

# MID-AM REPORT

A record 185 drivers have signed up for the Mid-Am Championship this year, this despite a reduction in Spec Miata numbers since it became a National class. Every Region has drivers competing, and all but two have at least one driver in a trophy (Top-3) position with at least two finishes.

KANSAS CITY REGION (50 drivers) is the big dog on this street, with 15 drivers in the top-3. **Stephen Johnson** leads Spec Miata and just moved into 5th on the Driver of the Year list. **John Nelson's** four wins tops Sports 2000. **Tim Koch** also has four to lead Formula Ford. **Aaron Holstrom** has an 11-point edge in ITS. **Gary Phillips** is the F/Mazda leader despite a DNF at MAM, and **Willard King** is out front in F/Atlantic. Standing second in class are **Steve Bachenbarg** in ITA, **Jason Mabee** in F/SCCA, **Patrick Hughey** in FV. **O.L. Kinney** holds that spot in SRF, with two more KC drivers, **Dan Axtell** and **Jim Coté Sr.** tied for third. **Mike Asselta** also is in a third-place tie, in Spec Miata. Others on the third step are **Travis Nordwald**, ITA; **Scott Peterson**, IT7, and **Cliff Koehler**, FM.

ST. LOUIS REGION (37 drivers) claims seven in trophy positions. **Matt Guzowski** in FV and **James Stevens** in IT7 both have identical 57-point records, four wins and one second. **Bob Eichelberger** has also won four, in FP, while **Mary Daly** has three wins to lead GT1. In runner-up positions on the points list are **Charles Gruner** in FM, **Ed Smith** in S2000, and **Jim Krispin** in CF.

DES MOINES VALLEY REGION (14 drivers) has the third-highest driver tally, and three of them are holding down second place in their classes at the moment. **Peter Lehr** is chasing the leader in Spec Miata. **Greg Scharnberg** is making a late bid in Club Continental, winning the most recent three races. **Harlan Donaldson** took the ITB win at MAM to bump up the points list.

NEBRASKA REGION (12 drivers) is led by **Andy Wolverton**, who already has seven wins in ITE and stands second in the Driver of the Year tally. **Don Nelson** is the runner-up so far in Formula Ford.

MID-SOUTH REGION (11 drivers) has two class leaders, **Greer Haynes** in GT2 and **Robert Bass** in Club Continental, both with 4-win 48-point scores. **Bill Denton** has won three in ITS for second place, and **Mark Zwolle** is the other half of that third-place tie in Spec Miata.

WICHITA REGION (11 drivers) has **Dave Gird** in the running for a new driver's suit from SafeRacer, leading SSC and standing sixth in Driver of the Year. **Scott Bettinger** still leads American Sedan.

OZARK MOUNTAIN REGION (10 drivers) has four class leaders topped by **Jude Rudder** in ITA and also fourth in DotY. **Court Whitlock** leads EP, **Craig Chandler** has a 3-point edge in F/SCCA, and **Shane Bennoch** is the F/Continental leader.

OKLAHOMA REGION (10 drivers) has the leader in the tough Spec Racer Ford class, **Jack Donnellan**, who also stands third on the DotY list after winning all four July races. **Jeff Norris** won't figure in HP as a result of going over the limit in National points but is hanging on to the lead in Club Ford. **Lynn Lamb** holds down second in IT7.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGION (9 drivers) has **Chris Albin** in his accustomed places atop the ITB and DotY lists. **Kenneth Probst** tops GT Lite while **Donald Hendry** is third in ITB.

NEOKLA REGION (8 drivers) has **Ron Pawley** runner-up in ITE while the **Wagner boys** hold down 2nd (**Randy**) and 3rd (**Marty**) in FP.

ARKANSAS REGION (7 drivers), shows **Kenneth Kirkland** out front of F500 after four wins. Holding third-place slots are **Scott Davie** in ITE and **Dan Crosssett** in ITS.

SALINA REGION (3 drivers) has **Rocky Entriken** atop the GP class after a July blitz, the only other driver to score 12 at all four races.

KANSAS REGION (2 drivers), lists **Howard Duncan** as its best, 5th in IT7 with one win.

MISSISSIPPI REGION (1 driver) has only **Skip Brunson**, 6th in ITS.

--Rocky Entriken

