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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

LATE BREAKING NEWS

One of our best friends (and a great Kryderacing trackside crew member) has been honored by Dodge. Jerry Palmer is a Master Mechanic at the local Dodge dealer and spends a lot of his “off time” helping Kryderacing at the race track. Sometime during the month of September Jerry will be spending some time in Detroit where he will be recognized as one of their Top Eighteen Master Techs in the entire country. We may not have gotten the exact name of the award correct, but it doesn't matter. Jerry is among a very small group receiving a very special award. Congratulations.

NELSON LEDGES

Racing activities had been a little on the quiet side during the early part of July. But FUNDAY activities have filled the void for Reed. Reed serves as the lead instructor and his main function during a normal FUNDAY is providing an “Introduction to Performance Driving” instruction program. The goal is to point beginners in the right direction and give them some safe and logical paths to have fun with their vehicles. 2012 FUNDAYS have continued their growth patterns of the past few years. The July 14 and 15 events looked similar to past years with about 20 participants. July 21 and 22 must have been better dates for a lot of people. July 21 was actually run by an outside group (TRS) and had about 35 participants. Reed did his normal routine with a class of 15 beginners and stayed for the rest of the day to help were needed. Sunday, July 22 saw around 60 cars show up for a regular FUNDAY. Reed had 18 beginners in his class, the largest in the four years he has been doing the program.

There are a lot more FUNDAYS scheduled during the rest of 2012. Go to www.nelsonledges.com to find a schedule. There is also a Nelson Ledges University scheduled for Saturday, September 15. What is NLU? It is a full day FUNDAY program just for beginners and people with minimal experience. The participants receive more track time, expanded classroom discussions, in-car instruction, and a free lunch. It costs only \$150. Sign up with the track.

RACE REPORTS - #1

Steel Cities Region held their annual National on the July 28-29 weekend at Pitt Race (old BeaveRun). Reed and Sandi were there with Bill and David Pintaric. Bill was running his GT2 Nissan 350Z. Trackside was handled by Jerry Palmer. David was running his Viper ACRX in the STO class. David's trackside was handled by Matt Carson.

Bill had spent Friday evening at Mid-Ohio having the Motec system checked out by engine builder Allen Jensen. Bill made only two runs during the evening, but it was a very fruitful test in many ways. The tuning of the engine looked great but somehow the throttle had moved from full to a little over 90%. We were also told by Allen to watch the condition of the coils since he was seeing some computer traces he did not understand. We had no spare coils and Allen said he would make (modified wiring was involved) us a set during the coming week. Matt Miller was supplying the trackside at Mid-Ohio.

During Bill's first run Saturday at Pitt Race there was a noticeable change in the engine sound from earlier events. Instead of the screaming pitch we now heard what sounded like a V8 rumble. Bill and Sandi were the only people who had been at Mid-Ohio and when asked if the pitch had changed at Mid-Ohio they could not give definitive answers. Bill has ear plugs while driving and Sandi wasn't always in the pits. Anyway, since most people liked the new sound we decided it must be connected with correcting the throttle adjustment to 100%, even when it didn't totally make sense.

But during the second qualifying session the sound moved from a good sounding V8 to one which sounded as if it had dropped a cylinder. And Bill was driving "his a** off" with the result being he was a full second slower than the earlier session. We downloaded data and first determined the MAP sensor plug was not totally secure. Then we found a bad ignition coil. Since the new coils were at least a week away we had a problem. It took a few miles of driving but a coil was acquired and Sandi did the wiring modifications. As the Saturday sun was setting we fired the car's engine and determined all was well. During the Sunday morning hardship practice Bill confirmed it by turning his fastest lap times of the weekend. And the engine was back to "screaming".

Bill's main competition in the race was a past National Champion. On the fourth lap Bill moved into the lead when his competition spun off the track. Later during the lap Bill returned the favor by going off track. The rest of the race saw Bill either close the gap slightly or hold even with each passing lap. He was within several car lengths at the midpoint of the race. Then a full course caution bunched the field. But the Stewards decided it would take too long to clean up the problem and they checkered the race. Bill and the rest of us were disappointed with the loss of the opportunity for the win, but happy to have been as competitive as we were.

David's race with the Viper is somewhat different. David has been having a terrific year and had seven National wins to his credit. He had already wrapped up the NeDiv STO class championship and qualified for the National Championships. But there are a few other titles within his reach. He had no competition at Pitt Race so he decided to rest the car and start at the back of the race field. As he sliced through the field he was careful not to interfere with other class battles. He now has eight National wins.

RACE REPORTS - #2

So where was Matt Miller while all this Pitt Race activity was occurring? He was racing his ITS class Mazda RX-7 at Mid-Ohio's annual IT Fest. Also competing were Rob Piekarczyk and several other Kryderacing friends. We don't have all the results but do know most of them were satisfied with the weekend.

RACE REPORTS - #3

After fourteen months of not driving in an actual race, Reed finally got a chance to race on August 4. Driving demonstration laps, taking people for rides, testing cars, and similar activities are not the same as actually racing. Originally Reed was scheduled to drive with Greg Alley in his Mustang in the Mahoning Valley Region Enduro scheduled at Nelson Ledges. But the Mustang had been giving Greg problems in recent races. We were actually surprised when Greg arrived at the track ready to race. But the transmission was still a little suspect and he had a borrowed engine in the car. He decided to drop the enduro.

But Dan Harding was there with his recently acquired Spec Miata and offered Reed a co-drive. Reed's total practice time in the car was driving it across the infield. He started the race and quickly dropped to last. He kept a couple of cars in sight until one of them went off course and the other pitted due to a power steering failure. Later in the race he found himself slowly catching another car, but then he got the signal to pit and let Dan finish the race. There were not a lot of cars, but Dan and Reed did win SM.

On Sunday, Greg Alley's season of problems got uglier. After experiencing no problems on Saturday and running very well in the wet on Sunday he found himself behind a spinning car in the carousel. The spinning driver was on the high side of the banking so Greg took to low road. The spinning driver then rolled down the banking into Greg's path. CRASH. Greg's Mustang is headed for the junkyard and the other car had its side caved in. The spinning driver said Greg should have driven high around him. Greg said the spinning driver should not have let his car roll down the banking. Fortunately both drivers were unhurt.

RACE REPORTS - #4

David Pintaric and Matt Miller traveled to Pocono for the August 11-12 SCCA National and Bonus National. David has been chasing several point championships, both Divisional and National, and the opportunity to compete in two races was too good to miss. There were a few "bumps" during the weekend but David scored his 9th and 10th STO Victories of the year. There are two unresolved championships remaining. A nationwide point battle shows David leading, but there is one competitor who still could mathematically beat him. We will know after Labor Day. The other event is the SCCA National Championships (the Run-Offs). David is a contender for the Championship but if less than 10 cars compete

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there is no National Title. David won the race in 2010 against six other cars and received no title. In 2011 there were enough cars and he finished second by the smallest of margins after a race-long battle.

RACE REPORTS - #5

Gary Martz was back in his E-Production RX-7 during the August 11-12 weekend. He finished second at Grattan. Gary is qualified for the Run-Offs and it looks as if we once again will be towing his trailer to Road America for him. Hopefully we can avoid the tire blow-outs experienced last year during the trip.

2012 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

There are only two weekends of racing left before the awards banquet on November 17. "The Fun One" will be held at Watkins Glen on September 15-16. It will be organized by The Finger Lakes Region of the SCCA. Two weeks later (September 29-30) the Mahoning Valley Region will hold a double event. It will be the fourth edition of the "Divisional Shootout for the Nelson Ledges Cup". The competition in each of the previous three years has been extremely close.

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Never assume the obvious is true."

"There is a time to attack and a time to wait."

"Good advice is always irritating."

"It is possible to know so much about a subject that you are totally ignorant."

SHOP STATUS

We now have a Spec Miata available for rent. Dan Harding has acquired a second SM. We had rented his original Miata a couple of times in the past. Over the past few months we worked out an arrangement which will see Kryderacing maintaining, storing, and handling rentals for the second car. Contact us for information. We actually have made a few contacts during the last few months which have resulted in other people offering their cars for rent. So, if a Spec Miata isn't your cup of tea, call us and let us see what we can do.

We are also continuing to pursue the possibility of building a Mustang V6 during the winter months. Several parties have shown an interest, but so far no deal has been completed. There are three (maybe four) potential renters. Only one of them is a potential owner, and he might want exclusive usage.

FOR SALE

Eddy Eckart has his 2008 Mazdaspeed on the market. The info he sent me would fill most of this newsletter. Sounds like a great car. Contact him at eddy.eckart@gmail.com.

OTHER UPCOMING KRYDERACING SCHEDULE ITEMS

September 6-9: NASA National Championships at Mid-Ohio. David Pintaric competing. Matt Miller crewing.

September 8: Legendary Marques at the Ledges. Reed and Sandi heavily involved.

September 15-16: "The Fun One" at Watkins Glen. Part of the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series.

September 15: Nelson Ledges University. Reed is Chief Instructor

September 17-23: SCCA National Championships at Road America. David Pintaric, Bill Pintaric, John Buttermore, and Gary Martz will be competing. Just about everyone else will be crewing.

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September 29-30: MVR Double Regional at Nelson Ledges. Final weekend of the 2012 Kryderacing Regional Championship Series.

October 13: "Street Survival" event in the Youngstown area. Contact us if you have a teenage driver.

October 19-21: Final race in the Viper Cup Series. David Pintaric competing in the Watkins Glen contest.

November 9: WeHo at Willow Springs. We are on the big track this year. Contact us if you wish to join the fun.

November 17: Banquet for the Kryderacing Regional Championship Series.

November 29-December 1: PRI Show in Orlando

December 6-8: IMIS Show in Indy.

CLOSING COMMENT

On August 12th Reed and Sandi hosted a revival of their Brat Party. This was a regular event on our calendar many years ago. We invited both current and past clients, crew members, and friends. Many could not attend due to conflicts. That was expected but we had done the best we could with what was available. It still turned out to be a great reunion. We need to return to this being an annual event.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.