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“HELPING PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR RACING OBJECTIVES”

Happy Holidays from everyone at Kryderacing

RACE REPORTS

There were several races at the end of the 2014 season featuring a lot of Kryderacing people. The Golden Harvest is mentioned below. But there were also events at Watkins Glen (“The Fun One”) and Mid-Ohio. Kryderacing shop boss Matt Miller and others ran at both. While there were several stories, one had a strange twist which only became known to Reed and Sandi late in November. During the October Mid-Ohio weekend two Kryderacing associated Spec Miata’s found each other on the track. Brian Vondran t-boned Doug Weaver in the door after Doug spun in front of him. Doug admitted he was at fault. Since Reed and Sandi were on their way to WeHo when the incident occurred they did not see the damaged door on Doug’s car until they returned. Reed’s first comment was that Brian’s Miata left a very good front bumper impression in the door metal. We don’t know his plans, but Matt informed us Brian wants to keep both the door from Doug’s Miata and the bumper from his Miata. We understand; there are several pieces of damaged bodywork hanging on the walls at the shop.

LIME ROCK TRANSAM

It has been one of those seasons. After winning TransAm Rookie of the Year honors in 2013 David Pintaric has been suffering through what most people would refer to as “the sophomore jinx”. Is he and the Kryderacing team better this year than last? The answer is a definite “yes”. But some of the results don’t show it. The September 20 race at Lime Rock Park was typical. David qualified and raced in the top five. He was a strong contender and there had been no problems throughout the entire weekend. Late in the race he has running fourth with the 2013 (and soon to be 2014) Champion directly behind him. This battle lasted for numerous laps. Then they came upon a very slow car. As they approached the first turn David moved to the left to pass while the champ moved right. The driver of the slow car noticed the champ and moved left to give him room. Unfortunately, David was already occupying that space. It was the end of what should have been a great weekend.

GOLDEN HARVEST DOUBLE REGIONAL WEEKEND AT NELSON LEDGES ROAD COURSE

It was the last race of the year at Nelson Ledges and it featured a huge number of Kryderacing associated entries. There were qualifying and feature races both Saturday and Sunday. Doug Weaver (ITA class), Bob Piekarczyk (T4), Rob Piekarczyk (STL), Bill Pintaric (GTL), and Kraig Hopkins (SPU) all posted feature wins on both days. No one finished second in any of the features but Greg Alley (ITA), Dan Harding (ITS), Brian Vondran (SM and ITA), Doug Weaver (SM this time), and Reed Kryder (SM) all posted finishes from third on down. The qualifying races had similar results.

Several of the above were entered in the Bracket Style Pursuit Race. Entrants designated a time they felt would take them to finish 15 laps, including a standing start in the pits and dealing with traffic and other issues during the course of the race. Eight cars approached the finish line as a group. The ninth place car was less than 10 seconds behind the group. No one crossed too early (finishing the race in less time than designated would result in disqualification). Brian Vondran won with Doug Weaver partially alongside. Greg Alley had led the most laps but dropped a few positions near the end. The Kryderacing 1-2 finish resulted in one competitor (jokingly, I hope) claiming the race was “fixed”.

WeHo

Fourteen continuous years means an event has reached a significant level and has drawn a loyal following. Such is the annual WeHo event at Willow Springs in California. Every year since 2001 Kryderacing has conducted a one-day event at the track (it varies between the big course and the “Streets of Willow”) for Russ Wilson and many of his friends. Most of the original attendees are still attending. John Morton has been our honored instructor since the beginning. This year he brought several copies of his recently released book (about his years at Shelby American). They disappeared quickly. Jim Bishop continues to handle classroom activities. Many of his students return, not because they failed during the

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previous year, but because of the entertaining and informative way Jim presents his subject matter.

This year we were “blessed” with something different from any previous event – a Priest. One of our longtime participants invited a Priest to attend. He showed up wearing his long black coat and looking very “priest-like”. His age was difficult to guess at, but let’s say 30-40’s. He did show up driving a current vintage “John Cooper” Mini. We found out he also has a vintage (“real”) Mini. He spent a few “on-track” sessions with John Morton, both riding and driving, and then demonstrated to everyone he not only owned sporting vehicles, but he could drive with enthusiasm and quickly learn many skills. At the end of the day he bought one of the helmets we always make available and promised to be back next year for the 15th Annual WeHo.

2014 KRYDERACING REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The 2014 season is over and the banquet has been held. The 2014 Kryderacing Regional Championship Series did not go exactly as planned. After many years of a predictable series the 2014 schedule was thrown askew due to the change in management at Nelson Ledges Road Course. This led to the cancelation of one event and uncertainty about others. This uncertainty led us to not asking several sponsors for continuation of their support. We would like to thank Bob Mazza and Mazza Vineyards for donating the wines enjoyed at the banquet and supplying special bottles for the Champions denoting their accomplishments. 2014 award winners were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
A Sedan	Robert Lewis		
Formula Vee	Guy Bellingham	Dennis Potocki	Mark Farnham
GT 1	Al Gaudino		
GT Lite	William Pintaric		
H Production	Michael Sestilli	Alan R. Patterson III	Andrew Moore
IT 7	Scott Nutter	Tom Nutter	Brandon Nutter
IT A	Jason Shultz	Greg Alley	Sage Wolfe
IT B	James Morgan Jr		
IT C	Jim Royal	Bill Shearer	Jim Royal Sr
IT E	Dan Koplou	Greg Goss	
IT S	Mark Keefer	Greg Schnell	Raymond Peterson
P 1	Paul Drula		
P 2	Allen Franzolino	David Gomberg	
Spec Miata	Jeromey Mizer	Spencer Patterson	David Cuifo
SPO	Robert Liddle	Chris Durbin	
SPU	Ken Fisher		
SRF	Bill Hornack		
STU	Mark Connolly		

Congratulations to everyone.

FUTURE OF KRYDERACING SERIES?

The disruptions during the 2014 series schedule were frustrating. Looking forward to 2015 we see even more turmoil. At this point in time there are only two probable dates. Finger Lakes Region and Mahoning Valley are combining for a June date at Nelson Ledges and Steel Cities has a September date scheduled for PIRC. The loss of dates is due to several factors such as conflicts with other events (Run-Offs, Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, and others already scheduled at Nelson Ledges), PIRC being closed early in the year for new construction, and the closing of Watkins Glen in the middle of the year for a complete repaving. Two weekends makes for a weak schedule and we are looking at ways to alter the program for 2015 so that the Kryderacing Series does not become a thing of the past. It would be a shame to end it after 32 years.

2014 TRANSAM SCHEDULE

The 2015 TransAm schedule has been released. David Pintaric plans to be back in action with Kryderacing support. We will see him in a new car, a C7 Corvette. The schedule is as follows:

March 1	Sebring
April 12	Homestead
May 9	Road Atlanta
May 23	Lime Rock
June 14	New Jersey
July 5	Brainerd
August 15	Mid-Ohio
August 29	Road America
September 27	VIR
October 11	NOLA
November 8	Circuit of The Americas
November 14	Daytona

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

“Habits are patterns. The best way to break bad habits is to start new patterns.”

“Appreciate what you have lived, not what you have.”

“The conviction that something must be done is the parent of many bad measures.”

CLIENT UPDATES

Kryderacing drivers have had a very good year. We have enjoyed working with David and Bill Pintaric, Doug Weaver, Dan Harding, Bob MacDonald, Chris Dercole, Brian Vondran, Kraig Hopkins, and others. Sandi and Reed would like to thank crewmembers Matt Miller, Jerry Palmer, Colton Kask, Brent Walton, Bill Seibold and Eric Johnson.

MISC – VEHICLES FOR SALE

A friend contacted us recently and informed us he has a new Corvette C7 Z06 on order and wishes to sell his current pair of Corvettes. Included is a 2006 Yellow C6 Z06 with less than 14,000 miles. He is asking \$39,500. Also for sale is a 2014 C7 Z51 with a little more than 2,000 miles. Asking price for this black beauty is \$50,950. Steve keeps his cars in better shape than anyone I know. The cars are located near Columbus, Ohio. Contact him at SStoll@aol.com if you are interested.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

On December 11 and 12 Reed, Sandi, and Matt spent time at the annual Performance Racing Industry Show in Indianapolis. We were joined by Gary Martz. We also enjoyed a few meals with Norm Fox and his son. We visited a lot of vendors while at the show and chatted with many friends. This was the first year we didn't have time to actually walk the aisles and look at the more than 1100 exhibitors. Reed had a prioritized list of places to visit and making it to the high and medium priority sites filled the majority of the two days. Matt did walk the aisles and found several new products we will be considering for our clients. We also attended the TransAm meeting and came away with the belief the series continues to grow and become stronger.

CLOSING COMMENT

A lot of people are wondering what the latest is regarding Nelson Ledge Road Course. We have heard very little. We also plan on issuing a Kryderacing Newsletter dedicated to this subject in a couple of weeks. If you have any news updates or comments you wished passed along, please let us know.

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