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JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 7, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REMarks – Reed Kryder

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th. Racing season is at full speed for most of us, but we can all find a little time to relax, enjoy a meal and drinks, and bench race with fellow enthusiasts. Schedule a night to come to a meeting. The business is minimal and the fellowship is memorable.

There are several projects either underway or being discussed as future MVR activities. It's still a ways off, but our Golden Harvest Double Regional is on the agenda. We have been having discussions regarding adding a PDX to the weekend. What's your thoughts?

SCCA also has a program called "Street Survival". It is targeted towards teenagers and we have had several inquiries regarding this type of program. I have contacted SCCA and should have details at the membership meeting. One of the big questions is whether or not we can do the program at Nelson Ledges. If we want to pursue it we will need to decide whether to do it later this year or sometime in 2010.

And we have a solo enthusiast wishing to get MVR interested in putting on Solos. I told him we have been down this road before and finding enough current members to participate would be a challenge. As a Region it would be to our benefit to have such a program, especially as an entry point for new members. My earlier comments to him stated he may need to bring the personnel with him, but we would definitely work with them. He may be at our meeting and we can hear what he has to say.

One of the reasons many of the above activities are important to MVR is the development of new members and racers. We were all puzzled by the low turnout at our Driver's School earlier this year. Our Region wasn't alone and many people pointed to the current economic conditions as the reason. They may be right, but something else was missing. There were no activities generating interest from prospective members. If someone decides to go racing, the decision is usually made long before they attend their first driver's school. In my case, Sandi and I started converting our Datsun 240Z from its solo configuration to road racing specs in the fall of 1974. We spent all winter prepping for the spring driver's school. During that time we continually had our enthusiasm heightened by attending membership meetings, becoming involved with MVR car shows, attending Neohio's Competition Clinic, and other activities. Whether we put on a driver's school in 2010 or not, now is the time to start generating interest amongst potential competitors. The above mentioned activities can go a long way in achieving the desired results.

We are still looking for additional ideas on celebrating MVR's 50th Anniversary. Any ideas on ways to involve potential members and future racers?

Minutes of the February Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Reed Kryder, RE at 8:00 p.m.

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

PDX on April 17th. The session will be 20 minutes long. Instructors get session. Workers & drivers needed.

Drivers School April 18-19th. Gene Kern will be Chief Steward. Bill Kasmer is Chief Instructor. Cost will be \$580.00 based on 35 entrants. Do we give discounts to drivers who enter both PDX and School?

National – Discussion was held on the name of the event. Pete Esposito will be the Chief Steward. Entry Fee will be \$330.00.

New Business:

Changes to the constitution were discussed.

Annual awards – Driver of the year – Amy Ruman and Member of the Year – Dave Badger.

March 6-8 Round Table. Motion to pay for Reed & Sandi Kryder's registration fees and expenses by Brad Morris, seconded by Carl Holbrook. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn by Pam Petrusco, seconded by Mike Petrusco. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes of the March Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Reed Kryder, RE at 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Reed & Sandi Kryder to attend Round Table

Neohio Comp Clinic to be held on March 28th.

Annual awards next month.

Old Business:

PDX – instructors needed.

Driver's School – specialties covered. Plan B – cut backs on event.

National – waiting on approval from Chief Steward

New Business:

Vote on constitution amendment voted on.

National Convention – Weekend memberships and annual waivers discussed. Pro Racing made a profit. Super Sweep replaces Triple Crown. SCCA is still not making Head & Neck Restraint systems mandatory.

Bill Kasmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carl Holbrook. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Minutes of the May Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Reed Kryder, RE at 8:00 p.m.

Treasurer's report approved as read.

Old Business:

PDX – We had 12 entries. Plenty of instructors. Excellent feedback from drivers.

Driver's School – 14 entries. Loss of at least \$7,558.00. Not all bills are in yet. Weather was great. Participation was down at other SCCA driver's school too.

National – 30 entries so far. Discussion of designated Hot & Cold areas at track.

New Business:

Susan Robishaw will be Chief Steward of the Golden Harvest.

Discussion on MVR's 50th Anniversary. One suggestion was to do a cake at the National – with old vs. new logos on it.

Brad Morris made a motion to adjourn seconded by Cliff McCandless. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

In Memory:

Richard Dunlap passed away on June 4th. Richard was a past trustee and worked in tech both at our events and at the SCCA National Run-offs. Richard also raced a Formula Continental.

Member with June renewals:

Laurie Burkon
Alessio Caruso
Dale Gebhardt Sr
Daniel Goncz
The Scott Lane Family
Matt Leskovec
Jamie McKinney

Paul Morrison
Sedat Yelkin
Sherry Ziegler

Happy Birthday to:

Julia Raccio	7/13
William Sovik, Jr	7/8

The following have been dropped from the active list:

The Jeremy Cesene Family
Dan Cesene
Brian Ross
Tim & Janice Walton
Brent Walton

From the Flag Stand – Brad Morris

It's been a dozen years or so since I last wrote a race report so you all will have to bear with me a little on this. Since it has been so long I'll tell you what sort of report to expect. This is about how our Mahoning Valley drivers did and a few other most of us are familiar with. It isn't a blow by blow account but let's you know what went on from the best viewing spot at the track, a corner station. Before I get into this report on the National we hosted over Memorial Day weekend I'd like to thank Sandi Kryder for the great job she does with both the website and registration. Our website may not be as flashy as some out there but it sure is the easiest I have run across to find information and just loaded with the most useful information. Race results are promptly posted and entry lists are the best out there. Some regional sites give no entry list leading up to the event and others just link to the NESCCA site. The NESCCA site only lists those that have entered on line , and as an example the recent Finger Lakes Double Regional had less than half of their entry's done on line. It is really nice to be able to see everyone coming to an event with just a couple mouse clicks.

Now for the actual race report. The weather was great and the car count was down but what the field lacked in quantity it sure made up with in quality. There were lots of really fast cars and every session was good tight racing. Four track records were set and considering that the track was heavily oiled 4 times with blown engines it speaks very highly of the level of completion.

The first group was Formula Vee and Formula 500. Christina Libacco was the overall leader for 17 of the 19 laps in her F500 KBS but unfortunately the 19th lap wasn't one of them. She hung on to one very loose car the entire weekend but late in the goings it finally got away and she spun out of the lead settling for a fine second place.

Second race of the day was SSB, SSC, SM, T3, and STU. Bob Mazza handled the race in his STU Toyota

Celica to head for an overall win and a track record. NEPA's Joel Lipperini is a multi time Nation Champion in SSC and a real fan of Nelson Ledges so it was no surprise to see him lower the SSC record as well.

Up third were EP, FP, HP, and GTL . This race got real interesting real fast when Larry Funk's Civic lost an engine right at station 3 and made an instant skating rink down to station 4 or Oak Tree, which ever you prefer to call it. Everyone was struggling through that section but only David Strittmatter actually spun as a result. This was a real shame as it cost him a shot at the FP class win but he still was able the save second in class. Bill Pintaric did his share of tip toeing on the slippery stuff but had a nice first in GTL. After the session we (Station 3 was mine for race day) went to work cleaning the track for the next group and got it race ready fairly quick.

Group 4 was for GT1, GT2, and GT3 ground pounders. Just short of half way AL Gaudino lost an engine and oiled from the cross road to station 13. So much for our clean track. Amy Ruman ran strong in her GT-1 Corvette taking class and overall victory. Tom Patton was second overall and first in GT-2 in his now winged Sunbeam Tiger. Does the wing make it a Flying Tiger now ?

After another track clean up the Spec Racer Fords came out for race 5 and three MVR drivers were in the field. Greg Grucella battled up front the entire race finally finishing second place. Jim Tibor and Bob Ruman had slightly rougher weekends finishing tenth and eleventh respectively . Jim hit the tire wall hard exiting the carousel in qualifying and he never did get the speed back. Bob ran well but is still adjusting to losing 4 cylinders with Amy now in the Corvette. At least no oil to clean up this session.

Race 6 gave us the T1, T2, AS, ST, and STO race . Racing hard up front were John Buttermore in a T1 Corvette and David Pintaric in his T1 Viper. Both ran hard and it was a close race with Buttermore getting the overall win and the day's thrid track record . Neohio's John Lechner lost his second engine of the weekend on lap 12 and it was time for another track cleaning.

Our final race of the event was FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, CSR, DSR, and S2000 or as we call it on the corners Wings and things. Sedat Yelkin was on the pole with a lap of 59.002 seconds with Mirl Swan hot on his heals. both in FA Swift 014's . The race was just plain exciting. Sedat and Mirl ran fast and aggressive. I doubt either lifted in traffic and they were in it a lot. Mirl Swan ended up with the win running 23 laps in 23 minutes, 6 seconds. Thats plain fast folks, 6 seconds from averaging a minute lap every lap and lets not forget about all the oil clean up from the cross road to pit in . Sedat Yelkin took second . Dave Weitzenhof finished first in FC with a nice race long battle of his own . Philly Region's Bob Gardner won DSR setting our fourth track record of the day.

I can't find an entry list for Neohio's Double National over 4th of July weekend but it promises to be another great

weekend of races. I'm really hoping Mirl Swan and Sedat Yelkin are there to make another assault on the track record. They only need .023 second for the single lap record and with a clean track I'm betting they can get under a minute for the entire race distance. I'll be sure to let you know how it went next month.

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