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## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 3, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

State Voting Day

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## **REport – Reed Kryder**

October has been a whirlwind of activity for the Mahoning Valley Region. The month started off with our annual election of officers. I am honored to have been elected to serve a second term as your Regional Executive. Besides myself there are several returning officers along with a couple of new faces. I would like to thank those departing people for all the work they have put in during the last year. I would welcome our newest members. See the newsletter masthead for all of your 2010 officers.

Our Golden Harvest Double Regional was held during the October 17-18 weekend. The weather was terrible but the turnout was reasonable under the conditions. Those in attendance had a great, although, cold time. The first addition of the Divisional Shoot-Out for the Nelson Ledges Cup was a big success. See Brad's report elsewhere in this newsletter. The PDX started out with only a single entrant but by Sunday we had four participants. That may sound like a failure but if you talked with any of these people you would find the chance of their involvement with future MVR activities had increased due to their experiences at the PDX. And the "Track Tours" during lunch time added money to that generated by the 50/50 drawing. All the money went to Muscular Dystrophy. Even the winner's portion of the 50/50 was contributed.

I feel one of the biggest reasons for the success of this year's Golden Harvest was the involvement of many members. I would especially like to thank Brad Morris, Greg Vandersluis, Carl Holbrook (who unfortunately missed the fun due to the flu), Jim Royal, Bill Pintaric, Bill Stewart, Dean Daugherty, and Greg Alley for their contributions. We have always had a great group of volunteers helping at our events, but these individuals stepped forward to handle the extra activities of the weekend.

The NeDiv Mini-Con will be held in Pittsburgh on November 6-8. The Steel Cities Region plans activities for both officials and members at large. Check it out at the NESCCA or Steel Cities website. MVR also offers a special deal covering the \$35 for the Mini-Con Seminars and Breaks. Call or attend our November 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting for more information.

## **Minutes of the October Membership Meeting**

October 6th membership meeting was called to order by RE Reed Kryder at 8:00 pm. Fifteen members were present.

Sandi Kryder motioned to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as printed in TRACK, seconded by Carl Holbrook. Passed.

Treasures report was approved as read.

Membership report was in TRACK.

Old Business:

Golden Harvest, 30 entries so far. We will mail trophies; Reed Kryder will mention the Golden Harvest at Mid-Ohio race next week. Dick Wade had some publicity on Youngstown channel 21 for the PDX, footage was shot last week at Nelson Ledges. Money from the gate at the G.H. and donations for track rides will go to Muscular Dystrophy.

Divisional Challenge, special tech stickers will be given out for the event.

The NeDiv Mini Con, is being hosted by Steel Cities Region in Pittsburgh on Nov. 6 - 8. A motion by Sandi Kryder, second by Brad Morris to pay the RE expenses and registration fee and registration fees for any other MVR member wishing to attend. Passed. A motion was made by Mike Petrusko, seconded Cliff McCandless, to give half off MVR race for next year at the Mini Con.

Elections:

Nominations were opened for the office of RE. There being no further nominations, Cliff McCandless motioned, seconded by Carl Holbrook that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Reed Kryder. Passed.

Nominations were opened for the office of Asst. RE. There being no further nominations, Beverly Nutter motioned, seconded by Dick Wade that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Brad Morris. Passed.

Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary. There being no further nominations, Beverly Nutter motioned, seconded by Dick Wade that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Alley. Passed.

Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. There being no further nominations, Beverly Nutter motioned, seconded by Carl Holbrook that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Sandi Kryder. Passed.

Nominations were opened for the office of 2 Year Trustee. Dick Wade and Tom Nutter were nominated by Beverly Nutter and Seconded by Carl Holbrook, Vote passed.

Nominations were opened for the office of 1 year Trustee. Scott Nutter was nominated by Carl Holbrook and seconded by Beverly Nutter. Vote passed.

Motion to adjourn 8:38pm by Scott Nutter second Bill Kasmer. Passed.

Respectfully submitted Greg Alley

## **Divisional Shootout – Brad Morris**

The first Divisional Shootout for the Nelson Ledges Cup is now one for the record books and it is time to start looking at what was good about it and how we can further improve it. A big thanks goes out to Team Northeast Captain Carl Holbrook, Team Great Lakes Captain Greg Vandersluis, and Reed Kryder for helping develop the concept along with Points keeper Chris Bell, Jim Royal stepping up to substitute as Team Northeast Captain when Carl fell ill, and Team Great Lakes Captain Greg for all their work at the track during the event.

As hoped when putting together the points system it was a see saw battle during Saturdays races with Team Great Lakes holding a whopping 4 point lead at the end of the day. Come Sunday Team Northeast dug themselves a bit of a hole with 2 key DNF's in the first race of the day but battled hard and almost closed the gap back up. The Nelson Ledges Cup was won this year by Team Great Lakes scoring 1976 point to Team Northeast's 1952 points. Of course now that Team Great Lakes has the title for this year the fun part begins where they must now defend it. One of the great things about the Nelson Ledges Cup is that it is a traveling trophy just like the America's Cup and Stanley Cup, you want to keep it you have to keep winning it. There was a lot of talk on the Internet forums leading up to the event that it would be a blow out . But a 4 point lead after the first day and a 24 point final margin of victory backs up one of our key goals in it was won on track, not at registration.

We have gotten good feedback so far from the competitors but there is always room for more. Right now it is mostly advertising that needs to be worked on, letting the drivers know just what the Nelson Ledges Cup is all about. That was to be expected with the short time we had to put it all together for the first time and we do have a good foundation laid for growing the event.

The Nelson Ledges Cup Trophy needed to be something unique and it defiantly is just that, a very unique trophy. Coming up with a special trophy took a little time and we weren't able to present it at the track like planned so it will be given to the winning Captain at this years Kryderacing Banquet . A review of this year's event and discussion on where we go from here with it is on the agenda for the November membership meeting so I invite you all to stop in and throw your two cents in and enjoy an evening of bench racing and friendship. That's what it is all about.

## **Golden Harvest – Brad Morris**

The 2009 Golden Harvest Double Regional.....it was cold, end of report. No seriously it was cold but thats October in this part of the world, a big crap shoot on the weather. All the drivers, crew, and volunteer race officials deserve a big part on the back for showing their love and dedication to the sport by coming out and still having a good time. Economy, weather, and schedule conspired

to lower the car count compared to past years but that didn't effect the quality of the racing for those that entered. Race Chairperson Sandi Kryder put together a nice schedule with qualifying, qualifying races, and races on Saturday and qualifying and races on Sunday. Not the usual cookie cutter schedule of Sunday being exact copy of Saturday. The lower car count lead to combining some groups and we ended up with four of them, open wheel, small bore IT, big bore IT, and production / GT.

Saturday was 18 lap races. First out were the open wheel group. No Mahoning Valley drivers were in this group but there was a really good battle among the 8 Formula Vee's that did run. NeOhio's Allen Franzolino in DSR was the overall winner.

Race two for the small bore IT cars had a good Mahoning Valley turn out, more that a quarter of the field. At track Team Northeast Captain Jim Royal was second in ITC, Scott Nutter second in ITB, Greg Alley third in ITB, and Dean Beilstien fourth in ITB. Charlie Campbell of Mohawk Hudson Region took the overall win in his Spec Miata.

A good number of MVR drivers entered the big bore IT race but unfortunately two of them didn't make it to the start. Matt Carson's 240Z broke during the qualifying race and Bill Thomas's ITE Mustang had a problem with a broken lug on the starter. Michael Saddleton finished second in ITS, Mike Petrusko fourth in ITA, and Bob Mazza fifth in ITA sharing a car that was doing double duty as a Spec Miata in the second race. Team Great Lakes Captain Greg Vandersluis won over all in his ITA Honda.

The last race of the day was Production / GT. Bill Pintaric won overall and obviously first in GTL. Raymond Barnhart trophied first in HP.

Sundays races were 23 laps and the open wheel group had more excitement than anyone really wants at a race. Again there was a tight FV battle among 8 cars but early leader Harold Johnston of Steel Cities parked it on the tire wall exiting oak tree on lap 7 handing the lead to Northeast PA's Frank Varano but that only lasted until lap 10 . Exiting turn 13 Varano and Steel Cities Thomas Petalino sending them both flying. Varano flipped and caught fire but the Nelson Ledges Safety Team were on the job and took car of the incident with no one seriously hurt. After an extended red flag period for the incident racing resumed and Ricard Johnstone from Steel Cities took the overall win in his FV. Staurdays overall winner Allen Franzolino had mechanical problems and was only able to finish 14 laps.

Race two on Sunday had similar results to Saturday but the ITC battle was fierce with a 5 car pack swapping spots for most of the race. That thinned to a 3 car battle by the end but was still fun to watch. There was one to many position swaps for Jim Royal and he finished third in ITC this time. Scott Nutter, Grag Alley, and Dean Beilstein again were second, third, and fourth

respectively in ITB.

In the third race Bill Thomas was able to get his starter problems fixed and finished first overall and first in ITE. Michael Saddleton took second in ITS and Mike Petrusko fourth in ITA.

The final race of the weekend looked to be another dominate run by Bill Pintaric but it ran one lap to long. Exiting the keyhole onto the back straight the throttle stuck on Bill's GTL Nissan 200SX and he shut it down, coasting up the straight and into the pits only to just be caught by Finger Lakes driver Cris Pluta in a Spec Racer at the line. Bill still managed first in GTL at least. Bob Mazza swithed from running the shared Miata on Saturday to driving the Kryderacing EP Nissan 240SX and was rewarded with a class win. Raymond Barnhart finished off the season with a second in HP.

The racing season has just ended and banquet season has begun. I'm officially bored already. Since I won't be seeing any of you at the track until April let's hope to swap some stories at the membership meetings, first Tuesday of every month.

### **A Note of Thanks**

I attended the Golden Harvest Dbl Regional as an entrant (FV 55) and crew member (FV 87). Nelson Ledges is my 2nd favorite track to race at. Because of family commitments I have not raced at the track the last 4 years. I stay closer to home to race so I can save money. But after this weekend I plan on attending a few KRYDER races in 2010. The SCCA workers at your track make everyone feel welcome. The track is fun to drive etc. I always enjoy myself at Nelson Ledges.

I want to let you know that your corner workers are among the best I've seen. When my future "Son-in-Law" rolled my FV at the last turn I could not believe how fast the corner workers were on the scene. As the car was flipping in the air the corner personnel we running to the crash scene. They put the fire out so fast I could not believe it. They rolled the car over and got Frank out of the so fast. He was taken care of by the crew in a very professional manner. My daughter and I watched the whole incident and were very impressed. This is another reason Nelson Ledges is a great place to race. Frank is OK, the car is junk, but that is racing.

Please let your SCCA volunteers know they did a great job.

Hugh Maloney  
Asst: RE  
NEPA-SCCA  
Freeland PA

### **Membership Report - Sandi Kryder**

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Welcome new member Domenic Nigro from Youngstown.

Members with November renewals:

Dean Beilstein  
Matthew Carson  
Charles Genaro  
Tom & Beverly Nutter

Happy Birthday to:

Cindy Beck	11/30
Dean Beilstein	11/11
David Gills	11/27
Katie Pintaric	11/7
Dinah Rhodeback	11/26
Ronald Yarab	11/27

### **Board Approves Noteworthy Club Racing Changes**

**TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 19, 2009)** – The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors made several noteworthy changes to the Club Racing program at its Oct. 16-18 meeting. In addition to its regular business conducted, changes were made regarding the Formula Ford class, minimum driver age, Showroom Stock vehicle age limits, Spec Miata tires and the classes eligible for the Runoffs.

#### **Formula Ford**

The Board of Directors approved the Club Racing Board recommendation to accept the 1.5-liter Honda Fit engine into the class, offering a modern, low-cost alternative to the venerable 1600cc Ford engines moving forward. The proper class name has also been shortened, simply to "Formula F" or "FF."

The new engine is an addition, rather than a replacement. SCCA recognizes that many racers will retain the Ford engine configuration that has been used for 40 years. It is the intention of SCCA to maintain competitive parity between the powerplants for many years to come.

#### **Minimum Driver Age**

The Board approved a proposal to lower the minimum age requirement for participation in Club Racing to 15 years old on a conditional basis. Drivers must have previous racing experience (ie. karts, midgets, etc.) and must be pre-approved by their Divisional Licensing Representative.

These drivers will be under strict scrutiny of event officials. Full details are requirements will be available in the December Fastrack News.

#### **Showroom Stock Age Limits**

The Board approved to extend the sunset rule in Showroom Stock from 10 years to 12 years, giving all cars an additional two years of eligibility beyond their year of production.

### **Spec Miata Tires**

The Board approved language to complete the transition from the Toyo Proxes R888 to the Toyo Proxes RA-1 tire in National Spec Miata competition.

Beginning January 1, 2010, both tires will be eligible for National competition. On the third National race weekend in a respective Division, only the RA-1 will be permitted for dry and wet use. SCCA recognizes that race weekends may include multiple Nationally-sanctioned races.

Both tires will be available through normal Toyo Tires distribution methods.

### **National Championship Runoffs Classes**

The Board made language changes to the General Competition Rules (GCR) to include all 29 National classes in the Runoffs beginning in 2010. It also set a minimum number of cars required at the Runoffs (10) to recognize a National Champion. A full story on the subject is available here: <http://www.scca.com/newsarticle.aspx?news=3805>.

Full details of all the business conducted at the October Board meeting will be available in the December 2009 Fastrack News, which will be available at SCCA.com Nov. 20.

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