

# KRYDERACING NEWSLETTER

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## “HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

### BUTTERMORE WEDDING

On January 28<sup>th</sup> John and Kristi were married in the Detroit area. Congratulations to both.

On a side note: John's father, also known as John, has been looking for a gooseneck trailer. He would like to keep the length under 36". Contact Sandi at 330-854-4889 if you can help.

### RACE REPORTS

Matt Miller traveled with David Pintaric to Sebring for our first races of 2012. The event was the SCCA Double National and David would be competing with his Kryderacing-built STO class Dodge Viper. There was some stiff competition, but he qualified quickest for both races. The Saturday race did not go according to plan. David spun, battled back to finish second, then got penalized to fourth for passing under yellow. The flags for the safety car were in the process of being raised and another car blocked his view. The pass under yellow was neither intentional or even realized until it was over. Regardless, it happened and the penalty was invoked. David made a brilliant start on Sunday, opening a big gap to his nearest STO competitor on the first lap. The competition did their best to close the gap but David was relaxed, drove masterfully, and easily won.

The long trip home from Sebring took a few hours longer than planned due to tire related problems. When problems occur during transit, big truck-based rigs are more likely to require outside assistance than smaller pickup/trailer type transporters. Such was the case during this trip. Simply jacking up the trailer takes equipment beyond what most people usually carry with them. Neither Matt or David are the “patient type” in these situations. Both want to be doing something. Sitting still and waiting for a service truck to arrive was not their cup of tea. Matt is already looking into ways to better equip the rig in the future.

### QUOTES TO LIVE BY

“Earth is the insane asylum of the universe.”

“Laughing is good exercise. It is like jogging on the inside.”

“The fact I know what I am talking about is just pure luck.”

“Rather than presenting personal ideas to win approval, present them to stimulate thought and discussion. Try to do it in a honest way and with a broad outlook on the subject at hand.”

### CLIENT UPDATES

There are several news items related to David Pintaric, his two Vipers, and his Spec Miata. As mentioned earlier, David has acquired a factory-built ACRX Dodge Viper and will be contesting the Viper Cup Series. This is a growing series and will include increased television coverage this year on the new NBC Sports Network (previously known as Versus). The first two races are scheduled for April 13-15 at Road Atlanta. The car has been “wrapped” red and includes the waving American flag design, making it look similar to his STO car. The STO car is still being raced (see Sebring story) but David is offering it for sale. It is obviously a winner (again, see Sebring story). He will continue to race it if it does not find a new home. Note: Kryderacing built this car and would be sad to see it go. We would love to maintain it and provide trackside assistance to a new owner.

Continuing with Viper related items, David and Kryderacing are putting together a Viper “Open House” program at Backstreet Performance on Saturday, May 19. This is being done in conjunction with David's Viper Club. Last year he displayed the STO car at one of the club's functions and there was a lot of interest. We hope to include additional associates and provide expertise in various areas such as vehicle preparation and performance/race driving techniques for both beginners and experienced drivers.

Backstreet will have their chassis dyno all set up in order for club members to make comparisons and tune their Vipers. Much of this is still in the early planning stages. If you want to be involved send an inquiry to [reedkryder@aol.com](mailto:reedkryder@aol.com).

David's third vehicle, the Spec Miata is also for sale. The car is a 1999 model (the best one to own according to most competitors) and David really enjoyed driving it last year. But finding time to fit it into his schedule this year looks to be a little more difficult. Once again, Kryderacing would love to continue maintaining this car and provide trackside support for a new owner. David has also indicated it can be made available for rent. Contact [kryderacing@aol.com](mailto:kryderacing@aol.com) for rental details.

## ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA

Kryderacing raced the last of about a dozen "Daytona 24" races in their own car in 1999. During the next decade we helped several teams with management, preparation, and crew services. During the last couple of years we have not participated in the racing itself. But it is hard to stay away from this event. Reed stays away because it would be tough to be a spectator after having driven so many times. At least when he was managing teams he was too busy to think (much) about the driving. Sandi works hard at these endurance events, but sees no sense in a sleepless night for no good reason.

For the crew guys it's a different story. Kryderacing Shop Manager Matt Miller has led a group of past employees and volunteers on an annual trek to the event for the past several years. After one group helped Kryderacing with trackside duties during a couple of races some of the guys started their own team for the Continental event supporting the 24 hour race. A few other guys went along just to spectate and enjoy the warmer weather. This years group included Matt Miller, Rob Piekarczyck, Mike Olivier, Eddy Eckhart, Tim and Brent Walton. And probably a few others.

Of added personal interest to Kryderacing was participation in the race of some friends from back in the day we raced. Since this was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the race several of the "older" guys managed to find a way to do it again. Frank DelVecchio has driven with us many times and found a ride in one of the Porsche entries. Dick Greer had won the GTU class at the race when Reed was a regular competitor. Dick has continued racing in SCCA Club events over the years and decided the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the "24" would be a good time to return for another race around the clock. By the way, Dick is 80 years young. There were several others bringing back memories of past events.

One of the teams participating was one we had helped several years ago. Team Sahlen had just bought new Corvettes when we first helped them. They were renting their older Porsches and that was where the Kryderacing crew was put to work. Since then Team Sahlen has sold all the Porsches, campaigned the Corvettes for a couple of years, and later purchased SpeedSource Mazda RX8s. This year they qualified near the front and ran well. They finished just outside the top ten in a highly competitive 45 car field. On a side note: Will and Wayne Nonnamaker of Team Sahlen write a monthly column for "Grassroots Motorsports". A recent issue mentioned Reed and the importance of his help to beginning drivers at Nelson Ledges. Thanks, guys.

## HISTORY

We will include this update under the "History" heading since it relates to our old IMSA GTU race car. The rebuilding is moving along. The tube-frame was sand-blasted to bare metal, two minor cracks were welded, it was powder-coated to it's original yellow color, and returned to the garage to begin reassembly. One dilemma which is already occurring and will be common is whether to replace worn and used parts with new examples. We don't want the car to look new, but we do want it to look clean and properly prepped for its next race. The car was raced from 1990 through 1999 and it has several repairs left-over from when things did not go as planned. Worn out or damaged parts will probably be replaced, but usable parts may be thoroughly inspected, cleaned, painted if necessary, and installed back onto the car. The bodywork will definitely get a new paint job, but in the original colors. Sandi plans to post some photos on Facebook as the project progresses.

## MIKE OLIVIER

Mike Olivier moved to California last Fall. His Honda Civic stayed around our shop for several months. Mike wasn't sure he wanted to ship the car to his new home, sell it in Ohio, or leave it at our shop and return east for a couple of Mid-Ohio races during the upcoming season. He finally came to a decision and the car left our facility on January 26, 2012.

Mike had been a client for so many years we couldn't remember exact when we first started doing business with him. We did find a parts order dated November, 2002. There were set-up and lap-time sheets starting in 2003 when the car raced in the SSC class and continuing through its conversion to the ITA class. In the beginning, like many new drivers, was full of enthusiasm even though he wasn't running at the pointy end of the field. But over the years Mike got faster. Mike and his Civic loved Mid-Ohio but the competition in ITA was probably the toughest of any track in the country. While not winning, everyone watching Mike drive was impressed with his competitiveness whenever he went wheel-to-wheel with another competitor. Last year he won his first race at Mid-Ohio. Over the many years his Civic resided at our shops we did a lot of work on it, but nothing major or expensive was ever done. The car had a lot of racing miles on it and there was even a 12-Hour endurance race. Mike's Honda was a typical club racer and its success came partly from routine maintenance and mostly from a talented driver. He also became a very close friend during the last decade. Hope the winning continues on the West Coast. Good luck, Mike.

## NELSON LEDGES FUNDAYS

The 2012 schedule is available on [www.nelsonledges.com](http://www.nelsonledges.com). As mentioned in earlier newsletters, the Fundays have grown into a successful program over the past few years. There are at least a dozen planned for 2012. There are also two Nelson Ledges University full day beginner programs on the schedule. Another Funday variation which originated in 2011 looks as if it will expand in 2012. Last year a Nissan club from Columbus brought a dozen or so of its members up for a Funday. In 2012 the Autointerests group has scheduled two of their programs to be done in conjunction with Fundays. And there is another person trying to coordinate local car clubs with Funday activities. The person behind this effort has some good ideas and the enthusiasm needed to make it happen. Reed and Sandi have been invited to help this program get started. There will be more information in the future, but if you are an officer in a local car club and haven't been contacted let us know so we can get you in touch with someone who can supply details.

## OTHER UPCOMING KRYDERACING SCHEDULE ITEMS

February: There must be some mistake. Nothing is on the calendar. Guess we'll work at the shop.  
March 1-3: Reed and Sandi will be at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.  
March 10-11: NASA race at Road Atlanta. David Pintaric will be testing his Viper ACRX with Matt Miller crewing.  
March 17-18: Reed and Sandi will be at the SCCA NEDiv Round Table in the Pocono area.  
April 13-15: David races in his first Viper Cup events. Races at Road Atlanta. Miller crewing.  
April 21: Nelson Ledges Safety Training Day. Also SCCA Tech Annual Inspections and Medical exams.  
April 20-22: VIR Double National. A couple of clients are targeting this weekend.  
April 27: Nelson Ledges FUNDAY

## CLOSING COMMENT

Have you got a HANS device? With them (or other approved devices) now required by SCCA we have a hard time keeping them in stock. Do not wait until the last minute to order yours.

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