

NATIONAL RACING REPORT

Mid-South Region's double National over the Memorial Day weekend appears, from this far opposite corner of MiDiv, to have been a success. Wanting to consolidate the MiDiv schedule (still 10 Nationals but fewer weekends) and hoping to improve entries at the Memphis Motorsports Park, it seems to have accomplished both goals. The Sunday-Monday races pulled in 33 more drivers than what ran the two Memphis National weekends a year ago. In light of current economics (entries down all over the country) it's a wonderful development.

Historic too, since it was the first Double National in MiDiv in 20 years. To put that in perspective, the last time there was a Double National in MiDiv there were only seven SCCA Divisions (nine now), which is kind of like the last time the Cubs won the World Series there were only 46 states in the Union.

The Memphis weekend puts us at the halfway point of the MiDiv season. Here's how things are shaping up at the moment:

FORMULA

► **FA ~ David Grant** (MidS) won both ends of the Memphis weekend to leap into first place, followed by **Michael Roman** (StL) who only did the first of the two races and stands 4 points behind. ► **FB ~** We actually have some FBs now, apparently, although they haven't been out much. **Scott Dick** (StL) won at Phoenix and **Richard Stephens** (NeOk) won at Hallett so they're tied at 12 points each. ► **FC ~ John McMurray** (StL) is the only driver with two finishes so he leads by 9 over MAM winner **Phil Hemes** (KC). ► **FE ~** I love that the official abbreviation for Formula SCCA is also the symbol on the periodic table for iron, so I guess this is the open-wheel "big iron" class. Again, not a whole lot of activity. **Michael Fling** (Okla) won at Hallett and **Craig Chandler** (OzMt) won at MAM so they're tied at 12 each. ► **FM ~ Ken De Nault** (DMV) has been out five times so he leads the class for now at 17 points, but **Roger Addison** (Okla) and **Mark Greb** (DMV) both have a win on the board. ► **FF ~ David Livingston Jr.** (MidS) and **Gerald Barrett** (Okla) traded wins at Memphis so they came out of the weekend with Livingston holding the same 6-point edge he went in with, only now it's for first place. ► **FV ~** One of MiDiv's busiest classes, **Lisa Noble** (Kan) and **Donald Schanche** (StL) both have two victories. They're 1-2 with Noble leading by 11 points and Schanche 15 points clear of Memphis winner **Stephen Dreizler** (OzMt) in third. ► **F500 ~ Jack Walbran** has already been out nine times, winning twice, so he holds a 20-point buffer over **Kenny Price**, (StL) who won both Memphis races.

SPORTSRACING

► **CSR ~** Only one CSR appearance so far this year, by **Mike McGinley** (KC) who won at MAM. ► **DSR ~** A bit more action here. **Tom Bootz** (KC) has won twice including Memphis on Sunday, but a Monday DNF let **Charles Smith** (KC) score the points to go into the lead by 4. ► **S2000 ~ Rob Sherwood** (StL) won at Gateway, **Bob Henson** (KC) won at Hallett. Tied: 12 each. ► **SRF ~ Kenneth Sellenriek** is on a 3-race rip, winning Hallett then both Memphis races. His 36 points doubles the score of **Ken Tripkos** (Kan) in second.

GRAND TOURING

► **GT1 ~ William Gray** (MidS) and **Richard Grant** (MidS) have been chasing a lot of out-of-division points. Then they traded wins at Memphis and Gray is 8 points up on Grant at the moment. ► **GT2 ~ Barry Schonberger** (StL) took both ends of the Memphis doubleheader to pull into a 33-point tie with **Bill Allman** (Kan), winner at Gateway and MAM. ► **GT3 ~** Another of Grant's Army, **Milton Grant**, also scored twice at Memphis to take the class lead. ► **GTL ~ Peter Zekert** (StL) did the

Memphis Double to wrest the class lead from **Loren Moore** (OzMt). Moore is racing his LBCs in both GTL and HP this year and went for HP points at Memphis.

TOURING

► **T1 ~ Jim Lynch** (StL) has run all five MiDiv races so far, winning the first three, and his 52 points more than doubles the score of **Natha Waldbaum** (Neb). ► **T2 ~ Andy Wolverton** (Neb) has a new Solstice and won the first three races. **Tommy Joe Martins** (Miss) took the Memphis rounds and is only 3 points behind. ► **T3 ~ Dwight Faitz** (StL) won Gateway and twice at Memphis for the class lead.

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► **BP ~ Jeff Demetri** (Neb) won at MAM for the only class points. ► **DP ~ Ron Pawley** (NeOk) scored at Gateway and only ran Sunday at Memphis for 24 points.

PRODUCTION

All the Prod classes are busy, except that after GP fell out of the top 25 last year all the GP guys have gone elsewhere. ► **EP ~ Jon Brakke** (DMV) won at MAM and also at the two CenDiv races at Blackhawk Farms, giving him a 5-point lead over **Charlie Clark** (KC) and Memphis double-winner **Don Tucker** (MidS) who are tied at 31. ► **FP ~** A win at Gateway and two more at Texas World has **Eric Prill** (Kan) up by 7 points over **Rick Harris** (Wich), who scored a 1st and a 2nd at Memphis. ► **HP ~ Chris Albin** (Sill) also scored a 1st and a 2nd at Memphis to hold a 3-point edge over **Bob Eichelberger** (StL).

STREET TIRES

► **AS ~ Jim Wheeler** (KC) and **Chris Brannon** (OzMt) traded wins at Memphis. Wheeler also has two earlier wins and a 12-point lead over Brannon. ► **SSB ~ Dennis AuBuchon** decided his Lotus Elise was outclassed in T2, so he bought a Solstice and brought it out for the first time at Memphis, winning both days to lead the class. ► **SSC ~ John Saucier** (Okla) is in his customary place atop the standings after three wins. ► **SM ~** Perennial powers **Jim Drago** (MidS) and **Charlie James** (NeOk) were both chided by the stewards for jumping the start at Memphis Monday, to the benefit of **Sam Henry** (OzMt). Current standings: Drago 42, James 41, Henry 40, But look out for newcomer from Texas **Eric Foss** (NeOk) who won both days at Memphis to jump from nowhere to 4th place.

The Midwest Division I.T. Tour

With no I.T. Tour races scheduled with the Heartland Park double National over the Labor Day weekend, just three races remain in this series. Drivers can score their best five, but still must have a minimum of three starts.

► **ITR ~ Robert Woodard** (Neb) has three wins to lead the class by 20 over **Don Melvin** (StL). ► **ITS ~** Three 2nd place finishes by **Robert Herman** (Neb) is enough for the moment to hold a 3-point edge over Memphis double winner **Mark Andrews** (StL). ► **ITA ~ Texan Mac Spikes** (MidS) only raced Sunday at Memphis, but it gives him a 5-point edge over Monday winner **Oren Tucker** (Ark), who's just 1-up on **Charles Mabry** (Ark). ► **ITB ~** Two Memphis wins have restored **Chris Albin** (Sill) to his customary place atop the standings, but just 6 points ahead of **Gary Learned** (Okla). ► **ITC ~ Craig Smith** (Miss) got the two Memphis wins to take a 3point lead over **Curt Weilandich** (StL). ► **ITE ~ John Waldbaum** (Neb) is the only driver with more than one start, winning two of three for a 19-point bulge. ► **IT7 ~ Trey Scott** (StL) did the double at Memphis to move into the class lead. --*Rocky Entriken*