

KRYDERACING NEWSLETTER

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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

This is an extremely important activity aimed at saving teenager's lives. We were associated with one of these events last year. Another is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th in the Youngstown area. The basic idea is to take teenagers and have them experience situations where reactions are necessary to maintain or regain control of their vehicle. They experience actual ABS stops, controlled skids on wet pavement, and other exercises in a safe, controlled environment with experienced instructors riding in the passenger seat. The participants use their own vehicles. There are also classroom sessions (not too many), airbag demonstrations, and numerous other learning experiences not normally addressed in driver's schools where obtaining a license is the goal. Teaching basic vehicle operations and traffic laws is not our goal. Teaching survival during emergency situations is the objective.

One of the toughest parts of the program is getting teenagers to attend. They already believe they can drive (and they can under normal conditions) and are too busy with friends and other activities to participate. In almost 100% of the cases the parents force their attendance. But after a day of 'playing' with their cars and doing things with them they would never be allowed (or advised) to do in everyday driving they always leave happy, and proud of their new skills. And they leave better drivers with improved chances of surviving a panic situation if it ever arises.

If you know someone who has a teenager who would benefit please have them contact us. **DO NOT ASK THE TEENAGER IF THEY WANT TO ATTEND** – we already know their answer. The cost is a measly \$75 and lunch is included. Parents are encouraged to attend and watch (they also get a free lunch). We have also been known to let parents participate in the program, but teenagers receive preference. Attendance is limited.

LML

The “Kickoff” meeting for the 2013 Legendary Marques at the Ledges was held March 20 at the Cleveland House of Blues. The second edition of the LML is scheduled for Saturday, September 7 and includes several additions to the very successful 2012 inaugural event. The wine tasting party at the end of the day will have a band added to the festivities. There will be a car show added for those who wish to show their prized vehicles but do not want to drive them at speed on Nelson Ledges Road Course. Last year's Group E allowed convertibles to go on course behind a “control” vehicle. Group E will be expanded this year to include other situations where someone would like to go on course but their speed needs to be limited by a “lead” vehicle being driven by an instructor. We are also working towards having several vendors with their wares available on a mid-way. And there may be a few vehicles (both on and off the track) which are very rare. There is also a new website. Go to www.legendarymarques.com.

RACE REPORTS – Carolina Motorsports Park Testing

TransAm happenings started around the end of January and early February. On Wednesday, February 6, Huffmasters picked up the TA2 Camaro from the Kryderacing shop and headed for Carolina Motorsport Park. Matt Miller and Colton Kask had briefly gone over the car at the shop and the 'wrapping' in good old 'red, white, and blue' color scheme had been completed. Several vehicle related items still needed to be addressed, but Rob Huffmaster needed some seat time in a car which was very new to him. The Camaro was at the track testing on Friday.

Meanwhile on Friday, Matt Miller and David Pintaric were headed south with David's rig. David was scheduled to pick up his TransAm Corvette from Tony Ave on Saturday and do a little testing. David's testing on Saturday was short and no real problems were experienced. However, the Camaro experienced several problems during the course of Friday and

Saturday. Some of these were related to the driver getting used to a new type of vehicle (as well as Carolina Motorsports Park) and some were vehicle related. All-in-all the test sessions were a success. Both drivers got a taste of what their new rides felt like. We still have a lot of work to do at the shop. The next track activity was to be March 1-3 at the TransAm season opener in Sebring, Florida.

RACE REPORTS – Sebring TransAm

This was Kryderacing's first TransAm event. It was the first TransAm of the 2013 season. And we had both a TA and a TA2 car entered. Everyone was excited. And like most race weekends, there were highs and lows. The crew was lead by Matt Miller. Jerry Palmer, Colton Kaisk, and Bill Seibold assisted on the TA Corvette. Huffmasters supplied the crew for Rob Huffmaster's Camaro.

The TA2 Camaro had been repaired following the CMP testing but experienced additional problems during Thursday's test sessions. Fortunately everything was repairable trackside. One part did require overnight shipping. The car had another mechanical problem as it prepared to go out for Friday's morning practice session and driver Rob Huffmaster missed the entire session. Repairs were completed for the afternoon session and finally there was no breakage. The weekend continued with no additional problems and Rob qualified fourth in TA2 on Saturday. In Sunday's race he quickly moved to second place, but was never able to challenge for the lead. Considering how the weekend began, and also considering everyone on the team was new to TransAm (and TransAm style racecars), and finally considering Rob had never been at Sebring, I would say Rob and the team did very well.

The TA Corvette, driven by David Pintaric, also experienced initial problems. David was not able to test on Thursday and a fuel pressure problem was discovered during the morning session of Friday. The TA field is filled with some excellent drivers and loss of the track time was a set-back. But David significantly closed the gap between himself and the quickest of them as the weekend progressed. He eventually qualified in the top ten and was looking forward to the race. But an axle twisted and broke on the first lap. Bummer.

The next TransAm race is May 19 at Mosport.

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Sandi and Reed could not attend the Sebring TransAm as they were busy at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas. Reed is Regional Executive and Sandi is Treasurer for the Mahoning Valley Region of the SCCA. They have been attending the Convention for the past seven years and have become more involved in activities as the years have passed. If you are really interested in what they did during the three days of the convention you will need to read the reports in next month's issue of TRACK, MVR's monthly web publication. The issue with the reports in it should have appeared near the end of March. Go to www.mvrscqa.com.

They were actually in Vegas for a week. Their niece & nephew, Becky and Donny Ransburgh, provided a condo which was located within easy walking distance of the convention site. Some sight-seeing took place during the week. One quick sight-seeing trip followed hours spent trying to identify a plane Sandi sighted during our approach to the airport. She kept saying the plane was parked in someone's yard and there was no runway anywhere around. Turns out it was an exhibit on Wayne Newton's estate. We also spent a wonderful evening visiting Brian and Marge Ehlers at their beautiful home. They participated in Reed and Sandi's wedding years ago and have now retired to the Vegas area. Maybe one of these days we can get our Best Man from the wedding to drive up from Phoenix and join us (hint, hint).

SCCA NEDIV ROUNDTABLE

Think of this as a mini-Convention. It was held in the Pocono area two weeks after the National Convention. The Northeast Division meets to report on what happened at the National Convention, discuss changes for the upcoming season, and train new volunteers in specialty skills. There is also a lot of socializing and bench racing happening in the local eateries. A full report can be found on the Mahoning Valley Region website. Go to www.mvrscqa.org.

2013 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The schedule has been finalized:

April 20-21: Steel Cities Region Double Regional at PIRC (old BeaveRun)
May 18-19: Mahoning Valley Region Triple Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course
May 22-23: Finger Lakes Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course
August 3-4: Steel Cities (Double?) Regional at PIRC
September 14-15: Finger Lakes Region "The Fun One" Regional at Watkins Glen
September 28-29: Mahoning Valley Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course

November 23: Annual Banquet

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"There are only two ways to establish competitive advantage: do things better than others or do them differently."

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

"Talk with people, not at them."

OTHER UPCOMING KRYDERACING SCHEDULE ITEMS

April 13: Nelson Ledges Safety Training Day, Annual Vehicle Techs, Medical Exams, Kryderacing Test Day
April 19-21: VIR Majors (David and Bill Pintaric participating)
April 20-21: Steel Cities Double Driver's School and Regional at PIRC (Kryderacing Spec Miata for rent)
April 27: Nelson Ledges Funday (first of 2013)
April 27: Rod Whelan's birthday
April 28: Nelson Ledges Funday
May 3-5: Summit Point Majors (David Pintaric participating?)
May 5: Tire Rack Street Survival in Boardman, Ohio
May 12: Nelson Ledges University
May 13: Nelson Ledges Funday
May 16-19: Trans-Am at Mosport (David Pintaric and Rob Huffmaster competing)
May 17: Nelson Ledges Funday
May 17-19: Triple Regional Races, PDX, and Club Trial events held at Nelson Ledges
May 21: Jerry Palmer's birthday
May 23: Matt Carson's birthday
May 23-26: Trans-Am at Lime Rock (David Pintaric and Rob Huffmaster competing)
May 25: Nelson Ledges Funday
May 26: Nelson Ledges Funday

CLOSING COMMENT

Sometimes this is the most difficult part of the Kryderacing Newsletter to write. Coming up with something witty, or at least intelligent sounding, to wrap up the writing can be a frustrating challenge. I have already spent too much time trying to think of something to write to end this newsletter. And then it came to me.

Do you sometimes think you are working too hard and you'll never have time to stop and smell the roses? Maybe instead of smelling the roses you should try counting your friends. Count them all. Include your closest friends. Include people you enjoy doing business with. Include those you say hello to when you visit your bank, stop by the local convenience store, or go out to your favorite restaurant. Don't forget your relatives and neighbors. Some of your friends may not smell as good as roses, but I guarantee the small bit of time you stopped and thought of them will still bring a smile to your face.

I have been thinking of you, but now it is time to go back to work-----with a smile on my face.

Check www.kryderacing.com for weekly updates.

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