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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 6, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

2010 officers will be elected at this meeting.

Mahoning Valley members podium at Runoffs

Way to go Mirl, Sedat & Amy.

Swan Captures Formula Atlantic at Runoffs



Photo:Mark Weber

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. (Sept. 25, 2009) - Mirl Swan, of Austintown, Ohio, captured the Formula Atlantic title at the 46th SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Road America on Friday. Swan's 8.034-second win topped runner-up Jason Byers, of Livonia, Mich., and Sedat Yelkin, of Canfield, Ohio.

The runaway win for Swan, driving the No. 88 Swan Racing/Everclear/Hoosier Swift 014 Toyota, came after a full-course caution from lap two through four following Jose Parades' contact with the wall.

On the ensuing restart, Swan was able to pull away from the field and never looked back on his way to the victory. That included turning the race's fastest lap, in a time of 2:04.125 (116.012 mph).

The title capped a tremendous season for Swan, who captured the SCCA Super Sweep award. The award has four components; a driver must win one of nine key National races, a Divisional Championship, a National Championship and the newly created nationwide point standings - all in a single class. The award was announced at the 2009 SCCA National Convention.

Both the second and third-place finishers were nearly involved in a first-lap incident that eliminated fourth-place qualifier David Grant from the race. Yelkin was hit from behind by Grant, bending his rear wishbone. Grant spun and was suddenly nose-to-nose with Byers, who just missed the contact.

"I had a pretty fair start," Swan said. "It wasn't spectacular, but I had a really good run into one. The incident happened in front of me, and I figured Sedat would have some damage on the rear of his car, for sure. I followed for a few laps, we had a close run of our own. The overall first lap was very exciting. It was good to get out front. Once I did, I just concentrated on my laps and got away."

Both Yelkin and Byers were able to continue and were in the top-five when the caution flag flew. Byers, in the No. 28 St. Clair Motorsports/ABR Ralt RT-41Toyota, took the second green flag in fifth position and picked off three cars in successive laps on the front straight to land in second position. Byers set sail for Swan, but didn't have enough for the front-runner.

After the incident with Grant, Yelkin spent the majority of the race worrying both about his rear suspension and his battle with Keith Grant, of Germantown, Tenn. (and brother of David), who has started on pole.

Yelkin and Keith Grant swapped positions before Yelkin's No. 75 Everclear/Swan Racing Swift 014 finished less than three-tenths ahead of Grant in the No. 40 Hoosier Tire/Polestar Racing Group Swift 014A Toyota.

Jeffrey Kowalik, of Winneconne, Wis., finished fifth in the No. 77 Northcentral Construction Corp Swift 014.

Vince Gaddini, of Auburn, Calif., earned the Sunoco Hard Charger award, climbing from a 15th starting position to 11th in the No. 48 Damon Racing Mazda Pro Mazda.

The Formula Atlantic National Championship race will be available on demand at www.speedcasttv.com/scca shortly after the conclusion of the 2009 SCCA National Championship Runoffs.

Ebben Takes GT-1 Title and Super Sweep at Home Track

Club Racing 09/27/2009



Photo:John Steflik

ELKAHRT LAKE, Wis. (Sept. 27, 2009) – Cliff Ebben, of Appleton, Wis., completed a dream week of racing at Road America, winning the GT-1 Title at the 2009 SCCA National Championship Runoffs and the SCCA Club Racing Super Sweep award a week after winning the Muscle Milk® SCCA Trans-Am Finale. Peter Mohrhauser, of Kenosha, Wis., and Michael Lewis, of Poway, Calif., completed the GT-1 podium.

Starting from pole in the No. 36 McMahon Group/Stumpf Ford Ford Mustang, Ebben timed the start perfectly and held his lead as the field streamed into Turn One. Second-starting Mohrhauser in the No. 99 Chevrolet Corvette gave chase to Ebben, and nearly had an opportunity to take the lead in Turn Six, but opted to play it conservative

on the first lap. No more passing opportunities would present themselves as Ebben's lead continued to grow and the 2003 GT-1 National Champion claimed the 2009 Title by 15.635 seconds.

"I had a good start," Ebben said. "It took a while for the tires to come in. Once the car got going, it ran great. The brakes started getting a little soft about halfway in and the engine temperature was running a bit hot. It was getting up toward the red line, but it seemed to stay there, so we got lucky."

Ebben's Runoffs win, combined with a win in the nationwide point standings, the Central Division GT-1 Championship and a key National Club racing win earned him the first-ever SCCA GT-1 Super Sweep Award. Ebben also set the fastest lap of the race, a 2:07.407 (113.024 mph).

Unable to catch Ebben, Mohrhauser circulated the 14-turn, four-mile road course on his own for the majority of the race, crossing the finish line second.

Driving the No. 12 Goodyear/Cyclo Products Jaguar XKR, Lewis started and finished third.

With such a dominant performance from the top three cars, the best battle on track became the battle for fourth between Kyle Kelley, of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Amy Ruman, of Kent, Ohio. Ruman took several looks at Kelley's No. 3 UPR.Com/APEX Chevrolet Camaro entering Turn 12 but couldn't make it stick. On the final lap, Ruman's No. 23 McNichols Co/Goodyear/Cenweld Chevrolet Corvette pulled alongside Kelley in Turn 14. The two made contact and both cars spun into the grass. Fortunately, the Kelley and Ruman had built enough of a gap to sixth-place that they were able to continue and cross the finish line in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Kelley's drive from 16th on the grid to fourth at the finish earned him the Sunoco Hard Charger Award.

The GT-1 National Championship race will be available on demand at www.speedcasttv.com/scca shortly after the 2009 SCCA National Championship Runoffs concludes.

More on Runoffs

There were a lot of familiar faces from Nelson's at Road America. MVR members Cliff McCandless was working start, Dave Badger was doing his fuel testing thing in tech and Lauri Burkons, steward. Other Nelson regulars were Tara Oram & Kathy Engle in Grid, Bill Stewart on the pit lane, Dorothy Harrington (registration) Wilma Giesy (registration) Duane Harrington, Sarah Bonnier, Lew Giesy as stewards, Jim Shoemaker (F&C) and I'm sure I am missing many many more.

REMarks - Reed Kryder

As this is being written the SCCA Run-Offs are in progress at Elkhart's Road America. Many consider this

the end of the racing season. And while Mahoning Valley is known as a racing region, this event is definitely not the end of our racing season. As a matter of fact October is probably our busiest month of the year. Just about every single MVR member is participating in one or more club functions during the next few weeks. And if you're not, why?

Our monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th. Its election time and you need to make your feelings known regarding MVR officers. A lot of people avoid this meeting out of fear they may be nominated for something. After last months meeting we do have at least one person running for all offices. No one will be doing any arm twisting to avoid a vacant office. But those running would appreciate your vote. Of course if you want to run you are more than welcome to throw your hat into a ring. We will also be talking a lot about upcoming MVR activities.

Our Golden Harvest Double Regional is scheduled for October 17-18. Special this year is the Divisional Shoot-Out for the Nelson Ledges Cup. Brad Morris is spearheading this activity with help from Carl Holbrook and Greg VanderSluis. This promises to make the weekend more interesting by staging a competition between NEDiv and Great Lakes Divisions. If you are a racer we need your participation. Quantity as well as quantity of entries will impact the outcome of this Shoot-Out.

There will also be a PDX held on each day of the Golden Harvest weekend. Greg alley is Event Chairman. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce a friend or someone in your family to our activities. A lot of instructors have already volunteered their services. We need more students. By the way, workers who wish to do the PDX receive a discount. But the spaces are limited so don't wait until the last minute.

The PDX is also receiving some Television coverage thanks to Dick Wade and Channel 21 out of Youngstown. The filming is scheduled to take place Tuesday, September 29th at Nelson Ledges Road Course. We will post the time of the broadcast on the MVR website as soon as we know it.

Another feature during the Golden Harvest weekend is parade laps during the lunch breaks. Bill Pintaric is organizing this activity. Various car clubs are being asked to come out on either Saturday or Sunday (or both). There will be a \$5 per car charge at the front gate. Where else can you go for only \$5 per carload? All the money goes to Muscular Dystrophy. The clubs and individuals will be able to dive around the track during lunchtime.

The Golden Harvest is also our last chance to celebrate out 50th Anniversary and Saturday's party will be special.

As we leave the month of October and enter November there is another activity all MVR members should

consider participating in. Each Fall NEDiv holds what is called a Mini-Con. As the eastern most Region in NEDiv most of these functions are too far away for our members to easily attend. But this year's Mini-Con is being but on by our friends in the Steel Cities Region and will be held just down the road in Pittsburgh. Mini-Cons usually feature additional activities beyond "official business". Contact Barry Kaplan at barkap@comcast.net for details

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Member with September renewals:

Greg Alley Ray Boniface Ann Gebhardt Sonny Libecco Gary Martz Jerry Palmer Michael Petrusko Rhonda Schjenken Steve Selmants Jim Tibor

Happy Birthday to:

Jennifer Badger	10/12
Csaba Bujdoso	10/18
Cliff McCandless	10/9
Scott Nutter	10/24
Janet Pintaric	10/29
Alex Schauer	10/29
Patrick Schauer	10/27
Sedat Yelkin	10/21

The following members have been temporarily have been put on the inactive list:

Daniel Goncz Kerrie Lane Jamie McKinney Paul Morrison Sherry Ziegler

Golden Harvest Double Regional/PDX

Mark Oct. 17-18 on your calendar. This promises to be a jammed pack weekend. There will be a double regional race, PDX and Track tours during the lunch hour both days.

The PDX is sets up so that any of the volunteer workers who want to run it can. A discount will be given to the Golden Harvest weekend workers who enter the PDX.

We are also introducing the "Divisional Shootout for the

Nelson Ledges Cup". The Shootout will be between Northeast Division Drivers and Great Lakes Division Drivers. Brad Morris, Carl Holbrook and Greg Vandersluis have been diligently working on this concept to come with a simple set of rules and points system.

A traveling trophy is being designed and will go the winning division. It will then be passed on to the winning division in 2010.

Keep your eyes peeled to our website for complete details, rules and points.

Minutes of the August Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder opened meeting at 8:00pm.

There were 9 members present.

A motion from Sandi Kryder seconded by Bill Pintaric to approve minutes as printed in TRACK. Passed.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Membership report was in TRACK.

Old Business:

PDX – same crew as in spring. Any worker working the GH will be given a 50% discount if they want to enter the PDX.

Golden Harvest – lunch time track rides. We are looking for someone to handle our 50th anniversary celebration. The GH will be the last opportunity.

Jim Royal asks if we could put the ITC in with faster cars. He will conduct a survey of ITC drivers to see who would come if we did this.

Brad Morris discussed the Divisional Shootout between NeDiv and Great Lakes. Different tech stickers, trophies. Etc.

New Business:

Nominations for 2010 officers will be held at the September membership meeting.

A motion to adjourn by Bill Pintaric and seconded by Brad Morris. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary.

Minutes of the September Membership Meeting

R.E. Reed Kryder opened meeting at 8:00pm.

August Minutes will be in TRACK.

Treasures report approved as read.

Membership report was in Track. Thirteen members, two guests Bill & Myra interested in becoming members and getting involved we are the meeting.

Old Business:

Golden Harvest P.D.X. chief instructor Reed Kryder & Bill Stewart. Shootout for the Nelson Cup, Great Lakes vs. Northeast Division. Teams, Points, hoopla ideas? Ideas for trophy? The sanction number for Golden Harvest has been applied for. Dick Wade is working on publicity for the PDX through the Vindicator & the Youngstown news station.

New Business:

Bill Kasmer led the nominations for the 2010 election of officers & trustees. Nomination for RE - Reed Kryder motion Brad Morris, second Carl Holbrook. Nomination for Assistant R.E. - Brad Morris motion Tom Nutter, second Dick Wade. Nomination for Treasurer - Sandi Kryder motion Carl Holbrook seconded Tom Nutter. Nomination for secretary - Greg Alley motion Dick Wade seconded Carl Holbrook. Nomination for Trustee two year Dick Wade & Tom Nutter motion Sandi Kryder second Carl Holbrook. Nomination for one year trustee Scott Nutter motion Dick Wade second Sandi Kryder. Motion to close nominations Bill Kasmer seconded Carl Holbrook.

Adjourned 8:50pm motion Sandy Kryder seconded Carl Holbrook.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

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