

## MID-AM REPORT

For reasons which remain a mystery, the 2001 Mid-Am has had the lowest total of registered drivers – 118 – since 1986, when 101 drivers signed in.

Nevertheless, there are some spirited championship battles going on with only three races remaining in the Mid-Am season. In ten classes, one race victory – or much less – could turn the championship around.

ZERO POINTS – The brand new Spec Miata class is showing a 72-point deadlock between the top two drivers, **Dick Faxon** (OzMt) and **Don Wiseman** (MidS). This one definitely comes to a showdown at the Bonus Race, Oct. 27 on the Gateway Roval.

ONE POINT – That's where G Production stood before the August round at Gateway, and that's where it stands after but with the top two drivers trading positions. Now it is **Court Whitlock** (OzMt) on top at 51 points to 50 for **Rocky Entriken** (Sal).

THREE POINTS – ITC has not been a very busy class in past years, but this year it has developed into quite an interesting contest. **Phil Harris** (MidS) vaulted to the top of the chart after the Gateway round, ahead of **Mark Buffon** (KC) and **D.J. Manis** (Kan). Thing is, this one is 3 + 3 because the points for the three players stand at 48-45-42.

SIX POINTS – Half a win is all the separates first from second in Spec Racer Ford, Club Ford and ITS.

In SRF, it's **Ron Lentz** (KC) holding the top at 66 points, while **Ken Tripkos** (Kan) lurks at 60. Both are now in a position where only victories can increase their points totals, and then only by a net points if they win. Except, of course, for the Bonus Race, where the winner could earn a net 15 points.

In Club Ford, **Chris Ingram** (OzMt) has 42 points from four finishes, but **Hans Iwand** (Neb) has 36 from just three, all victories.

ITS shows **David Bryson** (StL) leading **Chris Flier** (StL) 69-63 after a good weekend at Gateway for Flier (he won) and a bad one for Bryson (he crashed).

EIGHT POINTS – That's the separation in ITA where **Bob Stretch** (SIII) leads **Mitch Johnson** (Wich) by a score of 60-52. Stretch's score comes from five victories while Johnson has won three.

NINE POINTS – **David Livingston Jr.** (MidS) won Formula Ford at Gateway while **Dan Layton** (StL) took a DNF. Not a good day for Layton because that let Livingston jump to the top of the tally to lead the class 45-36.

ELEVEN POINTS – **Ronald Davis** (KC) felt comfortable at 69 points in E Production and did not go to St. Louis. **Kyle Ritter** (KC) did, won the race, and closed up to 58 points.

TWELVE POINTS – The difference in Super Production between **Chester Bailey** (Wich) and **Harlan Moore** (KC) is the fact Bailey has won three races and Moore two. They're at 36-24, but both need more finishes to qualify for the series. They could get them at the Bonus Race showdown.

Halloween weekend could be scary at Gateway! –*Rocky Entriken*