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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 5, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REMARKS – Reed Kryder

Other than a low participation, the Mahoning Valley Region PDX and Double Driver's Schools held recently at Nelson Ledges Road Course were extremely successful. Some of the PDX drivers want us to make it a monthly happening. All (but one) of the Driver's School participants completed their school requirements and will soon be joining us in Regional race events. One of the students was faster than the current track record. Many MVR members volunteered their time and expertise in many areas. There should be more extensive reports on these events elsewhere in the newsletter.

If you missed last month's membership meeting you missed a good one. There was a good turnout, our annual awards were presented to worthy recipients, and everyone talked about their plans for the upcoming racing season. If you have never attended one of the MVR meetings because you don't like meetings in general let me say this: most of us come for the food, drink, and socializing. We try to keep the business part of the meeting efficient and short. At the May 5th meeting there should be lots of stories told about PDX and Driver's School. Plan to attend, it wouldn't be boring.

The next MVR racing event is our big National scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend at Nelson Ledges. We expect a large turnout of competitors and can always use extra volunteers in all the specialty areas. It's also a great opportunity to introduce friends and family to the sport you love.

We are still looking for ideas on celebrating MVR's 50th Anniversary.

RUMAN SCORES A 6TH IN MUSCLE MILK SCCA TRANS-AM AT VIRGINIA

Munroe Falls, OH – Amy Ruman scored another top ten finish in her #23 McNichols Co./Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet Corvette in round 2 of the Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series this past weekend at VIRginia International Raceway. Ruman started 9th in the 20-car grid for the 28-lap, 91.56-mile race on Sunday afternoon.

Rain was threatening just before the race got underway, but it held off the whole time. Ruman took the green

and was off to battle with Simon Gregg and Edison Lluch Jr. Lluch Jr. got by Ruman and Gregg. After a double yellow, Gregg and Ruman took the restart. Gregg dropped 4 wheels off track heading into the uphill esses, turns 7 and 8. While he recovered, Ruman was right on his tail and passed Gregg coming out of the Oak Tree turn 11a, onto the back straightaway. Gregg, who was running a bigger motor than Ruman, passed her back at the end of the straight. Side by side, Ruman tried to pass Gregg back again in turns 15 and 16, but Gregg had a slight edge and squeezed Ruman in to the grass of turn 16. Ruman had to pit the next lap to clean the grass out of the grill and prevent overheating the engine.

After the pit stop Ruman re-entered the field in 16th position. The next lap went to a double yellow flag condition and the field bunched up again. After the green flag, Ruman made her way back up through the field to finish in 6th place. With her 3rd place at Road Atlanta and 6th place at VIR, Ruman sits third in the Drivers' Championship points at 45 points, behind Drissi (47 points) in second, and Ave (53 points) in first.

"What a race," stated Ruman. "The conditions of this race were ever changing. Unfortunately, I got squeezed a bit and went off, forcing me to pit. Otherwise, things may have been different, you never know, but that's racing. Simon (Gregg) and I had a fun race going the whole time, it was a great battle."

Ruman also raced in Saturday's VIR SCCA Oak Tree Double National GT-1 race. On the second lap of qualifying, Ruman broke a right front upright, which left her with only one timed qualifying lap. She went to work in the race, starting 16th on the split start grid (GT classes in the first group). She worked her way up through the field and finished in 2nd. Edison Lluch, Sr., who finished in 1st, was penalized 3 positions for passing under the yellow flag during the race, giving Ruman the win at the end of the day.

****NEW**** – For all race weekend updates and quick news, you can now follow the Ruman Racing team online at: <http://twitter.com/rumanracing>

To view entry lists, schedules, results, and info about the Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series visit: <http://www.sccatrans-am.com/>.

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Welcome new member David Gills.

The following members have May renewals:

Jay Barker
Jonathan Beck
Glenn Boros
Dale Gebhardt
William Harshman
Dave Klein
Katie Libecco
Edward Mandel
Allen Milarcik
Kellen Miller
Doug Miller
Pam Petrusko
Kim Smith

Happy Birthday to:

Barb Barnhart	5/5
Jonathan Beck	5/17
Glenn Boros	5/2
Alessio Caruso	5/10
Daniel Cesene	5/27
Karen Conselman	5/10
Dale Gebhardt	5/28
Kerrie Lane	5/1
James Morgan	5/28
Paul Morrison	5/20
Tom Nutter	5/30
Jerry Palmer	5/21
Michael Petrusko	5/14
Hobie Platt	5/25
Jerry Rhodeback	5/14
Brian Ross	5/5

The following members have been dropped from the SCCA roster until memberships are renewed:

Cindy Beck
The Doinoff Family
Steve Dominish
John & Sandie Hampton
Sonja Jewell
Alan Johnston

PDX

Our first PDX is over. It was a success, although not financially. We had 12 students. This was a little less than hoped for, but probably not bad for a first time out. Susan Robishaw, our chief steward and Gene Kern our Safety Steward kept the event running smoothly. Thanks to all involved from Gregg Alley, Race Chairman to Chief Instructor - Reed Kryder, and Assistant Chief Instructor - Bill Stewart. Bill was also a huge help in putting our first PDX together.

Double Drivers School

Our double drivers school had 14 students. I believe all passed but one. Weather was great on Saturday and the rains held off on Sunday until after the last checkered flag.

As race chairman, I would like to thank my Chief Instructor, Bill Kasmer, who did an outstanding job. Chief Steward Gene Kern for a job well done. Thanks also to all the chief of specialties: Tech – Dave Badger, T & S – Les Walter, Pit – Bill Stewart, Sound – Brian Vondran, Start – Cliff McCandless, Grid – Don Johnson, EMS – Denny Freeman.

National

Our National will be held on May 23-24. Entry forms have been mailed and they have been posted on the MVR website. Online registration is also available at www.nescca.com.

Schedule

Friday – May 22, 2009

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Tech Inspection

Saturday – May 23, 2009

7:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration
7:15 am	Tech Inspection
8:00 am	20 Minute Qualifying Sessions by Groups

Lunch

Followed by	25 Minute Qualifying Sessions by Groups
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End of Day	Party for ALL WORKERS, DRIVERS, AND CREW to be held under Timing & Scoring Tower.
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Sunday – May 23, 2009

7:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration
7:15 am	Motorsport Ministries
7:15 am	Tech

8:00 am	10 Minute Warm-up - Open Wheel followed by 10 Minute Warm-up - Closed Wheel
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8:30 am	23 Lap National Races by Groups
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Noon (approx)	Lunch
1:00pm (approx)	23 Lap National Races continue

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