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## OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 5, 2010

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

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**CONGRATULATION TO DAVID PINTARIC**  
**STO winner at the 2010 SCCA National**  
**Championship Races held at Road America**



**REport – Reed Kryder**

The Mahoning Valley Region is a “racing region”. Nothing against solo, rallies, and other SCCA activities. It’s just we have many members who actively, and successfully, race in Regionals and Nationals. Our participation at this year’s National Championships at Road America (otherwise called the Run-Offs) really put an emphasis on the “successful” part of the above sentence.

David Pintaric qualified on the pole, set a Run-Offs lap record, and won the STO race. It wasn’t a run-away. The top three drivers swapped spots during the three days of qualifying before David finally ended up on the pole. The initial start saw David emerge in the lead after a three-way fight into the first turn. A restart (due to a BIG crash in the T-1 field) had David again in the lead early, only to be passed by the third place qualifying BMW. David was closely pursued by the outside pole qualifier as he chased the BMW. The race continued between these three drivers with all of them driving faster than they qualified. David really turned up the pressure on the last lap (it was the record setter) and with two turns to go something happened (briefly) to the BMW. David was by in a flash and took the win. The BMW recovered for second with the Corvette not too far behind in third. A lot of MVR people and friends were celebrating.

On a personal note: While Kryderacing has helped a couple of National Champions in the past, this was the first win for a car built (completely) and maintained in our shop. We are extremely proud of Matt Miller, Matt Carson, Jerry Palmer, and several others for their contributions during the past season.

Amy Ruman qualified and finished third in the big GT1 field. This was her best start and finish in several Run-Offs events. She has also been running strong in Trans-Am races this year with many podium finishes. Could a win be in the near future? The final Trans Am race is this weekend at Road Atlanta.

Last year’s MVR Driver of the Year, Sedat Yelkin, finished fourth in the FA race (just ahead of his dad, Ahsen). They both had great races after several problems earlier in the week. There were a few vehicle gremlins to handle and a “blow-over” of their massive canopy during a day of extremely high winds. There was also a Frank Howard listed on the entry sheets but we never saw his name on any timing sheets. The entry sheet showed him as a MVR member from Dayton, Ohio. Anyone know what happened? That’s a win, a third, and a fourth from the three MVR drivers (Ahsen Yelkin belongs to Steel Cities Region) who raced in the event. Pretty impressive. There was one additional MVR driver and he might have also been on the podium except for a blown engine during the week. David Strittmatter has been strong all year in his FP car and we were all hoping for another impressive performance. Maybe next year.

If you want to hear more detailed information and additional Run-Offs stories make sure you attend the October 5<sup>th</sup> MVR Membership Meeting. We also have some serious business to address at the meeting. It is time to elect officers for the next year.

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**The 2010 National Review - Brad Morris**

The 2010 National Championship Runoffs have been run and that brings an end to this year’s nation racing season. Four Mahoning Valley Region drivers won Divisional Championships David Pintaric in STO, Amy Ruman in GT-1, David Strittmatter in FP, and Sedat Yelkin in FA. A big thumbs up to the Divisional Champions. All four attended the Runoffs and ran well except for David Strittmatter who lost an engine in the third round of qualifying. A long tow but he at least he ran well in qualifying. David Pintaric had a good run for the win in STO, Amy Ruman took a strong Bronze Medal for third in GT-1, and Sedat Yelkin ended up fourth in FA after a mad scramble with a late race full course yellow and restart.

A quick scan of the national points in the Northeast Division shows eight other drivers scored national point this season and deserve a nod as well. Frank Howard ended up 5<sup>th</sup> in FA, Reed Kryder 9<sup>th</sup> in EP, Scott Lunder 8<sup>th</sup> in FP, Dale Gebhart 15<sup>th</sup> in AS, Robert Mazza 2<sup>nd</sup> in STU, Allen Milarcik 12<sup>th</sup> in STU, Jim Tibor 16<sup>th</sup> in SRF. And Greg Grucella 19<sup>th</sup> in SRF. By the way that’s 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> out of 44 in SRF, pretty good for drivers running only the local races.

Regional races are still scheduled at Mid-Ohio, Watkins Glen, and Summit Point in October so we will have to wait another mother before looking back at the accomplishments of our regional competitors.

## Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We currently have approx. 150 members including dual members.

A reminder to the following members with October Renewals:

Greg Alley  
Ray Boniface  
Eric Fiest  
Dale C Gebhardt  
Ann Gebhardt  
Sonny Libecco  
Gary & Tanya Martz  
Jerry Palmer  
Mike Petrusko  
Steve Selmants  
Jim Tibor

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jennifer Badger	10/12
Matthew Cherrington	10/30
Adrianna Fryer	10/13
James Linebaugh	10/27
Scott Nutter	10/24
Bev Nutter	10/4
Janet Pintaric	10/29
Alex Schauer	10/29
Patrick Schauer	10/27
Sedat Yelkin	10/21

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **NORTHEAST DIVISION SCCA MEMBERS TO MEET IN ROCHESTER FOR MINI-CONVENTION**

The Finger Lakes Region of the Sports Car Club of America will host this year's annual Northeast Division Mini-Convention on November 12-14, 2010, at the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa in Rochester, N.Y. SCCA competitors, crew, administrators and other members from throughout the Northeast gather to plan out events for 2011, train new stewards, present divisional awards, and for some social time outside of the stress of a competition weekend.

Regional Executive Michael Toombs said the region members were proud to once again host this event. "We hope that everyone will have a good time visiting the Finger Lakes area and our many attractions, from our wineries to the New York Wine & Culinary Center in Canandaigua and everything in between," said Toombs. "Then on Saturday, we will get together to work, learn and plan the upcoming year. So if you want to be

involved and see a beautiful area of the country, stop by the weekend of November 12-14."

The convention serves multiple purposes covering all the interest areas of the SCCA including racing, rallying and autocrossing. The regions work together to schedule and structure the 2011 divisional Club Racing schedule. There are also administrative meetings of various race series and divisional councils and stewards. Members are invited to inquire or speak out about issues and concerns during open forum sessions.

This year's Mini-Con chairperson, Elizabeth Thiel, understands the importance of the social aspects of the weekend, which allows members to have some time away from business and to informally network with fellow motorsports enthusiasts.

"Come join us Friday evening for our wine tasting followed by a welcome reception," said Thiel. "This is the time to reunite with long-time friends and meet new faces."

One of this year's highlights is the Neohio Competition Clinic. According to Thiel, this widely-acclaimed program includes information to assist with vehicle dynamics, suspension setup, data acquisition and more, taught by Dave Weitzenhof, Bob Doemberg, and data guru Dave Scaler.

For further information, visit the Finger Lakes Region's website at <http://www.fllr-scca.com/10minicon.html>. There is a flier and registration form available for download. At this time, Elizabeth Thiel and her team are negotiating with seminar presenters for the various workshops; a tentative and final schedule will be announced as they become available.

"Whatever your specialty we guarantee you will leave with new ideas, new contacts and new opportunities for the future," Thiel said. "It is a time for reflection of the past year and to prepare for a new season."

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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