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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

“COACHING SERVICES AT NELSON LEDGES ROAD COURSE”

Reed recently reached an agreement with Nelson Ledges Road Course which will allow him to coach drivers on days or evenings which the track is not scheduled for other activity. He receives a discount from the normal rental rate which can be passed along to the person being coached. Of course there are charges for the coaching, but the track discount makes the total package more attractive. Rates vary based on time of day and length of session. If interested, contact Reed at reedkryder@aol.com.

“USED CAR” RACING

USED CAR Racing is alive and well. Their 24-Hour event for low dollar (under \$500) cars is still scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Nelson Ledges. Check out their website for details. <http://www.usedcarracing.com>

“RIG” FOR SALE

We started trying to sell our big trailer and 2001 Dodge Dually last Fall to help cash flow following our buying of the shop property. The need for these vehicles was minimal in 2009. We got a few inquiries, but none became serious. Now we are in the middle of the racing season and our demand for both items is exceeding last year. Maybe it's a sign the economy is improving. Our current plan is to still offer the items for sale, but keep a low profile until after the Run-Offs in September.

NELSON LEDGES FUNDAYS

These Nelson Ledges events continue to be well attended. Recent turnouts have been in the 30+ range. Reed's half-day beginners class had 10 new participants at one of the earlier Fundays. Normal beginner attendance is 3-6. The range of vehicles is always interesting. At the most recent event you would have seen the normal mix of Corvettes, Porsches, and Mustangs joined by a Lotus, an Aston Martin, a old Renault Alliance, and numerous others. Future events are scheduled for June 25, July 16, August 6, September 10, 17, October 1, 29. Go to www.nelsonledges.com for information and schedule updates.

KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The first five events of the 2010 Series have been run and two more (a double) are scheduled for the weekend of June 26-27. We will have point standings in an upcoming issue of this newsletter. We have also reached agreements with Carbotech Brakes, Hoosier Tires, and Sunoco Racing Gas for some season ending prizes.

Unfortunately we heard the Steel Cities Region decided to cancel their Quad Regional scheduled for BeaveRun Motorsports Park on September 25-26. Seems the SCCA Run-Offs at Road America on the same weekend was going to draw a large number of their officials. It was a difficult decision per the Steel Cities Region officers we talked with. The Quad was an interesting idea and hopefully we will see its return next year.

Unless another event joins the Kryderacing Series it now appears the last event on the 2010 schedule will be the one-day Double Regional scheduled at Nelson Ledges on August 22, the Sunday following the 12-Hour endurance race. That represents a big change from last year. Historically, and especially last year, most events have been at the end of the year, October in particular. Early scheduling for the 2010 season had been successful in spreading the race weekends nicely throughout the year. It would be nice to add another event late this year, but scheduling conflicts still exist in many cases.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

“Which is more important: Being the individual who is right or having the team do the right thing?”

“Every time I teach a class I discover something I don't know.”

“Don't just complete the job, solve the problem.”

UPCOMING SCHEDULE ITEMS

June 24-27	Road America June Sprints - We should have Bill's engine back in his GTL Nissan for his first trip to this beautiful Wisconsin race track.
June 25 (Friday)	A FUNDAY is scheduled with Tuning and Testing at Nelson Ledges
June 26-27	Finger Lakes Double Regional at Nelson Ledges - Races 6 and 7 of the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series (Bill Schauer is scheduled to run our 240SX)
July 2 (Friday)	Tuning and Testing at Nelson Ledges in preparation for the Neohio Double National
July 3-5	Neohio Double National at Nelson Ledges. We expect the biggest turnout of Kryderacing vehicles so far this season.
July 9-11	Double National at Watkins Glen. Currently we expect to have 3-6 Kryderacing vehicles at this race.

CLIENT UPDATES

Chris Dercole made his first trip to Virginia International Raceway and came away with a couple of Third Place finishes in the Double Regional while driving his IT-R Class Mustang. Chris loved the track and is looking forward to returning sometime in the future. He wasn't so happy about the way the Spec Miata's raced with him. Seems the Spec Miata field was very large and competitive at VIR. It was also a MARRS event which added to the competitiveness of the drivers. Chris is usually faster than them, but VIR was a new track for him and it takes a while to learn. Trying to learn the track while a half dozen (or more) fast Spec Miata drivers are swarming around you frustrates the process.

The Ohio Technical College has been building two new cars for the 2010 season. They are both previous generation MazdaSpeed3's and are prepped for the SCCA T-3 class. Reed has been assisting by teaching students trackside procedures involved in racing. David Pintaric's car was a "flood vehicle" and has been living up to the old story regarding why you should never buy a "flood vehicle". Even though virtually all of the electrical wiring has been replaced the car continues to act as if possessed. It failed to start when loaded for the Mid-Ohio National but then started Saturday morning. David qualified it on the pole. Then it didn't want to run again. Sunday morning it started for warm-up but promptly blew its engine. One week later Reed arrived at the school to pick it up for the Nelson Ledges National. It had a fresh engine and had been started several times with no problems. But there was no starting it when it came time to load. Many people worked on the car all weekend, but except for one brief moment on Saturday afternoon there was no luck getting the car to run. It is now back at the school awaiting more wiring.

Rob Piekarczyk's car was acquired through more conventional used car channels and has been a lot more reliable than David's. But it also has had a couple of early problems. At Mid-Ohio Rob finished second despite fuel mileage and brake problems. At Nelson Ledges there was a persistent vibration under braking. Several problems were found which probably originated prior to OTC receiving the car. For example, the rear shocks are still the ones which were on the car when Rob purchased it. The new Koni's have yet to arrive. Rob still finished second. Next race is the Double National at Nelson Ledges on July 3-5.

Bill Pintaric drove the OTC Mazda MX5 to a STU class victory at the Nelson Ledges National. This is the car which Reed has co-driven in Nelson Ledges endurance races the last few years. It drove very different from Bill's GTL car and Bill wasn't totally comfortable in the seat. His lap times were on par with what we usually do during the endurance races. By the way, the car was recently entered in this year's 12-Hour.

Bill was driving the MX5 because of problems experienced with his GTL Nissan the previous week. The Nissan had been tested twice earlier in the year and performed well. But on Saturday at the Mid-Ohio National the engine developed a problem. The fresh engine was uncrated and installed. Bill was all smiles after warm-up. He started the race near the back but quickly moved to the GTL class lead and was increasing it each lap. Unfortunately at the halfway point the engine dropped a valve. The engine builder has looked at the failure and feels it was nothing Bill did, just a bad valve. Bill will be back in his GTL car at the June Sprints.

Mike Olivier had his ITA class Honda Civic running at the Restricted Regional during the weekend. Saturday was a problem for all the competitors as the weather alternated between wet and dry. Mike decided on his intermediate tires so we would not need to be making any last minute tire swaps. The track stayed dry and Mike was a couple of seconds off his normal pace for the late afternoon race. On Sunday he had his dry tires on and looked great, just missing a podium finish.

David Pintaric entered two cars at both the Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges Nationals. The problems with the MazdaSpeed3 have been documented above. His new STO class Viper had very different results. The Kryderacing crew has been busy building this car for the last few months. David had sold his old T-1 class Viper and bought a wrecked street Viper Coupe. It isn't quite done but the early results are very satisfying. David sat on the Pole for both Nationals, set a lap record in each, and won his class each time. Sounds great but the STO class is starting to draw a lot of interest this year and several new cars are being built by established shops. We really wouldn't know how we compare speed-wise until the Run-Offs in September.

Brett Mars was also at the Mid-Ohio National running the T-2 class Mustang Kryderacing built for him a year ago. He was running a strong second at the mid-point of the race and closing on the leader. But an off-course excursion ended in the tire wall and some front end damage. He should be back on the track soon.

Gary Martz has been doing great so far this year in his E-Production Mazda RX-7. He scored a victory at the Mid-Ohio National and followed that with a second and another victory one week later at the Grattan Double National.

Reed entered the EP class Nissan 240SX in the Nelson Ledges National. The car had been tested a few weeks earlier and the goal was simply to have fun while supporting his home SCCA Region. He missed his first session while helping the OTC students work on their MazdaSpeed3 cars. The second session lasted two turns before an electrical problem sidelined the car. After starting last he finished fourth. He might have been one position higher if another car had not blocked him for several laps early in the race. He finally got by and was rewarded with a small metal-to-metal from the other car. Following the race, several people commented on his "patience". Reed said he was frustrated with the other driver but it became a challenge to get by cleanly. Besides, the 240SX is a rental car and we have clients planning on using it during the month of June.

PODIUMS IN 2010 (as of May 31, 2010)

SCCA	5 Wins	3 Seconds	5 Thirds
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RUMORS

We heard the owner of Nelson Ledges Road Course may start advertising its availability for sale. Two years ago a sale appeared to be in the process about the time the economy started declining. We don't know if it was the weakening economy which killed that sale. Historically most of the "possible sales" have come from someone approaching the owner. If the owner is going to advertise, that's something new.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Mentioned above was involvement by Carbotech, Sunoco Racing Fuels, and Hoosier with the Kryderacing Racing Series. Their products, as well as those from Goodyear, HANS, Motul, Simpson, and others are readily available from Kryderacing.

MINI FOR SALE

Long time friend, Pat Sonntag is selling her 2004 (maybe it's a 2005) Mini Cooper S with the John Cooper package. This car is practically new. Only 5,000 miles on it. Contact Pat at 734-761-2203.

CLOSING COMMENT

Watching entry levels at SCCA amateur races this year has been interesting. Some are up and some are down. The reasons vary. Overall the strong downward trend of recent years seems to have leveled off. That's a good sign. The question now is: will we see growth? Where will that growth come from? Current racers generally offer suggestions related to what got them involved. All are good ideas, but the world has changed, and continues to change. At Kryderacing we are working with the current drivers while trying to encourage involvement from others, especially younger enthusiasts. Our involvement with the Ohio Technical College has been rewarding on numerous levels. By trying to help someone achieve their goals we ended up introducing many of them to sports car racing. Some are sticking around. The crazy thing is we didn't have to do any "selling". When you help someone with their objectives they take a liking to you and become interested in other parts of your life. It's a win-win.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.