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## JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 6, 2010

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

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## REport – Reed Kryder

Our next membership meeting is Tuesday, July 6th.

In many ways the 2010 year is over for Mahoning Valley Region. Both our Double Regional/PDX weekend and the National/Restricted Regional weekend are history. However, many of our members are still racing, working, officiating, or simply watching others compete. We are also looking for a couple of membership activities for the coming months. Suggested items for either the August or September membership meetings include a picnic at Nelson Ledges Road Course (we used to do this), a visit to Bill and Sandy Pintarics' horse stables, and go-kart racing. Combining a fun rally with one of these activities is also being researched. Let me know your thoughts. Hopefully we will have more details and make a decision during the July meeting.

I would greatly appreciate hearing some of your opinions on another, more serious, subject. For many years Mahoning Valley Region and Steel Cities Region have been the major part of what is referred to as "The Colonies" for Northeast Division. When decisions are made based on concerns of the majority, the "Colonies" are frequently at a disadvantage. There are many officials within NEDiv who recognize this situation and will stand beside us, as long as it isn't hurting their own Region. Recent financial difficulties have impacted almost all Regions and everyone is taking stronger positions regarding protection of their own turf. The recent decisions by SCCA National officers regarding National racing and invitations to the Run-Offs have not helped.

Discussions between MVR and STC members started last Fall with regards to moving from NEDiv to Great Lakes Division. At first it was just a thought over a beer, but I have been asked "point blank" recently if MVR would join STC in such a movement. There are pluses and minuses to such a move. We discussed the subject at our June Membership meeting and I collected a few opinions. Some of the thoughts were new to me. I would like to hear from other MVR members. This subject most likely will reach a decision point and I want to do what is right for the majority of our members.

### Minutes of the June Membership Meeting

The June Membership Meeting was called to order by R.E. Reed Kryder at 8:03pm. 7 members were present.

The April & May Membership Minutes were approved as printed in TRACK.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Carl Holbrook, seconded by Brad Morris. Motion passed.

Membership report - we have 130+ members

Old Business:

The Double Regional, PDX and National were discussed.

New Business:

Discussion was held on what to do for the 2011 race season.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Wade, seconded by Brad Morris. Motion passed.

Submitted by Sandi Kryder

### Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

MVR lost a friend. Nina Caruso passed away on May 24. She was one of our registrars and helped out in grid occasionally. We all are going to miss her smiling face.

Welcome New Members:

Josh Anderson  
Matthew Cherrington  
Jean Dobos  
Amy Ellis  
Shawn Ellis  
Luciana Fiucci

A reminder to the following members with July Renewals:

Al Caruso  
Dale H Gebhardt  
Scott Lane Family  
Paul Morrison  
Kera Yelkin  
Sedat Yelkin

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Steven Lane	7/22
Kathleen McCann	7/21
Julia Raccio	7/13
Jim S Royal	7/1
Bill Sovik Jr	7/8
Mike Valentin	7/6

The following members have been put on the Expired List

Joseph Mannozi  
Anthony Miller  
Ronald Yarab

**For Immediate Release: June 30, 2010**  
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***AMY RUMAN TAKES SECOND STEP ON PODIUM AT  
JUNE SPRINTS GT-1 NATIONAL AT ROAD AMERICA***

**Munroe Falls, OH** – Another dominant race ended with Amy Ruman standing on the podium for the second weekend in a row at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. Ruman drove the **#23 McNichols Co./Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet GT-1 Corvette** to the finish line taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in only her third appearance in 55<sup>th</sup> annual running of the famed Chicago Region SCCA WeatherTech June Sprints race this past weekend.

Ruman was quickest in Friday's practice session, but qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday to Cliff Ebben who took the pole for Sunday's race. Sunday morning's second qualifier was washed out.

The June Sprints is the second largest SCCA National event each year and 16 GT-1 entrants took to the track for the 15-lap race on the 4-mile Road America circuit. Sunday morning's weather was sketchy and it rained off and on all morning long, but as the GT-1 cars took to the track for the race at 3:00 ET the sun was shining.

Ebben, Ruman, Harrington, Rich, and Giles rounded out the top 5 slots for the start of the race. Ebben and Ruman came to the green with Ebben winning the drag race into turn one. Ebben sprinted to an early lead, with Ruman keeping him in her sights. Ruman closed the gap to 1.9 seconds on the final lap of the race. Positions did not change for the two, as Ebben went flag to flag in 1<sup>st</sup> and Ruman did the same in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

"I wanted to win this race so badly" said Ruman "but Cliff (Ebben) is so tough to beat here. Road America is his home track and I bet he has run about a million and one miles here!" laughed Ruman. "I was a bit disappointed that he sprinted out to a lead on me, but I started reeling him in at the middle/end of the race. I needed a few more laps like we had in the longer Trans-Am race, then I think I might have had him. I can't complain though, we have had two podiums in two race weekends here so I will be happy with that."

***For June Sprints video coverage from Road America, race interviews, and highlights, check out***  
**[www.GoRacingTV.com](http://www.GoRacingTV.com)**

Ruman's primary sponsor, **McNichols Co.**, is headquartered in Tampa, FL, and is the largest U.S. distributor of "Hole" products with service centers across North America. McNichols' product selection is the most

diverse in the industry. McNichols stocks perforated products, both metal and plastic. A toll free number 800-237-3820 connects you to the McNichols Co. distributor in your area and the company's extensive website, [www.mcnichols.com](http://www.mcnichols.com), has online customer service and online ordering.

For quick news and updates during race weekends, please follow Ruman Racing online: [twitter](#) [facebook](#)

**UPCOMING RACES:**

July 9-11 – Amy & Niki Ruman at SCCA GT-1/SRF Watkins Glen, NY Double National

July 16-18 – Amy Ruman in Round 6 SCCA Pro-Racing Trans-Am Series, Toronto, Canada

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**Memorial Day Races at Nelson Ledges**

The PLANET MIATA Team went to Nelson Ledges for Memorial Day Racing. You say where the hell is Nelson Ledges...I said that before I went there several years ago. It just across the Pennsylvania border in Eastern Ohio. Nelson as it is commonly called is a "hoot" of a track. and is Fun to drive and easy to get to. For us it's a 5 hour drive on all interstate highways. We left Friday at noon and was there before 6 PM.

What makes Nelson so special, The track or the people? both is the usual answer. The people there go out of their way to be friendly and the track is one of the best lay outs you'll find in road racing. It's not Lime Rock with the Hills and not the Glen with its famous "boot", or Pocono with its fast straights..No its all of that plus the surface is a bit bumpy. I'll show you what I mean later.

Narrow front straight, the carousel, the back straight where you get real speed and the kink. A kink is a slight turn.

We parked in the fields that are part of the mystique of Nelson near Mason Workman. Mason and Marc have been friends for years as they raced Production cars together.

We raced in a Restricted regional race where the cars are of a certain type all Improved Touring cars. My car a Spec Miata but you are allowed to remove a restricted plate in the intake so the car is more competitive.. The class is ITA.

Marc, me and Nicole Cooper a member of our racing team had little down time this race day.... it was on the track first thing in the morning then the first race before noon and the last race of the day. Patch the crew chief was busy. He not only checks the cars before they go on track, he adjusts what need to be adjusted and fixes what we break....When we ran Production cars he was not able to even sit and rest for a moment....we broke every time we went on the track...now it's different... In the afternoon it got hot and we all used our cool suits for the first time this season. a cool suit is a "T" shirt with ice cold water running thru it that comes from a water box filled with ice and pumped thru the shirt. Your chest and back is the largest body surfaces and so it is effective in cooling you. In real hot weather it makes a real difference, and allows you to keep your concentration.

The racing was fun especially in the first few laps as that's when all the action happens. after that it gets a little less hectic as everyone finds their comfort zone and just tries to go as fast as they can. In my first race I was going by a car and we hit. I never met the fellow before but we became friends after, Tex Melotti was the driver who was good, after that we began to look for each other, and not cause any further contact. Tex was fast but just got to a place on the track where we both tried to occupy the same space...rather than decide who was at fault we just said it was a racing incident and never mentioned it again...My car had a scrape that will be gone by the next race. I also had a duel with Ray Santomo for a few laps and we touched a few time, in fact the corner workers called it in and Chuck Dobbs a steward talked to both of us separately while we were sitting in our cars. I did not want to make an issue out of the contact and did not even get to see Ray before he left the track. I'm sure the Steward talked to him about the subject so I left it at that.

The Race had some fast cars in it. A corvette, A Viper, a Mustang, and a BMW. Marc finished ahead of all except the Corvette and Nicole and I finished ahead of the BMW, mustang and the Viper. The track is fast and you have to know where to go fast and where you go slow..there is a saying in racing "Take fast turns fast and slow turns slow" Nelson is a track you must do just that.

A few people that need to be mentioned..Charlie Campbell, a Miata driver who is a close friend of Marc's was there with a rented car..yes Josephine a rented car...seems Charlie has his car in parts on his garage floor and could not get it together in time,,, and Debbie LaFond a steward along with her husband. they both are in a contest with each other as to who is in better physically shape, Debbie is running, working out and lost a lot of weight..maybe we should all get in a shaping contest with our spouses or significant other...I know one thing it worked for the LaFond's.. The other two people that were busting me was the fellow who some years ago lent me his fire proof gloves, he was working the pits when I spun my Production car and got stuck on some of the tire wall, well after I got the car off the tires I left my

gloves at the tires wall and I came to the pits to see that everything was OK to go race again. I discovered I had no racing gloves...he gave me his so I could finish the race and that act alone got me enough finishing races to qualify for the National Championship race at Mid Ohio also called the "Runoffs". Thanks, Mr. Stewart..... and when Peter Esposito responded to my plea that we should thank God for the beautiful weather, with "she will be glad we're thankful..I hesitated for a few seconds at the reference to "Her", then he said "I don't know of anyone who can dispute that as no one has come back to tell me different....I know some will disagree and if they do God Bless them also.

I know this is a little different than the usual race report so here is something. Click on the link and see what we do for fun...It's OK as I would not put up anything that I think would offend anyone.

<http://www.vimeo.com/12163451>

BE SAFE GO FAST HAVE FUN  
Love the "commander" Mike Cefalo

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**AMY RUMAN CLAIMS 3RD PLACE AT ROAD  
AMERICA  
SECOND TRANS-AM CAREER PODIUM FINISH**

**Munroe Falls, OH** – A very successful weekend ended with Amy Ruman standing on the podium for the second time in her Trans-Am career at the historic Road America track in Elkhart Lake, WI at Round 4 of the 2010 SCCA Pro Racing Trans-Am Series Championship. The weekend's race was part of the inaugural NASCAR Nationwide Series Bucyrus 200 presented by Menards and race fans came out to the track by the thousands.

Ruman had successful Friday practice sessions, then qualified the **#23 McNichols Co./Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet Corvette** in 6th position on Saturday, putting her on the 3rd row for Sunday's Trans-Am race.

It was a beautiful sunny day when the 18-car Trans-Am field rolled onto the grid and took the green flag at 1:00 CT. Ruman didn't waste any time and had a great start getting by the #36 car driven by Cliff Ebben who had qualified in 5th. Ruman had side-by-side action through turns 1 and 2 with #81 Mike Skeen, with Ruman falling in behind him heading into turn 5. Lap 2 was going well, with Ruman in 5th in pursuit of lead pack, until the exit of turn 14 when the rear-end got loose and she spun the car! Ruman dropped to 17th as most of the field passed her while she tried to get the car turned around. She got going and from then on she was on a mission to get back through the pack.

Ruman made up spots—passing a car nearly every lap—until she was in 7th position. Then there was a double yellow flag on lap 10 and the field bunched up. After the restart, she went to work again and passed two more cars bringing her to 5th place. She found herself in a battle from lap 15 on with car #24 driven by Rick Dittman. 3rd place driver Tomy Drissi was in their sights and the two gained on him. With two laps to go, Ruman picked up her pace and really started applying pressure. On the final lap, Ruman, Dittman, and Drissi were in a 3-way battle. She had a run on Dittman out of the last turn, and headed up the front straight. She passed Dittman at the end of the front straight heading into turn 1, and was right on Drissi's bumper. Ruman stayed glued to Drissi and passed him coming out of turn 5. She was able to keep Dittman at bay, when he tried to make one last run on her as the two came racing to the checkered flag, with Ruman taking 3rd!

"It feels great," exclaimed Ruman. "First of all, Happy Father's Day to my dad who really nailed the set-up as usual. It was a crazy race. I was upset that I spun. The car got light on me coming out of that last turn and I almost reeled it in, but it just got a little loose, a little light. I was surprised early on that it got light. I was kind of bummed but I just kept my head down, stayed focused, and tried to pick them off one by one. I was pleased when the double yellow came out, because that brought the rest of the field together. I couldn't be happier with the **McNichols/Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet Corvette**. It was a crazy last lap. My whole goal today was to stay patient and let the race come to me. I just didn't know I was going to have to go from 17th to third, but I'm really happy to be on the podium."

**For Trans-Am Road America race interviews and highlights, check out [www.goracingtv.com](http://www.goracingtv.com).**

Ruman and the team are sticking around to compete at Road America this weekend for the 55th running of the famed SCCA June Sprints National. This will be her third appearance at the June Sprints and she has her sights set on winning this race.

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