

# KRYDERACING NEWSLETTER

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## “HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

For those of us who are suffering racing withdrawal due to winter, racing season is almost here. Activity is definitely increasing and during the month of March we expect to have at least one client participating in his first race of the year. Most of our other clients will hit the track sometime in April.

### CONSULTING/DATA ACQUISITION

Krydercing has been involved in consulting and coaching activities for many years. Many of our clients have data acquisition systems. Some of them use them heavily while others dabble. Since their systems vary both in manufacturers design and usage techniques we usually leave actual applications up to them as individuals. But one client has really developed his skills and offers a service sharing this knowledge. John Buttermore has used data acquisition extensively in his T-1 Corvette. He has monitored engine functions, suspension movements, and his driving techniques. He offers these services to other drivers. Check it out at [www.nearbrookmotorsports.com](http://www.nearbrookmotorsports.com).

### QUOTES

I don't know where these originated, but they have proven useful over many years:

“Never argue with an idiot. People watching may not be able to tell the difference.”

“The object is to get things done, not state why they cannot be done.”

“The things people tend to forget are those they learned earliest and think they know best.”

“Always leave things better than you found them.”

“Defer judgment and think positive.”

“Confidence breeds confidence.”

“Relax, laugh a lot, and enjoy yourself.”

### CLEVELAND NEW CAR SHOW

Kryderacing has been fortunate to have numerous vehicles on display over the years at the Cleveland Auto Show. Our first appearance was with a freshly built Datsun 280ZX race car. It was part of the Datsun display back in 1980. We were very proud of our beautiful new yellow ZX. It was cordoned off and only one small kid managed to look close enough to realize we hadn't installed an engine yet.

Since then both ours and our client's vehicles have been on display on a regular basis. This year Chris Dercole's ITR class Mustang was part of Neohio Region's display promoting SCCA activities. Located in the Mazda area was the Mazda MX5 which competed in last year's Longest Day of Nelson Ledges 24-hour race. The Ohio Technical College students built and crewed the MX5 while Reed joined the driving team of Rob Piekarczyk, David Pintaric, Mike Olivier, and Jim Jordan. There were “hero cards” available at the car show featuring all the team members.

### CONVENTIONS

Reed and Sandi attended the SCCA's National Convention in Las Vegas. It seemed like a good (warmer) place to visit during the middle of February. As representatives of the Mahoning Valley Region (Reed is Regional Executive and Sandi is Treasurer) they also had obligations as far as learning all the new happenings with the club. The numerous meetings kept them so busy they never left the hotel from arrival Wednesday afternoon until departure Sunday morning. There were a few hours during the evenings when some minor gambling took place in the casino. Reed lost slightly more than Sandi won.

Two weeks later their SCCA obligations took them to Hartford, Connecticut for the NeDiv Round Table. This gathering is mainly to train SCCA members in new procedures for the upcoming year. If anyone is interested in more extensive reports from the Round Table or National Convention they can be found at the Mahoning Valley Website. Just visit [www.mvrscga.org](http://www.mvrscga.org).

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## TECH TIP:

If you are planning on running any SCCA races this year, we suggest you look closely at the legality of your vehicle and personal driving equipment prior to having your annual tech performed. Most drivers are well aware of any changes required for their vehicle. What about your personal equipment? There are probably a lot of people who are unaware of the new driver's suit requirement. See Section 9.3.19.C.1. In the past, if you showed up in tech with a suit which, even though you had used it last year, failed to meet the new rules most inspectors/Chief Stewards would simply mark in your log book to correct it by the next event. Not so in 2009. Because of something which happened last year expect no leniency on safety items. You may have driven hundreds of miles, but if your suit isn't legal you will not be racing.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE ITEMS

March 28

The Neohio Region of the SCCA will be holding a Competition Clinic at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville, Ohio. These day-long clinics are part of an ongoing tradition and consist of a series of classroom sessions aimed at the racer and soon-to-be-racer. Traditional subjects include suspension, brakes, tires, data acquisition, car preparation, solo events, road racing, and more. Reed will be contributing some safety information and Sandi will have a display promoting the Kryderacing Series. Contact Bob Roberts for details. Call 330-607-2343 (cell) or email him at [broberts@babcox.com](mailto:broberts@babcox.com).

April 4

Lake Erie Communications will be training corner workers at Nelson Ledges Road Course. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in working corners at race tracks to receive a thorough education from one of the nation's best group of flaggers. In addition, Dr. Saddleton will be performing physicals for drivers in need of check-ups. Tech personnel will also be performing annual vehicle inspections. It is a great time to get some important things marked off your checklist while renewing acquaintances from last season. If the weather cooperates, expect to see a couple of Kryderacing clients "on track" doing some initial shake-downs.

April 17

The Mahoning Valley Region of the SCCA will be hosting a PDX at Nelson Ledges Road Course. These events are aimed at drivers who want to improve their high performance driving skills while minimizing the risks involved in actual racing. The costs are minimal and most participants use their personal street vehicles. Reed will be the Chief Instructor for the day. For more information visit [www.mvrscga.org](http://www.mvrscga.org).

April 18-19

For the more serious minded drivers, the MVR weekend at Nelson Ledges Road Course continues with a Double Drivers School. Drivers need to bring legal SCCA race prepared vehicles. The amount of time on track is large and everyone's goal is to receive good enough grades to move onto an actual Regional race weekend. While there is a written criteria for passing the program, most instructors have one main pass/fail question: Does this driver have the skills to be safe and competent when racing with others? Notice that speed is not mentioned. Again it's [www.mvrscga.org](http://www.mvrscga.org) for more details.

## CLOSING COMMENT

I imagine everyone is worried about the economy. We all are feeling its effects, either directly or indirectly. Kryderacing has been thinking about what we can do differently during this stressful time. At first there seemed to be no easy answers. Anything we did to help our "bottom line" would unduly increase the burden on our clients, and vice-versa. We instigated a couple of minor tweaks and will be vigilant in finding ways to save money for both ourselves and our clients. We will also continue to offer the best service possible. When the economy improves we want to find all of our clients still doing business with Kryderacing.

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