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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLEASE NOTE:

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

In last month's REmarks I said:

"And don't forget we have a membership meeting February 1st. Since we didn't have a January meeting there should be lots of news and gossip for everyone to catch up on. Sandi and I can let you know about the racing at the Sebring Double Nationals. We have had a request from another group for participation in the MVR Double Regional.. Hopefully we will hear a report on how the idea for a "stand-alone" ITC race during the same Regional weekend is progressing. During the December meeting plans for a "Tire Rack Street Survival" event were initiated and we should hear an update on its progress. Work should also be progressing on getting some clothing with MVR logos."

As you well know, an ice storm canceled that meeting. All the above topics still need discussion and telling. And a few new ones have been added. Sandi and I learned a lot at the National Convention. There should be reports in this newsletter. Come to the meeting for additional stories and to ask questions.

Sandi and I will also be going to the NeDiv Roundtable on March 5-6. Paul Morrison will be attending and handling the Tech Seminar. Let us know if you want to attend. Details are elsewhere in TRACK.

I also said this in the last REmarks: "Bottom line: racing season isn't here yet, but things are starting to happen. Time to get active." It is even more true now.

See you at the meeting.

MVR MERCHANDISE RETURNS

Mahoning Valley Region logo-ed merchandise has returned after a long absence. The official merchandiser of the SCCA has a successful Build Your Own program that has expanded to include a number of region logos and we have made sure ours was one of them. At this time there are 19 different items to choose from ranging from shirts, sweat shirts, vest, and jackets to Helmet bags, Briefcase / laptop case, back packs, and duffel bags for track gear. Due our membership being fairly well spread out across two states it was decided that an online retailer would be better suited to our needs as opposed to a single brick and mortar store location requiring travel for most members. The final arrangements for MVR's inclusion in the Build Your Own program were finalized just as this issue of **TRACK** was being put together so instead of trying to web link details here in this article We ask that you visit our website at www.mvrsc.ca.org for your portal to the new items. It won't be much of a surprise if the new merchandise is a topic of discussion at the March 1st membership meeting and there is plenty of space at the West Fork Roadhouse for you to join us.

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We currently have approx. 150 members including dual members.

A reminder to the following members with March renewals:

John Gingery
Frank & Pamela Howard
Bill Kasmer
Deidre & Marty Lutsch
Jack Madison
Joseph Mannozi
Doug Miller
Jim S Royal
Bill Sovik, Jr
Dick Wade
Brent Walton

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jay Barker	3/2
Jean Dobos	3/27
Mike Edmunds	3/13
Bill Kasmer	3/28
Matthew Leskovec	3/15
Scott Lunder	3/30
Daysha McConaly	3/28
Jace Melick	3/25
Kaleb Nutter	3/23
Scott Rowbotham	3/29
David Strittmatter	3/13

SCCA 2011 National Convention Summary

Sandi and I attended many seminars and meetings during February 10-12 convention at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas. SCCA indicated most of the presentations will be on their website by March. A brief summary of my impressions follows:

SCCA President/CEO handled opening remarks. He made a lot of positive statements, amongst them the clubs solid financial position. Membership was down slightly but showed better in the second half of 2010 than the earlier months. The Run-Offs will stay at Elkhart Lake's Road America through 2013. 2013 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Run-Offs and a major celebration is anticipated.

The Regional Leadership Orientation is targeted towards new RE's but is always a place for picking up new ideas. A few of the ideas we might consider discussing within MVR include:

- Can we get an MVR "app" for iphone?
- Can we put MVR Meeting Minutes on website?
- Should we?
- Can we find a marketing person for MVR

activities?

- Membership Chairperson - it would be beneficial if we had someone who knows how to “work” the internet. Use SCCA “Incentive Program” and its awards as incentive to do it.
- Consider reorganizing MVR contact methods and schedules:
- Less frequent but bigger PAPER mailings?
 - More frequent emails?
 - Meeting frequency, activities?
 - Annual Calendar?
- Is there a way to obtain email addresses of people who log onto our website?

The 2010 SCCA Membership incentive program was discussed. Winners and their awards should be announced in the near future. The program is returning for 2011 with increased prizes.

Weekend Memberships were discussed. Some Regions follow-up with Weekend Membership people while they are still at the event (but after going through registration) and explain the advantages of going to a full membership. This takes a dedicated person at the event, but the rewards are worth it to both the new member and the Region.

During the Annual Town Hall Meeting we found out total entries were up slightly for ALL racing groups (Nationals, Regionals, and Drivers Schools). Also announced was NO event fee increases for 2011. We found out the National Convention would be back in Vegas for 2012. Biggest reason for returning to Vegas was overall costs related to the convention, both from a National viewpoint and costs to those attending.

Reed attended the Street Survival seminar. Paul Morrison is spearheading an effort to involve MVR with a future Street Survival program. This program is an excellent opportunity for us to help young drivers. Hopefully it will happen in the future.

There were a couple of seminars targeting ways Regions can make use of various internet sites. The opportunities are endless and expanding at an incredible rate. We can save money and have better contact with our members and racers. However, the volume of possibilities is overwhelming to someone who doesn't spend all of their life keeping up to date with the internet. Even Sandi, who is years ahead of me in internet knowledge, got lost. There are great opportunities, but we need someone to take advantage of them, and keep up to date. Several of these internet “social media” variations will be coming from the SCCA home office in the near future.

The Colorado Region made it well known they never expected the name “Rational” to become something used across the country. It initially was simply the title name of one of their events.

Doing an “Express Tech” as part of registration was

talked about a lot. There were many variations in how Regions do it. Paul will probably be involved in discussions concerning this topic during the Roundtable. Also, SWDiv does equipment tech on the grid. I don't know if Tech or Grid people do it.

At the Town Hall meeting for the CRB there were numerous topics brought up. Several of them concerned the Run-Offs and qualification for it. There are two basic sides of any argument. Those who want everyone to be invited and those who feel an invitation should mean something special. I don't see this being resolved to everyone's satisfaction during my lifetime.

I did hear of one Region who encourages their drivers to help instruct new drivers at PDX and Driver School events by offering \$25 discount coupons which can be used for any Region function, including banquets and meeting meals. Might be worth some discussion.

There are a lot of awards given out at during the course of the convention. A couple of local significance include Rick Shields of the Steel Cities Region winning the Kimberly Cup for Most Improved Driver and Brian Holtz receiving the John McGill Award for his contributions to Club Racing. And if you ever wonder about the quality of the Nelson Ledges Safety Team you need to stop. They were honored with the Martin Tanner Award for their handling of the tragic incident during the Fourth of July Double National. The Martin Tanner Award is not given annually. IT is only given when there is a worthy recipient.

One a personal note, two of the SCCA Hall of Fame inductees were significant to both Sandi and myself. Jim Fitzgerald played a major role in connecting us with the right people at Nissan. After selling my original race car (a Datsun 240Z) I had been offered “body in white” deals from both Mazda and Porsche. But I wanted to stay with Nissan. Jim was a good friend and personally made it happen. John Bishop operated IMSA during most of the years we competed at the professional level. When Sandi and I went up to talk with him after the ceremony he remember both of us and asked how we were doing. It lead to a pleasant conversation.

Reed Kryder

NeDiv Roundtable March 5-6, 2011

The Inn at Pocono Manor
Route 314
Pocono Manor, PA 18349

Direct: 570.497.5856
Toll Free: 888.262.4092

Schedule is under development. Sessions so far committed are:

Tech – All day – sessions on things like The tech sheet, helmets and clothing, annual inspections at the track and away from the track, roll cage specifications, materials, identification and construction, what to check for at post race impound, specialty equipment, fuel testing, and a drivers and scrutineers question and answer period.

Driver's School – All Morning - presenting the new Club Racing Driver School Toolkit.

Pit/Grid – General training/discussion 1.5 – 2.0 hours

Sound Control – General training/discussion 1.5 – 2.0 hours

Stewards Training – All Day.

Registration – 2 sessions in the morning (1 closed, 1 open) Motorsportsreg.com training.

Timing & Scoring – 1 morning Session, 1 afternoon session (approx. 90 minutes each). The trains will be setup. Possibly an import from a Motorsportsreg event.

I am still waiting to hear from Solo, Rally, Rallycross, and Time Trials people to see if they have any presentations.

Cost is only \$25 for the day and that includes lunch! If you are within a 2 hour drive of the hotel, it is worth the trip to get some great training, and meet with all the active members of the division!

CLASSIFIEDS

Free to Mahoning Valley, Neohio, Misery Bay, Steel Cities and Western New York Regions members. Ads will run 3 consecutive times (asterisks at the beginning of the ad indicates how many times the ad has run). Ads must be resubmitted after their 3rd run.

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1 set PFC 7745 pads - 93 compound. \$80.00
1 set Hoosier 25.5x14 R16, 28x14 R16 - 75 compound, new. \$1200.00 Bob Ruman 330-283-5760

* FOR SALE: Automobile Quarterly. 22 Editions. Vol 22-3 to Vol 29-2. Also Vol 41-1, -4, 42-1. \$20.00 each / Quantity discounts. Call Don Baker 724-863-3770 or cell 412-225-4924

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