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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

RUN-OFFS

The Sports Car Club National Championship races (Run-Offs) are scheduled for September 25-27 at Elkhart Lake's Road America. Kryderacing will be assisting two T-1 class cars (a Corvette and a Viper) in their Saturday afternoon event. Both are potential winners. We will have a complete report in the next newsletter.

SHOP STATUS

About a month ago we were told the shop property we have rented for the last sixteen years was going to be sold. The current owners said they had had an offer but we could buy it if we wanted. We asked for some time to investigate our options. Initially “buying” appeared to be a long-shot. We found some alternate locations to rent that would fit our needs, but we have grown accustomed to our current location. While we were looking we gave more consideration to buying. Then our landlord let us know they would prefer we were the new owners. As this is being written we are about to turn things over to our attorney.

GETTING TO THE RUN-OFFS: DAVID PINTARIC

David qualified for the Run-Offs earlier this summer. But he didn't let his Viper sit idle. In mid-August he traveled to Pocono for a National event. The goal was to test some ideas on a track with long, high speed straights. In late August he traveled to Road America for another day of testing in preparation for the Run-Offs. We wanted to make sure the engine problem experienced on the Wisconsin track earlier this year had been dealt with. Everyone was happy with the test results. Following the test the car was left at the track in case John Buttermore needed it during the weekend.

GETTING TO THE RUN-OFFS: JOHN BUTTERMORE

John has had a frustrating year. It takes four finishes to qualify for the Run-Offs. In his first six races John had only three. One of his finishes came when David loaned him his Viper while John's Corvette was being rebuilt following his blown engine and fire at the June Sprints. Making things even more frustrating was the fact two of the three times he failed to record a finish he was only one lap short. His Corvette was entered in the weekend races at Road America immediately following David's test session. The car was well prepped, but strange things can happen. David left the Viper at the track just in case. It was even arranged so it could be used mid-race if the need arose. John put his Corvette on the pole with a very fast lap. The race didn't go trouble-free, but John finished second with his Corvette. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

QUALIFIED BUT NOT GOING

Several of our clients have qualified for the Run-Offs but are not going. The economy is the most common reason. Perhaps next year.

12-HOURS

After two years of running a 24-Hour contest at Nelson Ledges the distance was halved to 12 hours this year. Once again the Ohio Technical College Mazda MX5 was entered. This year it was driven by David Pintaric, Jim Jordan, Rob Piekarczyk, and Reed Kryder. The students and their instructors did an excellent preparation job and a test held a couple of weeks prior to the race indicated everything was ready to go. Unfortunately no one anticipated a raccoon and the “domino effect”.

The car qualified near the front during the early part of the Friday evening session. All the drivers, except Reed, had driven by the time of complete darkness. Reed's session lasted longer because the team wanted him to compare original tire pressures with a much higher psi suggestion from someone who had experience with the Cooper tires we were using. Near the end of the session a raccoon ran in front of the car. Afterwards there was no sign of the raccoon, but the impact bent the center portion of the lower front nose panel, ripped up the large tray between this panel and bottom of the radiator, knocked the battery from its mounting, put the auxiliary lights out of commission, and might have contributed to

what happened Saturday during the race. The crew did a magnificent job repairing the damage before everyone headed for their beds early in the morning.

The car was running great for over four hours. Fast drivers and efficient pit stops had us in the running for the overall win. Then the engine blew. At first we thought it was a blown head gasket, but later evidence points towards a hot spot in the cylinder head which led to either a crack or pinhole allowing water to enter the cylinder chamber. We also discovered the battery mount repairs had failed and allowed a part of the mount to wedge itself between the fan blade and the radiator. This jammed the motor and led to a blown fuse. Meanwhile a photo showed the repaired under tray had too much flex and was allowing a lot of air to bypass the radiator. Was there a relationship between the raccoon and the engine failure? You be the judge.

Thanks to Jerry Palmer, Chris Bell (and his friend), and Jordan Perez for their assistance in helping the OTC students.

THE ONE-DAY DOUBLE REGIONAL

The 12-Hour was held on a Saturday and was followed by a unique event on Sunday. Six groupings of race cars would have three ten-lap races. There was no practice or qualifying. Race One starting positions were determined by lottery. Results of Race One determined starting positions for Race Two. Race Two results determined the Race Three grid. Reed won his class in Race Two and Three. He had also won Race One but was penalized to last for failing to install his transponder. But starting last in Race Two resulted in a lot of fun.

MID-OHIO DOUBLE REGIONAL

During the Labor Day Weekend at Mid-Ohio many Kryderacing employees and clients were busy racing. Mike Olivier was involved in an incident with another competitor during his race on Saturday. The damage was beyond minor and took some time to repair. Jerry Palmer and Chris Bell were helping Reed and when the race started on Sunday we were crossing our fingers in the hopes we had not missed any problems. Mike reported a minor "feeling" he didn't like when he initially entered right-hand turns. But he ran a great race to finish sixth in ITA and record his fastest-ever race lap. Post-race inspections make us think the "feeling" is a minor tire rub on the damaged bodywork.

Matt Miller wasn't so lucky in his Saturday race accident. His ITS class Mazda RX-7 was destroyed along with at least one other car. Two cars in front of Matt made contact entering a turn with one of them (Matt Carson) bouncing off the right side Armco barrier and the other one (a BMW) spinning as it rounded the turn. Unfortunately the BMW ended up stationary in the middle of the road at the exit of the turn. Did we mention the turn is blind. A second or two after all this happened Matt Miller came upon the scene. Carson was moving and Miller managed to avoid him, but the BMW was an unexpected surprise. Another car directly behind Miller also sustained heavy damage. The race was stopped to clean up the carnage. Fortunately all the drivers were okay.

Meanwhile Matt Carson managed to survive his impact with the Armco and finished second when the race resumed. He followed that up with another second on Sunday.

Brett Mars was racing his Kryderacing built Mustang for the first time at an SCCA event. It can run in either the American Sedan or T-2 class. Brett chose AS for the weekend and scored victories on both days. The car is beautiful, but may need some help with rules if it is to be nationally competitive.

KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Points standings and the latest schedule changes are available at www.kryderacing.com. Two weekends of racing remain. The Mahoning Valley Region will conduct the Golden Harvest Double Regional on October 17-18 and one week later Western New York will hold their annual Great Pumpkin Affair. Their single race weekend counts for double points. The banquet is scheduled for November 14th.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Practice treating everyone as if he or she is the most important person you will meet that day."

"Don't just say it. Do it."

PODIUMS TO DATE IN 2009

As of 9/15/09:	SCCA	33 Wins	9 Seconds	8 Thirds
	NASA	1 Win		

CLOSING COMMENT

Recently we visited with some friends from the past while they were at Mid-Ohio for the ALMS and IRL races. Take time to contact and talk to acquaintances from your past. It is extremely enjoyable.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.