

KRYDERACING NEWSLETTER

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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

SAD NEWS

A few long-time friends have passed on recently. You may have read stories about them elsewhere, but we wanted to add a word or two from our own personal experiences.

John McGill was the Nelson Ledges Road Course Track Manager when we first met him late in 1974. He was involved in everything related to amateur sports car racing. About that time the national office of the SCCA started honoring an individual for their long-time contributions to amateur racing. The tradition continues and is a prestigious award given annually at the SCCA National Convention. John's name is on the award, but he has never won it. Because of his previous contributions to club racing the award was named "The John McGill Award" at its inception. A few years later, the Kryderacing Series started in John's kitchen when John countered a small proposal from Reed and Sandi with an alternate idea. The Series is now entering its 28th season. John was always studying people. He was always looking for ways to help. Some people may disagree with that statement but those are probably the people who were looking for a way to take advantage of John. That approach usually did not go over too well. We don't know of anyone who did not benefit from getting to know John McGill.

Joe Stimola's passing came unexpectedly, following complications during heart surgery. When Reed was a Goodyear Race Tire Engineer he met Joe for the first time. Their paths crossed many times over the years. They often discussed tires, suspension set-ups, and handling issues which applied to both their occupations. In recent years we had worked with Joe on several shock packages for our clients. Hopefully John and Joe have found a great race track in Heaven and are continuing to offer their help to those who need it.

“USED CAR” RACING

There is another new racing series. The "LeMons" events mentioned in earlier newsletters and many magazines have been so successful that similar events are being established across the country. One such group is called "USED CAR" racing. Information can be found at www.usedcarracing.com. Their first race will be a 24-hour event at Nelson Ledges Road Course on April 23-25.

If you are familiar with the LeMons philosophy you will know these races are for cars worth less than \$500 (safety and other selected items do not count towards the value) and the entire idea is to have fun. This type of racing is attracting large numbers of drivers and crew people who never dreamed of being able to race.

The USED CAR group is doing a couple of things different. One of them is requiring new drivers to attend an orientation designed especially for them. Reed Kryder will be handling this program. The purpose will be to pass on basic knowledge as to track manners, flags, etc so as to allow beginners to join in the on-track fun in a safer manner. New drivers will be taught how to negotiate the track and traffic. There probably wouldn't be enough time to teach them how to go fast, but Reed will offer advice on how to self-teach while actually driving on the track.

SHOP STATUS

As this segment is being written we are buried in snow. Over two feet in the last couple of weeks. Early today (February 16th) the total snowfall for the month of February set an all-time record. We still had twelve more days left in the month. And it was still snowing. Temperatures have not risen above freezing during all that time. The weatherman says another 2-5" of snow today and more is forecast in the long-range view.. He also says not to worry too much about the cold weather because these things have a way of averaging out over time. We guess that's when "global warming" will return. Meanwhile, inside the shop we are working on several vehicles. Everyone wants to be ready to hit the track as soon as Spring arrives.

"RIG" FOR SALE

We haven't sold the 44-foot trailer and 2001 Dodge dually. We have had a few inquiries but the weather seems to be putting a big damper on anyone wanting to come and look at either one of them. When the weather breaks we will start advertising again.

NELSON LEDGES FUNDAYS

The 2010 schedule can be found at www.nelsonledgesroadcourse.com along with the rest of the 2010 track schedule. Fundays have been popular in the past and we expect their success to continue. Reed will once again be providing instruction for beginners. He will also make himself available for coaching and hang around the track to answer vehicle handling questions.

KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The schedule has been finalized (other than a couple of formality approvals) and the 28th edition of the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Region</u>
May 15-16	Nelson Ledges	Double Regional	Mahoning Valley
May 29-30	Nelson Ledges	Restricted Regional	Mahoning Valley
June 12-13	Nelson Ledges	Double Regional	Neohio Region
June 26-27	Nelson Ledges	Double Regional	Finger Lakes Region
Jul 31-Aug 1	BeaveRun	Restricted Regional	Steel Cities Region
August 22	Nelson Ledges	Double Regional	Neohio Region
September 25-26	BeaveRun	Quad Regional	Steel Cities
October 30-31	Nelson Ledges	Single Regional	Western New York Region
November 20		Awards Banquet	

While the schedule may look familiar there are several changes. The "restricted" Regionals will not include all the classes and will be run in conjunction with National race programs. The August 22 "Double" (two events on the Sunday following the Nelson Ledges 12-Hour endurance race) was a success last year and returns. Steel Cities Region is taking the "two Regionals in one day" idea a step further and having back-to-back Doubles, ie, a Quad Regional. Only two of the weekends events will count toward Kryderacing points. The year-ending Single event will once again offer double points. The turn-out for this end-of-October "Great Pumpkin Affair" should be interesting since Mahoning Valley moved their "Golden Harvest" from late October to mid-May. MVR also renamed their event to the "Divisional Shootout for the Nelson Cup".

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Do it right the first time."

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

"Learn from everything."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE ITEMS

- * The Cleveland Auto Show is February 27-March 7. Look for a couple of Kryderacing vehicles.
- * Matt Miller will be at the Homestead Grand-Am event (March 6th) helping a bunch of his friends with their Continental entry.
- * We will be helping client Chris Dercole during the April 3-4 BMW weekend at Mid-Ohio.
- * Tentatively we are planning a Nelson Ledges test day for Kryderacing clients early in April. Contact us for details.

CLIENT UPDATES

- * The Hopkins family has sold the ex-Koni Challenge Dodge SRT4 they had so beautifully rebuilt. To replace it they are searching for a 1989-91 Honda CRX or a 1996-2000 Honda Civic Hatchback to turn into a race car. They already have several engines so a good power plant is not necessary. If you know of one, contact us at www.kryderacing.com.
- * A couple of clients got started early this year when David Pintaric and Brett Mars headed south for the January 8-10

Double Nationals at Sebring. It was not a great trip for Brett. The planned 8 AM departure time from the Kryderacing shop was delayed by some extreme winter weather and a couple of problems with the original tow vehicle. After about four hours Matt Miller and Brett headed south after substituting our Dodge Dually. The trip went okay, but during the first Thursday test session the engine broke in Brett's Mustang. He was done for the weekend. A small consolation was getting a refund on his entry fee. Following the event we pulled and shipped the engine to its builder. We are currently awaiting its return.

* David Pintaric's Sebring adventure started with weather disrupting his plans, in this case his flight schedule. He eventually arrived at the motel around 2 AM Thursday morning. Following a short night's rest he made his initial laps of the historic Sebring circuit. For these races David was running in the STO class instead of his usual T-1. There was only one T-1 entered at Sebring, but eight STO's. STO is a faster class and we had made a couple revisions (simple things so we could revert back to T-1) before the car left the shop. David liked the track, and as the weekend progressed he scored a couple of 3rd place finishes. Actually, on Sunday a win was in the cards until contact with another competitor put David off-course for a short period of time. One additional comment needs to be made regarding the weekend. The terrible weather experienced by everyone traveling down to "Sunny Florida" caught up to them at the track. Windy, wet, and cold (below freezing) were the conditions during the weekend.

* After competing in the STO class at Sebring, David Pintaric has decided to leave the T-1 class and concentrate on STO. The current T-1 car is sold and gone. A Viper Coupe has been acquired and we are in the process of turning it into a STO winner.

PODIUMS IN 2010 (as of January 10)

SCCA	0 Wins	0 Seconds	2 Thirds
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HISTORY

Recently we received an unexpected request. During our forty plus years of involvement with sports car racing we have acquired many programs, magazines, books, etc. Most of them we have not thrown away. They are all catalogued in an area of www.kryderacing.com. From time to time we receive inquiries as to buying an item or just looking up some information. Sometimes we can satisfy the inquiry and sometimes we can't. For instance, at least once a year someone asks something like this: Could you check your magazines and see if there are any photos of (name of car) which ran during (years) in the (name of series) and was driven by (name of driver). Such a request can involve many hours of research and when the request is vague with regard to details we have to politely decline the request. But when other people are more specific we can often help. A recent request asked for the Mid-Ohio IMSA entrant list from the 1976 race. The request was specific and the research time minimal. We couldn't find an entrant list, but we did forward a "results sheet".

We are bringing this up for a couple of reasons. First to let our readers know of the availability of these items, both for sale and to answer questions. The second reason was a request from the same person who asked for the Mid-Ohio entrant list. Alexis Gousseau has been accumulating IMSA GT history information. We have sent him a lot of data over the years. His latest request was for Reed to relate some stories from his IMSA races. We are thinking about it and may include something in future Kryderacing newsletters also.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The SCCA recently announced HANS-type devices will be mandatory in 2012. There are other accepted devices but HANS is still the industry standard against which all others are judged. Just a reminder, Kryderacing is an authorized HANS dealer and installer. 2012 may seem like a long way away, but it's never too early to improve your safety equipment.

CLOSING COMMENT

Previously we mentioned Sam Halkias and his E-Production win at the SCCA National Championships. We told how Matt Miller and Matt Carson contributed to the win. At the SCCA National Convention this past January Sam was awarded the highest honor the SCCA can bestow on a club racer: The President's Cup. Sam made one of the best acceptance speeches we have ever heard. He told how he usually comes to the track alone and if it were not for the many SCCA friends he has made over the years there would not have been anyone around to help with the last minute change from dry to wet tires. He then went on to individually thank, by name, those helping SCCA friends, including the Matt's and Kryderacing client Gary Martz. Congratulations to all.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.