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"HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES"

2020 memories

Memories from 2020

Looking back twelve months to the start of 2020 who would have predicted the following:

Coronavirus?

It was not a good year financially for Kryderacing. Many of our clients cut back their programs, but they all kept some things active and what could have been a terrible year was simply a down year. Compared to other small businesses we were fortunate and are grateful to our clients for their loyalty.

The deaths of both Sandi's parents, Reed's Mom, and long-time crew member Rod Whelan. Note: none died of the virus.

The deaths of many members of the racing community we have known over the years. Again, most of them had nothing to do with the virus. We have also been fortunate that no close friends or relatives have died of the virus.

Race schedules and associated travel plans being constantly rearranged. Sandi was constantly changing (cancelling and remaking) lodging reservations.

David Pintaric deciding to sell his TransAm Caddy and order a new car to be built. Hopefully, we will see it early in 2021. In the meantime, he rented a TA Mustang for the Mid-Ohio TransAm event.

Bill Pintaric selling his Nissan GT-Lite car and buying a T3 class BMW.

David Pintaric purchasing two SPR3 racecars. David and Matt Miller driving them in a couple of races early in the season. The cars were available for rent, sat idle for much of the year, and then were booked solid for events in the Fall. 2021?

Justin Hille being offered a ride in one of the SRF3 racecars, qualifying for the SCCA Run-Offs and setting fastest lap during the race.

The return of Reed's involvement with Nelson Ledges with two new monthly programs. The "How to learn a track with Reed Kryder" was a revival of the old Fundayz style events. The "Kryderacing Tune & Test" was similar but open to race prepped vehicles. Both programs are scheduled to return in 2021 but may have different names and a few minor changes. The Nelson Ledges website should have dates and info posted in the future.

Reed also revived his Alternate Driver's School program for drivers looking for a path to a SCCA Competition License. Only a single person participated in 2020, but there have been several inquiries for 2021.

Reed ran our IMSA 240SX at the SVRA at Mid Ohio in June.

Joe Biden being elected President of the United States. And a whole lot more changes in our federal government.

The total 2020 mileage on our Dodge dually is the lowest it has been in history. It was also lower than its two predecessors. That gives you an idea on how much our weekend racing activities were reduced.

2021????

So, what is in store for 2021, assuming the world slowly moves back to normal.?

A few things were mentioned above, below are others.

Kryderacing will again start the year off at the January Sebring SCCA Super Tour. David will be driving a rented GT1 car since his new TA car is waiting of parts from countries which are still shut down due to the virus. Justin Hille will be driving one of the SRF3 cars at Sebring.

Kryderacing will return to Sebring in February. First up will be a new client making his first SCCA racing appearance driving a Spec Miata at a SCCA Regional/Divisional. This is all tentative at the moment because the purchase of the car is not yet finalized. Kryderacing will be supporting this effort throughout the 2021 season as the driver pursues NASA events. One week later we will return to Sebring for the season opening TransAm race. David's will be driving a borrowed TA car as we wait for his new one. Hopefully, we will have the new car by the March Road Atlanta TA race.

The Longest Day of Nelson Ledges 24-Hour race returns after several years on June 11-13. While the Friday program will be testing, Reed will be offering his Tune & Test programs on June 8 and 10.

The 2021 SCCA National Run-Offs will return to Indianapolis on Oct. 1-3. Already we expect David Pintaric to participate in his new GT1 car, Bill Pintaric to qualify with his T3 BMW, Rob Piekarczyk to once again be a contender in B-Spec, and several other Kryderacing clients considering the event.

Sandi has already made numerous lodging reservations for 2021. She is hoping they will remain solid as the year progresses.

There will be two Nelson Ledges SCCA Regional/Divisional race weekends in 2021. Neohio will conduct an event on July 10-11 and MVR will put on the Halloween weekend (October 30-31) festivities.

Reed and Sandi will celebrate their 50th wedding Anniversary on July 10. Who would have believed it?

The Willow Springs 20th Anniversary event which was cancelled in 2020 due to the virus will take place on October 22. I guess we will have to rename it the 20th Edition instead of Anniversary.

We have not heard from any current clients who will be cutting back their activities in 2021. If things start to return to normal, we expect they may increase their programs.

We have been contacted by several people regarding our services for the coming year. This is normal and while most never pursue anything more, we always try to approach each prospective client with our "Helping People Pursue Their Racing Objectives" philosophy.

Reed has been compiling a list of the event dates for events Kryderacing might be participating in during 2021. The list is long.

"Plaques from the past"

During some recent house- and shop-cleaning we came across several plaques which never made it to their recipients. Some were from the Kryderacing Championship Series and others from a variety of individual race events at Nelson Ledges Road Course. Before scrapping we would like to find someone who can get them to the drivers who won them. Please call Kryderacing (330-854-4889) if you know how to get one of these to the proper person. We know of one person who is no longer living, but maybe a family member wants the plaque. Anyone wanting one of these plaques has until the end of January 2021 to contact us. Below is a list of the names on the plaques:

Frank Barba
Jackie Brooks
Nicole Cooper
Robert Everitt
Rick Haynes
Russell Jaslow
Stan Jeffries
Richard Kozak
Greg Limber
Jim Lucas
Tex Melotti (2 awards)
Doug Marsh
Wayne Nonnamaker
Don Parrish
Ricky Rossi
Greg Schnell
William Thomas
William Weaver
John Weyls

Quotes to live by

"Integrity means doing the right thing even when no one is looking."

"Judge a person by their questions, not their answers."

"Learn from everything."

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