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**NO JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

## MVR FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 6

Amen Corner Sports Bar & Grille  
20 W Main St.  
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## **REport – December 2017 - Brian Vondran**

Hello from the new RE (fair warning, I will use “new” as an excuse for the next year). I hope everyone was able to enjoy some time with friends and family, and away from work, over the holidays. Now we’re into that time of year where we’re hibernating and thinking about the coming race season. The Dayton 24 is just around the corner, the Daytona 500 is less than 50 days away, and the Formula 1 season kicks off just five weeks later. As you plan the events you will attend next year, I hope you keep in mind the two events at Nelson Ledges. Whether you come to spectate, work as a volunteer, help out as crew, or race your car, I hope to see as many MVR members as possible at Nelson Ledges next year. Let’s make Nelson Ledges’ return a success and give ourselves something to build on.

It will be great have Nelson Ledges back.

(Also, just a reminder that our January meeting will be cancelled. We will resume our normally scheduled meetings in February.)

### **Nelson Ledges Update**

In case you didn’t read last month’s track, **NELSON LEDGES IS BACK!!!** We will hold a race at Nelson on September 29-30, 2018. I hope you are as excited as I am about racing returning to Nelson Ledges. In the meantime, there is a lot of work to be done to get our region ready to host a race. I hope that you will volunteer your time to help us put on a great event.

Also note that NeOhio is hosting a race at Nelson Ledges on June 9-10, 2018. I’ve pledged our support to NeOhio to help make their race successful. Please join me in helping support NeOhio’s event. I believe that by supporting each other, we can both be more successful!

### **Minutes of the December Membership Meeting**

December membership meeting 2017 opened at 8:05 pm.

Minutes not in track.

Old business- MVR race at Nelson Ledges September 29-30. [ discussion ] . Mini con - was discussed by Brian Vondran. National convention Reed & Sandi are attending.

New business - Discussion was held on what date in April to hold our Street Survival. John will check availability of 28th or 29th at Boardman Park.

Motion to have no meeting in January was made by Sandi Kryder seconded John Gingery. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Reed Kryder seconded Brad Morris. Motion Passed - Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

## **January Membership Report - Sandi Kryder**

**A reminder, your 2017 Annual Waiver expired on December 31, 2017. Sandi Kryder will have annual waivers available at the February membership meeting.**

We have about 150 members including dual members.

Welcome to new member - Derek Dreslinski

Membership Expirations

Eric Johnston and Heather Madden membership will be dropped soon unless they renew.

January Renewals:

Hal Baker  
Chris Dercole  
Nick & Theresa Doinoff  
Constantin Gheorghe  
Marvin Gray  
Kirk Hopkins  
Cliff McCandless  
Steven Nelms  
Steve Selmants

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Ray Barnhart	1/26
Scott Lane	1/24
Frederick Means	1/26
Rachel Michael	1/29
Mike Petrusko	1/2
Emma Vondran	1/21



## Teen drivers take a safety course in street survival

Monday, October 30, 2017

By [Sean Barron](#)

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### BOARDMAN

Teresa Jindra had high trepidation about whether her two children would be comfortable driving, but you could safely say that her attitude has taken a 180-degree turn.

"You're getting intense training in what amounts to a few minutes in a regular driving class about what could happen," the Twinsburg woman observed, referring to Sunday's annual Tire Rack Street Survival teen driver safety class in Boardman Park. "It eases my mind as a parent."

Jindra's 16-year-old children, Arty and Maria, were among the teens who participated in the challenging 15-year-old program, which featured a variety of challenging extreme simulations to help improve driver competence, confidence and maneuverability via hands-on experience and potential real-world situations.

Car crashes are the leading killer of teens and young adults age 15 to 20, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Program sponsors and primary funders were the Mahoning Valley Sports Car Club of America, Tire Rack of South Bend, Ind., and the BMW Club of America.

Arty, Maria and the others weaved their own vehicles between cone configurations on the large obstacle course in simulated situations that required them to brake quickly and handle slippery turns. The adverse conditions were to allow them to develop a greater sense of how to react to a potential hazard such as a deer running in front of them, better understand and control vehicle weight transfer, learn how to correct skidding and see air-bag demonstrations, noted Brian Vondran, a Mahoning Valley SCCA trustee.

"They need to understand who's around them and minimize the potential of anything going bad," Vondran said, adding the students also were taught the importance of maintaining proper tire pressure, including

checking it monthly, and being alert for unusual car sounds.

Making such a course more urgent is the problem of distracted driving, such as texting, talking on a cellphone or looking down to switch radio stations. An estimated 80 percent of accidents are preceded by a mere three seconds of inattention, noted Reed Kryder, a classroom instructor, who also pointed out that a vehicle traveling 55 mph goes 88 feet per second.

"I think I can wait until I get to my destination, because once you pick up the phone, there's a greater chance to get into an accident," observed Arty, who recently earned his driver's license and said he hopes to be a race-car driver, thanks to having taken part in the course.

"It was stressful at first, but over time, it got better," said Maria, who was nervous initially about having to make quick turns. "I feel I will be more ready for anything out of the ordinary."

At one point, instructors mixed dish soap and water to create slippery conditions similar to wet or snow-covered roads. The teens were challenged to drive three times in a circle without striking the cones, as well as to properly recover and compensate in the event of a skid.

Up to that and other tasks such as sudden braking was 17-year-old Justin Bell of Beaver County, Pa., who came with his mother, Nancy Eck.

"I learned how to control skidding," said Justin, who earned his driver's permit about nine months ago and is preparing to earn his license next month. "It's interesting to lose control on purpose so you learn to regain control."

Justin added he felt the experience Sunday better equipped him with ways to maintain control of his vehicle and avoid accidents. He also denounced texting while driving, saying that sending a message to someone is far less important than avoiding placing other drivers and pedestrians at unnecessary risk.

"[The course] gives me peace of mind. It teaches him how to handle the car in ways that I can't teach him," Nancy said. "It gives me added confidence with him on the road."

For Teresa Jindra, perhaps the most valuable aspect of what she called the "lifesaving" course was the added peace of mind that her son and daughter will be safer behind the wheel, she said.

"It's the best thing I've ever done for them," she added.