray chapnrc@aol.com

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** For Sale: 911 Porsche, Truck, Trailer, All spares etc. \$75,000 takes all. Contact Fred Baker at FBPAFred@aol.com

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