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MVR DECEMBER CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE

Dec. 2, 2014

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

WEB SITES

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It is the time of year to enjoy family's and the holidays. Thanksgiving has been a family affair at the Kryder household for many years. The little kids make lots of noise while their Mom's make plans for Black Friday shopping. (Sandi and I relax on Black Friday.) December arrives and seems to pass very quickly with all the activities and shopping. Then it's Christmas and New Year's.

While you are enjoying your Thanksgiving make sure you put some thought into what you will bring to the Mahoning Valley Region Christmas Party on December 2nd. We do have a few business items to discuss but the majority of the meeting is the gift exchange. Some of the gifts seem to return each year (such as a certain plastic orange fish). If you haven't participated in the past please bring a wrapped gift of minimal value. Some gifts are of the gag variety while others are racing related items which have been collecting dust in your house for too many years - it's time to move them to someone else's house. Brad Morris usually facilitates the procedures. It is a lot of fun.

See you December 2nd,

Reed Kryder

Membership Report

We have about 183 members including dual members.

We would like to welcome new member:

Andrew Gentry

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

Dean & Linda Beilstein
Greg Grucella
Scott Katz
Jim Morgan
Jerry Palmer
Andy Ruhl

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Linda Beilstein	12/17	
Judy Davis	12/15	
Justin Dilley	12/12	
Cameron Goldston	12/28	
Greg Grucella	12/30	
Edward Hofstrom	12/8	
Marty Lutsch	12/19	
Rachel Pintaric		12/9

Minutes of the November Membership Meeting - Sandi Kryder

Reed Kryder, RE, called the meeting to order at 8:06pm.

We had eight members in attendance.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in TRACK was made by Sandi Kryder, seconded by Paul Morrison. Motion passed.

Brad Morris made a motion to to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Seconded by Tom Nutter. Motion passes.

Old Business:

Street Survival - We are suppose to receive a check from the BMW Club in the amount of \$950.00. Brad Morris is going to check out a sight in the Heritage/Sharon PA area. DeeDee Lutsch is check out a site in the Salem Ohio are.

Golden Harvest - Still have a few outstanding bills to pay, which haven't been received yet. Trophies need to be handled.

Our race date for 2015 is schedule for June 20-21. We will be co-sanction with Finger Lakes Region.

New Business:

Brad Morris made a motion that the Region pay for the expenses of the RE to attend the NeDiv Mini Con and the registration fee for any member who wants to attend. Motion was seconded by Brian Vondran. Motion passed.

A reminder that our December membership meeting is our annual White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange.

Sandi Kryder motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Nutter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Report from the November 14-15 Nediv Mini-Con - Reed Kryder

Paul Morrison, Sandi, and I traveled to the event Marlborough, Ma. event. It was a long drive (600+ miles) and we were thankful there were no Sunday meetings scheduled, thus allowing us to make it home at a reasonable hour. We don't know whether the three-day format will return, but for this year it was welcome.

Both Sandi (Divisional Administrator for Registration) and Paul (DA for Tech) conducted seminars for their areas during Saturday afternoon. Beside attending several meetings, I was involved in all of the scheduling

activities. The Divisional Racing Committee continues to function rather well and only a couple of rule adjustments were made for the 2015 Nediv Divisional Racing Series. One rule was limiting the number of participating tracks to eight. The 2015 schedule is:

April 11-12	Summit Point
May 23-25	New Hampshire
June 6-7	New Jersey
June 20-21	Nelson Ledges
July 25-26	Watkins Glen
August 8-9	Pocono
September 19-20	PIRC
October 9-10	Thompson

You must run at least four of the events to be eligible to receive the Championship Award in a class. We saw the 2014 awards during the Mini-Con Banquet and they were extremely impressive. This was the first year for the series and everyone felt it was a success. One of the goals of the series is to create something worthwhile which encourages traveling to other tracks. The impressive trophies are part of the plan. Separation of events, thus allowing preparation and planning by competitors, is another primary consideration. Having the series be a path to the Run-Offs is actually considered a bonus to the series and not its primary function.

You might have noticed the absence of Lime Rock on the schedule. This wasn't any kind of "slight" directed towards them, it simply was difficult to find a good slot for them on the 2015 calendar. This discussion was also part of what led to the eight-event limit for the series. The DRC had decided last year to consider inclusion of new tracks after their first year of operation. Thompson opened in 2014 and has a 2015 date as part of the next year's series. Palmer has been paved and has two race weekends (non-Div Series) scheduled in 2015. If all goes well they will be looking to host a 2016 Div Series weekend. There are two other new NeDiv tracks currently under construction (earth is being moved) and planning on running their first events in 2015. The DRC scheduling meeting for the 2016 season could be very interesting. It was decided that with a lot more than eight possible tracks in 2016 we needed some criteria for making selections in the future. Keeping all the tracks involved by rotations was discussed, but the primary piece of criteria was to keep the eight events separated on the schedule in order to allow time between them for competitors to prepare for the next one.

Discussions were held between myself, Charley Tanck (Finger Lakes Region), and Bill Stewart (Misery Bay Region) regarding the June 20-21 Nelson Ledges races. MVR and FLR are planning on making this a big, jointly sanctioned weekend. If track rental is reasonable for Friday we expect Misery Bay to join the fun with several other activities such as PDX, Club Trials, etc.

There were two major presentations by the SCCA National Office. They were targeted mainly towards club growth and member relations at the Region levels. This was the first time they presented them and further presentations are expected, including at the National Convention.

Please come to the December membership meeting for additional comments or contact me with questions.



Nelson Ledges Chaplains Notes Fall 2014 Time and Change

Fall in Ohio means Buckeye Football. Many, many years ago during half time at an Ohio State game as the Best Damn Band in the Land played the Alma Mater, Carmen Ohio; I decided to be a Buckeye. I still love the words, *Time and Change will surely show, How Firm they Friendship O HI O!*

Time and Change sure seems like a theme for this year. The SCCA Majors program has been a success for the big tracks but certainly has hurt Nelson. It is hard to believe there were only two SCCA events at the track. Now Road America gets two Majors races?

Kudos goes out to Todd Karem and his crew for getting the track moving forward. It would be a shame to lose the rich legacy of Sports Car Racing in North East Ohio and sacrifice all the hard work done in the past. Now there are plans to add a motocross course and a flat track to the infield. Hopefully these additions will help put Nelson Ledges Race Complex on a solid financial footing. Surely this is Time and Change.

This fall has seen the introduction of the 50th anniversary Mustang. New sleeker styling houses the traditional V6 and V8. But Time (50 years in the making) and Change, it also can also be powered by an EcoBoost turbo 4 and they all have an independent rear suspension.

This past year I have had a chance to be a Chaplain at a couple of Pirelli World Challenge events and I hope to be a part of more in 2015. It was a quite a show with the

addition of the FIA GT 3 spec cars. My GM friends have not been left out of the Time and Change theme as they just announced their 2015 PWC entry. CTS=No! V8=No! Next year will see the debut of the spectacular looking GT 3 spec ATS VR with 3.6 liter twin turbo and paddle shifters. It will be great fun to watch it mix it up with the Audis, McLarens, Ferraris, and Lambos, etc.

Lucky for us, the one thing that is timeless and does not change is our God. He always loves us and pursues us with His great love and grace. Why don't you let Him catch you?

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