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**“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”**

## 2012 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Kryderacing Regional Championship Series is underway. The first event in 2012 was a little later than previous years, but it was worth the wait. The Finger Lakes Region returned (after a year's absence) to Nelson Ledges Road Course with their “Westward Ho” Double Regional and Enduro. Entry levels have been low for everyone's races during the past few years. But the Westward Ho event brought back some optimism for the future due to a well subscribed field of cars, actually one of the largest in years. And the racing was great.

For example, the ITC class had at least five cars battling for the lead on every lap. Side by side finishes occurred. There were different winners in every race. Unfortunately these ITC battles are lost to many observers. That's because the class is usually grouped with quicker classes and most spectators tend to focus on the overall leaders. Their final race on Sunday saw one of these supposedly faster cars get “tapped” into a spin. The (faster?) car spent most of the race mixing it up with the five car ITC battle. Then, a few laps from the end someone felt the interloper had to go and “accidentally” spun him out of the way. Maybe it was totally unintentional, but you could see it coming for several laps. Another “faster class” car approached the same ITC pack with two laps to go. He intended to lap them and easily could have accomplished that objective if it was only one or two cars fighting for the win. But when he saw the fierceness of the battle between the five ITC cars he decided to sit back and watch.

The Spec Miata battles were almost as good. One Saturday it was difficult to decide who had the upper hand in each race. Even in the enduro the two frontrunners were nose-to-tail at the checker while third through fifth were also battling for the final podium spot. The Formula First squad also put on some terrific shows for everyone.

Below are the points standings following this June 23-24 weekend.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>
Formula First	1 <sup>st</sup>	34	Doug Seim	Mysterian M5.1
	tie	34	Robert Clark	Evolution CM-1
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	22	Reece Everard	Jacer
	4 <sup>th</sup>	18	George Podgorski	Campbell RGU Evolution
	5 <sup>th</sup>	14	Nick Maurus	Evolution
	6 <sup>th</sup>	12	Dave Dawson	Campbell Evolution
	7 <sup>th</sup>	8	Jared Smith	Citation XTC
	8 <sup>TH</sup>	7	Gary Grubb	Vector GB4
	9 <sup>th</sup>	6	Jonathan Mader	Adams Aero
	10 <sup>th</sup>	3	Sam Farmiga	Adams Acer-J
	11 <sup>th</sup>	2	Randy Shinn	Mysterian M-2
	12 <sup>th</sup>	0	Douglas Sharp	????
Spec Racer Ford	1 <sup>st</sup>	26	Chris Pluta	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	Mark Fickenscher	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	Greg Grucella	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	8	Greg Spuhler	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	6	Glenn Gehrke	

Spec Miata	1 <sup>st</sup>	34	AJ Roderick	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	26	David Ciufu	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	18	Tex Melotti	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	14	Sean Doyle	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	13	Michael Novak	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	7	Daniel Thiel	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	6	John Swapceinski	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	4	Charles Boehly	
	tie	4	Debra Mathias	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	3	Charles Tanck	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	2	Kristen Novak	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	0	James Henson	
Improved Touring A	1 <sup>st</sup>	29	David Ciufu	Mazda Miata
	tie	29	James Magero	Mazda Miata
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	19	R Bruce Perry	Mazda Miata
	4 <sup>th</sup>	13	Adam Reichbaum	Honda CRX
	5 <sup>th</sup>	8	Robert Everett	Mazda Miata
	6 <sup>th</sup>	7	Richard Boehly	Mazda Miata
	tie	7	Matthew Saylor	Dodge Neon
	8 <sup>th</sup>	5	Amanda Everett	Mazda Miata
	9 <sup>th</sup>	1	Scott Moller	Honda CRX
	10 <sup>th</sup>	0	Charles Tanck	Mazda Miata
Improved Touring C	1 <sup>st</sup>	26	Jim Royal	Renault Encore
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	Jim Hardesty	Honda Civic
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10	Garrett Villano	Honda Civic
	4 <sup>th</sup>	8	Jim S Royal	Honda CRX
	5 <sup>th</sup>	6	Bill Schearer	Honda CRX
	tie	6	Jason Jacko	VW
	tie	6	Scott Irwin	Honda Civic
	8 <sup>th</sup>	0	Joe Gumkowski	Mercury Lynx
Improved Touring S	1 <sup>st</sup>	23	Mark Keefer	Mazda RX-7
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16	Dan Harding	Mazda RX-7
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	Ray Boniface	BMW
	4 <sup>th</sup>	11	Marty Lutz	Porsche 944
	5 <sup>th</sup>	7	Michael Lee	Porsche 944
	6 <sup>th</sup>	3	Michael Saddleton	Mazda RX-7
Formula 500	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	Russell Strate	Rocketech
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	Bill Hornack	QRE F 500
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	Eric Dean	Novakar J-7
F Production	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	Chris Horan	Honda CRX
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	Rick Kristoff	Triumph Spitfire
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	Spencer Patterson	Mazda Miata
Formula Vee	1 <sup>st</sup>	21	Dennis Potocki	BRD Flamino C
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	13	Pete Nielsen	BRD AFV-02
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	Brian Farnham	
H Production	1 <sup>st</sup>	21	Jon Snyder	Honda Civic
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10	Dave English	Honda Civic
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7	Michael Bennett	Austin Healey Sprite

Improved Touring B	1 <sup>st</sup>	21	Jim Morgan	Mustang
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11	Michael Sestili	Ford Pinto
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7	Greg Alley	Mustang
Improved Touring E	1 <sup>st</sup>	22	Dan Koplow	Firebird
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	14	Jerry Waltenberger	Corvette
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8	Kerry Klotzman	Firebird
Super Touring U	1 <sup>st</sup>	17	Mike Connolly	Mini Cooper
	tie	17	Rob Verenna	BMW 325
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	Charles Boehly	Mazda Miata
GT 1	1 <sup>st</sup>	10	Dennis Kszos	Corvette
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	Robert Hofmann	Oldsmobile Cutlass
Improved Touring 7	1 <sup>st</sup>	20	Scott Nutter	Mazda RX-7
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	12	Steve Dominish	Mazda RX-7
Improved Touring R	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Raymond Peterson	BMW 325
Sports 2000	1 <sup>st</sup>	9	Bill Kasmer	Swift DB2
Super Production U	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Ken Fisher	Benden Cuplit
Showroom Stock B	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Bob Piekarczyk	Honda Civic
Showroom Stock C	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Mary Hartman	Chevrolet Cobalt
American Sedan	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	John Gingery	Mustang
D Sports Racer	1 <sup>st</sup>	9	Allen Franzolino	Beasley B2
E Production	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	AJ Anselm	BMW 318
Formula C	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Gary Gonda	Formala Co
Formula E	1 <sup>st</sup>	9	Garrrey Huff	Van Diemen
GT 2	1 <sup>st</sup>	18	Harry Belizaire	Lotus Esprit

Many of these battles for points position will continue throughout the rest of the season. Every competitor is automatically entered in the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series. The only requirement to earn an award (Champion, Second, and Third are recognized) is to participate in events conducted by at least two different Regions. The method of awarding points has a built-in bonus system recognizing those who do well against larger numbers of competitors. The 2012 schedule includes events which historically draw large fields of cars. The Westward Ho weekend was a great start.

The rest of the 2012 schedule is as follows:

July 28-29                      Steel Cities Restricted Regional at Pittsburgh International Race Circuit  
(Double Points)  
(Part of a SCCA National weekend)

August 4-5                      Mahoning Valley Region/MARRS Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course  
(Double Points)  
(Weekend includes an enduro)

September 15-16	Finger Lakes Region Double Regional at Watkins Glen (Annual "The Fun One")
September 29-30	Mahoning Valley Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course (Annual Divisional Shootout for the Nelson Ledges Cup)
November 17	Awards Banquet to honor Champions and thank all participants and volunteers.

There are several Kryderacing partners who make some of the great things at the Banquet possible. Sunoco Racing Gas has awarded class winners with free gas. Hoosier has donated tires. Carbotech Brake Pads have contributed pad sets and other door prizes. All three of these companies require display of their decals and wearing of their patches (available from Kryderacing). We also are honored to have Mazza Wineries donate the wine for the Banquet along with special bottles to the Champions recognizing their achievement. The Nelson Ledges Road Course has historically contributed "half-off" test days as door prizes. The Regions also help by paying a sanction fee and contributing door prizes usually along the line of free or half-off entry fees. The Banquet can be a rewarding evening as well as one filled with great food, numerous fellow enthusiasts, and a lot of fun.

### CRAZY SEASON

Just when a plan starts to come together things start going crazy. Such are our plans to replace the Kryderacing rental cars. A couple of years ago we had two of them. The Nissan NX2000 was actually owned by Bill Pintaric but maintained and rented through Kryderacing. It was sold to another client several years ago. That left only the Nissan 240SX years. But it when ran its last event last August.

After several months we came up with a plan. We would concentrate on rebuilding the IMSA GTU 240SX for vintage racing. And we would evaluate rental options. One very positive looking option was Dan Harding acquiring a Spec Miata for rental purposes. Dan already owns a Spec Miata and the second car would be maintained and serviced by Kryderacing for rental drivers. This all seemed like a great plan, especially since we already had a history of renting his Spec Miata over the past several years. Kryderacing could retain a rental car for clients while Reed and Sandi invested personal time and money on the GTU restoration.

But new options started to appear. Our number one renter has a personal preference against the Spec Miata. We support his reasoning 100%. Another person approached us about helping him get started racing, including coaching and building of a car. He has shown an interest in a Mustang running in the new-for-2013 SCCA T-3 Class. We will probably get started with some coaching and maybe rentals in Dan's Spec Miata during the next couple of months. We have also received another inquiry about the viability of the same model car in the same class next year. Perhaps one of these Mustangs could also become a rental for non-SM drivers in 2013. It looks as if we may be going ahead on several fronts.

### QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Asking people about their opinions is a very good way to make friends."

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

"Stay hungry, stay foolish."

"Remember the three R's: Respect for self, Respect for others, and Responsibility for all your actions."

### CLOSING COMMENT

From Reed: "Lately I have been reading tributes to Carroll Shelby. He was an amazing person. Our paths actually crossed several times, mainly when I was still a Goodyear Tire Engineer. What surprised me was how many people connected with Carroll also had a connection with me at some point during my life. An early connection, Ken Miles, answered a letter from me and led to my pursuing and obtaining a Mechanical Engineering Degree. One of Shelby's earliest employees, John Morton, still works with Kryderacing during our annual WeHo Day. As I read these articles I remember just how great a person Carroll Shelby was and the extent to which he will be missed. While saddened, I am thankful for some great personal memories I had not thought about for many years."

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