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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 7, 2010

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

Remember bring a fun racing gift for the gift exchange.
But please, don't buy anything new.



Mahoning Valley Region
Christmas Party Gift Exchange
Dec. 7, 2010
West Fork Road House

Got a racing item around the house you don't want. Why not use it for the gift exchange at our December Membership Meeting. Who knows, you might get something you really want.



Report – Reed Kryder

The holidays are upon us. As mentioned in last month's REMarks we are planning a very special December Membership Meeting. It will be more of a social function. Old and New Business hopefully will be kept to a minimum. Bring a gift for exchange. As mentioned last month, the gift should be something lying around the garage or house which would be of interest to another sports car nut. It may have little value, but you have never been able to make yourself throw it in the trash. DO NOT GO OUT AND BUY SOMETHING. We are also going to have the four Divisional Championship awards won by MVR drivers on display at the meeting. The drivers may even be there to receive them. The meeting is Tuesday, December 7th at West Fork. Arrive around 7 PM for dinner and story-telling. The meeting starts at 8 PM.

See you at the meeting
Reed Kryder, RE

Report from the NeDiv Mini Con - Reed Kryder

Since we have more fun activities planned for the December 7th Membership Meeting I am submitting the following report from the recent Mini-Con. It was held November 12-14 in Rochester, NY. Myself, Sandi, Paul Morrison, and Dave Badger were amongst those representing MVR.

The National Racing Committee meeting lasted only a couple of hours compared to the six hours plus experienced at the Round Table last Spring. The discussion regarding the 2011 National race schedule was short. All earlier agreements (from the Round Table) were honored. Lime Rock withdrew their requested National due to several scheduling difficulties. They are looking for an acceptable date. The MVR National will be held August 27-28.

Addition items discussed regarding Nationals included the plan to greatly upscale recognition of NeDiv National Champions. Included were plans to add significant promotions for the NeDiv National races. Several people are doing some research on suggestions and we hope to make some decisions during the Round Table in March. Please contact me with suggestions. I will make sure they are heard.

The idea of Rationals was discussed during both the NRC meeting and other meetings during the weekend. Rationals are designed to help events which have limited National entries and want to combine a full Regional with the weekends activities. Some past events have tried to do both separate on the same weekend, but a Rational actually combines the groups "on-track" for all sessions, including the races. There were many concerns over the Rational concept when it was presented last year and the National office okayed two events on a "prototype"

basis. I don't know the details of the event supps but apparently one event went very well while the other highlighted some problems. The Rational idea is being expanded for 2011 but is still on a trial basis. The early event at New Hampshire will be a Rational. Steel Cities may be considering it for their mid-Summer event.

Another item presented was the idea of a Mini-Double. Everyone in the NRC liked it. There were some small problems discussed, but in general it seemed like something worth following. A Mini-Double is an additional race group during a National race weekend which would create a double opportunity for one of the race groups. Each scheduled single National would have the opportunity of adding one of these race groups, probably in place of the restricted Regional most Regions currently are scheduling. Regions desiring a Mini would pick their additional race in a predetermined order and once a race group was picked it would not be available for later picks. There were some small potential problems discussed, but most of those in attendance felt it was worth pursuing. Jerry Wannarka, Chairman of the SCCA Board of Directors, was in the meeting and also felt it was worth looking into, but suggested it be done on a "prototype" basis initially, similar to what was done with Rationals. In addition, there was also a consensus opinion that maybe NeDiv should replace the "two Double Nations per year" with "one Double and a Mini for everyone else who wanted one" starting in 2012. It was decided to have meeting attendees present the idea of Minis and a "Single National combined with Minis" to our members for input. We would discuss it further at the 2011 Round Table. Left unresolved was the idea of pursuing "prototype" Minis. Later in the day there a movement initiated by a majority of the NRC voting members to see if "prototype minis" could be tried in NeDiv in 2011.

Items discussed in other meetings include:

One of the routine items for discussion during the Sunday morning NeDiv Council meeting is approval of Double Nationals. Long before I started attending these meetings there was lengthy and heated discussion surrounding this subject. Political trickery was common and usually led to new rules for future meetings. And to make it worse, most of the people in the room were not directly involved in the discussion. The National Racing Committee was started as a means to put the Regions directly impacted by these decisions in a room and have them reach an agreed upon schedule to present to the Council for a vote. Even though the NRC is not in total agreement on everything, the idea seems to have worked very well. When the two 2011 Double Nationals were presented to the Council meeting for approval it was handled no discussion and a simple vocal "yay" or "nay". I heard no "nays". The NeDiv meeting continued onto other subjects and was adjourned in what must have been record time, at least for the ones I have attended.

During the banquet four Mahoning Valley Region

members received plaques recognizing their 2010 Divisional Championships. David Pintaric in STO, Amy Ruman in GT-1, Sedat Yelkin in FA, and David Strittmatter in FP. These three drivers went on to record a win, a third, and a fourth at the Run-Offs. One of them might have been on the podium had he not experienced mechanical problems leading to a DNS. This is quite an achievement for our small region. The Mahoning Valley Region has some great drivers.

We all want to congratulate MVR member Paul Morrison on his new assignment as Divisional Administrator for Tech in NeDiv. MVR has two of the very best tech people in Paul and Dave Badger.

Roy Bergman announced the Regional Enduro Series would be dropped in 2011. Participation has been dropping over the last few years. Individual Regions may still decide to hold enduros and Roy requested the rules remain on the website for reference purposes to those running events.

There was much discussion regarding the continued use of the "NESCCA" name. It started with the comment "We give NESCCA awards to NeDiv Champions". It evolved into "when and where NESCCA should be used or should it be dropped?" When Solo, Rally, and other areas were added to the discussion things became totally confusing. There were no decisions made, but it was obvious some clarifications were needed. Let me know your thoughts.

Neohio held one of their Competition Clinics in conjunction with Mini-Con and I heard it was well enough attended they are looking into a return in a couple of years.

Sandi, Paul, and Dave were in other meetings and may have additional reports.

Reed Kryder, RE

NeDiv Mini Con Report - Sandi Kryder

I spent most of the day in the registration seminar. Online Registration was the "hot topic". The online system that NeDiv has used for the past 11 years is antiquated and would need either major upgrade or switch to one of the other systems used by other Division i.e. DLB Racing or Motorsport Reg.

Representatives from both DLB and MotorsportReg gave presentations. Both are very similar.

All the regions in NeDiv are free to use which ever system they want to.

On a side note, it was mentioned that the SCCA National office has chosen MotorsportReg as their online registration system for events such as National RunOffs registration, Pro Solo, National Solo etc..

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We currently have approx. 150 members including dual members.

A reminder to the following members with November Renewals:

Dean & Linda Beiltstein
Mike Edmunds
Greg Grucella
George Kissinger
Matthew Meara
Jim Morgan
Amy Ruman
Bob & Barb Ruman
Bryan Salchak

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Troy Barnhouse	12/24
Linda Beilstein	12/17
Melissa Buchanan	12/26
Luciana Fuicci	12/28
Greg Grucella	12/30
Eddie Hofstrom	12/8
Hugh Kells	12/29
Martin Lutsch	12/19
Rachel Pintaric	12/9
Phyllis Stambaugh	12/7
Matthew Williams	12/7

The following have lapsed SCCA memberships:

Jacob Lane, Kera Yelkin, Steve Dominish, Charles Grucella and Chris Turkali

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