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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

ANNUAL TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

The Kryderacing team of Sandi, Reed, Matt, and Colton just returned from our annual trip to Willow Springs. This event was started in 2001 by Russ Wilson when it was discovered TrackTime Performance Driving Schools was going to cancel its annual visit to the track. Since then Kryderacing has facilitated a one-day event for Russ and his friends. It has been run on both the “Big Track” and “The Streets of Willow”.

The 2017 edition was held on “The Streets” and everyone had a great time. It is amazing how many people have been in attendance since that initial 2001 event. The only negative to this year’s event was the high winds and a chilly day. Most people were inside the building when not in their cars on the track. Russ’s ZR-1 Corvette didn’t have any of the problems experienced last year. In addition to normal preparation for this 26-year old treasure the leaking differential and starter problems were eliminated – almost. Seems the car started numerous times for Reed and a couple of times for Colton. But John Morton always needed a push-start. We will try to figure this out after we unload the car back at the shop. Russ also had his unmodified 1995 Corvette ZR-1 at the track and his sons spent enough time on the circuit to wear out tires.

This event has grown over the years and at one point a few years ago the decision was made to limit the number of invitees. During the first few years there were no pre- or post-event social gatherings. Now both occur and attendance is healthy. The post event party always includes discussions regarding the event for the following year. It is our understanding a committee of some of the regulars are going to meet with Russ to discuss the future.

2018?

We recently sent letters to our clients asking for information on their 2018 plans. Many race schedules are starting to be finalized and it is never too early to make plans and reservations. We recently received the final TransAm schedule. David has indicated he will run the entire schedule in 2018 and Phil Di Pippo will probably be more active with his TA2 class Camaro. With the Run-Offs moving from Indy to California most of our club racing clients are planning on local races more on the Divisional/Regional level and less of the Majors weekends.

Nelson Ledges Road Course

There is an effort underway to have one or two SCCA race weekends at the track in 2018. It has been several years since sports car last took place and a lot of competitors want to get on the newly repaved circuit. Improvements are still being made to the facility and they will continue throughout 2018. SCCA scheduling meetings take place during the month of November.

Reed started his effort to write a book covering the history of the track last winter. Following a quick start, things ground to a standstill when the racing season commenced. It became obvious the best intentions don’t always produce results. But he hasn’t given up. Winter is approaching and a renewed effort is already underway. Initially the plan is to collect stories from others and assemble them on a website for others to view and add their own stories. Contact Reed if you want to participate. He will send you a brief outline of what is happening.

Daytona TransAm (November 11, 2017)

It was the final 2017 event. Following David's triumph at the SCCA National Championships everyone was pumped for a great weekend. Unfortunately, in the world of racing there are many ups and downs.

Reed and Sandi arrived early so they could acquire a rental truck, then spend a day driving to and from Miami to pick up some extra bodywork for the 2018 season. On the way back to Daytona they stopped off to visit longtime friends Rod and Mary Whelan. Rod and Mary also visited Daytona throughout the weekend. Past Kryderacing IMSA co-driver Dave Deen also joined us at the track. His son is now successfully go-karting, following in his pop's footsteps.

The practice and qualifying sessions went okay with David qualifying sixth. He started fifth (one driver never made the grid) on a wet track and quickly moved to fourth entering the first turn. While the track was wet, the rain had stopped. Everyone started on dry tires except one car. That car quickly moved to the lead and extended his lead early on. Later in the race he had to pit for dry tires after the track had dried. He was no longer a factor. Everyone, including David, had expected the track to dry and decided to drive a cautious first half of the race. Several found wet areas for which even their cautiousness was not enough. David was one of them. On the first lap he found a very wet spot in the west horseshoe turn, lost steering, and mildly impacted the barriers. He made it back to the pits, but we were finished. As mentioned, he wasn't the only one – the other Cadillac in the race also went off at the same spot at the same time and could have hit David. We're not sure David even knew this had happened since the other Caddy was behind him and continued before David got turned around. Other drivers found their own turns to slide on the pavement.

Plans and reservations are already in progress for the 2018 TransAm season. The schedule is out, David plans on running the entire program and Phil has listed all but two events on his calendar.

Misc Notes:

The father of Bill and David Pintaric passed away on October 28. We had met him several times over the years and were always impressed. It was obvious where Bill and David learned many skills which made them special people.

Mahoning Valley Region held another Tire Race Street Survival at Boardman Park on October 29. The day started out cold and wet. The drizzle stopped but it stayed cold. It didn't matter, everyone had a great day.

Reed is no longer Regional Executive for the Mahoning Valley Region of the SCCA. Brian Vondran will be taking the wheel for the next year. He is a great choice. Reed will still be around since the MVR By-Laws state the past-RE serves on the Board of Trustees for a year. Sandi is still Treasurer.

Several Kryderacing employees and associates will be attending the Performance Racing Industry Show in Indianapolis on December 7-9. Let us know if you are not attending and want us to check something out.

"Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground."

"Confidence breeds confidence"

"Goals are only wishes unless you have a plan."

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and will enjoy the rest of the holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS from Kryderacing.

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