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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

BREAKING NEWS - David Pintaric leading standings after first weekend of 2012 Viper Cup Series.

The 2012 Viper Cup professional series consists of ten races spread out over five weekends. The series is for spec Viper ACRX's. The first two contests were held April 14 and 15 at Road Atlanta. David was driving his new Viper ACRX with Matt Miler and Jerry Palmer providing the Kryderacing trackside support. David qualified second the first day and finished second in the race. The second days start had the cars in the reverse order of the first day's results, so David started next to last. There were around fifteen cars in the race so getting to the front would be difficult during the 40-minute event. He made it to second. The winner during the second day was penalized his points and prize money for "contact" during the race, but he kept his finish position. David leads in the points going into the next races on May 12-13 at Road America. All-in-all, a fantastic start in a pro-level series for David and the Kryderacing team.

RACE REPORTS

David Pintaric and Matt Miller went to a NASA event at Road Atlanta on the March 10-11 weekend to test David's new Viper ACRX. While the car may look very similar to his Kryderacing-built Viper STO class car, the two have numerous small differences. The big reason for testing at this event was not only to learn the new car, but to prepare for the first Viper Cup race of the year. It will be at Road Atlanta on April 14-15. The testing went well and David picked up a victory along the way.

No other race reports this issue, but there was a test day at Nelson Ledges for several Kryderacing clients. Saturday, April 7th started out below freezing, but by lunchtime it was sunny and well above 50 degrees. Rob and Bob Piekarczyk had their Miata and Civic out for the first time this year. Chris Dercole was turning some fast laps in his V6 Mustang. And Bill Pintaric was taking his first few laps of the year in his GT2 and GTL Nissans. The GT2 was the one which we were all watching closely. During the off-season it was stripped to its bare frame, sand-blasted, powder-coated and completely rebuilt. That's a lot of fasteners to make sure are correctly tightened and adjustments which needed to be reset. It ran great. And Bill liked the new, narrower seat and the repositioning of the steering wheel.

SCCA ALTERNATE DRIVER'S SCHOOL

Do you want to go racing with the SCCA? For years there have been two basic methods to acquire a competitors license. The choices were the weekend SCCA schools or a professional school such as Skip Barber. Problem was the SCCA schools were becoming fewer and farther between, thus making it difficult to fit into the schedules of many potential participants. And the pro schools were too expensive for many competitors. Now there is an alternative. You can be coached through this new program on your own schedule and with a personal instructor. An approved SCCA instructor for the program can work with you on understanding the rulebook and flags at a site and time agreed upon between the two of you. The instructor will need to coach/instruct/observe you behind the wheel and make a decision as to when you are ready for competition in a SCCA Regional race. There are many opportunities to do this "driving" portion of the program and, once again, the schedule can be worked out between the instructor and participant. When the instructor feels the participant is ready to race, a SCCA Regional weekend will be selected. During the Regional weekend the event Chief Steward will become involved in the approval process. But the instructor will still be present. If the instructor has done a good job and the student proves competent, the Chief Instructor will approve the driver for future racing events. This Alternate Driver's School is not intended to be a last minute or quick way through the process, but it is another pathway to get more people involved in the fun of racing. One final note: Reed is an approved instructor for this process. In our area, the June Double Regional event at Nelson Ledges is targeted as the first event for judgment by a Chief Steward. Reed is looking at the upcoming Fundays at Nelson Ledges as opportunities to work with drivers on the racetrack. Email him at reedkryder@aol.com for additional information.

2012 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The 30th edition of the series is being finalized and information is available at www.kryderacing.com and on Facebook. Thirty years is a long time and many things have changed in all of our lives. The Kryderacing Series has also had its changes but we have tried to stay as close as possible to its original intention, which was to recognize talented Regional SCCA drivers competing at Nelson Ledges Road Course for their accomplishments. Recent years saw us add Pittsburgh International Race Circuit (formally BeaveRun) and Watkins Glen International to the schedule after Regions already conducting events at Nelson Ledges requested events they conduct elsewhere be added to the Series. It is hoped drivers at these three venues venture to one of the neighboring facilities to enjoy something different, and to also pick up a few Kryderacing Series points along the way.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

“To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what they have already achieved, but what they aspire to.”

“Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.”

“If you don't demand something of yourself, you will never be in demand.”

CLIENT UPDATES

Those of you who know Rob Piekarczyk are well aware of his love for racing Mazda vehicles. If you have attended the Cleveland Auto Show in recent years you have probably seen his “car of the year” vehicle in the Mazda display. We say “car of the year” because it seems the vehicle make changes frequently. Over the years we have seen a RX-8, a Spec Miata, a MX-5, a Mazdaspeed Protégé, and a Mazdaspeed3. We may have missed a few models along the way. This year he had another Spec Miata on display. It was actually David Pintaric’s racecar from last year. Rob bought it and painted it orange. We missed the show but heard the car looked good, especially with the big Kryderacing logo across the hood.

NELSON LEDGES FUNDAYS

There are numerous Fundays of the 2012 Nelson Ledges calendar. Reed will once again be there to help beginners and offer his coaching services for experienced drivers. The Funday schedule can change so it is always a good idea to go to www.nelsonledges.com for the current status.

There are also two Nelson Ledges University days scheduled for the 2012 calendar year. Two of these events were held last year and they were enthusiastically received by those attending. Basically they are Fundays targeted only for beginners. Instruction, both classroom and on-track, goes well beyond the normal Funday beginner program. We also have in-car instruction available. The two 2012 dates are May 5th and September 15th. Pre-registration is appreciated. Contact the track to sign up.

OTHER UPCOMING KRYDERACING SCHEDULE ITEMS

May will be a busy month. So will June.

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| May 5 | Nelson Ledges University. Reed is the head instructor. |
| May 5 | David testing with Rob Piekarczyk’s Spec Miata at VIR. Matt Carson crewing. |
| May 6 | Nelson Ledges Funday. Reed instructing beginners. |
| May 6 | David racing his Viper STO at Summit Point National. Matt Carson crewing. |
| May 11 | Funday at Nelson Ledges. Reed instructing. |
| May 11-13 | Viper Cup races at Elkhart Lake. David racing. Matt Miller and Jerry Palmer crewing. |
| May 12 | Funday at Nelson Ledges. Reed instructing. |
| May 19 | Funday at Nelson Ledges. Reed instructing. |
| May 20 | Viper Club “Open House” at Backstreet Performance. Kryderacing crew participating. |
| May 25-27 | SCCA Double National races at Nelson Ledges. Several Kryderacing clients competing. |

June 1-3 SCCA Double National races at Mid-Ohio. Several Kryderacing clients competing.
June 8 Funday at Nelson Ledges. Reed instructing.
June 8-10 Mid-Ohio Grand-Am weekend also features SCCA Regional competition.
Clients and employees will be competing.
June 14-17 Road America June Sprints. David Pintaric and John Buttermore scheduled to compete.
June 22 Funday at Nelson Ledges. Reed instructing.
June 23-24 SCCA Regional races at Nelson Ledges. Part of the Kryderacing Series.
Jun 30-Jul 1 SCCA National races at Nelson Ledges. Several Kryderacing clients competing.

GTU UPDATE

Rebuilding our old IMSA GTU car is going a little slower than planned. When a vehicle has set for over a decade there are a few unexpected problems encountered in its reconstruction. For example, the brake master cylinder pistons had seized. Getting them disassembled took some time, but the interior walls needed a little work. Or we could unpack the spares (we always carried spares to the races). They didn't look much better. We also had rebuild kits for these units but decided not to use that option. After we had a rebuilt master cylinder fail during a race event we decided never to use another rebuild unit unless there was no other choice. New pieces have been ordered and installed. We also want to thank some old and new crew members for their help along the way. They include Greg Alley, Chris Bell, Jerry Palmer, and Jim Lincoln stopped by to do a small welding job. A few other past crew members have expressed a hope to help from time-to-time.

NAMES OUT OF THE PAST

Recently we have had contact with several people associated with us in the past. Jim Lincoln used to help a lot with our racing efforts and was responsible for welding/fabricating many things for us. He is married and has a couple of kids. His son is in High School, is an outstanding pitcher, and recently bowled his first 300 game. Jim still keeps busy, mainly doing projects for home-owners. He is responsible for our wood floors and deck. Larry Ritz and Steve Maund attended the 12 Hours of Sebring this year. We asked them to look up Nestor Moya since both Larry and Nestor are Datsun 510 fans. Larry helped us build our very first race car. He and his wife, Marge, were friends for many years. Steve is a friend of Larry's and we have known him since our autocrossing days. Hopefully we'll get together soon and discuss the Sebring trip along with other news. Ralph Miller helped us during the years we moved out of club racing and into the professional level. He and Charlie Schmalix were the core of our crew for many years. The two were inseparable. Ralph even named his son Charlie. Ralph, being a welder by profession, did most of the welding work on our early tube-frame cars. We contacted him when we started reconstructing the old car. Haven't seen him yet, mainly because he still works 60-70 hours a week. There are a couple of other people we will be checking up on in the near future.

CLOSING COMMENT

For the first time in many years, Kryderacing is without a rental car. And it is the time of year when we start receiving inquiries. There are a couple of car owners who have made their vehicles available for rental through Kryderacing in the past. Arrangements vary, but so far all parties have been happy with the results. Requests this year have ranged from "something reliable for a Driver's School" to something like a T-1 Corvette for a National. If you have a car and might be interested in renting it, please contact us. We have also been approached by a couple of people interested in buying a good used race car. Anyone selling?

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.