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## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, February 5, 2013**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

## REport - Reed Kryder

As I write this it is 9 degrees outside. My feet are very cold due to the cement floor in the shop office. But my mind is on racing. The Kryderacing shop is busy prepping cars for the coming season. With no races to attend, weekends are spent finding other car related stuff to do. Last Sunday Greg Alley was at our house helping me put the old IMSA GTU race car back together. Sandi and I have watched Dakar updates during the past two weeks. The Dakar racing is incredible and the scenery is spectacular. This coming weekend we hope to watch as much of the Rolex 24 at Daytona as we can.

On Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> we can all get together for the first Mahoning Valley Region Membership Meeting of 2013. We have an award to present to a very deserving member. The May Regional's, PDX, and Club Trials need discussing. John Gingery should have an update of our "Street Survival" plans for 2013. Several other items will probably be discussed. But most of the evening will be spent bench racing.

There are a few items included in this newsletter from the July 28-29, 1973 Quaker State National Championship Races Program at Nelson Ledges Road Course. The event was put on by our own Mahoning Valley Region. You can find a more complete summary of the program by going to [www.kryderacing.com](http://www.kryderacing.com) and looking in the "Friends of Nelson" section. One other item you may find of interest on the same website is a new area which is an outgrowth of my instructing activities over the years. Initially it will be called "How to learn a track." The first segment should be posted very soon.

Sandi and I will be attending the SCCA National Convention of February 28-March 2. Let us know if there is something you would like us to investigate.

See you on February 5,

## Minutes of the December Meeting

2012 Membership meeting opened 8:10pm by RE Reed Kryder. Ten members present.

The Treasurers report was approved as read.

The November Membership Minutes were approved as printed in track.

Board meeting was held prior to the December to audit the books. All is well. Paul Morrison was elected chairman of trustees.

Mini Con - Brad Morris drank beer& got in trouble.

Majors (discussion) making it easier to race

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Nutter and seconded by Carl Holbrook. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Annual Christmas Gift exchange was held. Once again, some interesting item were exchange.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley

## Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx 132 members including dual members.

We want to send out a welcome to two new members. Bryan Bartzi and Steven Nelms.

Happy Birthday wishes to:

### January Birthdays

Ray Barnhart	1/26
Ralph Denny	1/13
Chuck Fenstermaker	1/18
Bruno Jacobs	1/29
Scott Lane	1/21
Chris Turkali	1/24

### February Birthdays

Greg Alley	2/18
David Badger	2/18
Chris Bell	2/14
Mark Fickenscher	2/16
Constantin Gheorghe	2/14
Dave Klein	2/18
Greg Lesky	2/12
Matt Miller	2/16
Bill Pintaric	2/4
Bob Ruman	2/27
Brent Walton	2/28

### January Membership Renewals

Chris Dercole	The Doinoff Family
Kirk Hopkins	Vic Marsh
Bob Mazza	Cliff McCandless
Jim C Royal	The Schauer Family
Mack Stambaugh	

### February Membership Renewals

David Gills	The Scott Nutter Family
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*Nelson Ledges*  
**Chaplains Notes**  
*November 2012*  
*Tradition*

There is a lot of tradition around this time of year. A couple of weeks ago I had the honor to MC the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Krydercring Regional Racing Series banquet. It was a wonderful evening of bench racing, good eats, and worthy champions. On each table is a notebook with the lists of all past winners and I am proud to be included. As always, a big thanks goes out to Reed and Sandi Kryder for their support of Regional racers.

Starting what looks to be a new tradition that weekend was the United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas. Spectators from every state and over 40 countries filled the stands and saw an epic battle where Lewis Hamilton passed Sebastian Vettel for the win. The course looked challenging and competitive. But for me the rolling Texas hills made me pine for the beauty of the Finger Lakes Region of New York on the first weekend of October. Multi-million dollar facilities and thousand dollar tickets can't compare to the sound of F1 cars screaming through the fall foliage of Watkins Glen. Grand Prix drivers and cars coming up the hill to the garages from the old pits provided an atmosphere that makes today's sterile secure F1 paddock seem like another planet.

The same day Brad Keselowski extended Cleveland boy made good Roger Penske's tradition of winning into NASCAR's top division. After wins in F1, Indy Car, ALMS and now NASCAR, Roger was asked what he still would like to accomplish in racing after winning the Sprint Cup. "To win LeMans," was his answer.

As racing season winds down I hope you and yours took time to thank God for all His blessing this past year, racing and otherwise. Look for those special moments in your traditions that can last a lifetime. I had one this past weekend. My son Daniel is earning his MBA at Ohio State and every other year when the Buckeyes play that team up north (Starts with an M, ends with an N and has pansy colors) at home, we go together. We have never seen them lose but this year the game was close to the end but OSU pulled out a 26-21 victory. As we celebrated on the field and sang the Alma Mater "time and change will surely show, how firm thy friendship, O HI O" I was so thankful to share that moment with Daniel and to realize how firm is my friendship with my son. It is truly a gift from God.

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**A Blast From The Past - 1973 Mahoning Valley National**

- Yes, forty years ago SCCA Nationals at Nelson Ledges Road Course had programs and the Regions were able to find sponsors. The cost of the program was \$1.00.
- There were 218 entrants pre-registered in 23 classes divided into 10 groups. Each group received a 20 minute practice session and a 30 minute qualifying session on Saturday with a 25 lap race on Sunday. Would the Stewards of today approve of such a busy schedule?
- Those 23 classes were found in 5 Categories. There were 4 Sports Racing classes (different engine sizes), 6 Formula classes (A, B, and C were by engine size; FVee, FFord, and F Super Vee), 8 Production classes (A through H), 3 Sedan classes (later merged with Production classes into GT classes), and 2 Showroom Stock classes. It was a simpler time.
- Some familiar names from the past include: Reeves Callaway (FV), Don Baker (FF), Dave Weitzenhof (FF), Fred Baker (CP Porsche), Bob Tullius (CP TR6), Mike Rahal (BSR - Bobby's Dad), and F. Reed Andrews (SSS Pinto).
- It was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the track. The Tire Wall was just beginning. Groundbreaking for the bridge took place at this event.
- The Overall Lap Record was a 1:06.6 set by Chuck Sarich in a March 722 Ford Formula B. Jerry Hansen had unofficially turned a 1:05.6 in his Lola T-192 Chevy Formula A (FA cars were 5-liter V8s back then). Bob Sharp held the CP record at a 1:16.1. There were two Showroom Stock classes. SSC stood for Showroom Sports Car and John Adison drove his Porsche 914 to a blistering 1:33.4. In Showroom Sedan (SSS) Ross Harris was almost as fast in his Opel 1900 Coupe. Ross clocked in at a 1:34.2.
- Bob Sharp's son Scott is mentioned. He was 5 years old.
- Neither version of the yellow flag (motionless or waving) mentions "slowing" of the race cars. Caution was advised (extreme if waving) and no passing was allowed. It also indicated you should be ready to stop if the yellow flag was waving.

- The welcoming page from John McGill included several interesting items: "Several more restrooms have been completed for your convenience." "Our Quaker State Tech Building is under construction." And "The racing surface has been newly resurfaced." Looking at the updated track records found in the September 15-16, 1973 Neohio National Program it is obvious a lot of track records were reset on the fresh pavement during the MVR weekend.
- Quaker State and British Leyland were big factors in all the construction projects underway. In addition, there were donations (money, time, and equipment) from many "Friends of Nelson" back then.
- The "Around the course" page was written by F. Reed Andrews. Even back then he was referred to as a "long time SCCA racer". Referring to exiting the carousel onto the back straight he stated: "expect to hit 85 MPH, top speed for an SSS car." Turns 12 and 13 are referred to as "the squiggles" and "12" is taken flat-out before braking for "13". He dirt-tracks his 1972 Pinto through "13".



*Nelson Ledges*  
**Chaplains Notes**  
*January 2013*  
**DAWN**

If you have ever been part of an endurance racing team at a 24 hour (or longer) event you know how encouraging it is when the dawn comes. There is something about a new day that brings the team a lift. I have driven into the dawn and it sure perks up a driver when he can start to see the finish. The dawn of a new day or a new year can give you a big spark.

For racers, the start of the New Year brings changes in many of our series. Drivers swap rides, new cars participate, and series merge and morph. This is the last year of the separate ALMS and Grand/AM series as news continues to emerge about classes and rules for 2014 as we wait for the Rolex 24 @ Daytona and the start of the road racing calendar. Indy Car sees a number of driver changes with Ohio favorite Graham Rahal uniting with his father and recent SCCA Hall of Fame inductee Bobby Rahal. NASCAR starts the New

Year with new cars that more closely resemble their street counterparts. SCCA brings the first major change in a 40 year old business model with SCCA Nationals starting to fade away to be replaced by the Majors Tour.

Unfortunately, this has already cost Nelson Ledges one of its National races and brings the number of SCCA events in 2013 at **The Friendliest Place to Race** to only five. Supposedly SCCA is going to give regions more flexibility when holding regional weekends to make up for lost events at the smaller tracks. Reed Kryder and the Kryderacing bunch have started Friends of Nelson to encourage racers to do what they can to help our home track. Check out their website [kryderacing.com](http://kryderacing.com) for more details.

Recently, we once again celebrated a most important dawn in history when God became a man and dwelt among us. May this be the year you come to know Him better.

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