

## MID-AM REPORT

Well, now we're down to it. One race left to decide the Mid-Am championships -- and just to make it all the more excruciating, a two-month wait for that race to happen! Two months to fiddle with the car. Two months to pore over these points and work the permutations. Two months to devise a way around that Gateway "roval" faster than everyone else in the class. Two months to beseech the gods of racer fortune to smile upon the intrepid racer one more time.

Some classes are virtually done. Some are so close anything can happen with victory paying 24 points. What could happen?

PRODUCTION ~ SP: Any finish makes **Chester Bailey** (Wich) the champion. EP: For **Ronald Davis** (KC) to lose it, he'd have to finish third or worse while **Kyle Ritter** (KC) wins. FP: **Bill Van Keppel** (KC) is unbeatable. GP: One point separates three drivers, but to beat **Chris Albin** (SIII), **Court Whitlock** (OzMt) and **Rocky Entriken** (Sal) would have to finish 1-2, in either order

GT ~ GT1: If **Dan Guterman** (NeOk) can beat **Mary Daly** (StL) they tie in points and Guterman wins the tie-breaker. GT3: **Charles Guenther** (KC) has won it.

SPORTSRACING ~ S2000: **Al Essig** (KC) wins it with any finish. SRF: **Ken Tripkos** (Kan) or **Wayne Hudec** (NeOk) needs to win while **Ron Lentz** (KC) is finishing no better than third.

FORMULA ~ FC: For **Steve Willenbrink** to lose it, he'd have to finish fourth or worse while **Chuck Gillis** (NeOk) wins the race. CC: **Don Strathearn** (StL) needs only to finish. FM: **Bob Hancock** is the unchallenged champion. FF: **Dan Layton** (StL) and **Tim Blythe** (StL) are fighting for 12 points since neither qualified for the Bonus. If Layton wins, he's champ. If Blythe beats Layton, they tie, unless **Gary Payne** (StL) plays spoiler. CF: Even if **Hans Iwand** (Neb) should win the race, any finish of 4th or better gives **Chris Ingram** (OzMt) the championship.

AMERICAN SEDAN/SPEC MIATA ~ AS: It's a done deal, **Ted Johnson** (Neb) has won it and **Scott Bettinger** (Wich) is second. SM: It's wide open -- **Dick Faxon** (OzMt) and **Don Wiseman** (MidS) are tied at a max 72 points. Whoever wins the Bonus Race is champ.

IMPROVED TOURING ~ ITS: **David Bryson** (StL) and **Chris Flier** (StL) are tied at 69, so again whichever beats the other is champ. ITA: **Mitch Johnson** (Wich) took over the points lead on the Labor Day weekend but he's only four ahead of **Bob Stretch** (SIII). It's another where whichever wins at Gateway takes the crown. ITB: **Chris Albin** (SIII) could not lose it even if the wheels fell off his car on the pace lap. ITC: If **Phil Harris** (MidS) should beat **D.J. Manis** (Kan), they would tie at 72 points and Harris would win the tiebreaker. **Mark Buffon** (KC) has an outside chance. ITE: The trophy already has **Jeff Demetri's** name engraved.

—*Rocky Entriken*