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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

It is time for the final (?) Kryderacing Newsletter of 2018.

DAVID PINTARIC AND KRYDERACING TEAM WIN DAYTONA TRANS AM

On November 10th David and two other competitors went three abreast into the first turn at Daytona following a full course caution. It was the final lap of the race. David had started fifth and had been battling RJ Lopez for most of the race. Amy Ruman was never far behind. This battle became one for second place as the race progressed. Tony Ave led by a few seconds for the majority of the race. A broken axle on Tony's car and the late race caution for another competitor meant David, RJ, and Amy were all racing for the win when the green flag waved with only one lap to go. There was a little rubbing of fenders (nothing major) in the first turn and David emerged in the lead as they approached the International Horseshoe turn. David stretched his lead a little while Amy and RJ battled for second. RJ passed Amy entering the 'bus-stop' to take second place. Amy has lost her mirror and had no way of knowing exactly where and when RJ would attack.

This win was significant in numerous ways. Following a fifth place finish at COTA the week before, David had entered Daytona only one point ahead of Amy for Fourth Place in the season points battle. David's win solidified fourth in the season long battle. Third Place had also been within reach if problems struck Chris Dyson. Chris had problems at Daytona, but hung onto Third Place by just a couple of markers ahead of David. At the awards banquet that evening David was also honored with the "Most Improved Driver" hardware for the 2018 season. What a way to end the season.

This win was also the first Trans Am victory for both David and the Kryderacing team. David has had several podiums over the past few years, but the top step was never achieved – until November 10th at Daytona. There was a lot of celebrating being done by David, Reed & Sandi, Matt Miller, Colton Kask, Eric Fiest, Brent Walton, Eric Johnson, Ed Zabinski, and Brett Hack at the track. Others Kryderacing crewmembers, including Jerry Palmer, Lanny Ritz, and Richard Wolfe were probably watching on the internet. Trackside at Daytona were Rob Whelan, his friend Philip LeBreq, plus an uncle and two cousins of Crew Chief Matt Miller.

We are all planning on watching the CBS Sports broadcast of the event on December 2nd. Check your listings for time. One word of warning: the previous 2018 Trans Am broadcasts have been poorly done. They have misnamed drivers and car makes several times during these shows, including David more than once. Let's hope they get this one right.

With this win David has entered a select group of drivers. How many can claim victories at BOTH Indy and Daytona?

Another note: When we first entered the Trans Am we were competitive, but not good at finishing. Things failed during the races and David made a few rookie mistakes. But driver and the Kryderacing crew learned and made adjustments. In 2018 David and the team finished more laps than any other competitor or team. This is significant and something else everyone on the team is very proud of.

VIDEO

Back in August, during the Mid-Ohio Trans Am weekend there was a video crew filming the team's efforts. David spent a significant amount of money to make this happen. Everyone on the Kryderacing team had some skepticism regarding what the finished product would look like. The two guys doing the filming and interviews appeared to know what they were doing, but what would the results of their work look like? David received the rough draft while we were at Daytona and all of us viewed it for the first time the night before the race. It looked more like a finished version and was incredibly impressive. Much more impressive than anyone anticipated. We had hoped for something which looked professionally done, but this product went well beyond even our best expectations. Several of us were in tears. There were a couple of small adjustments David wanted to suggest to the film crew, but otherwise we simply wanted the world to be able to see it. One of David's suggestions was to add an announcement of a Daytona win if it happened the next day. There was also a clip missing of Reed answering a question of whether he thought David and the team would win a race during the 2018 season. His answer was confirmed at Daytona. The video was shown to several TransAm people the next day and ended up being selected for showing at the banquet that evening. Want to watch it? The final version has been released and you can find it at www.kryderacing.com.

WILLOW SPRINGS

Prior to 2001 Kryderacing had been making an annual trip to California with the TrackTime organization. Willow Springs Road Course, Buttonwillow, and Laguna Seca were frequent event locations. When TrackTime pulled the plug on their 2001 Willow date Sandi jumped in and made arrangements for Russ Wilson and friends to have their own track day. This event has been held every year since then on either the big track or the 'Streets of Willow'. Several people have been with us since the beginning, including John Morton. John brought along writer friend Burt Levy this year. Burt seemed a little surprised when he saw a bunch a friends enjoying a day away from the office instead of a more organized track day with sessions and instructors. Most of the people in attendance had attended for numerous years. Instructors were used mainly for helping people get acquainted with new vehicles. Next year's event is already booked for Friday, October 18. After spending the last couple of years on the 'Streets' we will be using the big circuit in 2019.

2019 SCHEDULES

Dates are starting to be finalized on the calendar. Below is what is currently known:

TransAm – new for 2019 is a return to Lime Rock Park and traveling west to Laguna Seca.

March 1-3	Sebring
March 29-31	Road Atlanta
May 3-5	Laguna Seca (Note to Russ: Sandi has reserved a couple of rooms for you if needed)
May 24-27	Lime Rock
May 31-June 2	Detroit - Belle Isle (TA2 only)
August 1-4	Indianapolis
August 8-10	Mid-Ohio
August 22-24	Road America
September 5-8	Watkins Glen
September 20-22	VIR
October 4-6	Circuit of The Americas
November 14-16	Daytona
January 17-19	SCCA National Convention
May 5	One Lap of America at Nelson Ledges
August 15-18	Monterey Historics – celebrating IMSA
September 7-8	Nelson Ledges ChampCar
September 18-22	NASA Championships at Mid-Ohio
October 5-6	Pitt Race ChampCar
October 8-13	SCCA Run-Offs at VIR
October 18	Willow Springs event (Kryderacing/California group)
October 18-20	AER Enduro at Mid-Ohio
November 15-17	Pitt Race AER
December 4-8	Sebring HSR

RACES, RACES, RACES

It is difficult to keep telling stories of the victories and track adventures of our numerous clients. The best place to follow race results is by checking frequently on the Kryderacing website.

In addition to his TransAm activities, David Pintaric also won a couple of amateur races while testing at Mid-Ohio and Pitt Race. Lap records were established during these weekends.

David's brother, Bill, won the only race he competed in this year. Bill and his wife moved into a new house and the sale of the previous homestead has not progressed as quickly as hoped. Bill still loves his GT-Lite Nissan, but the class is getting weaker and he is looking at other possibilities.

Bob MacDonald, Brian Vondran, Greg Alley, and Mike Belopotosky saw plenty of action at a variety of tracks with their Miata racecars. They frequently double-dipped on weekends by entering another class in addition to Spec Miata.

Reed even raced an enduro in Greg's Miata. Thanks Greg.

Chris Dercole is still competing with his Mustang. Chris has raced this car successfully for a long time.

Kryderacing crewmembers Matt Miller and Brent Walton competed in a variety of cars at Mid-Ohio during weekends they were not working at TransAm events.

SAYINGS

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

"He that lives on hope will die fasting."

"Happiness is a way of traveling, not a destination."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR"

CLOSING COMMENT

And one last comment: Reed never won a professional level race. As a driver he achieved IMSA podiums along with several victories in non-professional events, especially 12- and 24-hour races. Almost two decades (and 100 starts) of battling factory backed IMSA efforts resulted in many memorable races, but never a victory. There were a couple of races where victory almost happened, but luck wasn't with us. We almost won the Sebring 12-Hour one year but an accident late in the race left us with a destroyed racecar. While racing in IMSA, Kryderacing learned what it took to succeed if you were not going to depend on luck. After retiring from IMSA following the 1999 season Kryderacing used these lessons and concentrated on our slogan - "Helping People Achieve Their Racing Objectives". Victories in non-professional events were numerous with many clients. But Reed never lost the desire for a professional level win. If it was never to happen as a driver, then it would be the goal for Kryderacing as a team. THANK YOU to everyone who helped Reed and Sandi "Achieve Their Racing Objective". Now it's time to go for a second professional win.

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