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MVR MAY CALENDAR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, May 6, 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

I want to thank all the Mahoning Valley Region members who participated in the April events. The April 19 Safety Training Day at Nelson Ledges Road Course was held in some of the best weather of recent years. Misery Bay Region conducted a PDX in conjunction and it had at least a dozen participants, more than half of them also participating in the Safety Day. Was it a success? Depends on who you ask. There would need to be some major improvements in coordination (virtually all of the problems were related to it being the first attempt at a combined event and a very short "lead" time). I also think one of the goals of the combined program may have been missed by some people. That goal was to increase participation in the Safety Training program while also offering the trainees the opportunity to see what it was like to drive at speed on the track with an instructor. If a program like this were to return it would need encouragement from the Safety Training organizers. It should be a tool to get more people involved in their activities.

The following week we held our third Tire Rack Street Survival. The attendance exceeded earlier events and the program continues to be a big success with participants, parents, and volunteers. I want to thank everyone involved, especially John Gingery, Sandi Kryder, and Paul Morrison. John is the driving force behind the event and does a lot of the work acquiring sites and equipment. He plans to start research for future events immediately. Sandi handles most of the communications between MVR and TRSS parties. She also finds time to organize the feeding of everyone during the event. And Paul Morrison has come up with a great invention for wetting the pavement. This event was its debut. It worked very well and Paul plans a couple of 'tweaks' which will make it even better.

The racing season is well under way. Be sure to join us May 6th at our membership meeting to tell your stories and listen to others.

Membership Report

We have about 146 members including dual members.

We want to welcome new members:

Erik Johnson and Robert Stahlman

May Renewals:

Jon & Cindy Beck
Caleb Brink
Matt Carson
Ed Hofstrom
Kellen Miller

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Jon Beck	5/17
Alessio Caruso	5/10
Karen Counselman	5/10
Nick Doinoff	5/28
Steve McElroy	5/16
Jim Morgan	5/28
Tom Nutter	5/30
Jerry Palmer	5/21
Bryan Salchak	5/21

DeeDee & Marty Lutsch need to renew their memberships for 2014



Nelson Ledges
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Sounds

As the new F1 season has begun the new car specifications have caused quite a stir from the ugly noses to the Mercedes dominance. Mercedes seems to have their sums right with the new fuel limits of 100 KG per race and the two energy recovery systems used. Their engines 1.6 liter V6 turbos have won all the races. One other loud complaint has been the sound or lack of it from the new engines. The muffled noise of the new lower 15,000 RPM limited turbocharged power supplies had one promoter threatening to sue over the lack of those cherished good sound vibrations. Having loved F1 at Indy with normally aspirated V 10 Ferraris screaming at 19,000 RPM, I can certainly sympathize. I hope that F1 can come up with a good "sound" solution.

It has always been my contention that the sound is one of the biggest appeals of racing and is a huge reason why being there is so much more exciting than watching on TV. Several years ago I went to a NASCAR Cup race at Richmond and sat unenthusiastic for 125 laps wearing ear plugs. Pulled them and "Voila!" things became much more interesting. Last summer at Mid-Ohio, I watched as the Trans Am cars lapped a few seconds a lap faster than the Nationwide series machines but the Mustangs, Camaros, Toyotas, and Challenger from NASCAR seemed faster because they were so much louder. The SCCA sound limits seem to detract from the show.

There have been other sounds this month. The tones of sorrow have come from Santa Rosa, California where the longtime founder and leader of Motorsports Ministries, Richard Anderson, lost his battle with cancer. I was privileged to serve with him for many years and my sympathies to his wife Beth and his family. Through the years, Richard and his fellow Motorsports Ministries chaplains have served IMSA, Indycar, ALMS, Grand Am, Trans Am and SCCA Club Racing. The racing community has lost a great servant but Richard is now in a much better place.

But from another corner of the world comes a different sound. My first grandchild, Charlotte Willow "Lottie" Gray was born March 10 in Bristol, England. My wife Joy and I were able to visit over the Easter holiday. The Bible says the great pleasure of life is enjoying your children's children. Holding our precious Lottie as she gurgles and coos I can testify that it is surely true.

Chaplain Marvin Gray chapnrc@aol.com

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