

# NATIONAL RACING REPORT

**B**ut three races remain on the MiDiv National schedule and they're going to come in a bunch. MAM the end of this month, a one-week break, then Gateway and Heartland Park back-to-back. Several drivers hoping to win one of those coveted leatherback director's chairs that go to the MiDiv champions still need that third start.

So far the new National classes have attracted little interest in MiDiv. Nobody yet has shown up in **FORMULA 1000** or **B PREPARED**. There's been just one start in **SUPER TOURING**. **Ron Pawley** (NeOk) has five races in **D PREP** but only two MiDiv starts. Three drivers have **F/SCCA** points but between them just three MiDiv starts, two of those owned by **Craig Chandler** (OzMt). Otherwise....

**FORMULA** • **~FA~** Like the **Grants** (MidS), **Keith** leading the class at 48 with **David** third at 42 but both with just two MiDiv starts each while **David Wilcox** (Wich) already has four MiDiv starts and 45 points in 2nd place. **~FC~ John McMurray** (StL) has a 20-point lead but also needs that third start. **~FM~ Ken De Nault** (DMV) has a 19-point lead over **Michael Fling** (Okla). **~FF~ Cliff Johnson** (KC) leads at 51 points, but with one more win **Gerald Barrett** (Okla) could tie him. **David Livingston Jr.** (MidS) is only another 3 behind Barrett. **~FV~ Lisa Noble** (Kan) leads the list at 63 points but **Brad Stout** (StL) in second is perfect with four wins from four starts. **~F500~ Jack Walbran** (StL) looks strong at 66 points, but that's his best six of 10 races. **Kenny Price** (StL) at 31 and **Rusty Cook** (MidS) at 30 are scoring just three and four races.

**SPORTSRACING** • **~SRF~** The names at the top are not those customary from past seasons. **Michael Wold-Steele** (Neb) has a 14-point edge but just nine points covers the next six, led by **Jim Coté Jr.** (KC), **Angelo Lagonia** (MidS) and **Jim Rishel** (Wich). **~S2000~ Rob Sherwood** (StL) is the only one making big noise with five wins. **~CSR~** National Champ **Hans Peter** (KC) also has five wins. **Mike McGinley** (KC) seems the only real challenger. **~DSR~ Charlie Smith** (KC) has the class to himself this year.

**GRAND TOURING** • **~GT1~ Shawn Gray** (MidS) with five wins is leaving the class behind. **~GT2~** It is just a 6-point spread from **Milton Grant** (MidS) to **Andy Hauck** (Kan) to **Greer Haynes** (MidS). **~GT3~ Milton Grant** (MidS) again, but this time he has 20 points in hand over **Richard Allen** (Okla). **~GTL~ Peter Zekert** (StL) has maxed his score at 72. **Chris Bovis** (Kan) and **Brad Lewis** (StL) are tied at 36.

**TOURING** • **~T1~ Jim Lynch** (StL) holds a 22-point lead. **~T2~ Dennis AuBuchon** (StL) tops this class by 20. **~T3~ Dwight Faitz** (StL) has but a 6-point edge over **Steven Burkett** (StL).

**PRODUCTION** • **~EP~ Brian Haupt** (KC) has only a 5-point edge over daughter **Meredith Haupt** (KC) and sandwiched between them are **Kevin Grant** (MidS) and **Don Tucker** (MidS). **~FP~ Eric Prill** (Kan) is up by nine over **Jesse Prather** (Kan). **~GP~ Chris Albin** (SIII) holds a 19-point lead. Past national champs **Chuck Mathis** (SIII) and **Kent Prather** (Kan) are tied at 24 each. **~HP~ Loren Moore** (OzMt) is the second of three drivers in the MiDiv list with a max 72-point score.

**STREET TIRE** • **~AS~ Jim Wheeler** (KC) has a 17-point margin over **Scott Bettinger** (Wich). **~SSB~ Jim Daniels** (MidS) leads with two wins. **~SSC~ John Saucier** (Okla) has a max score from seven wins and four 2nds in 11 starts. **~SM~ Jim Drago** (MidS) leads **Charlie James** (NeOk) 60-53, the two of them running away from the rest of the most popular class in SCCA racing today. —*Rocky Entriken*

## The Midwest Division I.T. Tour

**I**t also takes three starts to earn the Olympic-style medallions that go to I.T. Tour champions. So far the three drivers with points in the new **ITR** class have but one each. In every other class but ITB, the leaders have met the minimum. Only two races remain.

**ITS** – **Bill Denton** (MidS) is up by just 6 over **Mark Andrews** (StL) and **Sam Parsons** (Wich). • **ITA** – 26 drivers have points. **Ed Mabry** (Ark) leads **Mac Spikes** (MidS) by just three. • **ITB** – **Douglas Warren** (StL) has two wins, good for a 5-point lead over **Gary Learned** (Okla). • **ITC** – **Curt Weilandich** (StL) has racked up four wins and is the only driver whose Tour championship is a done deal. • **ITE** – **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) has three wins in four starts and a 14-point lead on **John Waldbaum** (Neb). • **IT7** – **Charles Casteel** (KC) has two wins and a 12-point edge over **Nadeem Bari** (StL). —*R.E.*