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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, June 5, 2012**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

The racing season has definitely arrived. Besides handling racing activities for Kryderacing clients, teaching classes for beginners at Nelson Ledges, working on a new furnace installation at home, and keeping up with the rest of life's routines, Sandi and I have found a dramatically increased MVR workload during recent weeks. We are not complaining and are very appreciative for all the work being done by fellow members as well as members of other Regions.

A short listing of recent activities includes our Memorial Day weekend John McGill Double Regional for the NESCCA Championship. The entry level exceeded both 2010 and 2011 and almost equaled that of 2009. We had an abundance of workers, a lot of drivers voiced approval of the two-day Double National approach, the victory podium photo session surprised most on Saturday but became well received by the drivers by Sunday, the worker party menu change was well received, the convertible Ford Mustang pace car from Kepich Ford in Garrettsville looked great leading the fields to the green flag (there were no "full course" yellows), Skylight Financial Group had a hospitality area set up offering free food and drinks to anyone and everyone during the weekend, and the Sunday night viewing of the Indy 500 at the Kryderacing trailer was attended by a group of tired, but appreciative workers. There were a lot of other things happening and we should hear a lot of stories at our June 5th Membership Meeting.

During the National weekend I received a call from John Gingery and part of our discussion was the upcoming "Street Survival" program. John has been making great progress with the program and as the October event starts to near he will be needing more and more volunteers. This program is a proven "life safer" for teenagers and all of our members can, and should, volunteer to contribute something. Race driving and mechanical experience are not necessary. John will have a report at the June 5th Membership Meeting.

Now that our 2012 National is in the history books we need to start working on our two 2012 Regionals. The MARRS Regional/Enduro weekend is just around the corner on August 4-5 and the September 29-30 Double Regional for the Nelson Cup may seem like a long way off but we need to start planning now. I have a comment regarding the MARRS weekend. Some people may want to skip it because it is only a single Regional. But there are two other factors to consider. First, the size of the fields will be larger than average thanks to the MARRS entries. Second, (for a large number of classes) you can still receive two credits for race entries if you drive in the Saturday enduro (that includes BOTH drivers if you are sharing a car). Please mark this event on your calendar as a must to attend, whether driving or working. And talk to others about attending. MARRS events are something special and they do not come to Nelson Ledges every year. Sandi will report on the

status of both Regionals at the June 5th Membership Meeting.

We have received permission from Nelson Ledges Road Course to hold our annual picnic meeting at the track on August 7th. There probably wouldn't be much said about this at our June 5th Membership Meeting.

In case you have not gotten the hint so far, we have a Membership Meeting on Tuesday, June 5th. Be there for additional items and gossip regarding the above events and other areas of member interest.

John McGill Double National

It was a hot, dusty weekend, but a good event. We had 86 entrants. Which was up by about 30 from 2011.

Thanks to all who came out to work and a special thanks to Matias Bonnier, who took over as Chief Steward at the last moment. Judy Davis won one of two NESCCA Worker Awards.

Here are a few comments about the event:

Sandi,

Just a few comments about this past weekend's race at Nelson:

-everybody was very friendly from registration-tech-grid-driver info. Everybody a typical driver would come in contact with.

-the event was organized and well run

-the 2 day double national format is awesome. Nobody likes spending three days at the track.

-if you can ever get the owners of Nelson to repave that track, you'd see entries skyrocket.

Thanks.

Jeff Luckritz

St. Joseph High School

Chemistry Teacher

Head Softball Coach

South Bend Region, SCCA

Regional Executive

Great weekend. Thanks to you and all the staff and all the corner workers that made the weekend go smoothly.

Also, The food caterer was great. The food and beverage after racing on Saturday was appreciated.

Nelson Ledges is a great place and the region did an outstanding job. Stu Delaney

John McGill Double National (cont.)

Bill Pintaric won GTL both days and finished 3rd both days in GT2. David Pintaric won STO both days. David Strittmatter won FP on Saturday. Jim Tibor was 2nd on Saturday and 4th on Sunday in SRF. Sedat Yelkin was 2nd on Saturday and won on Sunday in FA.

Membership Report

We have approx. 138 members including dual memberships.

A reminder to the following members who are up for renewal in April:

Welcome new members:

Anthony Gabri
Bruno Jacobs
Ben Rausch

June Renewals

Brad & Debbie Barnhouse
Jean Dobos
Matthew George
Greg Lesky
Hobie Platt
Scott Rowbotham
James Schell
David Strittmatter

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Chad Adams	6/18
Brad Barnhouse	6/15
John Blaine	6/28
Robert Blanarik	6/13
Ray Boniface	6/22
Mariana Bujdoso	6/6
Eric Fiest	6/4
Allen Milarcik	6/1
Doug Miller	6/23
Jim C Royal	6/21
Michael Saddleton	6/21
Devin Wilmouth	6/5

Ruman on Lime Rock Park Podium

Up to third in championship points after two rounds

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Lakeville, Conn. (28 May 2012) – Amy Ruman returned to the Trans Am podium on Saturday as she made an impressive debut run in her first-ever race at Lime Rock Park for round 2 of the 2012 championship in the No. 23 McNichols Co./Goodyear/Cenweld Corvette.

Ruman started the race from fourth on the grid for the 66-lap Memorial Day classic after posting a fast lap time of 51.723 seconds on the 1.5-mile circuit in Northwest Connecticut. Ruman held her ground in the opening laps, looking like a Lime Rock veteran despite the fact that she had never raced at the track before the weekend started.

The consistent times were not only a credit to her quickly picking up the subtleties of the high-speed circuit, affectionately called a “road racing bull-ring,” but also to the preparation of her Ruman Racing crew. The group has taken on a new challenge with the newer Corvette C6 machine, but has proven to be quick learners in the opening races of the 2012 season.

While the large hillside crowd on hand enjoyed the warm temperatures, the heat made for a very slick 1.5-mile stretch of pavement. After running the opening 40 laps fourth in the order, the race-leading machine of Tony Ave slowed with a mechanical issue, allowing Ruman to slot in to third position.

A full course caution on lap 56 was followed by a restart on lap 64. With the podium in sight, Ruman’s run almost came undone as a power steering belt broke and caused a quick off and on. But she recovered quickly, and rejoined the fray to come home third as she was able to participate in the Lime Rock Park traditional hillside podium ceremony in her first visit to the track.

“I was happy to be back on the podium again and to come home with some solid points,” said Ruman. “It was a real handful once I lost the power steering. The belt just broke, so we were fortunate that nothing else happened when it came off. I knew we were close to the finish so I was able to just hold on and bring it home. It was some hard work but it was worth it! There was a good crowd for the race and I was pretty pleased with the weekend. We didn’t have a perfect car on some of the longer runs, but we learned more about the C6 and now we are all really looking forward to the home race at Mid-Ohio in two weeks.”

The podium result was also a strong boost in the championship standings as Ruman moved to third in the rankings. But as she looked back on the traditional Lime Rock Park weekend, Ruman couldn't help but focus away from the track.

"We had great racing this Memorial Day weekend, but I also want to pause and remember all of our troops that have served and are serving for us and this great Nation."

Viewing Note: The Trans Am Lime Rock Memorial Day Weekend race will air on MAVTV, Sunday, June 3rd at 6:00pm EST. Trans Am heads to Mid Ohio Sport Car Course for a 100mile race on Sunday, June 10th at 1:45pm EST.

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Looking ahead: Round 3: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
June 8-10
Round 4: New Jersey Motorsports Park June 29 – July 1

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