

## MID-AM REPORT

**W**ith the cancellation of the June Memphis race we are now almost at the halfway point of the Mid-Am season, but part 2 won't get under way until July.

The first seven races came in just 2½ months, but although the schedule may have been a bit hectic it seems many drivers chose not to be. Despite our record 183 registered drivers, 73 of them have yet to put a wheel on the track and many others have barely gotten started on the season.

What does that all mean? It means it is still open season in just about all classes. Nine races left to score your best six. How open? Check it out:

### PRODUCTION

**SP** ~ Only one finish so far, with **Harlan Moore** (KC) scoring the points. **EP** ~ Nine drivers entered but only three have scored, and those just one race each. **FP** ~ Only five finishes so far. **Bob Eichelberger** (StL) owns three of them and the **Brothers Wagner** (NeOk) claim the other two. **GP** ~ **Chuck Leighton** (OzMt) has two wins and **Chris Albin** (Sill) has the other two; Leighton just passed the national points cutoff and is out of the series, and Albin will bounce out with just one more national finish. After that the score is zero-all. **HP** ~ **Jeff Norris** (Okla) has two wins, wouldn't mind a competitor or two.

### GRAND TOURING

**GT1** ~ **Mary Daly** (StL) won the last two and **Gene Nicholas** (MidS) has one. But both have also been scoring National points. Are they thinking Runoffs? **GT2** ~ **Greer Haynes** (MidS) is halfway to a 72-point total and **Aaron Holstrom** with one win is poised to chase. **GT3** ~ Four drivers, but the score is zero-all. **GTL** ~ **Ken Probst** scored a couple of wins, but DNFd both companion Nationals.

### SPORTSRACING

**CSR** ~ One driver, no score. **DSR** ~ One driver, no score. **S2000** ~ Ah, now some action. **John Nelson** (KC) has won a pair and leads at 31 points. **Rob Sherwood** (StL) has won both his starts for 24 points. **Jack Platt** (KC) has one win from two starts. And **Ed Smith** (StL) chased Sherwood home at Gateway. **SRF** ~ Another busy class, with all 11 registered drivers on the scoreboard. **O.L. Kinney** (KC) leads the fray with three wins in five starts, while **Jack Donnellan** (Okla) holds down second place after four starts. But these two both also have five National finishes already. Six of the remaining nine have been out at least twice so far.

### FORMULA

The wingy classes have shown a lot of activity, but the non-wing group has been dominated by singletons. **FA** ~ **Willard King** (KC) has two wins and **Phil Gumpert** (StL) has one. **FSCCA** ~ **Craig Chandler** (OzMt) and **Jason Mabee** (KC) each have one victory. **FC** ~ Three wins for **Shane Bennoch** (OzMt). **CC** ~ Four wins for **Robert Bass** (MidS). **FM** ~ Four drivers and all have scored. **Gary Phillips** (KC) and **Charles Gruner** (StL) each have two wins, while **Lee Walther** (Okla) has one. And then.... **FF** ~ Four drivers, three starts, one win each for **Don Nelson** (Neb) and **Tim Koch** (KC). **CF** ~ Four drivers, zero points. **FV** ~ Five drivers. Six finishes but **Matt Guzowski** (StL) has five of them including four wins. **F500** ~ **Kenneth Kirkland** (Ark) has made the last three races, winning 'em all.

### STREET TIRES

**AS** ~ Four drivers, but **Scott Bettinger** (Wich) has the only points from two wins. **T1/T2/T3/SSB** ~ No players. **SSC** ~ **Dave Gird** (Wich) is not letting any grass grow under his tires with three wins so far. **SM** ~ Of course this class has a lot of action,

what with 32 drivers signed up. Five have already met the four-race minimum to qualify for the series (and not incidentally, for double points at the Bonus Race). After five finishes each -- one win, one second, two thirds and a fifth -- The class lead ranges from A to Z: a 40-point tie between **Mike Asselta** (KC) and **Mark Zwolle** (MidS). But look out for the **Johnsons, Stephen** from KC and **Roger** from MidS, each also with one win. And behind them **Peter Lehr** (DMV) who's won both his starts.

### IMPROVED TOURING

Yeah, yeah, the IT's are always crowding the track in their races, right. Well, mostly. **ITS** ~ **Bill Denton** (MidS) tops out with three wins. **Aaron Holstrom** (KC) is not that far back. Nine of 13 drivers have points. **ITA** ~ Suddenly the biggest IT class with several Spec Miatas double-dipping. But it's **Jude Rudder** (OzMt) in a Nissan 240SX on top after six finishes including three wins. **Pete Knese** (StL) has been charging up the chart lately in his BMW 325e. Then with three finishes each in Miatas are **Charles Mabry** (Ark) and **Steve Eberman** (KC). 20 drivers in the class and 15 have points. **ITB** ~ 15 drivers signed up here, but it's mostly the **Chris Albin** show again: six finishes, six wins. Only four other drivers have points, and of those only **Patrick Findley** (MidS) has more than one finish. **ITC** ~ Another zero for four. **ITE** ~ Porsche, Lexus, Cobra, Viper, Integra, and all 10 drivers have scored points. **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) has been busiest with four wins. **Ron Pawley** (NeOk) has four 9s. **IT7** ~ **James Stevens** (StL) has won each of his four starts. The only other win went to **Howard Duncan** (Kan) -- yes, *that* Howard Duncan. Four others have yet to score.

The remaining schedule has the Mid-Am at Hallett twice, Heartland Park twice on the same weekend, MAM two times including the Bonus Race in September, and two weekends at Gateway including the Halloween doubleheader. Memphis is done for the year.

Remember the Runoffs withdrawal rule has changed for this year because the Runoffs are in October this time and we have to do the Bonus Race earlier. So Runoffs participation will not knock anyone out of the Mid-Am. Rather, any driver who qualifies for a MiDiv National Racing award -- that means top three in class -- will be the ones rendered ineligible for the Mid-Am and thus will not take Bonus Race points.

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