

# Mid-Am Report

The slumping U.S. economy was reflected in the Mid-Am Championship this year, with low entries cancelling three races much to the dismay of some drivers planning on them to meet the series' minimum requirements or to qualify for double points at the Bonus Race. Still, regular points won a couple of drivers their championship.

**Ralph Woodard** (Neb) was not concerned, since he only missed two of the 12 races and won the other 10, making his run to Driver of the Year in his ITR BMW a runaway for him.

Twelve of MiDiv's 14 Regions celebrate award winners, 10 with champions.

**KANSAS CITY REGION** kept up its recent dominance, taking six championships and 13 awards overall. **Matthew Rivard** had the top points score in winning IT7 with four wins and two 2nds. Close behind him was ITA champ **Tim Gerrity**, winning the season opener then adding five 2nds including the Bonus Race. **Matthew Potter** had four wins to tale E Production. Also winning four -- every race they ran -- were **Kyle Ritter** in GT3 and the first-ever Mid-Am champs in SportsRacing SCCA, **Jason Mabee**, and in GT America, **Ron Keith**. It was the first championship for all but Keith, who won Super Prod last year in his NASCAR-style Taurus and led a 1-2-3 sweep of GTA this year with **Randy Keith** and **Lenny Mullin** following him in the standings. Also taking runner-up awards were **Paul Yonally** in ITC, **Aaron Holstrom** in EP, **Guy Watney** in ITA and **Duane Dean** in SRF. **David Bennett** placed third in ITS.

**OKLAHOMA REGION'S** four champions included two of the toughest classes outside of the IT category, with **Glen Tomlinson** winning Spec Racer Ford and **Denny Beitler** taking Spec Miata. **Jeff Norris** is the Club Ford champion and **Jack Donnellan** won S2000.

**ST. LOUIS REGION** has three champions, including two who used Bonus Race victories to claim their crowns -- **Mark Andrews** in ITS and **Curt Weilandich** in ITC. **Tristan Hanson** took the GT Lite title. Taking 2nd place awards are **Don Melvin** in ITR and **Tim McGinley** in HP. **Jim Fiss** used Bonus Race points to jump from 5th to 3rd in SRF.

**NEBRASKA REGION**, in addition to **Ralph Woodard's** ITR championship, also has **John Waldbaum** leading a 1-2 finish in ITE with **John Slinkard** coming in 2nd. **Robert Herman** scored a 2nd in ITS.

**KANSAS REGION'S** **Bill Noble** filled out his trophy case with about the only thing he hasn't won up to now, a Mid-Am championship in Formula Vee. There's some five National Championships in FV plus three MiDiv National racing titles preceding it. **Alex Wiley** tied for the ITB lead but was on the wrong end of the tiebreaker.

**NEOKLA REGION'S** brother act swept FP, **Randy Wagner** winning the class for a third straight year with **Marty Wagner** second.

**ARKANSAS REGION'S** **Kenneth Kirkland** won a third straight championship in Formula 500.

**OZARK MOUNTAIN REGION** is home of the H Production champion, **Jack Schulz**, who won a Bonus Race shootout in which neither of the two contenders were qualified for the Bonus so they had to do it on straight points.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGION'S** own **Chris Albin** won ITB for the sixteenth straight year!

**WICHITA REGION'S** **Scott Bettinger** took second in Spec Miata.

**DES MOINES VALLEY REGION** has two 3rd place award winners, **Ray Yergler** in Spec Miata and **Harlan Donaldson** in ITB. --*Rocky Entriken*