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Michael Hartley receives the Rookie of the Year plaque from last year's Rookie of the Year, Ed Jenks



### Awards Banquet:

We came, we ate, and we got stuff... lots and lots of stuff.

### Road Racing:

Our very own J.D. King placed third in the Valvoline Cup.

**WANTED:** Workers and Helmets for S.J.'s Solo II program. Contact Jim Tornetta @ 609.893.5701

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### Pennsylvania Hillclimb Assn. (PHA) Reps:

Sue Salsberg, Dave Arron, Dan Cassino

### Solo I: Fred Thum

### Anthracite Race Assn (ARA): Terry Hanushek

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The South Jersey Region of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. meets at 8 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at Fontana's Restaurant at 30 E. Main St., Maple Shade, NJ 856.321.130.

Board of Directors (BoD) meeting locations vary each month and are listed in the Calendar section. All members are welcome to attend any BoD meeting.

# Events & Announcements

## Dave Rose Memorial Driver School Scholarship

The South Jersey Region is now accepting applications for the Dave Rose Scholarship. This scholarship will pay the entry fee to any one(1) SCCA competition road racing driver school in the Northeast Division for 2003.

To be eligible you must be a member of the South Jersey region with a National SCCA membership card. You must not hold a current competition license, and must be dedicated to earning one.

Dave Rose was a spirited member, a race car fabricator, a great driver, a mentor, an unselfish individual, and a friend to all racers. Please keep this spirit in mind when making application.

**Apply to any Board of Directors listed on page 2 of this newsletter by March 17, 2003.**

Give the reason(s) why you feel you should be honored with this award. All applications will be considered by the BoD and only one (1) lucky person will be awarded this scholarship on March 20th.

Don't think you have a chance? Think again. **All submissions will be considered, so please apply, and help keep Dave's spirit alive.**

## Pennsylvania Hillclimb Assn. (PHA) Meeting - Solo I

**A PHA meeting is scheduled for 12 noon on Saturday, February 15 to be held at D.J.'s Motorsports Pub in Wyomissing, PA.**

This is the "Annual meeting" at which time we finalize the 2003 Event schedule and install new officers. Other business will be entertained as well. Annually, Regions are required to inform PHA in writing of their intent to continue as members plus submit the names of their representatives.

This should be accomplished as soon as possible and sent to:

Jerald Hartman, President, PHA  
12 Sheep Hill Rd.  
Fleetwood, PA, 19522.

Directions to D.J.'s: From Penn Ave. (business route 422) in Wyomissing, at the Vanity Fair parking lot, turn North onto Park Road. Two blocks down Park Road look for the D.J.'s Motorsports Pub sign on your left immediately after crossing the bridge. ( A T.G.I. Friday's sign is located to your right at this point ) Turn left into the parking lot at the D.J.'s sign. D.J.'s phone number is (610) 372-5200.

I apologize for the late notification.

- Gordon Wise, PHA Secretary

## Solo II and Other Events

### South Jersey Solo II; Campbell's Field Lot, Camden, NJ

Sunday, March 9th

Sunday, March 23rd

Sunday, April 27th

<http://www.autox4u.com/sjersy.htm>

Call: 732-422-6557 or 609-387-0576

### Philadelphia Solo II Winter Series; Campbell's Field Lot, Camden, NJ

*Congratulations to Grace Huntzinger finishing 2nd in D-Stock (2/1/03)*

Saturday, February 15th

Saturday, March 1st

Saturday, March 15th

Saturday, March 29th (Novice School/Test and Tune - Tentitive)

Sunday, March 30th

<http://www.autox4u.com/philly/>

Email: [robleone@comcast.net](mailto:robleone@comcast.net)

### Racing Simulation - GT3 i.link battle

Saturday, March 8th; noon - 6:30

<http://www.nerdracing.com>

Call or email: 609-704-1996,  
[emwavey@yahoo.com](mailto:emwavey@yahoo.com)

### Drift & Gymkana Trials Assn. (DGTA); Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ

(Drift Out Wednesdays)

March 26th

April 30th

<http://www.dgtrials.com>

### Note-worthy website:

<http://www.wheelweights.net/>

In the market for wheels, but want to compare weights? The webmaster started this site from data he collected and now has provided us with the same info on the web. Add to the database, or simply check your weight.

## Daytona 500 Party:

Gene and Chrissy Michaux are continuing their yearly tradition in hosting the "start of the season" Daytona 500 party.

When: Sunday, February 16th, 2003; Where: 251 Atsion Road, Medford, NJ;

Admission: Food

Most arrive one hour prior to race time.

For more info. call 609.953.8071

# Road Racing

## J.D. King Takes 3rd in Valvoline Cup



- Interview by David Hess

**“The Valvoline Cup is a national season points championship that is open to virtually all drivers in all types and classes of wheel to wheel (unless specifically noted) competition in all sanctioned racing or track sponsored weekly racing programs throughout the country. There are 34 classes in the Valvoline Cup program for 2003.”**

As quoted from: [valvolinecup.com](http://valvolinecup.com)

### Interview:

I had the opportunity to interview Mr. King and ask him about his most recent success and his racing career.

### How does it feel to place 3rd in the Open Wheel Sports Car category of the Valvoline Cup?

It feels great!! I had some great luck this year, and some very close races. I'm very fortunate to have the support of my family, especially my wife Staci for supporting my pursuit.

### How many races did you compete in this year?

11 races, 4 at Summit Point, 4 at Pocono and 3 at Watkins Glen.

### How long have you been racing? And how did you get started?

I've been racing for 12 years. I got my start when my Father offered me the use of his car, a Club Ford, for a drivers school at Watkins Glen in 1990. I am also very fortunate to have the support of Dominion Title Services, Inc., [[dominiontitleservices.com](http://dominiontitleservices.com)] a family operated business established by my Mother Sue.

**Feel free to decline answering this question. How difficult is it to drive with one arm? Are you still adjusting?**

Driving with one arm is very tough, especially in a car with no power steering. It has taken a long while to get used to it. I've gradually set up the steering forces, mostly with caster adjustments, to make it a little easier on my hand. Development of the setup is a never ending process. My Cousin and I worked a couple of years perfecting the shifter system, it is a nitrogen charged system that runs cylinders that manipulate the linkage, with buttons mounted to the steering wheel. Only having one hand I have to be very careful not to overstress my arm/wrist prior to a race meeting.

**What is the open wheel class you race in referred as? What other classes have you competed in? What is your favorite class, and why?**

My car is a Club Ford. A regional class developed to give older Formula Fords a place to run. My car was built in 1976. I've competed in ITS, and even drove a Spec Racer Ford, but my favorite class is the upper open wheel classes, like Formula Continental, Formula Atlantic, and the new Formula SCCA is a beautiful car. I like the open wheel cars, as they are pure racing machines that require intense concentration in close wheel-to-wheel racing. Not much room for mistakes, I like that.

**Now that you're Regional Exec. (RE), will this interfere with your racing hobby?**

No, I've served as RE. before and find that it does not interfere much. It is an eye opening experience to see how much work it takes to keep a volunteer organization like the SCCA running, and being RE is a great excuse to meet interesting people.



# Road Rally

Jim and Jeff Wakemen win PBX novice class



-Story by Jim Wakemen, Edited by David Hess

**The Pine Barrens Express (PBX) is a nighttime rally. The tour runs through the cranberry bogs and Pine Barrens situated near Whiting, NJ. The PBX was designed to be novice friendly, with excellent course notes, and no traps.**

Despite many unforeseen stumbling blocks, my brother Jeff and I had a wonderful driving experience at the 2002 Pine Barrens Express (PBX). Originally our goal was to complete the stages without denting Jeff's car. We instead used my car, had fun and successfully scored low on a few stages.

At first I was nervous pulling into the parking lot and spotting fully prepared rally cars. A little white car that said "STUDENT DRIVER" on the rear eased my tensions. Another tentative moment occurred when we learned Jeff's car had power door lock problems. Fortunately we swapped our car information upon checking in and prepared my blue Subaru WRX. While attending the competitor's meeting, we found we were one of about 20 novices. This further eased my mind.

After the meeting, we went back to the Subie, and waited for our turn... we were 27th to start. The first stage was

an odometer check, so no time-keeping yet, and we noticed it seemed everyone left at once. As the parking lot thinned we realized it was OK to leave early. During the relatively easy first stage, we learned our odometer was slightly off, so we went about figuring out how to compensate.

Jeff and I ran through the next two stages, two and three, without a problem. The next stage caused a bit of confusion, since we drove what seemed like quite a while, then hit the end of stage five? We found out later that stage four was removed.

After checkpoint six, where we stopped for dinner, I noticed our car was the only one not completely covered in mud. I wondered if maybe we weren't trying hard enough. We continued into the restaurant, sat, ate and conversed. Then, after what seemed like very little time had passed, Jeff looked up and said, "We gotta go. It's time." A dramatic pause followed. Then he announced, "We should have left two minutes ago." We headed back to the car, got in and zoomed off to the restart. As I approached the line, I slowed to a crawl. Just as I stopped even with the sign, and before I could consult with my co-driver I heard "Go!"... I went. As we drove we laughed about our lucky timing and felt relieved.

Checkpoint seven was our best stage. We were shocked to learn we had scored two points! ... Checkpoint eight... then after checkpoint nine, we drove confused for an hour, and hit checkpoint eleven, and completely missing ten. The official time was 55 minutes and just three points shy of the worst possible score with 197

points.

During the twelfth and final stage, we hit many unusual obstacles, and figured we missed a turn. After climbing over a large mound of sand, we had a feeling we were lost. Things were looking bad, but it became worse. The instructions stopped working, we backtracked, and tried different routes. Then we saw a dangerous log in the road with a jagged broken end that pointed about the right height to skewer a radiator. After some debate, we decided we were very off course, so we backtracked. The mileages were way off, but then we found the log again. We backtracked further and found the sand mound again. Then we found the log for the third time. We were about to give up and go to the finish, when a pair of fellow novices found us.

It turns out they were more lost than we were, however they knew the direction to the last checkpoint. It was only after we saw another car ahead of us come to a stop, back up a few feet, and then make a very sharp right, did we realize where we went wrong. Finally we found the last checkpoint and got our time, 200 points, the maximum.

By the time we made it back to the starting point it was approaching midnight. We conversed with other novices, and roughly calculated how we did until after midnight when the scores were posted. We had 566 points over 10 checkpoints.

Even though we had two horrible stages, Jeff and I finished 17th out of 50 cars, and first in the novice class. Originally our goal was merely to finish without denting my brother's car. Instead we used my car, had a great time, and were surprised to score first in the novice class.



For more info <http://home.att.net/~pbxrally>



# 2002 Season Banquet

Good Food, Drink and Company... and Prizes



- Captions provided by Meg Meyer, and J.D. King

On Saturday, January 25th, a few of us South Jersey folks, headed on down to Degenhardt's to get some good food and drink. Time passed by quickly, as many awards and gifts were given out. Sponsors like Hoosier, Koni and McGuire's contributed "lots o'stuff". So much in fact that not one of us went home without a door prize. In addition every place setting had a gift-bag choc full of car care products - care of McGuire's.

## 2002 Special Award Recipients



Member of the Year awarded to Ed Jenks. Tom Smith presenting.



Meg Meyer - Regional Executive Award for "...untiring support and promotion of out club" Courtesy of out going RE, Jim Tornetta. Tom Smith presenting.



Along with Meg, David and Faye Teal were awarded Regional Executive plaques. Jim Tornetta presenting.

## Solo II Award Recipients

Presented by John Borden, Solo II Chair.

### Street Touring - S

Thomas Buckley -1st  
Mike Crocker - 2nd

### F - Street Prepared

Carl Weissman - 1st

### D - Street Prepared

Sam Resnick - 1st

### C - Street Prepared



Steve Ashcraft - 1st and Solo II Driver of the Year



Watt Wojtkowiak Jr. - 2nd



David Hess - 3rd



Matt Wojtkowiak Sr. -4th & Dave Rose Sportsman of the Year

### G - Stock



Anthony Turchi - 1st

### E - Stock



John Borden - 1st

### D - Stock



John Epstein - 1st  
Andre Downey - 2nd

### C - Stock

Jim Blanton - 1st



Jack Oliver - 2nd

### B - Stock

Perry Aidelbaum -1st  
Lawrence Wong-2nd  
Brian Conners - 3rd

### Super - Stock

Patrick Wayman -1st

## Road Racing Award Recipients

Presented by Tom Smith & J.D. King



Jean Hammond accepts the William Kamps Award, given posthumously to Bill Bennit, who lost a battle with cancer before we could honor him.



Nick DiMeo receives Stevenson-Wood Cup, our highest Driver Award , and a Royal Purple Performance Pack certificate.



Eric King, Driver of the Year (Road Racing), received an award certificate from Progress Technology.



Michael Hartley receives the Rookie of the Year plaque from the last Rookie of the Year, Ed Jenks

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Sunday March 30th

Saturday & Sunday April 12th & 13th Evo School

Saturday April 19th MirrorKahna

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