

# KRYDERACING NEWSLETTER

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## “HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

It's a new year and while we haven't been racing yet, there is a lot going on. This newsletter will give you an idea of some of the Kryderacing activities planned for 2014.

### RACE REPORTS

We haven't participated in any races yet, but the TransAm season starts late in February with an event in Sebring. The complete schedule includes:

March 2	Sebring International Raceway
March 9	Homestead
May 10	Road Atlanta
May 17	Mosport
June 1	New Jersey Motorsports Park
June 21	Road America
August 16	Mid-Ohio
August 31	Brainerd
September 20	Lime Rock
September 28	Virginia International Raceway
November 15	Daytona

When the schedule was announced in early December there was mention of another event being added. We haven't heard anything since then.

At the moment it looks like the only car being run out of the Kryderacing shop will be David Pintaric's TA Class Corvette. David won "Rookie of the Year" in 2013. Everyone on the team is looking forward to the 2014 season.

The TA2 Class Camaro driven by Rob Huffmaster in 2013 is "for sale". It is a great car. Rob was always in the top three and led most of the Brainerd race. We are looking for someone interested in buying the car but would entertain discussions regarding rentals. Our chief desire is to find a buyer who would retain Kryderacing services for maintenance and trackside. The car is owned by David Pintaric.

LATE BREAKING NEWS - Our chief desire seems to have happened as we went to press. Stay tuned or check out [www.kryderacing.com](http://www.kryderacing.com) as details become available.

David also has his Viper ACRX on the market. This is a beautiful car which was competitive in the 2012 Viper Cup Series and sat idle most of 2013 while David concentrated on the TransAm car. The Viper did run a couple of SCCA amateur events in 2013. It finished second in GT1 at the Mid-Ohio Majors and was running a strong second in T-1 at the Road America Run-Offs event when a clutch problem ended its day.

### BILL PINTARIC

Bill is planning on running both his GT2 and GTL Nissans this year. He will concentrate on the GTL car, running it at several of the local SCCA Majors. He is considering traveling a longer distance to a track he has never seen but hasn't made that decision at this time. He has mentioned VIR and Barber. The GT2 car will be raced at selected events when time allows.

## 2014 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The 2014 edition (32<sup>nd</sup>) Kryderacing Regional Championship Series should be finalized within the next couple of weeks.

The tentative schedule includes:

April 27	Steel Cities/Neohio Regions Double Regional at Pittsburgh International Race Complex
June 14-15	Steel Cities Region Double Regional at PIRC
June 20-21	Finger Lakes Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges Road Course
July 26-27	Mahoning Valley Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges
September 13-14	Finger Lakes Region "The Fun One" Regional at Watkins Glen
September 27-28	Mahoning Valley Region Double Regional at Nelson Ledges
October 18-19	Neohio Quad Regional at PIRC
November 22	Awards Banquet

## FUNDAYS, ETC

While dates have not been finalized, we expect Fundays to continue at Nelson Ledges Road Course following their successful growth of the past few years. Both the number of events and the average participation grew from 2012 to 2013. There have also been two Nelson Ledges University days during the last few years. NLU days differ from Fundays in that they target mainly beginners with more extensive instruction and include in-car instructors. NLU days are a work-in-progress but we expect them to continue in some form. Reed Kryder returns as Chief Instructor.

There are also events similar to Fundays during several SCCA race weekends. PDX is very close. Club Trials add "timed laps" and a competitive element to a PDX. And the latest addition is race events for drivers with no experience but having access to a vehicle meeting certain minimum safety requirements.

## ALTERNATE DRIVER'S SCHOOLS

Reed continues to be an approved instructor for the SCCA Alt DS program. This program offers a path to a SCCA Competition License for those who find it difficult to attend the more established programs. Alt DS students can custom design their schedule and activities with an instructor. Contact Reed at [reedkryder@aol.com](mailto:reedkryder@aol.com) with questions.

## 2014 WEHO

On October 17, 2014 we will be enjoying the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of this event. What began as a last minute effort by Sandi to help Russ Wilson after we heard a TrackTime event at Willow Springs was going to be cancelled has become something special. Each year since then a large group of Russ's friends look forward to what is as much a social event as a trackday. It seems as if once someone attends a WeHo event they put it on their calendar and try not to miss any future dates. Paul Arevalo, John Morton, and a few others have been there with Russ and the Kryderacing crew since the very beginning. If you find you may be in the southern California area around October 17 and are curious about the event, please contact us.

## BUTTERMORE

Kryderacing has been supplying trackside and other services to father and son Buttermore for several years. While father was stationed in China for GM his son captured a couple of SCCA National Titles with their T-1 Class Corvette. Dad returned home last year, son became a first time "papa", and somewhere along the way they managed to find a couple of weekends to race. In 2014 dad is retiring and his new lakeside home will have room to store and maintain the racecar. It looks as if their racing efforts for 2014 will be handled as a 'father and son' affair. We wish them luck and are standing by if help is needed.

## DOUG WEAVER

While Kryderacing is losing the Buttermore family as a client we are adding some new replacements. Last year Doug Weaver rented the Spec Miata maintained by our shop. He has signed on for at least five weekends in 2014 with a couple of additional possibilities. He will be going for the Kryderacing Championship in the Spec Miata class. He may also run an endurance race or two if they fit in with his schedule.

## SPEC MIATA

The SM car Doug will be driving is available for rent to other drivers for races, schools, Fundays, and other track type events. It is a safe and reliable car. Its owner, Dan Harding, will also make his personal Spec Miata available if there is demand. Anyone need a car for the SCCA Driver School scheduled on the last weekend in April at PIRC?

## ANOTHER SPEC MIATA?

We know this is the most popular class in SCCA, but lately it has started to become a very popular car around Kryderacing. During the past several years Rob Piekarczyk has owned and raced a couple of Spec Miatas with the Kryderacing logo boldly displayed on the hood. In 2012 we added the rental owned by Dan and maintained by our shop. For 2014 Bob MacDonald has asked Kryderacing to assist in his Spec Miata efforts at SCCA Majors. Seems Bob's company has been occupying more and more of his time and he needs some help. We will be helping both at home and at the track. Races tentatively scheduled include SCCA Majors at Blackhawk Farms, Mid-Ohio, Road America, Gingerman and maybe Grattan.

## LARRY RITZ

Reed and Sandi Kryder quit autocrossing at the end of 1974, turned their 1971 Datsun 240Z into a C Production SCCA racecar and went road racing in 1975. While numerous cars, racetracks, and crew members have woven through their activities ever since, Larry and Marge Ritz were there at the beginning. They had been autocrossing friends, helped us convert that Z-car for racing, and crewed for us for several years. Larry even raced the Z for a while. But as time went on we went our separate ways. We always kept in touch, but the nights spent working on our racecar, and days at the track were left back in the 1970's.

That is about to change. Larry has retired and is looking for several projects to become involved with. One item will be occasionally helping with some special jobs around the Kryderacing shop. Besides keeping his various vehicles always running at their best, one of Larry's talents was always keeping them looking great. There must be something in the Ritz family which fosters these skills because Larry's brother, Lanny, and his son, Eric, also possess some artistic talents to go with their mechanical skills. We plan on putting those skills to good use, initially on Bill Pintaric's GTL car.

## INFINITI M30

Every Winter Reed plans on doing some work on the Infiniti M30 we use for several functions at Nelson Ledges Road Course. It served as a Pace Car for many years but more recently has been used mainly at Fundays for coaching purposes. It serves that function well but the interior is showing the effects of setting in the sun for too long. This could become another project for the Ritz boys.

## LEGENDARY MARQUES

There are a couple of meetings scheduled during the next few weeks to get the ball rolling towards the Third Annual Legendary Marques at the Ledges event. One change will be moving the date from the Saturday after Labor Day weekend to the Saturday before the holiday weekend, August 23, 2014 to be specific. This event has grown dramatically during its first two years and we expect the trend to continue. If you have attended in the past you understand what we are talking about. If you have never attended, check your calendar and see if you are available. You won't regret it. Also, if you are connected with a car club this is a great club activity. Contact us for more details.

## TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

Also scheduled for its third annual event is Mahoning Valley Region's Tire Rack Street Survival. This is not a Kryderacing specific activity but the importance of it has virtually all of our employees and clients involved. Basically it is a one-day driving course targeting teenagers. Its purpose is not to teach them how to drive, but give them coaching and practice in survival skills which can be encountered during panic situations in everyday driving. Panic braking, including obstacle avoidance lane changes, are discussed and practiced with coaches riding in the student's vehicles. Changes in vehicle handling characteristics on dry and wet pavements are not only talked about, they are part of the behind-the-wheel activities. And there is a lot more of this type of 'hands-on' activity.

While most of the instructors have racing experience, they do not teach the teenagers racing skills. The skills needed by all drivers, regardless of age, during everyday driving to know what to do when the unexpected occurs are rarely needed. But they are handy when those situations occur and they can save lives. Race drivers deal with these situations frequently on the race track and are well equipped to discuss, demonstrate, and coach techniques to deal with them. There are Tire Rack Street Survival programs conducted by Sports Car Club of America Regions and BMW Clubs all across the country. Ours is at Boardman Park (near Youngstown) on Sunday, April 27. If you know of a teenager who can benefit from this program please contact us. One word of advice, don't ask the teenager if they want to attend. They already believe they are great drivers and don't see the benefit of giving up other plans. A parent needs to dictate their participation. We do know that by the end of the day NONE of the participants regrets attending and ALL of them admit to having a great time while learning something they now feel is of value..

### RUMORS, CLIENTS

Jonathan Goldston may be getting closer to competing in a race. Jonathan is the driving force between the Legendary Marques and has participated in several Fundays during the past couple of years. He has a strong desire to actually race but several other circumstances have kept him out of the driver's seat. So far 2014 looks like it might be possible. We have the Spec Miata available and he has been trying to find time to look at an A-Sedan Mustang available on the market.

Norm Merhaut, a regular Funday participant has been talking to us about building a kit car for track day activities. We have been doing some research on a donor car and looking at the shop schedule to see if we can meet his needs. A decision could be made by the end of February.

Rob Piekarczyk has sold his Spec Miata and is looking for something else to build. He is targeting the return of the SCCA Run-Offs to Mid-Ohio in 2016 as the date to have a very competitive and well sorted vehicle.

Chris Dercole's Mustang has been in for service and is awaiting a chance to get on a race track.

### QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Do it better than anyone else."

"Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about."

"emails are for facts. Calls are for discussion."

"Focusing on your opponent undermines your ability to improve yourself."

### PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Kryderacing is a good source for numerous racing products. Sunoco Racing Gas, HANS devices, personal driving equipment, Goodyear and Hoosier racing tires are just a few of the products we can help you acquire.

### CLOSING COMMENT

Solving problems as a team? Confrontation can be the spoiler. As a team we want to solve problems in a manner which arrives at an optimum solution, not in a manner which pits one person's opinions against another's. Egos can easily get in the way. There are a couple of problems with saying things like "I think we should ....." early in a conversation. Depending on the forcefulness of the statement it could make the person making it appear close-minded to other ideas, and puts others in a position of being confrontational if they wish to bring up their viewpoints, especially if the viewpoint is different. This can get to be a problem when the "I think" person starts pushing for their idea or states it in a way which implies the issue is settled and let's move on to the next point on the agenda. This approach can keep other ideas from ever being discussed. It would be much better if the "I think we should ....?" statement was replaced by one of "What if we ....?" Or possibly "Maybe we could ...". There are other approaches, but hopefully you get the idea. When discussing things in a team or group environment you need to voice your thoughts, but do it in a way which encourages other thoughts and variations in the pursuit of an optimum solution. .

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