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MVR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, September 3, 2013**

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

Nominations for 2014 officers will be held.

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

**GOLDEN HARVEST DOUBLE REGIONAL
SEPTEMBER 28-29**

REport - Reed Kryder

Sandi and I missed the August Picnic Meeting. From what we heard Brad kept the meeting brief and those in attendance had a good time.

It is hard to believe, but the racing season is coming to an end. There are lots of activities for MVR members to participate in yet this year, but the calendar has fewer and fewer weekends left. Below are some activities to consider adding to your calendar.

September 3: This MVR Membership meeting is important for discussions about two MVR events which are scheduled during the month of September and the first weekend in October. We will also be taking nominations for next year's officers. Elections are held during the October meeting.

September 7: While not a MVR or even a SCCA event, the second edition of the Legendary Marques at the Ledges is important to the health of our local race track. It is also a great event. Check it out at www.legendarymarques.com. Better yet, sign up and participate.

September 16-22: It's time for the fiftieth edition of the SCCA Run-Offs. Several of our members will be headed for Wisconsin to compete or offer their services in a volunteer capacity.

September 28-29: MVR will be holding their "Challenge for the Nelson Cup" Double Regional at Nelson. Included are a PDX, Club Trials, Club Racing Experience for novice drivers, pursuit race, Potluck Dinner, and a few other highlights. The fifth edition of the battle for the "Cup" will be a tie breaker as both Northeast and Great Lakes Divisions are tied at two victories. The races are also the final leg of the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series.

October 1: Election night at our membership meeting.

October 6: We are holding a Tire Rack Street Survival. John Gingery has put a lot of effort into this project and we already have several entrants. If you want to possibility save the life of a teenager you or a friend know, sign them up. We also need volunteer workers.

Which of the above will you attend? They are all a lot of fun and extremely important for a variety of reasons. They are also interconnected in many ways. For example, our treasury is at a point where a bad turnout for the Regional may require the newly elected officers to consider strong budget cuts in 2014. A healthy Street Survival turnout might not only save some teenager lives, it might lead to some new members.

I hope to see you at as many of the above events as you can fit onto your schedule,

Minutes of the August Membership Meeting

A motion was made by Brian Bartzi seconded by John Gingery that we waive the reading of the previous minutes since they were published in TRACK, treasurer's report and membership report since Sandi was absent and adjourn the meeting. Motioned passed. Meeting was adjourned. Total meeting time. 12.45 seconds. A new record.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

REMARKS (Part 2) - Reed Kryder

Our membership level has been constant for several years now. That's good. But we are not growing and I have been trying to figure out why, and come up with ideas to encourage growth. Why do I think we need to grow?

Recently I was watching a nature show and, as with many such shows, it partially dealt with the possibility of extinction of its subject animal. If you have followed the logic of any of these scenarios you know that once the herd decreases below a certain number it is impossible for the species to survive into the future. I don't feel the "MVR herd" is at that point, but there are a couple of things happening which hinder growth.

First off is a smaller Region comes into contact with prospective members less frequently than a larger Region. It's simple mathematics. It's also why "the strong get stronger and the weak get weaker". What can we do about it? We have to work harder than average at attracting new members and offering fun activities.

Another trend I have noticed is promotion of our events, especially our races. I think we do a great job of keeping our members informed of what events are in the future, but what about reaching out to non-members? It is becoming common to hear things like "Oh, I didn't know you had an event planned for the upcoming weekend?" This comment is also heard regarding many non-MVR events. Years ago Event Registrars spent a fortune mailing out hundreds, maybe thousands, of entries. Now we depend on the internet and word-of-mouth to reach non-members. During the past year the SCCA event mailings omitted one of our events and positioned another on the incorrect weekend. I don't think we can depend on them when our health is at stake. When I attend the National Convention I hear of lots of ways to promote events, but most entail significant amounts of time and/or monetary investment. As a small Region, many of these suggestions simply are not practical. We need ideas. In the meantime, work the "word of mouth" approach as much as possible. Look at everything we have planned for our September event and then look around amongst your friends. Surely you know someone who would have a great time participating in one or more of these activities.



**TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL®
EQUIPS TEENS WITH SKILLS TO 'ARRIVE
ALIVE'**

**WHAT: Tire Rack Street Survival® Teen Driving
School**

WHERE: Boardman Park
375 Boardman-Poland Rd.
Boardman, OH 44514

WHEN: Sunday, October 6, 2013
from 8am – 5pm

REGISTRATION: www.motorsportreg.com or
visit www.stree-mvr.org

DETAILS:

Car crashes are the leading killer of American teens from ages 15 – 20, with more than 5,000 teens involved in a fatal crash each year and an additional 196,000 injured.

Simple driving errors, avoidable but common among inexperienced teens, cause the majority of fatal accidents.

- **Tire Rack Street Survival®** is a national driver education program that teaches teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel. Unlike traditional driver's education programs based on classroom theory and simple maneuvers, the **Tire Rack Street Survival® program improves driver competence through hands-on experiences in real-world driving situations.**
- Students will receive a short classroom session and then will learn, hands-on, how to manage everyday driving hazards, obstacles and challenges in a controlled environment on an advanced driving course to ultimately **'arrive alive.'**

A third area, and I have mentioned this before, is outside sponsorship for some of our activities. If there is someone you think might be able to help in some way I suggest the following approach. Get them involved in MVR first. Perhaps as a spectator while crewing for you, or perhaps by asking them to bring their teenager to the Street Survival event, or maybe let them drive your race car in the September CRE event. I know the last item is a stretch, but however you get your friends involved, MVR wins. Even if we can't think of a "win-win" sponsorship proposal to present to them at some future date, we have another active member. And that's a good thing.

I also want to promote the Legendary Marques event on September 7 as a way to introduce your friends to our hobby. It is not a SCCA event, but if you go to the www.legendarymarques.com website you will find it is just the type of program to offer excitement and fun to a potential member.

Mahoning Valley Region has long been known as "The Friendly Region". We still are. But we all need to direct that image to anyone around us who could be a new member. A larger "MVR herd" should be a healthier "MVR herd".

Golden Harvest

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 28-29, 2013

Golden Harvest Double Regional Races

PDX on Saturday. Club Trial on Sunday

Club Racing Experience (rookies race)

Bracket Pursuit Race (Prize money paid)

Rides in Race Cars

Friday T&T and Fun Days and much more.

Lots of food and drink at Saturday Party including a Potluck Dinner. Erik Avendutti is co-coordinating the Potluck Dinner. All workers, drivers & crew are invited. Location will be posted at registration and tech. You can contact Erik at: erik@fiatstrongsville.com work 440-334-2155 or cell 440-334-4272

Students learn emergency braking and skid control, how to control unintended oversteer and understeer, and **how to avoid accidents entirely**. In select schools, in addition to spending time in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler to fully comprehend its massive blind spots, teenagers witness the violent detonation of an air bag, which demonstrates the force of the explosive devices.

- Students are taught in their own cars, not specially prepared program vehicles, so the skills they learn can be directly translated to their daily driving experiences. **Tire Rack Street Survival® challenges teenagers to understand how to control a vehicle, rather than just operate one.**

Tire Rack Street Survival® is open to licensed and permitted drivers ages 15 – 21. Forms, schedules and more information can be found online at www.streetsurvival.org. The cost is \$75 per student and some insurance companies offer premium discounts to graduates.

To view pictures from past schools, please visit <http://streetsurvival.org/about-street-survival/photo-gallery/>.

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Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx 127 members including dual members.

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Michael Davis	9/29
John Gingery	9/22
Reed Kryder	9/9
Sandi Kryder	9/27
Pam Petrusko	9/12
Alyssa Vitolo	9/24

August Renewals:

Dominic Nigro
The Bill Pintaric Family

Hobie Platt's membership expired on June 30,



Nelson Ledges Chaplains Notes

AUGUST 2013

Expanding

If you were at Mid-Ohio for the Pirelli World Challenge races you would certainly feel the recession has ended. 40 cars qualified for the featured GT/GTS races and 34 were on the grid for TC/TCB events. More and more cars made for some exciting racing with traffic and passing here, there, and everywhere.

Finishing fifth in the second TCB race was Shea Holbrook. Shea Racing has expanded this year from a car just for Shea to a 4 car team. The light Blue and white TRUECar machines have shown continually improving results throughout the year. Of course, Shea continues her work to end Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy that affects her family and many others. Will Shea be the new Roger Penske someday?

Back at Nelson, an exciting event is returning bigger and better. Legendary Marques at the Ledges on September 7, builds on last year's inaugural event. Famous makes such as Mustang, Corvette, Jaguar, Lotus, Ferrari, Porsche, and others can enjoy an on track experience in one of four ability linked groups. Instructors will assist novices and beginners. New this year is a chance to see these beauties in a car show format. Also, vendors and dealers will be there to display their wares. Top it off with an after party featuring a live band and the expanded Legendary Marques is sure to be a winner.

A famous prayer in the bible asked God to "bless me and enlarge my territory." But a lot of people forget the second part, "keep me from evil that I may not cause pain." We would do well to do the second part first.

Chaplain Marvin Gray chapnlrc@aol.com

Schedule

Friday – Sept. 27, 2013

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm - 9:10 pm Tech Inspection

Saturday – Sept. 28, 2013

7:00 am - 9:30 am Registration
7:30 am Tech Inspection
8:00 am PDX & CRE Track Rides
8:30 am 10 Minute Regional Qualifying Sessions by Race Groups

PDX & CRE Classroom

Approx. 9:45 am 20 Minute PDX Session

15 Minute CRE Practice

Followed by 10 Lap Qualifying Races For Group 2 thru 7. Finishing position determines grid for the 15 Lap races.

Approx. Noon Lunch

Approx. 1:00 pm 20 Minute PDX Session

Followed by 15 Lap Regional Races for Groups 2 thru 7

10 Lap CRE Race

15 Lap Pursuit Race

End of Day Pot Luck dinner for **ALL WORKERS, DRIVERS, AND CREW.** Location to be announced.

Sunday – September 29, 2013

7:00 am - 9:30 am Registration
7:30 am Tech Inspection
8:00 am 20 Minute Club Trial Practice
8:30 am 10 Minute Regional Qualifying Sessions by Race Groups

9:45 am (approx.) 20 Minute Club Trial

Followed by 10 Lap Regional Races for Group 2 thru 7. Finishing position determines grid for 15 Lap Races.

Lunch

1:00 pm (Approx.) 20 Minute Club Trial Session

Followed by 15 Lap Regional Races for Groups 2 thru 7

The stewards of the meet reserve the right to alter the schedule during the weekend.

GROUPINGS

GROUP 1 CRE - Saturday Only
GROUP 2 ITA, ITC, IT7, ITS, T3,T4
GROUP 3 ITB, SM, SM5, STL, STU
GROUP 4 GT1, 2, 3, AS, T1, T2, ITR, ITE, SPO
GROUP 5 GTL, EP, FP, HP, SPU, SRF
GROUP 6 FV
GROUP 7 CFF, FF, F500, F600, FST, FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, FS, S2, CSR, DSR

Couple of notes on our Double Regional

The pursuit race is open to all closed wheel cars and they must have entered the double regional. Cost is only \$25.00. This will be a bracket pursuit. Driver's are to turn in their project times by noon on Saturday. Full rules will be at registration.

We have given the FV's their own group with the stipulation that they bring a minimum of 15 cars. If not, they will be combined with Group 7. Greg Davis, asked us if we could do this. So come on Vee driver's help support him in his effort to pull this off.

Lots of food and drink at Saturday Party including a Potluck Dinner. Erik Avendutti is co-coordinating the Potluck Dinner. All workers (not just F&C), drivers & crew are invited. Location will be posted at registration and tech. You can contact Erik at:
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CLASSIFIEDS

*** For Sale: 1985 Fox Body Red Ford Mustang American Sedan Class. Complete car ready to race. Motor refreshed 20 min. run time to check for leaks. New Ford racing cam. World class T-5 trans. with extra new T-5 trans. comes with extra tires and rims. Can run National Races. Just ran Regional Races. \$5895.00. E-mail John Gingery racer2269@hotmail.com

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