



South Jersey Region SCCA  
50th Anniversary

*The Official Newsletter  
of the South Jersey SCCA*

**June 2009**

### Green Flag

*There has never been a better time to be part of the South Jersey Racing community.*

And our membership tally of 350 and growing (a few years ago we were happy to see 200!) speaks to that. See inside for an interesting report on our members and what they do in the sport.

Our first National on Thunderbolt at NJMP (NJMP.com) in Millville is coming up this weekend June 5-7.

Among the 160+ drivers already entered for the National and ProIT, I see many names I know: Eric King, Brian Heun, Chris Dryden, Steve Thomas, Jim Briody, Jim Rouse, Matthew DiRenzo, John Hainsworth, and yours truly.

If you're running in this event or any as an SJR driver and I'm not mentioning you, see Road Racing Driver Results below so you are not missed in future issues.

And if you're receiving At Speed via email you are getting this before the National and are encouraged to join in the excitement. If you're not, see Email Sign-up below.

### Email Sign-up

Sign up to receive your newsletter via email. You'll get the newsletter faster and in full color. [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) with the subject line 'Subscribe' to enroll and your name in the body of the note.

### 2009 Road Racing Driver Results

Club Racing drivers should send brief updates on their results during the 2009 season to [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) for recognition in At Speed and consideration for 2009 awards. I expect our 2009 driver honors to be hotly contested. Please be sure we have your information!

Enjoy New Jersey Motorsports Park with the South Jersey Region all season long

What more could we ask for? Our first full racing season with New Jersey Motorsports Park, two world-class racing circuits in our backyard: take a look at the series line-up!

Rolex Grand-Am May 1-3 WOW what a weekend it was!

ProIT and our SCCA National June 5-7

Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series and North Atlantic Road Racing Championships join our regionals July 18-19 and August 22-23.

ProIT with ARCA Remax September 11-13

Jersey Road Racing Classic October 17-18.

*Your Humble  
Scribe,*

*Tom Smith*



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New Jersey Road Racing Series: [www.njrrs.com](http://www.njrrs.com)

## Membership Profile

First, welcome to our newest members:

Jenna, Leanne, and Megan Thomas  
John Maesky  
Craig Robson  
Richard Levari Jr  
Julie and Matthew Bonilla  
Tina Sanchez  
Roseanne Hartley  
Bridget, Cara, and Joanne LaMaina  
Joseph Tauro  
William Cochrane

Michael Dickson  
James, Kristen, and Robert Stehm  
Erin Saillant-Smith  
Alyssa and Eric Arsenault  
Shawn Smith  
Ray Giberson  
Amanda and Bridget Heun  
Timothy Miller  
George Barrett  
Michael Klinke

OK, now check this out, among our members we have many distinguished license holders (read this carefully, there will be a pop quiz in the morning):

- **52 Licensed Drivers** from FIA/National through Novice Permit
- **10 National and Divisional Stewards**, Chief Stewards, Race Admin, and Course Marshals
- **7 Scrutineers** including 1 National
- **24 Flagging and Communications** including 2 National
- **7 Starters** including 1 National
- **4 EMS/Rescue** including 2 National
- **3 Sound** including 1 National
- **12 Timing and Scoring; 12 Registration; and 9 Grid**

That represents a lot of people and a lot of days invested for the love of our sport and to make events happen. Congratulations to all in our region who are proud to hold an SCCA license. And, if you have ever wondered what it would be like to be a race official, we have plenty of experienced, talented, and good folks to help you along!

### Upcoming Autocross Events

South Jersey Region will be returning to its home at Camden County College's Blackwood Campus for its regular summer series. Remaining events are as follows (all are Sundays):

- June 21
- July 26
- August 16
- September 27
- October 25.

Check out the South Jersey website for more details: [www.sjr-scca.org](http://www.sjr-scca.org)

## Rally On

Jim Wakeman ([jwakemen43@aol.com](mailto:jwakemen43@aol.com))

### **Stay to the Left, Stay to the Right Road Rally (SLSR)**

SJR rallymaster Clyde Heckler presented the SLSR road rally on Sunday May 31. Contestants had their choice of running a Tour time-speed-distance (TSD) route or a Course TSD rally. In a Tour rally the route to the secretly located checkpoints is clear and the main challenge is to arrive at the checkpoint precisely on time. In a Course rally the route is designed so that the route travels in multiple directions to the same checkpoint location presenting a double challenge of finding the correct route to the checkpoint as well as arriving at the precise time. Heckler's Course rally featured a rule that sent the correct route automatically to the left or right at each crossroad or side road. The automatic route alternated during the contest. SLSR also had a Course Light route for contestants learning route following skills. Nationally ranked Jack von Kaenel of Arlington VA and Jim Friedman of Silver Spring MD finished first in Equipped class on the Course rally with 204 (2 min. 2.4 sec.) in penalties. SJR finished first in Stock class with 220 (2 min 12 sec) in penalties. Each pair were having great runs until the last checkpoint when the both fell for a 2 minute trap. Ted and Dave Horoscak from Philly Region won the Course Limited class with 374 (3 min 46.4 sec). Michael Klinke and Jeffery Homes running only their second rally won Course Light class with 757 (7 min 34.2 sec). The Tour rally was won handily by Peter Chezik and Frank Bochanski with a scant 18 (10.8 sec) in penalties. Dan Finley and MacKenzie Kosut of Brooklyn NY won Best Novice on the Tour route with 533 ( 5min 19.2 sec) in penalties.

### **Summer's Heat is On!**

The South Jersey Region of the Sports Car Club of America will be holding its annual Summer's Heat Road Rally on Saturday evening June 20th. It is a Time-Speed-Distance rally held on scenic public rural roads throughout southern New Jersey. The rally is open to all types of cars, SUVs, small trucks, vintage and Antique autos. All speeds that must be averaged are below posted speed limits. Each vehicle will contain a team of two contestants, a driver and navigator. The entry fee is \$35 per vehicle with a \$5 discount for paying before the day of event. Entries will be divided by experience and equipment with newcomers placed into a Novice class. Trophies will be presented to the contestants arriving most closely to the calculated perfect time at several hidden checkpoint locations along the route. The rally registration will be held at 5:30pm at JG Cook's Carolina Blue Restaurant at 692 Lambs Road in Pitman, NJ. For more information or to pre-register, contact Jim Wakemen at 856-228-9249 or [jwakemen43@aol.com](mailto:jwakemen43@aol.com).

## Grand-Am, Koni Challenge, and SCCA World Challenge at NJMP

Pinch yourself --- real professional road racing is in our backyard.

The first weekend of May saw the Rolex Grand-Am series, Koni Challenge, Mustang Challenge, and SCCA World Challenge cars all grace New Jersey Motorsports Park's Thunderbolt circuit, and despite the weather forecasts, most of the weekend was held under ideal conditions for speed and spectating.

OK, among friends we can be frank, the Rolex Grand-Am main event was a bit, well, 'moist', but in contrast to the Speed TV commentary the majority of the race was held under green flag conditions that were challenging but perfectly acceptable for a wet road race. British fans used to sodden conditions may have called this a rather nice day, all things considered. Our own Stig White happened to be in attendance, just released from US Customs after a prolonged incident involving gold doubloons which he alleges were gifted to him by the late Queen Isabella, and he pronounced the conditions 'delightful' claiming he never felt wet.

In all seriousness, throughout all the series there were drivers to watch Friday through Sunday who excelled in the mixed conditions and provided graduate level lessons in car control. Thunderbolt has so many awesome, largely undiscovered, viewing spots that it makes for a great spectator venue.



*At Speed June 2009*



# Thunderbolts



*Quality Inn, Millville* offers SCCA members special \$84.95 rates for our race weekends, and 15% off on other race weekends at NJMP. Just ask for the SCCA rate when you book your reservation.

[www.wheatonmansion.com](http://www.wheatonmansion.com) offers upscale accommodations and entertainment options.

## *Racing at New Jersey Motorsports Park*

We have two of the greatest drivers' tracks in North America in our backyard, and we're going to tear up some tires and burn some asphalt in 2009. Here's the rundown:

- National + ProIT on Thunderbolt! June 6-7
- Regional at Lightning July 18-19 (MARRS and NARRC series!!)
- Regional at Thunderbolt August 22-23 (MARRS and NARRC series!!)
- Jersey Road Race Classic and ProIT October 17-18

This is the chance for you, your family, and friends to make our Motorsports program the finest in the nation. Drivers, officials, workers, anyone who wants to help or just see what racing is all about --- come and join us!



Go to <http://tunerlifestyletv.com/> and click on Media Gallery, then Events, for some really great pictures from our March Driver's School and PDX.



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# Lightning Up

A *HUGE special thanks to our own Dave Back*. Now, here's a guy who makes it all happen. First, he designed the graphic of JD King's Formula Ford At Speed and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo which appear at the front of this newsletter. Then he trains 20 students in the art of flagging and offers volunteers for our events. And, on top of it all, he gets his competition license and will hit the track with us at the July regional on Lightning.

Laps to Conquer Multiple Sclerosis <http://www.lapstoconquerms.org/> completed their 21<sup>st</sup> (!) One Lap of America. Fay Teal, David Teal, and Wayne Hickman are home safely with their Thompson Toyota. Check their web site for a full report soon.

Frank Sanchez has provided a great account of his Pocono Regional weekend:

"Every once in a while all racers take turns experiencing a Saturday from hell. No matter how prepared one thinks they might be, these weekends happen. We took our turn at Pocono May 9.

Our newly installed motor (2200 cc versus 1830cc year ago) just would not run.

On Saturday I would work myself to death passing two or three cars through the infield only to be re-passed on the oval by the same cars. Very frustrating. I actually radioed in and asked, **"How many laps before this nightmare is over ? "** Saturday night in the cold and KATRINA like hurricane winds we replaced everything. The decision was that if a new part was in the trailer, it was going on the car.

Since there were no hardship practices on Sunday we would not know if we stumbled upon the fix until the race. No worries there. If it did not run there was no chance of anyone hitting me from behind in the 22 car field! I radioed in on the pace lap, " It's fixed ". Tina responded "Ladies and gentlemen lock your children up, its on!" I laughed out loud and went on to finish third overall.

Even though I was almost two seconds faster a lap it took me too long to get past the SRF's which were at times 4 wide. Definitely a great spectator spot to watch the SRF group. National Champion Joel Liperini went on to win in a V8 Mustang, and those additional 4 cylinders are hard to overcome at Pocono. I pushed hard and closed to within 2 seconds, one more lap and the gig could have been over. I lowered the track record and set fastest race lap by almost 2 seconds. There's no shame in losing to Joel, he is a very accomplished racer and a true gentleman. But truly Sunday's race vindicated everyone's hard work over the weekend to get the car running!

In spite of an ominous start to the weekend and the 2009 season, we managed to have fun! Us racers are funny people."

Amen to that, Frank. Whether 'funny = ha-ha' or 'funny = coo-koo' I hope you all enjoy your June motorsports adventures.

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Member meeting: Wednesday June 10,  
Filomena Cucina Rustica, 13 Cross Keys Rd,  
(between Rt. 73 and 30) West Berlin 856 753  
3540. 8pm but come early to eat and hang  
out! You'll like this place.

National at NJMP June 5-7.

Summers Heat Road Rally 5:30pm June 20 --  
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Autocross – Camden County College – June  
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