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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

We promised one more Kryderacing newsletter this year and this is it.

Ford v Ferrari Movie

A lot of our racing friends are planning on seeing this movie. It opens in theaters Friday, November 15. Reed has a special reason for wanting to see it. The two main characters are Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles. Reed had visits with Carroll while at Goodyear headquarters and at Carroll's California office during the time he worked as a Goodyear Race Tire Engineer. He never met Ken Miles, but that connection is a lot more significant. Reed entered college as an Aeronautical Engineering student at the University of Illinois. He had written a paper while in high school about the aerodynamics of an automobile. About that same time period he had written a letter to Carroll Shelby outlining his hopes to somehow become involved in the racing end of vehicles and mentioning his interest in aero. Shortly thereafter, an envelope arrived from Carroll Shelby Enterprises. The reply inside was penned by Ken Miles. His suggestion was to pursue Mechanical Engineering since it would include some aero along with more material which might help Reed reach his goal. Reed graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Reed still has the envelope and Ken's letter.

2019 SCCA Run-Offs at Virginia International Raceway

The Kryderacing prep shop paddock area contained three vehicles. The Kryderacing trackside crew consisted of Matt Miller, Colton Kask, and Eric Fiest. Driver Dan Harding had a Mazda RX-7 in the STL class and a Miata in the Spec Miata class. While Dan represented Kryderacing very well in both of his races, David Pintaric was a threat to win the GT1 class in the Cadillac he regularly competes with in the TransAm series. Kryderacing had been working with Goodyear on an 18" tire package to replace the 16" rubber. This would also allow a bigger brake package. A few things (tires, 18" rims, brake pieces, shocks) did not show up until shortly before the event. David started fifth on the pace lap with the 18" tires on it. The old 16" brake package had been quickly reinstalled since there was a serious threat of rain and no 18" rain tires were available. During the pace lap another competitor started dumping large amounts of oil. This continued after the green flag was waved. Shortly thereafter a lot of bad things happened to several competitors. The race was red-flagged (stopped) after only three laps. When it was finally restarted it ran for only three additional green flag laps. Those three laps made the race official by meeting the half-distance minimum. The winner of the past two TransAm Series Championships (and most likely repeating in 2019) finished first with second place going to Tony Ave. It should be noted that Tony spends an enormous amount of time testing at this track. It should also be noted he borrowed one of David's engines in order to finish in that runner-up spot. Maybe we could say Kryderacing finished second and third. David finished third and while he hoped to have added a third Championship trophy to his collection, he knew he was standing on the podium with some extremely talented drivers.

Goodyear footnote: Goodyear racing tires have been making appearances in areas long absent from the brand. At the recent 4-Hour World Endurance Championship in China they dominated the LMP2 class and finished first and second. Congratulations.

Annual Willow Springs event

Reed and Sandi missed being at the Run-Offs because they were towing across the country for Russ Wilson's 19th annual Willow Springs event. Matt and Colton flew out following the Run-Offs. The program again started with a lot of friends getting together on the night before the event for conversation, drinks, and food. This year's event was on Willow's big course. Everyone behaved and had a terrific time. Russ's 1991 Corvette ZR-1 made it through the day with only one minor glitch which was easily repaired by Matt and Colton. The weather was the best it had ever been – sunny and mild with very minimal wind. At the end of the day we all headed for Schooners for a wrap-up and more drink and food. Next

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year will mark the 20th Anniversary and is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd on the 'Streets of Willow'. By the way, if you have an extra 60 million dollars lying around you can buy the track.

Last races of the year

There had been a couple of possible racing weekends planned for November but plans change and as a result Kryderacing's last two race events were SCCA amateur weekends. Unfortunately, they were held at two different tracks. It was cold, wet, and miserable at both facilities. Bob MacDonald, Brian MacDonald, and Mike Belopotosky had their Miata's at Pitt Race. They were joined by Chris Dercole in his Mustang. Seeing that Bob and Brian entered two classes, that makes six total entries, or about 10% of the event total. Pitt Race is a beautiful facility but entry levels suffer when its events compete with Mid-Ohio. Kryderacing crewmembers Lanny Ritz and Colton Kaisk helped everyone. Brian came home with a win.

Meanwhile, Jerry Palmer was helping those racing at Mid-Ohio. Reed and Sandi were in attendance. Bill Pintaric was winning again with his GTL Nissan (which is for sale while he looks for a T3 or T4 racecar), Matt Miller had his T4 Mustang on track, Eric Fiest was turning quick lap times in his Honda (in preparation for qualifying for the 2020 Run-Offs), Brent Walton was fast in his Z-car, and several other friends were also in attendance. It was one of those 'family gathering' type race weekends. Even the bad weather failed to put a damper on the fun.

Health Issues

We would like to report everyone is in good health. But, while Reed's eye is doing well, Russ Wilson had (unplanned) heart surgery the week after Willow Springs, Art (Reed's Mom's friend I) fell and broke three ribs shortly after that, and Rod Whelan visited the doctor with blood problems earlier this week. At last report everyone is home and doing well.

PRI and 2020

The Performance Racing Industry Show is scheduled for December 12-14. Kryderacing employees and clients will be wandering this massive showcase of everything racing. There are lots of suppliers and friends we need to visit, whether it is to make plans for 2020 or simply say hello. If you are planning to attend please stop us if you see us and say hi. We would like to know how your 2019 went and your plans for the coming year.

Speaking of 2020: David Pintaric has been starting a new business and his projected 2020 race schedule has been trimmed a little. Kryderacing has been very busy for the past few years, but this opens up some opportunities to help new clients. It's time to highlight Kryderacing's slogan: "Helping People Achieve Their Racing Objectives". We will still be active with club racers while Reed will continue to expand into the vintage arena, both personally and with Kryderacing involvement. While David currently has no plans to participate in TransAm, Kryderacing is experienced (including winning) with the series and would like to stay active if another client could benefit from our services.

Quotes to live by

"A hero is someone who gets the job done."

"Coming together is a beginning. Working together is success."

CLOSING COMMENT

Just in case we don't get another newsletter out in time:

Enjoy your Thanksgiving, have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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