



South Jersey Region SCCA  
50th Anniversary

*The Official Newsletter  
of the South Jersey SCCA*

**July 2009**

### The Race is On

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

21 new members joined last month bringing our total to 365. New track, new members, great events across all motorsports interests --- this is the best season ever.

And what an event we had --- the first Jersey Devil National at New Jersey Motorsports Park. See inside for more reports from race chair, drivers, sponsors, and links to awesome pictures from an historic weekend.

Our rally program continues to be strong growing stronger, and Jim Wakeman keeps us updated each and every month for our rally enthusiasts. Many thanks to Jim for all his efforts volunteered for the love of our sport.

Speaking of volunteers, if you're sitting on the sidelines interested in becoming more involved, in whatever capacity, all you need to do is contact a member of the Board or a Specialty chief, listed inside. You will not regret it, this is the coolest stuff on the planet.

### 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 Fantastic!

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

ProIT with ARCA Remax September 11-13 Pro-IT in support of ARCA??!! A must-see ...

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

Please welcome our newest members:

Bruce, KJ, Michael and Krista Kirk  
Mark Hitchner  
Alexa Fair  
Geoffrey Stephen Hall  
William Ruggie  
Jonas, Joshua, Sandra, and Todd Regnaert  
Thomas Koropchak  
James MacDonald

Tammy Barr  
Stephen Matthews  
Blaine Partee  
Jason Malarkey  
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Zanne Ngatchou

## Thanks to a New Sponsor

A new local vineyard, Hawk Haven Vineyard ([www.hawkhavenvineyard.com](http://www.hawkhavenvineyard.com)) came forward with a great gift for all of the podium finishers at our first New Jersey Motorsports Park National --- bottles of wine! Their gift of the fruit of the vine truly complemented the extra efforts that all the event staff put in to create a rewarding podium ceremony following each race. We may be weekend warriors racing for trophies and bragging rights, but Hawk Haven Vineyards and all of the race officials made us feel like LeMans winners. Thanks to owners Todd and Kenna Wuerker.

## 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 completed, event report pending
- 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)

## Update From Race Chair JD King

"At our June National at NJMP on Thunderbolt I experienced one of the most pleasant events I can remember. This time I wasn't a driver of a racing car so much as driver of a racing event. I'm used to an engine made up of valves and pistons and spark plugs that fire correctly, well-balanced and smooth under pressure. For the past event the vehicle was made up of a group of fantastic, energetic, and passionate members all operating in unison to keep our biggest event to date on a smooth course. Even as we idled and enjoyed a couple of evenings of friendship and good company it was evident that the South Jersey Region is gaining a reputation for being a 'cool' place to enjoy the best of amateur road racing in this country. We are becoming the place to race in the Northeast. It is because of you and your amazing enthusiasm and support that we can all be proud of our hard work to make the new NJMP a successful racing venue for years to come. Please accept my sincere gratitude for an event well done from start to finish, professional caliber, in our backyard."

Amen to that, JD, and we're lucky to have you as Race Chair!

## Rally On

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

### Summer's Heat Road Rally

The Summer's Heat Road Rally was held despite threatening skies on the evening of Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The rally was designed as a Tour rally with out course following traps. It featured the six points intersection near Vineland. This intersection consists of three perfectly straight roads meeting in the shape of a star --- a Rally Master's delight! The rally weaved in and out of this intersection numerous times through the first five controls.

Newcomers Mackenzie Kosut (driver) and Dan Finley (navigator) took first place in the Novice class with just over one minute of penalties over seven controls. Both, from Brooklyn NY, were running only their fourth rally. The average error of about nine seconds per control was impressive. Nationally known rallyists Bruce Gezon from Pittsburgh and Dave Head from Virginia were first overall running in the equipped class with 6 points (3.6 seconds). Father and son team of Dave and Ted Horoschak from Philadelphia Region were first in Limited with 17 points (10.2 seconds) for the rally.

The rally ended at JG Cooks Carolina Blue Restaurant for pleasant refreshments prior to the awards presentation.

### Picture This!

The South Jersey Region of the Sports Car Club of America will be holding its annual Picture This Road Rally on Sunday July 19, 2009.

The rally instructions will contain photographs of objects that the contestants have to find in order to follow the correct course.

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 10:00am 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).

## Jersey Devil NESCCA National and Pro-IT

So many people contributed to the success of our first National Championship Race at NJMP June 5-7 2009 that our region cannot do justice to it by naming everyone here individually. Suffice it to say that the massive effort by all the Chairpeople, Chiefs, Stewards, Workers --- volunteers in all the specialties donating their time and expertise --- well, it all paid off with a very well run and highly applauded event.

We had 159 entries, with only 17 of them unable to complete the event. Sadly your humble scribe was one of them, a blown motor causing a DNF 1 lap short of halfway. Yet I still left with a huge smile on my face thanks to the amazing on-track competition among all the drivers and respect for the work of literally hundreds of volunteers and crew that make it all possible for us to enjoy the greatest sport on this planet.

South Jersey Region (SJR) drivers Matthew DiRenzo (S2000) and Jim Boggs (GT2) set new track records en route to victories in their races. Well done gentlemen!

Other SJR drivers I noticed included (and if I've missed you, you need to report your results to [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) for recognition and year end awards consideration!) are:

Jim Rouse (12<sup>th</sup> in SRF after being punted off on the first lap)

Steve Thomas (13<sup>th</sup> in SRF --- well done Steve!!!)

Paul Russ (SRF)

Jim Briody (SRF, wheel bearing failure, great to see Jim and Pat again and they came all the way from their new home in Arizona to support our region and track!)

Mike Allenbaugh (4<sup>th</sup> in F500)

Chris Dryden (5<sup>th</sup> in SSB)

Eric King (3<sup>rd</sup> in ProIT ITS)

John Hainsworth (6<sup>th</sup> in ProIT ITS ... and this was his first race ever, well done John!)

Brian Heun (1<sup>st</sup> in ProIT ITC ... well done, Autocrosser turned road racer rocks the track)

Next up we have Regional Championship races for both Mid-Atlantic (MARRS) and North-Atlantic (NARRC) series coming up in July on Lightning and August on Thunderbolt. Please don't miss it, trust me, I've been at this a long time and this stuff doesn't happen in your backyard every day. And then we have our ProIT drivers running the support race for ARCA --- this is big stuff, tens of thousands of spectators --- in September. You're not serious about our sport if these dates aren't on your calendar.

### Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

Ahren Ciotti (our Autocross Rookie of the Year and gifted photographer) has posted many pictures of our events at [www.ciottiindustries.com/gallery](http://www.ciottiindustries.com/gallery) for your enjoyment. Spend some time on his web site under the NJMP and Autocross links, and enjoy his artful gift. Ahren, many thanks for sharing these. We can include more pic's in this newsletter as we get more email subscribers --- the print media of this newsletter simply do not do justice to the many pictures our members have offered. So if you have high-speed Internet access, please email [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net) with your desire to receive the newsletter electronically and we'll start to add more visual content to At Speed!

## 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:



- 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!



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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.

Sam Wilkinson reports in on the results of his Spec Miata races at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Memorial Day weekend with three top-15 points paying finishes, saying 'what a great weekend to race --- aren't they all!' Amen to that, Sam, and congratulations on all the great dry and wet race experience gained in a big competitive Spec Miata field.

Membership Meetings have moved to the Uno Chicago Grill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and Uno is located in Maple Shade on Rt 73 just north of I-295. Please come and join us July 8<sup>th</sup> (8pm is nominal start, but come early to enjoy fellowship, dinner and drinks).

Our Next Autocross is July 26<sup>th</sup> at Camden County College. This is a great opportunity to enjoy motorsport in any street car in a 'one car at a time racing against the clock' environment in courses expertly, cleverly, and safely designed with cones in an open lot. Heck, an old Lincoln Town Car with bad shocks can be a fun ride in Autocross, so imagine what your street car or modified car can do!

Stig White wrote in from Newcastle-Under-Lyme (England) complaining that all his bounced sponsorship checks were for naught when your humble scribe failed to complete the National at NJMP due to a blown engine: "I've seen Talladega Nights, I've watched NASCAR, I expect my driver to run across the finish line regardless." Apologies, Stig, chalk it up to torn knee cartilage shortening my running career. Until next time ...



*At Speed July 2009*

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Chicago Grill, Route 73 Maple Shade.

MARRS/NARRC Championship races at NJMP  
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Autocross – Camden County College – July  
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