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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

So far it has been a very mild winter in our part of the world. Let me correct that – the weather has been mild. Everything else has been anything but mild. Change has been everywhere and frequent. Some changes have been good, and unfortunately some have been sad. First the sad.

Don Wight: 1921-2020

On February 27 Sandi's dad went to heaven. He had been in failing health for a while and passed away peacefully at home. He loved, and was loved by, his wife, three beautiful daughters, two son-in-laws, two grand-daughters, and five great grandkids. "The Wight family is the best type of family and I am very glad to be a part of it" - Reed.

Rod Whelan: 1926-2020

Late in January Reed and Sandi traveled to Florida for the funeral of longtime friend Rod Whelan. Rod and Mary Whelan were a part of the Kryderacing IMSA programs dating back to the 1980's. The Whelan's traveled all over the country with us and offered not only help at the track but also with life. Rod also helped with business advice. In many ways they were like another set of parents, but we never thought of them that way. They were simply the best of friends. It wasn't until they started having health problems that we realized they were older than us. Rod and Mary had a lot to do with who Reed and Sandi, as well as Kryderacing, became during the time period we knew them. They influenced every part of our lives. They were still with us when we ran the old IMSA GTU car at last September's Watkins Glen SVRA event. They will always be with us in spirit. Mary is doing well. Her birthday is March 10th.

Others?

Unfortunately, there have been a few other friends who have passed on during the first couple of months in 2020. We would welcome a break from this trend.

Sebring Super Tour

This event was the second weekend in January. David Pintaric had decided to concentrate on SCCA racing this year with a few TransAm events when the schedule allowed. The Sebring competition was stiff with the top four cars very close in lap times. David's GT-1 Caddy was shod with Goodyear tires. There were two choices for compounds and we decided to try the softer of the two for Saturday's short race. It was a gamble, but the race was short. The race wasn't short enough. The tires 'went away' late in the race. David still finished on the podium. The medium tires were used for Sunday's longer race and David lead a fierce three car battle until near the end of the race. A spin left him in third. All-in-all it was a good weekend from the standpoint of potential with both the car and Goodyear tires. But as you will later read, things were starting to change.

Doug Weaver was down from Canada with his F-Production Miata. He was running very good until a fuel problem relegated him to a second-place finish. Our paths will probably cross a few more times this year since he is trying to qualify for the SCCA Run-Offs. A couple of other Kryderacing clients have the same goal in mind. Sandi reserved a house for the event. It's within easy walking distance to Siebkens.

Spec Racer Ford 3

While at Sebring Kryderacing took delivery of a pair of Spec Racer Ford 3's. David had been considering acquiring them for a couple of years and he finally decided it was time. His plan was to occasionally race one of them while allowing Kryderacing to rent them. He also encouraged Matt Miller to join him in the second car. Reed was also offered a chance to drive one of the SRF3 cars. These are quality cars and the guys at the shop are currently prepping them for competition in 2020. Please contact us if you are interested in driving one.

TransAm Car Sold

We mentioned the mild winter weather but things not being so mild at the shop. David had been considering acquiring a new TransAm car for the 2021 season. Early in February he and Matt traveled south to discuss possibilities with Tony Ave. During that time period someone contacted David and made him an "offer he couldn't refuse" for the current Caddy. Within a couple of days, a deal had been agreed upon and the Caddy departed our shop. It will be replaced, but it looks as if there will be no 2020 TA participation. David does have the SRF3 cars and may find other rides during the year.

Bill Pintaric buys a new racecar

Bill has been on a race track infrequently during the past couple of years. He was still competitive with his GT-Light Nissan, but things away from the track limited his racing activities. He loved the GT-Light, but had a strong desire to find something else, namely a BMW of some type. As this is being written he is on his way to pick up a T-3 class BMW. We should see it in the shop soon.

Meanwhile he has listed the GTL for sale. The price is reasonable.

Nelson Ledges Road Course

We have not been actively involved with the track for some time. From recent conversations we have learned there will be no activity until May due to work being done at the facility. We don't know what the work is, but it sounds like progress of some type. Tim Wing will be returning with his once-a-month program open to experienced drivers with street cars and lower powered race cars. We can run David's SRF3 cars provided they don't disrupt Tim's regular clients. The track also has two SCCA Track Night in America events scheduled. Last year's SCCA Time Trials will also return with the potential of two dates along with a National level event. We know the dates but they should be on the Nelson Ledges website in the near future.

Quotes to live by

"Setbacks can send you reeling, or they can make you stronger."

"Silence is not always tact, and it is tact that is golden, not silence."

"The fact I know what I am talking about is just pure luck."

"There are times when you should raise yourself above the conflict."

Closing comment

HAPPY NEW YEAR – see you at the track.

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