

MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by AgRacer - 11 Nov 2014 09:19

I am exploring the idea of organizing a 3 race crossover series between Mid-South, Southeast, and Great Lakes/Midwest. The most centrally located tracks to do this at would be Memphis (MIR), National Corvette Museum (NCM), and Road Atlanta. The MIR and NCM dates are fairly easy to plug in, MIR being the Small Bore Shootout (an added bonus to attend), and the only NCM date on the GL/MW tentative schedule that is already a cross over between the two regions. That schedule so far looks like this:

June 13-14 - Small Bore Shootout @ MIR (cash prizes just for this race alone)

July 17-19 - National Corvette Museum

The Road Atlanta date is harder to plug in and a bit more spread out due to schedule conflicts between the other two regions. We can either go really early (March) or really late (December) for a Road Atlanta date unless there is enough interest to go to a different SE track (Daytona, CMP, or Roebling).

The goal for this is to increase crossover competition between the regions and get some sort of added contingency and points bonus on the season. What would be enough of an incentive to get drivers to participate in at least 2 or all 3 races? Double Points? Cash Prizes? Tires or race shop gift cards? Trying to get a mark on the wall before I do some organizing only to come up short on the goodies.

Driving distances from Nashville, a centrally located city to all three regions:

NCM - 67 miles or 1 hour

MIR - 207 miles or 3 hours

RA - 265 miles or 4.5 hours

CMP - 460 miles or 7.5 hours

Roebling - 480 miles or 7.5 hours

Daytona - 680 miles or 10 hours

Re: MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by Sterling Doc - 25 Nov 2014 17:07

I love this idea. Mid-O is a great track, and reasonably centrally located. It's already a MW/GL crossover, as well.

Re: MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by AgRacer - 26 Nov 2014 07:00

While Hallett and COTA are amazing tracks, COTA being a bucket list track even, I don't think many GL/MW guys would travel that far unless it were truly something bigger (like Nationals at VIR). Plus, I don't know how many racers maintain dual membership in both PCA and NASA. I'm also planning on trying to leverage some of the already setup contingency and points systems that NASA has setup, something akin to what they are doing for the Small Bore Shootout. I've already explored the idea of a 944 Cup series invite to run with us NASA racers the last part of this year after their season was over, but the 944 Cup series director told me to pound sand.

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From Nashville, my original baseline:

Hallett is 651 miles

COTA is 871 miles

Mid-O is 463 miles (into normal MW/GL territory)

VIR is 499 miles

Re: MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by Brian Evans - 26 Nov 2014 07:51

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Actually, I was thinking of Mid-O being in addition to what you suggested, then each region has an in-region event, we have a "neutral track" in NCM and then the National race at VIR, 5 total.

Of course, don't know if this is feasible or not schedule-wise...

Re: MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by early70scamaros - 26 Nov 2014 08:38

I think we are going to get the MW/GL guys for NCM as they are the "host" region for the event, but if you have not driven Mid Ohio, it is a great track. Mid Ohio is probably not in the cards for me in 2015 (unless I could work it in as a arrie and drive work trip).

Would also love to race COTA and would be interested in doing something there in 2016 (PCA?) if NASA does not. I will get with Will F to see if there is anything working with the track.

Re: MS/SE/GL/MW NASA Region Crossover Series

Posted by norman#99 - 27 Nov 2014 10:57

First of all Happy Thanksgiving to everybody from coast to coast! I am thankful for our class not only for the racing, but for all of the great friends that I have made as a result.

COTA is on my bucket list and as I age I want to work on the list asap. I can't find where PCA is racing there, can you forward the link? Is NASA's TX region planning a race there?

Thanks and have a great day!
