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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

2009 SCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (RUN-OFFS)

Elkhart Lake's Road America was the site for this year's event. Kryderacing was assisting two T-1 Class competitors. David Pintaric qualified 5th in his Viper but unfortunately had a mechanical problem following contact with another competitor during the first lap. John Buttermore qualified 3rd in a Corvette, lead several of the early laps, and eventually finished 3rd after his brakes overheated. But the story of their week isn't quite that simple.

During the Monday morning test session John Buttermore crashed heavily before completing a single lap. No one knows for sure what happened but another competitor experienced the same fate in the same location shortly after John's crash. Perhaps there was something slippery on the track in that location. A back-up car was arranged through Phoenix and delivered to the track Wednesday. Kryderacing crewman Matt Carson spent many hours helping transfer parts (shocks, etc) from the wreck to the Phoenix car. The result was a third qualifying spot behind the pole-sitting Ferrari and a Viper. At the start John quickly moved to second place and then took the lead later in the opening lap. But everyone knew the weakness of the Corvette at Road America was its brakes and it was only a matter of time before he had to give up the lead to first the Ferrari and then a Viper.

David lost his Viper engine after three laps during Tuesday morning qualifying. Reed and Sandi had not left home yet so they loaded up an older engine at the shop, left for Wisconsin, and later detoured to Detroit to obtain what was hoped to be a healthier power plant. They arrived at the track early Wednesday morning. Matt Miller and Jerry Palmer had the "Detroit" engine installed in time to make the afternoon session. This back-up engine wasn't as strong as the original, but everyone felt confident a podium finish was attainable. Unfortunately the first lap did not go as planned.

The Kryderacing crew did contribute to one champion. The last race of the weekend was for E-Production and long-time friend Sam Halkias had qualified his Triumph TR6 around tenth. Shortly before the start of the race it was drizzling and all the competitors were trying to decide what tires to run. Choices made ranged from dry to intermediate to full wets. Unlike professional racers, most of these drivers (Sam included) had limited (or non-existent) crew personnel to perform such tire swaps. Fortunately Matt Carson, Matt Miller, and Gary Martz were around and performed a quick swap to full wet tires. It was the correct gamble as shortly into the race the rain intensified. Driver's who made the incorrect choice were quickly passed. Sam also passed the other drivers who had installed wet tires and was soon headed to his first national championship. That night he sent us an email expressing his thanks for our guys doing the tire swap.

LEMONS

It was called "The Lamest Day of Nelson" and was part of what is becoming a national sensation. Several years ago a group organized an endurance race for cars valued at less than \$500. Parts and labor required to install safety items were not considered part of this value. The original race drew a sizable entry and everyone had a lot of fun. This year there were ten such races and Nelson Ledges ran theirs during the October 3-4 weekend. We heard there were close to 200 entry requests and around 130 accepted. Several friends were on the waiting list.

We were impressed by the safety procedures both during tech and on track. While many of the cars may have originated in junk yards (and most looked the part) the attention to basic safety in their transformation to race cars was not lax. On-track rules were simpler than SCCA mainly because many of the drivers were rookies and using the KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) theory seemed the best approach. The penalties for infractions were both strange and severe. But these types of penalties also promote fewer problems on track. You could recognize cars which passed under yellow by the tire bolted to the roof. Hitting a pylon meant you had to bolt it to the car. Frequently the offending driver had a choice between doing something embarrassing or parking the car for half an hour. The penalties were numerous and sometimes a crowd was gathered around the tech building to watch the judges hand down their creative sentences.

We have a lot of great stories from the weekend and would be glad to share them. But for now we'll just make one comment regarding LeMons races. These are races for people who put fun ahead of winning. It's okay to be serious about your driving but if you start to put too much emphasis on where you finish you will not fit in with this crowd.

SHOP STATUS

The final papers for our purchase of the shop property are being written and we hope to sign by the end of October.

NELSON LEDGES FUNDAYS

The last two Nelson Ledges Fundays of the 2009 season are scheduled for October 30 and 31.

KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The season has reached its climax and awards have been ordered. The Class Champions (and additional award winners) for the 2009 Kryderacing Regional Championship Series are:

Formula 500	Jim Goebelbecker	(2 nd - Ned Barefoot)
Formula Vee	Richard Johnstone	(2 nd - Harold Johnston, 3 rd - Dennis Potocki)
Formula First	Randy Shinn	
E Production	Jim Llewellyn	
F Production	Cathy Alexander	
H Production	Dave English	
GT 3	John Petrone	
GT Lite	Craig Wood	
IT A	Greg Vandersluis	(2 nd - Rick Jarrett, 3 rd - Chris Braunlich)
IT B	Aaron Gills	(2 nd - Ray Santomo, 3 rd - Kyle Selden)
IT C	Jason Jacko	(2 nd - Bill Shearer, 3 rd - Jim Royal and Joe Gumkowski)
IT E	Daniel Koplou	(2 nd - Jerry Waltenberger)
IT R	Chris Dercole	
IT S	Abdulrab Aziz	(2 nd - David Ciufu, 3 rd - Michael Saddleton)
D Sports Racer	Allen Franzolino	
Sports 2000	Bill Kasmer	
Spec Racer Ford	Chris Pluta	
Spec Miata	Charlie Campbell	(2 nd - Bill Coward)

Awards will be presented at the banquet on November 14th. It's a great evening and the cost is only \$30 per person (includes food, wine, and beer). Contact Sandi for additional information and to make reservations.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"People who don't make mistakes are not doing anything."

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE ITEMS

- November 3: Monthly membership meeting of the Mahoning Valley Region of the SCCA.
- November 5: Annual "WEHO" day at Willow Springs, California. Annual get together and fun day at Willow Springs. We will be on the big track this year. Reed, Sandi, Gary Martz, Matt Miller, and Matt Carson will all be traveling westward.
- November 5-8: ARRC races at Road Atlanta. Jerry Palmer will be handling the trackside assistance for David Pintaric (Viper) and Mike Olivier (Honda).
- November 6-8: SCCA NEDiv Mini-Con in Pittsburgh. Reed and Sandi will need to take the red-eye from California in order to make this convention. They are both officers of their SCCA Region.
- November 14: It's party time. The annual Kryderacing Regional Championship Awards Banquet is always a fun affair. Contact www.kryderacing.com for information on this or any of the above items.

November 26: THANKSGIVING

December 2-3: International Motorsports Industry Show in Indianapolis. It's the first year for this show and several of us are planning on attending to check it out.

December 10-12: Performance Racing Industry Trade Show. This will be the 22nd annual edition. Sandi has attended all of them to date. The string should continue.

CLIENT UPDATES

Chris Dercole's ITR Class Mustang is already in the shop undergoing preparation for the 2010 season.

Rob Piekarczyk sold his Spec Miata and is working towards finding a replacement. He will probably go to another type vehicle and class. Kryderacing will be involved in its construction.

Bill Pintaric had been inactive since June with his GT-Lite class Nissan. He won the Great Lakes Championship but personal and business matters kept him away from the track and an attempt at the National Championship. As season's end approached he felt the need to get back out at least one more time. He won both days at the Golden Harvest Double Regional held at Nelson Ledges Road Course over the October 17-18 weekend.

Brett Mars has been active recently with the T-2 class Mustang Kryderacing built for him over the past winter. He has also been racing it in the A-Sedan class in order to get more track time. After several successes at Mid-Ohio Regional races he plans on National competition in 2010.

PODIUMS TO DATE IN 2009

As of 10/18/09

SCCA	29 Wins	6 Seconds	6 Thirds
NASA	1 Win		

CLIENT BIO

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PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The E-Production class Nissan 240SX we rent has been continuing its winning ways. Bill Schauer gave it its first Mid-Ohio outing at the October Double Regional. The car is not quite as fast as top level National competition, but Bill had no problem beating the Regional competitors. Bob Mazza rented the car for a one-day Regional at Nelson Ledges on October and he also came away victorious.

CLOSING COMMENT

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. And let's find some races in Florida during the winter months.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.