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MVR FEBRUARY CALENDAR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, February 4, 2014**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

Important MVR dates to Remember:

April 27 Street Survival - Boardman Park
July 26-27 Double Regional - Nelson Ledges
Sept. 27-28 Double Regional - Nelson Ledges

REport - Reed Kryder

One of the magazines I have been reading for years is "Circle Track". While it is mainly about stock car racing the magazine is usually loaded with lots of useful tech articles for all types of racing. The "Track Tech Q&A" area is handled by Bob Bolles. Bob also has years of experience engineering suspension set-ups with a Daytona Prototype team (and others), so he knows something about our type of racing. In the April, 2014 issue he follows up on a couple of letters to the magazine. One was defending him against an earlier letter which was in strong disagreement with something he wrote. I hope "Circle Track" forgives me, but Bob's response is worthwhile reading for everyone.

"Thanks for the kind words. One of the problems with the internet and writing in general is that ideas and intentions get misinterpreted sometimes. What we mean to say and the intent behind it is not as easily portrayed as when we are talking face to face.

"I usually try to find the most positive meaning to what is written in emails and in articles I read. Some people look for the negative side, even if it's not there or readily apparent. And that is unfortunate because they may miss an important point that is trying to be made.

"I'm not here to change human nature, but I can offer a suggestion to anyone who cares to listen. If we try to look for the positive in anything we see or hear, we end up being much happier in the long run and the world around us becomes much more pleasant. And that's all I have to say on the subject."

Great comments. See you at the February 4 membership meeting,

Membership Report

February Renewals:

Colton Kaisk
The Scott Nutter Family

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Greg Alley	2/18
David Badger	2/18
Chris Bell	2/14
Mark Fickenscher	2/16
Constantin Gheorge	2/14
Dave Klein	2/18
Greg Lesky	2/12
Matt Miller	2/16
Bill Pintaric	2/4
Nathan Royal	2/23
Rob Ruman	2/27
Kelsey Sunkin	2/18



Nelson Ledges Chaplains Notes

Winter 2014

In Focus

This afternoon the focus will be on Daytona for the start of the Rolex 24, the first race in the new Tudor United Sports Car Series. With the "final" rules and driver ratings just released, it will be very interesting to see how things balance out. Preseason talk was centered bringing the performance of the former Grand Am Daytona Prototypes up to that of the former ALMS P2 cars. While the peculiarity of the high speed banking at Daytona may be a factor, qualifying suggests IMSA may have gone too far. Alex Gurney put his Corvette DP on pole, while the best new Ford EcoBoost DP is in 5th. The unique Delta Wing Coupe will roll off in 8th with the best P2 car only in 11th. At 2:10 PM on January 26, we will have that answer. The battle in GT Le Mans between the Corvettes, Vipers, Porsches, Ferraris and BMWs should be fierce. Whatever the outcome, it's great to have racing back and know that spring is coming despite the death grip of the polar vortex.

Meanwhile, shivering outside in the ice and snow is my new ride. I found a used 2012 silver Ford Focus 5 speed Hatchback for sale in Cincinnati. It has all the good options like 17" alloy wheels, sport package with leathering wheel and shift knob, disc brakes, sunroof, sync and heated seats (remember that polar vortex thing?) We bought my wife a similar car a couple of years ago and it has worked out well. I really enjoyed my Mazda Protégé 5 but it is going to a good home with the Grandson of a good friend of mine, Allen Furlong. He is coming out of a Saab from the land of a thousand Saabs. Actually I think there is only 9 or so that his father Ken owns. But Mazdas are encroaching into Ken's life as his 3 children now have Mazdas, 2 of which were purchased from me. Part of the deal in selling Allen the Protégé 5 was a road trip to Cincy to pick up my Focus. We caught some tasty BBQ at Jim Dandy's across from the dealer. It was stop and go in the snow a first but it was good to get out of Dodge even on a very frigid day.

Now my family is really in Focus, let me ask where your focus is. As we wait longingly for racing to come north, how is your spiritual life doing?

Remember, God is always ready for you to focus on Him. He will never turn you away.

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