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## MVR JUNE CALENDAR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, June 3, 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**

Have you heard that Nelson Ledges Road Course is closed? "Closed" is a misrepresentation of what has happened. And there has been a lot happening lately. Go to [www.mvrscga.org](http://www.mvrscga.org) or [www.kryderacing.com](http://www.kryderacing.com) for updates. This is being written on Memorial Day and the latest update was recorded yesterday. It is important that when you talk with others you discuss facts and not rumors. Rumors may be more exciting, but they tend to grow in their dramatic view of what is happening. And usually drift further and further from the truth.

We should definitely know something by our membership meeting. I know Finger Lakes Region has said they could wait until June 1 to make a decision on their June Regional race weekend. Decisions regarding future 2014 MVR events can wait a while longer, but we need to be discussing our options.

See you June 3rd at our membership meeting,

## **Membership Report**

We have about 146 members including dual members.

June Renewals:

Brad & Debbie Barnhouse  
Greg Lesky  
Jim Schell  
Jim Young

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Brad Barnhouse	6/15
Robert Blarrik	6/13
Ray Boniface	6/22
Sam Damiano	6/27
Eric Fiest	6/4
Anthony Gabri	6/25
Allen Milarcik	6/1
Doug Miller	6/23
Cole Pollak	6/13
Anna Rothstein	6/10
Jim C Royal	6/21
Michael Saddleton	6/21
Devin Wilmouth	6/5

## **JUNE 22 SOLO AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

Joe McMullen is the RE for Northern Ohio Valley Region and they are conducting a Solo II. Joe has attended a MVR meeting or two in the past and recently helped with our Tire Rack Street Survival event.

He is asking MVR members to help his Region with a Solo II program on June 22. Many of you are hoping to race at Nelson that weekend. But if you are available, or if the Nelson event gets canceled, please consider helping Joe and his Region.

All profits from this event will be donated to the Salem Community Banquet Center for their program of feeding needy local families.

Joe would like for volunteers to arrive by 8 AM to set up the course. Registration for competitors is between 9 and 10:30. There should be plenty of 'runs' during the day, including the possibility of instructional runs. Cost to run the event is \$25 for non-SCCA members, \$20 for SCCA members. IF YOU VOLUNTEER AND WORK THE EVENT THE COST IS \$0. I believe this fee is for those who make a prior commitment to help.

Joe's contact info is: [novr@wizco.net](mailto:novr@wizco.net).

Event address is: Salem HS, 1200 E. 6th St, Salem, Ohio, 44460

Please contact him if you plan on attending, especially if you wish to help,

## **What's going on at Nelson Ledges**

First, I want to correct something I reported in an earlier update. The new manager, Todd Karom, is still in that position. But it is tentative. This should be no reflection on his capabilities, simply a statement of fact since not all the decisions have been made at this time.

Todd's contact info is: 216-224-6901  
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Second, future updates will be found at [www.kryderacing.com](http://www.kryderacing.com) and [www.mvscga.org](http://www.mvscga.org). Requests have made for an incredibly large mailing list. Please spread this message since I am not even going to attempt to include everyone. Please remember that I am trying to stick to the facts and not start rumors. Adding your own interpretations to these reports should be avoided.

Yesterday (Saturday, May 24), Sandi and I went to the track. We needed to pick up some gas for a client and we had been informed a few of the people involved in what was happening might be meeting at the track. We didn't know what time they were meeting so we simply hung around visiting some friends. Early in the afternoon property owner Marv Drucker and his son (Rick) arrived. Discussions included the two of them, Sandi and I, Scott Lane, and a couple of other individuals.

Rick, Scott, and I inspected the track. There was one (maybe a second) area which would need more than a simple patch. There were other areas where patches would be sufficient. This was the minimum work deemed necessary in order to hold competitive events on the track.

Most of the rest of the meeting could be split into two general categories: short- and long-term needs. The short-term focus was on what needs to be done to get the track operating ASAP and minimize disruption of 2014 events currently scheduled. Long-term discussions focused on a total repaving and how best to accomplish it. Selling the track also was mentioned as a possibility.

One major challenge to accomplishing the short term goals is spending a sizable amount on the one (or two) pavement repair areas, only to have it all torn up when a total repaving was done. Finding funds is only one part of finding a solution. Spending those funds wisely is something requiring planning. While no one wants to give up anything which is already scheduled, no one wants to simply put a band-aid on the problem in order to hold near-future events and possibly jeopardize long-term survival.

These are not easy problems to solve. What was solved Saturday was a better understanding of the questions which need answering. For example: how long would it take for the short-term repairs to be made? Without firm answers to these questions, making a decision on how to proceed is impossible. Several of us are trying to answer these questions and we plan on sharing what we find in the next couple of days. I will post an update at that time.

I will be providing additional contact information to the groups with events scheduled in June.

Enjoy Memorial Day,

Reed Kryder

### **Minutes of the May Membership Meeting**

RE, Reed Kryder called the meeting to order at 8:04pm. There were 9 people in attendance.

Tom Nutter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Carl Holbrook seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

There were no April minutes to read.

Old Business:

TRSS discussion. Carl Holbrook made motion to donate 10% of the net profit to the SCCA Foundation. He said if 10% is good enough for God then it's good enough for SCCA. Motion passed.

July Double Regional was discussed.

Scott Nutter motion to adjourn. Bryan Bartz seconded. Motion passed.



## *Nelson Ledges Chaplains Notes May 2014 Who You Represent*

It's May. May, that magical month of motorsport culminates this year with the running of the Monaco GP, the Indy 500 and the Charlotte 600 all on the same day. It is the ultimate smorgasbord of racing delight. All have their appeal. While I have raced at Charlotte and would love to experience Monaco (as if I could afford it) (I do have the poster!), Indy holds a special place in my heart.

My first visit to a race track was Indy for the 1965 Pole Day Time Trials. The enormity of the facility just overwhelms you. In fact, the Rose Bowl, Yankee Stadium, Churchill Downs, the Roman Coliseum and Vatican City all fit inside this hallowed oval. But beyond the 2.5 miles of the brickyard and the endless grandstands, it was finally seeing the stars of Indy and F1 at speed that grabbed me. Jimmy Clark, Jackie Stewart, AJ Foyt, Parnelli Jones, and my heroes Dan Gurney and Rodger Ward flashed by at the speed of sound or at least in seemed like it. And the sound, the sound of the Offys, the Fords, and the Novis as they screamed down the 5/8 mile front straight into the tunnel of Turn 1 was a drug I have been hooked on ever since. Plus, I love the smell of methanol in the morning.

My memories of Indy actually go back to listening to the 500 on radio on Memorial Day 1962 in my back yard in Troy, Ohio. Rodger Ward won his second 500 and he was my guy. This year as I celebrated my 65 years on this earth my gift from my parents was a 1/18 scale model of the Ward's winning Offy Roadster. I love the flag type shield with the number 3 and the Leader Card 500 Roadster logo. Indy was one of the first places to have sponsors on the competitor's race wagons. Today in all pro racing the drivers have obligations to represent those who make it possible for them to race and hopefully win.

When I was in London this spring and visiting the museum of the of my favorite Arsenal Football (Soccer) Club, a poster caught my eye. It featured the image of former Arsenal Star David Rocastle with his quote, "Remember who you are, what you are and who you represent." Good words for racers to live by. Great words for believers to live by.

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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