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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our friends. Even though we haven't been busy racing the past couple of months, we have been active. It's the time of year for car shows, banquets, parties, new projects, and rebuilding. We'll try to keep this short so you can get back to your holiday festivities.

VINTAGE FUNDAYS

The Nelson Ledges FUNDAY programs have been a great success for the past several years. The number of individual events has expanded each year and the average daily attendance has grown steadily. In 2011 two successful full-day beginner events were held for the first time. Reed has served as the Chief Instructor for the past several years. In 2012 he wants to start a new program. Think of it as a FUNDAY for vintage vehicles only. What he needs is input from people who might want to participate. If you or a friend is interested please contact him at reedkryder@aol.com.

TRADE SHOWS

SEMA in Las Vegas, PRI in Orlando, and IMIS in Indianapolis are all important shows to attend if you are involved in racing. Reed and Sandi were joined by Russ Wilson at SEMA. David Pintaric joined them at PRI and several important discussions were held with other parties involving the 2012 season. Matt Miller, Gary Martz, and Norm Fox were part of the group at IMIS. Historically SEMA is the largest. It has been “down” in recent years but 2011 was definitely bigger than 2010. PRI and IMIS are smaller than SEMA but more racing orientated. The 24th PRI was still the bigger than the 3rd IMIS, but IMIS is growing and PRI appears to be shrinking.

During the trip home from the PRI Show we stopped off to visit Rod and Mary Whelan. Many of you will remember them from our IMSA racing days. They are both doing well.

11th ANNUAL WEHO

This year's event was once again on the "Streets of Willow". But this time we ran it counterclockwise. The day started wet, windy, and chilly. A few participants decided to stay in the LA area because of the rain. They made a mistake. At the track the rain stopped shortly after 8 AM and the track was almost totally dry by the time we started. The rain clouds stayed nearby all day but we never felt any moisture. Next year we are back on the “Big Track”. The event is scheduled for Friday, November 9th. Mark your calendars.

2011 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The banquet for the 29th Annual Kryderacing Regional Championship Series was held November 19th. It was an enjoyable evening between many friends, a lot of storytelling, talk of the future, and a few awards presented. Honored were:

American Sedan	Robert Lewis (Champion)
GT-1	Al Gaudino (Champion)
GT-3	John Petrone (Champion)
E Production	A J Anselm (Champion)
F Production	Cathy Alexander (Champion), Jim Sloan (runner-up)
H Production	Dave English (Champion)
Super Production Over	Dean Daugherty (Champion)
D Sports Racer	Allen Fransolino (Champion)
Sports 2000	Bill Kasmer (Champion)
Spec Racer Ford	Chris Pluta (Champion)
Formula Vee	Pete Neilsen (Champion), Dennis Potocki (runner-up)
Formula First	Randy Shinn (Champion)
Spec Miata	David Ciufu (Champion), Charlie Campbell (runner-up), David Watts (third)
Showroom Stock C	Charles Tanck (Champion), Mary Hartman (runner-up)
Improved Touring 7	Tom Nutter (Champion)
Improved Touring B	Ray Santomo (Champion), Rob Cox (runner-up), Greg Alley (third)
Improved Touring C	Jim C Royal (Champion), Jim Hardesty (runner-up),

Improved Touring E
Improved Touring R
Improved Touring S

Carl Holbrook and Bill Shearer (tied for third)
Dan Koplow (Champion)
Abdulrab Aziz (Champion)
Mark Keefer (Champion)

We want to extend big "Thank You's" to everyone who helped. Carbotech Brake Pads, Hoosier Tires, and Sunoco Race Fuels have been major supporters throughout the season and contributed to contingency awards and door prizes. Mazza Wineries once again contributed some of their great wines for the drinking pleasure of banquet attendees. And Champions went home with bottles of Mazza Wines with Kryderacing Series Champions labeling. Also greatly appreciated were test day and race weekend certificates donated by Nelson Ledges Road Course, Mahoning Valley Region, NEOHIO Region, Steel Cities Region, and Finger Lakes Region.

The 2012 Series schedule is close to final. It looks as if we will be expanding slightly. Complete details should be in the next newsletter.

CLIENT UPDATES

David Pintaric has bought another Viper. It is an ACRX version built by the factory. Matt Miller picked up the unpainted car from the Detroit area on December 1st and went straight to a shop for "wrapping". Most of us have yet to see it. David plans to run for the Viper Cup Championship in 2012. He still owns the STO-Class Viper built by Kryderacing. He plans on also racing it, but is open to offers from potential buyers. The car has an awesome track record and would continue its winning ways with a competent driver.

OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE OLDER

In the last issue we reported the destruction of our Nissan 240SX. Since then the shell has been delivered to a junkyard and crushed. We have been asked frequently about a replacement. Currently we are following two paths. One is looking for a replacement rental vehicle. This is not an high priority pursuit. There is even some question as to whether we should replace the car. We will keep our eyes open for the right vehicle. Meanwhile we have become very active in rebuilding our old IMSA GTU Nissan. During the next week or two we expect to sandblast the frame, inspect it for cracks, and give it a new powdercoating.

HANS

We have laid in extra inventory of HANS devices. HANS, and similar (but inferior in our view) devices, are mandatory of SCCA racing starting in 2012. Don't wait for the rush, order yours now while we have inventory.

COMMENTARY REGARDING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Recently we saw something which has us scratching our heads. There are several railroad crossings near our shop. Most, but not all, have gates which drop down when a train comes by. The "non-gated" crossings have had appropriate signage for a long time. Last week a new sign was added to these crossings. It is a "Yield" sign. It is identical to the type of yield sign commonly seen on many intersections where one car needs to yield to another car. But this is car-versus-train. There was a multi-manned crew installing these signs. We don't want to put anyone out of work, but these signs seem to be totally unnecessary. We have tried unsuccessfully to think of some justification or advantage. Please let us know if you have a reasonable answer. We would rather feel stupid for not seeing something obvious than feel like we are being treated as total idiots by being told we need to yield to trains when driving our cars.

In the meantime we suggest the government consider replacing these "Yield" signs with a new design which reads "Yield - Or Die".

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"A good sense of humor is essential to deal with the world's reality." (see above)

"Happiness is a way of traveling, not a destination."

"It is possible to achieve whatever you envision."

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