

# Mid-Am Report

**T**wo double-regional weekends bring us to the halfway point of the Mid-Am season. So far only two drivers have racked up 60 points or more to be ranked on the Driver of the Year list, but six drivers have four wins each for 48 points and another four have enough high finishes to even exceed that 48-point level.

Top dog at the moment is ITR class leader **Ralph Woodard** (Neb); actually he has seven victories having missed only the season opener in Memphis. There's also a provision that to be DotY a driver must have at least four outright wins -- first on the track in a class of at least two cars -- and Woodard took care of that detail at the Heartland Park double.

Standing at the 60-point mark is ITB class leader **Alex Wiley** (Kan), with victories at Hallett and MAM and four second-place finishes.

Drivers with four victories to date, all of course leading their class, include **Jeff Norris** (Okla) in Club Ford, **Kenneth Kirkland** (Ark) in F500, **Jason Mabee** (KC) aiming to become MiDiv's first SportsRacing SCCA champ at any level, **Paul Yonally** (KC) in ITC and **John Waldbaum** (Neb) in ITE,

IT7 leader **Matthew Rivard** (KC) also has four wins but traded victories at HPT with **Charles Casteel** (KC), who served notice the class will be no easy pickin's.

Nor will the brand new GT America class. The GTA guys skipped the first four rounds, then came out in force at the MAM and HPT doubleheaders -- 11 of them at HPT, including visitors from Texas and Florida! **Ron Keith** (KC) took the top Mid-Am points in all four races in his NASCAR-style Taurus.

In ITS, **Robert Herman** (Neb) has run up 57 points from three early victories and then a string of third-place finishes. Closing in, however, is **Mark Andrews** (StL), the 2007 Driver of the Year, who has won the last three races.

Likewise, **Tim Gerrity** leads ITA with 55 points, winning the season opener at Memphis and then scoring 2nd-place points at all four of the MAM/HPT races. He, too, has a pursuer in **Guy Watney** (KC), who won three of those four races.

There's always a battle in Spec Miata, of course, which at this writing is led by **Denny Beitler** (Okla), victor at both MAM races and runner-up in both HPT rounds.

**Matthew Potter** (KC) leads the E Production class after winning three of four in the MAM/HPT doubleheaders. **Harvey Kinnard** (KC), who won the March races at Memphis and Gateway, stands second.

Spec Racer Ford has two-time winner **Duane Dean** (KC) atop the list, with **Glen Tomlinson** (Okla) his closest pursuer.

In F Production, **Ron Davis** (Kan) has two wins and is holding off the **Brothers Wagner** (NeOk), **Randy** who also has won twice and **Marty**.

With three wins, **Tristan Hanson** (StL) leads GT-Lite. **Bill Noble** (Kan) has won twice to top the Formula Vee rankings. --*Rocky Entriken*