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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

A couple of weeks ago Sandi and I were attending the Performance Racing Industry Show in Indianapolis. Sandi has attended every one of these shows since the first one. I had missed a couple due to other obligations. Years ago, we would ‘work’ the show for three solid days. We would look for new items to sell in the Kryderacing store and racing parts for our own racecars and those of clients. We purchased trailers at the show, ordered shop equipment, made contacts which led to race support, and much more. We visit less today, still investigating products, but mostly visiting with industry friends. One of these friends mentioned he hadn’t seen one of these newsletters for a long time and missed keeping up with our activities. I have started a newsletter many times over the last couple of years. This time I will finish it.

Sandi and I are still healthy, and as such we will continue to be active in running Kryderacing. Inc. It is hard to believe Kryderacing has existed for half a century. Our employees and volunteer crew members continue to be loyal, and we expect them all to return in 2025. Matt has taken on most of the day-to-day shop duties with Colton and Eric contributing their knowledge and skills. Jerry, Brent, Lanny, and others assist our clients on race weekends.

Our 2023 clients continued through 2024 and are expected to continue into 2025. David added two Mazda SMX race cars to his stable (one for him and another for Chase). We even have a ‘parts’ SMX at the shop. Chase still has his Miata. Following an accident Bill is looking for a replacement for his T3 class BMW. Bob, Brian, Greg, and Mike make up the Spec Miata fleet. Nick ran his SRF3 a few times. Rob has a B-Spec. Brent runs an older Z-car. Does anyone know how many races Chris has run with his Mustang? Matt seems to have several different cars at his disposal.

David decided to concentrate on SCCA races in 2024 to once again win the GT1 National Championship. He had won it a few years ago at the Indy Run-Offs. 2021 through 2023 saw him qualify on the pole only to have something go wrong during the race. He missed the pole in 2024 (qualified 2nd) but was looking good for the race. Unfortunately, an axle broke as the green flag flew at the start.

Kryderacing had seven race cars in our paddock for the 2024 SCCA Run-Offs. David also had problems with his SMX, Dan ran two classes with his Miata’s, Chase and Eric were competitive in their classes, and while Rob didn’t win in the B-Spec class, he did set the fastest lap in a very tightly fought race.

Speaking of the Run-Offs, they were held at Road America's Elkhart Lake this year. We made two trips to one of our favorite tracks. Reed has made at least one visit each year since 1965. He started out as a spectator, raced several amateur SCCA races, competed in IMSA, worked as a tire engineer, coached, and continues to do support work for our clients.

In 2024 Reed competed in a SVRA Mid-Ohio weekend with our vintage GTU Nissan. Sandi, Larry, Marge, Lanny, and Eric Ritz crewed. It was a reunion of Kryderacing members from the past. Reed also won a Nelson Ledges SCCA T3 event in Bill's BMW a few weeks before its unfortunate accident while Bill was driving. Fortunately, Bill was okay. He is shopping for a replacement.

Reed's Trackdays at Nelson Ledges Road Course showed growth in 2024. The growth has meant that Sandi's help is required more frequently than in past years. The go-kart days still need more participants but those attending appreciate them. He also put on three SCCA Alternate Racing Schools with the Mahoning Valley Region. Sometime in the next few weeks we expect to meet Brian Ross to work on the 2025 schedule.

Changes for 2025 include the addition of another client (BMW). David is returning to selected TransAm races in addition to pursuing another Run-Offs victory. We will have four cars at the Sebring SCCA Super Tour on the second weekend of January. In February we'll return to Sebring for the first TransAm race of 2025.

A sad racing related item was the passing of someone who was very influential in Reed's racing endeavors. A lot of readers of this newsletter knew Jack Layne. He was a very good friend. He owned Track Time Inc, one of the very first trackday organizations and supplied drivers for the Marlboro Fantasy events which ran from 1999-2008. There is a lot I could say about Jack, but what I wrote to his son following his death sums it up: "Jack was one of the top five persons who most impacted my life."

So, what have Sandi and I been doing with our personal lives? We spent our 53rd Anniversary being amazed at the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Other activities included watching the solar eclipse, soaring on the Goodyear blimp, having a new deck built behind the house (\$\$\$\$), learning we need some foundation work in the basement (\$\$\$\$), attending a University of Illinois football game (we won). We've been watching other UI sports on TV (it's been a good year to be an Illini fan).

I haven't won the lottery yet, but with it nearing a billion I think I will stop writing and go buy a lottery ticket.

Hope you had a great 2024 and are looking forward to 2025,

Reed and Sandi

