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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, February 7, 2012**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES

If you are a club racer you have probably heard about the "Club Racing Majors" pilot program for 2012. If you are like me, the release was confusing and difficult to understand. It doesn't apply to us in 2012 but 2013 could be a different matter. I have heard various comments regarding this program. Like most changes, some people like it and some don't. Personally, I'm still too confused to form an opinion. But I'm not going to be against it simply because I'm currently a little confused.

Most racers are aware of the decline in participation over the past several years. And everyone seems to have an opinion as to why. One of the big problems facing us is the variety of opinions and what solutions need to be instituted. Something almost everyone does agree upon is there must be some changes.

It has also been my observation over the years that frequently the most vocal of the individuals calling for change is the loudest complainer afterwards. They got change, but not the one they wanted. They frequently believe their ideas for change did not get a fair evaluation, if any at all. By voicing their opinions only from the sidelines they miss something very important involved in the decision making process.

A good decision making process, by committee or individual, involves listening to numerous opinions. A couple of years ago I spent many hours in the original NeDiv National Racing Committee meeting. The committee consisted of a voting representative from each Region conducting a National event in NeDiv and a few additional (but non-voting) officials who offered their opinions and knowledge as needed. After a day and a half involving lots of strong opinions (and a few threats) we all arrived at a plan. NOBODY got everything they wanted. But everyone was heard and everyone had some of their individual issues addressed.

Since then I have read numerous emails and heard many verbal complaints addressing things the NRC is or has done wrong. In almost 100% of the cases I am in agreement with the basis for the persons complaint. Unfortunately I find it impossible to support their solution. Why? In the case of the NRC it is because the person complaining never sat in on the decision making process. They never heard all the problems and proposed solutions put forth by the other people in the room. By the way, I am not against listening to someone's complaints and/or suggestions. But I do find myself appreciating their point-of-view more when I sense they are open to discussing (as opposed to debating) other view-points.

This REMarks is a little long-winded, but I want to make two points. First, don't bad mouth a change simply because you initially don't like it or understand it. Try to look at it from the point of view of what was the goal of

the committee. Most likely the committee had a goal and tried to listen to as many opinions as time allowed. And, like the NRC example above, the committee needs to find a balance which satisfies overall objectives and individual desires.

My second point? If you really want your viewpoints given a fair hearing you need to be involved in the decision making process. By joining whatever committee you are wanting to influence you will improve the odds of getting your wishes. But don't be surprised at the quantity and variety of other suggestions. You will end up finding yourself trying to balance these other suggestions with your desires in making final decisions. A word of warning: if you do not try to find a balance, your life as a committee member will be short.

Speaking of changes, we have a few to announce for our own Region. The first couple of weeks in January have been busier than expected. Chris Bell was elected the Trustee Chairman at the January 17 Board Meeting. About a week before that, the MARRS organizers asked us if we might be interested in a 2012 MARRS event. We said "yes" and at their meeting on Saturday, January 14 they voted to extend an invitation to MVR to hold a MARRS weekend on August 4-5. Shortly thereafter, Nelson Ledges management granted us the date and our Board then approved it. We have a few administrative items to handle but expect no problems. As if another event wasn't enough, a potential site for a "Street Survival" event was spotted and Paul Morrison is going to do some investigating. One future date you might want to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, April 3rd. There is an excellent chance our membership meeting that night will be held at a conveniently located professional level race shop.

And don't forget to attend our next membership meeting on February 7th. See you then,

Minutes of the December Membership Meeting

December membership meeting 2011 opened at 8:00 pm by RE Reed Kryder.

14 members present.

Previous minutes will be in January Track,

Treasures report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Brad Morris reported on the NeDiv MiniCon. One double national per division. Drivers schools will be different (discussion). Paul Morrison, "new rules for 2012" B-spec series information & discussion.

New Business- May 26-27 double national, September 29-30 double regional, Kryderacing Banquet November 17Th.

January meeting canceled, Board Meeting will be on Tuesday January 17Th.

Motion by Paul Morrison seconded Tom Nutter to pay RE's expenses & registration for National Conference & registration for board members wanting to go. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn Sandi Kryder seconded Dick Wade 8:36 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted - Greg Alley, Secretary

Membership Report

We have approx. 125 members including dual memberships.

A reminder to the following members who are up for renewal in February:

David Gills

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Greg Alley	2/18
David Badger	2/18
Chris Bell	2/14
Mark Fickenscher	2/16
Constantin Gheorghe	2/14
Dave Klein	2/18
Matt Miller	2/16
Bill Pintaric	2/4
Bob Ruman	2/27
Brent Walton	2/28

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