

NATIONAL RACING REPORT

Once it warmed up enough to race in MiDiv, we got going in a hurry with three nationals over five weeks. Now we pause briefly to regroup, a month-long deep breath before our first Double National in 20 years!

Yes, it was 1988, two decades ago on the same Memorial Day weekend when the Midwest Division last did a Double National. It was at Second Creek Raceway north of Denver back when Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming were still part of MiDiv!

Only one still-familiar name was among the list of winners that weekend. **Charlie Clark** (KC), currently sitting atop the E Production standings, Won the Sunday GT3 race in his green Corvair.

In the 2008 season to date only two drivers have managed to sweep all three MiDiv races at Gateway, Hallett and MAM -- **Jim Lynch** (StL) in Touring 1 and **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) in Touring 2.

But as they say, two-out-of-three ain't bad and Clark is among those who've accomplished that so far in the first three MiDiv races -- joined by National Champion **Hans Peter** (KC) in F/Atlantic, **Bill Allman** (Kan) in GT2, **Tom Morrison** (OzMt) in HP, and **Jim Wheeler** (KC) in American Sedan. All of them, of course, leading their classes.

With out-of-division races also included, the top points-getter at this time is FV leader **Lisa Noble**

(Kan), whose two wins include one at Homestead in Florida. She's already run up 47 points!



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Out-of-division travels have also enabled a few others to rack up three wins so far, including class leaders **Eric Prill** (Kan) in FP and **John Saucier** (Okla) in SSC.

Yet with seven Nationals to go it may be premature to put too much stock in the MiDiv Standings. It's probably a safe bet all of the above-named drivers will qualify for the 2008 Runoffs, but whether they or someone else will go as MiDiv champion is another matter entirely! The Memphis Doubleheader will mark our halfway point with three months to go.

The Midwest Division I.T. Tour

The only driver able to pull off the triple so far on the I.T. Tour is **Robert Woodard** (Neb) leading the ITR class.

In fact, just one other I.T. driver has even been able to win two -- **John Waldbaum** (Neb) in ITE.

ITS, ITA and ITB all have three different winners. ITC and IT7 had different winners at Gateway and Hallett with nobody entered at MAM.

A rule change in the Tour this year means only the best five of the eight races will be scored (rather than six as in prior years), but drivers must still start three of them to qualify for championship awards.