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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is the end of another year. While there have been some tough times due to the economy, overall Kryderacing is healthy and adapting well. Thanks is due to all our great clients and the Kryderacing crew. It's time to wrap up 2010 and get 2011 started.

2010 KRYDERACING PODIUMS

SCCA	26 Wins	17 Seconds	10 Thirds
NASA	1 Win		

Contributing to this fantastic record were Bill and David Pintaric, Bill Schauer, Gary Martz, Jonathan Keillor, Rob Piekarczyk, Brett Mars, Matt Miller, Matt Carson, Mike Olivier, Chris Dercole, and Reed Kryder. Everyone finished on the podium several times and most recorded at least one win. A few lap records were set along the way. And the year was topped off when David Pintaric won the STO race at the SCCA National Championship event at Elkhart Lake's Road America.

KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The Banquet for the 28th annual Kryderacing Regional Championship Series was held November 15th at Al A Cart Catering in Canfield, Ohio. Attendance was up slightly from the previous year, the food was fantastic (as always), Marv Gray did a great job as emcee, and almost all of the Champions, along with second and third place finishers were there to receive their awards. Attendees also heard about 2011 plans from the various SCCA Regions involved with the Kryderacing Series as well as racetrack reports from Nelson Ledges and BeaveRun.

There are several people and businesses which we wish to thank for contributing to the success of the series in 2010. Mazza Wineries once again provided wine for the affair as well as “Kryderacing Champion” labeled bottles for the various class champions in attendance. Mazza Wineries is located near Erie, Pa and makes some enjoyable wines. Did you know the leading wine growing area in this country used to be along Lake Erie? During prohibition all these wineries were shut down and the land was converted to other uses. After prohibition was repealed California became the leading USA wine producing area. But Lake Erie wineries are coming back and Mazza is one of the best.

Sunoco fuels was on board for this year's Kryderacing Series thanks to distributor Bazell Oil and Russ Bradford. It has been nice selling Sunoco race gasoline the past couple of years because of their excellent reputation. Russ, who works for Bazell, contributed certificates for distribution to those Champions who purchased Sunoco gas from us this past year and displayed Sunoco decals and patches. Thanks Russ.

Another new supporter of the Kryderacing Series in 2010 was CarboTech Brake Pads. Mike Puskar and his sons offer some great pads for many club racers. Virtually all of the cars maintained in the Kryderacing shops use their products. During the banquet each Champion received a discount coupon to be used towards a future purchase of CarboTech Brake Pads. We also had a complete axle set as one of the door prizes for the attending Champions. Just to make sure everyone got something, Mike sent a few shirts and knife sets which were distributed during the evening.

Hoosier Tires have helped in the past and their return was welcome in 2010. Terry Gilles contributed four Hoosier tires. They were distributed to four drivers who have shown loyalty to Hoosier during the past season. There were other door prizes given to the Champions. They included testing days at Nelson Ledges and free (or reduced) race entry fees from Neohio, Mahoning Valley, Steel Cities, and Finger Lakes Regions.

The above companies and Regions demonstrated the value of "supporting those who support you". We hope all of these great companies return in 2011. Maybe we'll have an addition or two.

We wanted to include a listing of the winners but as this is being written I am not sure there will be room. The September Kryderacing Newsletter had the complete results.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"You don't always have a choice about what happens to you. But you do have a choice in how you react."

"Help customers find what they want, even if there isn't much profit in it at the time."

"The speed of light is faster than the speed of sound. That explains why some people appear bright until we hear them speak."

CLIENT UPDATES

It looks as if the Mike Solley Viper will be departing our shop. Mike has two possible buyers and expects a sale in the near future. The car has tremendous T-1 potential but Mike has been occupied with family and business obligations and has been unable to regularly compete.

Bill Pintaric has acquired a GT-2 car to go with his GT-Lite. The new car belonged to Terry Giles and has not been run for a couple of years. When last run this Nissan 350Z was extremely competitive in Nationals, including the Run-Offs. Other than needing its regularly scheduled engine rebuild and a couple of sets of fresh tires, the car appears to be in great shape. While the engine is being rebuilt we will completely go over the car in preparation for testing in early April.

David Pintaric also acquired a second race car. He recently bought a Spec Miata. This type of vehicle is very different from David's Viper. You might ask why would he want something with only a fourth of the horsepower of the Viper? There are several reasons but one of the biggest concerns "race craft". David wins with the Viper frequently but he usually has only one or two cars contesting positions with him. When he drives in the Spec Miata class he will find numerous cars all running the same speed. If a calculated pass with the Viper fails he would normally fall back in line and wait for another opportunity to attack. If the same attempt fails with a Spec Miata he may find himself several cars (or more) further back. Running Spec Miata will offer constant, and varied, learning opportunities in dealing with traffic.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Every two years HANS dealers are required to attend a training session. Sandi and Reed have been to several and the most recent was December during the PRI Show in Orlando. While much of the material covered is repeated at each session there are always new items of interest, especially those bought up by other dealers. Some of the highlights include:

- * You do not need to use 2" shoulder belts with the HANS device. As a matter of fact, ALL testing has always been, and still is, done with 3" belts.
- * The sliding tethers are greatly preferred over "fixed". "Fixed" will be phased out soon.
- * HANS is the only device which passes FIA standards.
- * HANS devices have been around long enough that some organizations are looking at dates and when they should be replaced. So far there are no rules other than common sense based on usage and abuse. HOWEVER, the tether dates are being addressed by several organizations. The tethers are looked upon similar to seat belts and we may see two-year replacement requirements in the near future. If you run in BMW events your two-year replacement rule starts in 2011. One interesting sidelight to this discussion was tether life-cycles during monster truck events. Seems routine abuse (meaning no accidents) during the events themselves leads to short life cycles due to stretching. The tethers do a lot to keep the driver's head stable during the wild rides experienced with monster trucking. Tethers have FIA date labels. Check yours and let us know if you need a new one. In the early days HANS tethers did not have date labels. If you don't have a FIA date on your tether, it predates at least 2007.

OTHER TRADE SHOW NEWS

We recently attended the International Motorsports Industry Show (IMIS) in Indianapolis on December 1-3 and the Performance Racing Industry Trade Show in Orlando on December 9-11. A few highlights include:

- * Goodyear is developing radials for their smaller sports car sizes. We also noticed the number of people Reed worked with while a Race Tire Engineer for Goodyear has really shrunk over the past year. Seems they are all retiring. Reed

loved working that job, but he doesn't regret leaving it at the end of 1988 to pursue his racing career.

* Learned about RePlay cameras. They have had a small "lipstick" style camera available for the past year and two HD cameras will be available soon. These cameras were impressive in not only their compactness, but in many other ways. Additional information is being sent to us. Kryderacing may become a dealer.

* We did some investigation into "Racing" oils. In case you didn't know there was a major change in oil formulation. Actually the formulations have been changing frequently in the past and will continue to change. We are talking about 'over-the-counter' oils and they are constantly being required to reformulate in order to minimize emissions and damage to emission devices on vehicles. A lot of these changes are not beneficial to high-revving racing engines. Generally, wear rates increase dramatically with the newer "over-the-counter" oils when they are used in a racing environment. You are wrong if you think the newer "racing" oils are simply a way for the oil companies to make bigger profits. These new "racing" oils do not meet new government requirements for oils sold for street usage and as a result they are not manufactured in large quantities, hence the higher cost.

* We usually obtain a few magazines while at these shows. One special acquisition was the latest issue of 'Classic Motorsports'. We had been looking for this issue since it featured Sam Halkias's 2009 National Championship winning TR6. Sam is a longtime friend. At the 2009 race, employees Matt Miller and Matt Carson aided in a last minute tire change to wet rubber, enabling Sam to move to the front in the race. The Matt's were rewarded with a wet, but happy victory lap in Sam's open cockpit racecar.

* We sat in on a couple of presentations and meetings. One of them was by Mazda. It provides racers with information on how to pursue sponsorship. It is educational because it is presented from the viewpoint of the person being approached for sponsorship. Reed has sat in on it for the past three years and learns something new each time.

* The new B Spec class of race cars was announced at the PRI Show. These are low cost race cars with limited modifications. Mazda and Honda have developed the concept and wrote the rules. Other manufacturers are showing great interest. Kryderacing would love to build some of these vehicles.

* Visited the Puskar family at their CarboTech booth. Photos of the David Pintaric-driven and Kryderacing-built STO class Viper were very prominent. Having a race winning car that is also photogenic has its advantages. There was also a great photo of David on the top step of the victory stand.

* Have you ever heard of 'Rescue Tape'? Fantastic stuff. Kryderacing is now a dealer.

* SCCA staff members were everywhere at the PRI Show. They were attending numerous meetings and press conferences. Reed participated in the Comp Board open forum discussions.

Unfortunately these two trade shows are on the same date in 2011. There is little doubt amongst both vendors and attendees we talked with that the overlapping of dates is intentional. The PRI Show has history and size as its advantages, but each year there are more fringe (non-hardcore racing) vendors which, while adding to the size, moves the show further away from its traditional heritage. IMIS is the upstart and looks like the early version of PRI. We don't see this battle being settled in the next few years.

OTHER UPCOMING KRYDERACING SCHEDULE ITEMS

January 7-9: Double National at Sebring, Florida. As this is being written we plan on providing trackside service for David Pintaric (STO and SM classes) and John Buttermore (T-1 class).

January 26-28: Looks as if David Pintaric will be running the Continental Tire event at Daytona with a team that Kryderacing shop boss Matt Miller regularly assists.

February 10-12: Reed and Sandi will be attending the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas. Reed is Regional Executive and Sandi is Treasurer for the Mahoning Valley Region.

CLOSING COMMENT

We will include a lot of 2011 schedule information in the next newsletter. There are significant changes for many local races.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.