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JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 1, 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, June 1st. Our Double Regional and National events will be history. Most of us have been extremely busy this past month pursuing our racing passions. Last month I wrote a short column. Not so this month. Please read all of the following and think about what is written.

While I don't know what the final financial statements will show I can guess it will be a substantial loss. The Double Regional was actually up from last year. Last year's entry averaged 51 for the two events. This year we averaged 62. Last year we had 6 total PDX entries for the two days of the Double Regional. This year that grew to 15. We are definitely going in the right direction, but still losing money.

The National is going to really hit the pocketbook. Events impacting our attendance last year consisted of a Mid-Ohio National/Regional the following week. Our event stayed on its Memorial Day date this year and the Mid-Ohio event moved to the preceding weekend. I believe we would have had an increase in attendance over 2009 if that was all that had happened. But someone scheduled a Road America Double National opposite the Mid-Ohio event (one week before ours) and another Double National was scheduled at Grattan on the same weekend as ours. That's six National's at four tracks during a two week period. All are easy driving distance for most of the competitors who normally attend the four tracks. Note: the MVR event is the only event which did not change its date from 2009.

Our own Divisions (Nediv) schedule was tough enough with Lime Rock two weeks before ours and Thunderbolt the week afterwards. When the National office changed the requirements for Run-Offs qualifications they also added to our problems. The result of the rule change may have pleased racers, but only because they could save money by staying closer to home and racing on fewer weekends. Unfortunately, in the future there will be fewer Nationals, fewer Regions running Nationals, the need to travel further to Nationals, and a continuing decline in competitors.

Some of the stronger events like to put forth the idea that the "pie" is getting smaller and we need to eliminate the smaller events to keep the bigger ones healthy. Sounds good until you start looking at the long-term impacts. Without growth in the smaller areas the bigger events will become increasingly dependant on their own local competitors. The big events will also wither and fade away.

MVR started a program last year of trying to grow our events with local interest and make their success dependant on local participation. Drivers coming from longer distances were very welcome, but we did not want to bet our future on them due to the unstable economy. The growth in the Regional and PDX turnout shows that our hard work may be having an effect. The

support we have received for our National from local racers has been unexpected. People are going out of their way to support our local event. Many who are going to Grattan have called to apologize and wish us luck. Three people who broke at the Mid-Ohio event and failed to get a "finish" have cancelled their entries because they now must go to Grattan because it is a Double and the few events being held in the Great Lakes Division leaves them with no choice.

As a club we have some difficult decisions to make regarding the future. Our treasury will survive this year. But if we are to continue we need to look at ways to grow both our Region and our programs. Membership growth is important. Did you know we are actually growing in that area after a couple of down years? Our racing events are over for 2010, but maybe we can do some smaller events which might add a little to the bank account and also increase membership levels and participation. Anyone up for a picnic at the track? How about some mother ideas?

I do have one request of the national SCCA office. ELIMINATE DOUBLE NATIONALS. As long as some can have them and others cannot they will be destructive. All they do is pit one Region/track against another. Drivers are choosing events based on economics, not their favorite tracks. There are solutions which would please BOTH drivers and Regions. Ask me.

Minutes of the April Membership Meeting

The April Membership Meeting was called to order by R.E. Reed Kryder. 12 members were present.

A motion to accept previous minutes as printed in TRACK was made by Sandi Kryder, second by Mike Petrusko. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Membership report - we have 130+ members

Old Business:

Round Table Report - Reed & Sandi attended the NeDiv RoundTable. Nothing new to report from the registration meeting. Same old stuff was covered. Family & Spouse memberships have changed. As of April 1, there will no longer be a spouse membership. There will only be the Individual and Family membership. Individual will be \$65.00 plus region dues and Family will be \$85.00 plus region dues. T&S meeting was a training a session. The Tech session was held at the same time as other sessions. Reed spent most of Saturday in meetings concerning the future of double national's in NeDiv.

We have the sanction number for the Double Regional & PDX. PDX will have two on track sessions. Cost is \$60.00 per day plus. Participants must be SCCA members. Any worker running the PDX will receive a

discount of half off. Carl Holbrook will be Chief of Tech. Chris Bell is once again handling the points for the Divisional Shootout.

We also have the sanction numbers for the John McGill National and Restricted Regional.

April 10 is the Safety Day at Nelson Ledges.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the Impact Racing SFI ratings. There was a 2% increase in SCCA Incentives.

Sandi Kryder motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carl . Holbrook. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

Minutes of the May Membership Meeting

The April Membership Meeting was called to order by R.E. Reed Kryder. 11 members were present.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Bill Stewart was a guest at the meeting.

Old Business:

Double Regional - 40 Drivers, 3 for the PDX. Food & Insurance has been ordered. Jim Royal is the team captain for NeDiv and Greg Vandersluis is the team captain for Great Lakes. We will once again be doing track rides at lunch time with the donations going to Muscular Dystrophy. Must be 18 & over to participate in track rides. Bill Pintaric is in charge. Neohio had 73 entries last year at their double regional on the same weekend.

National - John McGill Memorial ceremony. Does anyone have a convertible that we could use for Kerrie & Scott Lane to ride in on the pace lap. Trophies will be mailed.

Other discussions:

Ohio Technical College is building two T3 cars for National Racing.

Joe Mannozi to bring prices & sample of business cards.

Double National lottery to be held at the Watkins Glen Double National.

Motion to adjourn made by Brad Morris, seconded by Pam Petrusko. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

Welcome New Members:

Melissa Buchanan
Alan (AJ) Fox
Alleryas Fryer
Adriyanna Fryer
Eddie Hofstrom
Jim Linebaugh
Daysha McConaly
Shayna McConaly
Jace Melick
Michael Valentin

A reminder to the following members with June Renewals:

Dave Badger
The Barnhouse Family
Robert Blanarik
Greg Lesky
Hobie Platt
Scott Rowbotham
David Strittmatter

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Brad Barnhouse	6/15
Robert Blanarik	6/13
Ray Boniface	6/22
Eric Fiest	6/4
Joe Mannozi	6/3
Shayna McConaly	6/6
Frank McWilliams	6/9
Allen Milarcik	6/1
Doug Miller	6/23
Jim C Royal	6/21
Michael Saddleton	6/21

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* For Rent: or Sale IT-C Renault Alliance. Sale price - \$3,500. Contact Carl Holbrook 330-856-7841 or email at cholb2698@aol.com

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