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MVR JULY CALENDAR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, July 1, 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:

July 26-27
Sept. 27-28

Double Regional - Nelson Ledges
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REport - Reed Kryder

One of the most important membership meetings in the history of the Mahoning Valley Region will take place Tuesday, July 1, 2014.

As most of you know, Nelson Ledges Road Course has been under new management since the early part of May. Much has been done at the track, but much still needs to be done. Finger Lakes Region held their Regional event on June 21-22. The event went well, but the state of the track facility was heavily criticized by many participants. I won't discuss that with this column, but I am asking all MVR members who have an interest in our Region and its activities at the track to attend the July 1 meeting. We have some tough decisions to make regarding our July and September Regionals.

Reed Kryder,
Regional Executive

Minutes of the April Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder, opened the meeting at 8:02pm.

Sandi Kryder motioned that the March Minutes be accepted as printed in Track. John Gingery seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report - we have money.

Membership report was in TRACK.

Old Business:

MVR races are on July 26-27 and Sept 27-28. Discussion on new sanction procedure was discussed. Weekend counts as one race for licenses. Survival on April 27 was discussed. Currently have 11 students.

New Business:

Safety Training Day at Nelson Ledges is on April 19. Bill Stewart of Misery Bay said they are holding a PDX on that day also. Instructors needed.

It was mentioned that Nelson Ledges is collecting canned goods for the Garrettsville Food Bank.

National Convention was discussed.

Brian Bartz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Brad Morris seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary.

Membership Report

We have about 180 members including dual members.

We would like to welcome new members:

Judy Badger
Ashlee Bigler
John Bigler
Alexa Campbell
Eric Campbell
John Carlson
Liz Carlson
Melinda Carlson
Dean Daugharthy
Dana Dilley
Justin Dilley
Christie Hrovat
John Hrovat
Kaylee Knaggs
Michael Knaggs
Curtis Koch
Vincent Koch
Diane Lindsey
Tahnee Lindsey
David Mahan
Jon Mahan
Suzane Manol
Taylor Manol
James McCowein
Marquerite Moor
Alissa Pugliese
Lesa Pugliese
Erin Shepard
Kimberly Shepard
Matt Smith
Kurt Stevens
Mark Wexler
Ryan Wexler
Lloyd Willis
Lucinda Willis

A reminder to the following that your membership is due for renewal in July:

Al Caruso
The Scott Lane Family
Paul Morrison
Rachael Pintaric
Matt Pryor
Beth Sipple
Devin Wilmouth
Sedat Yelkin

The following memberships are on the list to be dropped until their renewals have been received:

Anthony Gabri
Mark Harvey
Kyle Kunkle

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

John Davis	7/29
Mark Harvey	7/7
Erik Johnson	7/20
Scott Katz	7/27
Vincent Koch	7/5
Matt Pryor	7/5
Julia Raccio	7/13
Jim S Royal	7/1
Andrew Ruhl	7/30
Fredrick Rumburg	7/31
Lucinda Willis	7/20

Membership List from 1962 - provided by Don Baker

Ron Alexander
Stanley Bayless
Charlie Caldwell
Richard Chase
Robert Clingan
Robert Cron
Charles Cushwa
William Cushwa
Austin Davis
Wayne Davis
Warren Drescher
Charles Felton
William Gibson
Charlotte Haskell
John Haskell
Thomas Hissem
Irvin Johnson
Richard Kohler
Peter Martin
Thomas Maxwell
Cliff McCandless
John Petrone
Frank Pitman
Lee Plonka
Robert Restemyer
Alton Rogers
Charles Seinkner
David Simon
Jacqueline Simon
Irene Steinbuhler
Jack Steinbuhler
Richard Tice
Edwin Vontom
Garlington Willburn
Gordon Wills
David Wilson
Alan Wolf
Robert Woofter

What's going at Nelson Ledges - Update

Nelson Ledges Road Course Status Report - June 24, 2014

This past weekend saw the first usage of the facility by car enthusiasts since the change in management. In earlier postings we reported on much of the work being done by new management and many of the challenges they have faced. What follows is not intended to be a criticism of the amount of effort Todd Karom and many others (motorcycle and car) have put out over the past few weeks. Virtually everyone we heard from complimented Todd for trying to do his best.

However, it became obvious during the Friday Funday and Tuning & Testing sessions and throughout the Finger Lakes Regional race weekend that there were numerous problems. The following comments are a few things we heard about from participants which they feel need addressed before they will return:

1. The track repairs, while numerous, barely scratched the surface on what needs to be done. A couple of the repaired areas did not hold and several new problem areas developed. The patching made the track bumpier in some areas. A sportsracer driver reported cracks developing on his frame. Several drivers were more concerned with stones than the holes in the pavement. And one driver even felt the track was unsafe for motorcycles - he rides one.
2. The uncut grass areas led to many complaints and a few jokes (which were not beneficial to the tracks image). Most people understood the problems cause, but several have felt the long grass made for unsafe conditions and have criticized the race organizers for going ahead with the event. Comments included corner workers saying they could not adequately see cars which had gone off course to a variety of people worried about fires (both in the paddock and around the race track).
3. The water problems during the weekend and resultant limiting of bathroom usage added to a negative image.
4. There were several expenses incurred by Finger Lakes Region (and others) due to equipment routinely supplied by the track being unavailable. Items included radios, emergency vehicles, air compressor, and probably a few more I am unaware of. Hopefully their facility rental rates were adjusted.

There were some positives.

1. Finger Lakes Region did a terrific job of handling the many hurdles put in front of them.
2. There were many regular volunteers who put in extra efforts mowing, repairing equipment, and simply assisting wherever help was needed.

3. The new PA was a welcome improvement over what was there in the past.

4. Fortunately the owners of the emergency trucks had made both available. Otherwise there would have been very little left of a Spec Miata which caught fire in the pit lane. An open fuel line made putting the fire out very difficult. And fortunately the driver of the Corvette kept the car out of the grass when his engine blew in the first turn area.

5. Finger Lakes Region also found a source for radios to replace the old land-line system. While there were a few glitches they seemed to work well.

What next?

Todd had said he wanted to evaluate the status of things after the above weekend and Chrysler testing during the following week. I cannot even begin to predict what he will decide. I know he loves the place as much as many of us.

Mahoning Valley Region currently has Regional races scheduled for the end of July and the end of September. There will be a major discussion of the viability of holding these events at the July 1 membership meeting.

Visit www.mvrscca.org for meeting information.

Reed Kryder

Minutes of the June Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. There were 10 people in attendance.

John Gingery made a motion to accept the May Membership Minutes as printed in TRACK. Ton Nutter seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.
"Nelson Ledges Discussion" - Finger Lakes Region Race is still on.

Old Business:

July Double Regional was discussed. Street Survival - we received an \$1800 check from BMW Club. We hope to put another TRSS in the fall.

New Business - NOVR is putting on a Solo at Salem High School on June 22.

Brad Morris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Gingery. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Ruman Retains Second in Championship After Disappointing 6th Place Road America Finish

For Immediate Release: June 24, 2014
Contact: Amy Ruman 330.813.2323 cell

Munroe Falls, Ohio – After a promising start to the VP Small Engine Fuels 100 Miles of Madness at Road America this past Saturday, win number two of the season slipped away for Ruman.

There was another thrilling round of Trans Am qualifying, with Peterson and Ruman swapping between first and second slots during the session, Ruman (2:05.675) garnered second place on the starting grid, just three-tenths off of Peterson's (2:05.375) pole time.

Weather and the conclusion of the NASCAR Nationwide race put the schedule an hour behind, and the green flag dropped at 6:30pm CT with the track still wet/dry. The 47 car field took a single file modified start, after a pace lap and two laps under double yellow.

The race heated up quickly with Ruman, in the No. 23 McNichols Chevrolet Corvette, pressuring Peterson for the lead and Cliff Ebben a close third. On lap 6, Ruman made a move in turn 14 on Peterson taking the lead and she put some distance on the field until the course went double yellow. With the restart on lap 14, Ruman and Peterson continued to battle, and Peterson regained the lead. Ruman was still a close second, followed by Tony Ave who had moved through the pack. On lap 19 there was another restart, and Ave made a move on Ruman taking over second. Ruman began to encounter some brake lock up problems which caused her to spin on lap 20, and she fell to 9th position. Though there were only five laps to go, Ruman made her way back though the field to 6th and pressured hard on 5th during the final lap. She finished the race in 6th and set the fastest lap time in the field, 2:08.850, on the 24th lap.

"After leading the race for 12 laps, that was a huge disappointment for us today," acknowledged Ruman. "My brake bias got jammed all the way to the rear and that caused major axle hop into every brake zone. It was difficult to handle and the rear end just came out on me into turn 5 causing the spin. We definitely had something for Peterson today, it just slipped away from me."

Ruman remains second in the Championship points standings with 153, but Peterson now has a 14 point lead over her with 167 points. Gregg continues to hold third spot with 143 points.

"We still have five races to go in the season and I will continue to drive as hard as I can and pursue this Championship.

Anything can happen in any race, this hiccup won't stop us," affirmed Ruman.

The Trans Am Road America race will also be broadcast on a tape delay through a variety of networks, both

regionally and nationally, to over 80 million households. Air times and further details regarding the air date and time will be announced shortly.

The Series will now enter a one month mid-season break in preparation for the 3Dimensional Services Next Dimension 100 a Ruman's home track, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, on August 17, Round Seven of the 2014 Trans Am Championship.

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Race Info/Scoring/Results: www.gotransam.com || Live Timing/Twitter Feed: www.gotransam.com/live-timing-and-scoring/ Download the 'Race Monitor App' to your smart phone Looking ahead: Round 7 – Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH (Aug. 16) || Round 8 – Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, MN (Aug. 31). Ruman Racing, Inc., is based in Munroe Falls, Ohio

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