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## A Confession

I admit it, I'm crazy about racing and race tracks. There, I've said it. That's step 1.

The time between our March Driver's school and the June 5-6 National and ProIT was too long. So I had to sneak down to NJMP a few times to drive the go-karts at F1 Karting, taking some extra time to drive around the awesome NJMP facility, sometimes just staring at the quiet empty Thunderbolt or Lightning circuits, contrasting the quiet of the moment with the excitement of a race weekend.

I had to go down to the SCCA Pro Racing weekend and play ear-to-ear-grin-race-fan for two days taking in the Volkswagen TDI Cup, the pro Spec Racer Fords, the pro Formula Enterprise series, the vintage Trans-Am, and the current Trans Am series. Passing by the lunch counter, our own Johnny Bornholdt was having lunch chatting with Trans Am legend and LeMans 24 hour entrant and driver Paul Gentilozzi. It was almost surreal – only two years ago we were still dreaming of the day when we would be visiting a racetrack nestled in our own back yard.

Another magical day came on a Friday open test day in May, presented with the opportunity to drive Darrell Anthony's ITS #27 alongside a couple of young NJ hotshoes in preparation for our Devil In The Dark 12 Hour enduro effort ...

... only to return the next day, on a whim, to experience the Vintage Grand Prix weekend's excitement. The track was packed with people, cars, motorcycles, vendors, amusements, bands – another magical day at NJMP.

Even at the National / ProIT weekend, the urge to be part of the event led to a Saturday night decision to rent an ITS BMW from Andrew Zimmerman's DriveGear racing stable in order to enter the ProIT race on Sunday.

I admit it – I'm addicted. I'm crazy about our track and events. But I can think of no finer institution to be committed to!

I hope to see you on the inside ...

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## Autocross Corner

Note the new location for our SJR SCCA Solo II events: 1155 S Black Horse Pike, Williamstown NJ 08094 --- the lot is behind a CVS. The next event is June 27.

All Autocross information --- schedule, location, registration, results, great pictures and video, and all the information needed for new participants, are available at [www.sjr-scca.org/solo](http://www.sjr-scca.org/solo) and the email is [solochair@sjr-scca.org](mailto:solochair@sjr-scca.org).

<Editor's Note: I'd like to expand At Speed to include more Solo II coverage, so if you'd like to volunteer to write event reports and/or submit pictures for At Speed, please email [SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net](mailto:SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net)>

## Rally On

The Oldies But Goodies Road Rally was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with 20 drivers and co-drivers participating. Once again there were a couple of teams who produced astonishingly precise results: in the Stock class Andrew Knee and Frank Bochanski completed the rally with only 38 penalty points, and in the Equipped Class David Teter and Dave Head were nearly perfect on every stage with only 14 points! Well done.

The Rally program takes a brief summer break and returns in August. Visit [www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html](http://www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html) for the full season schedule and very helpful information.

## Laps To Conquer Multiple Sclerosis (LCMS) Update

Following their very successful bid in the 2010 One Lap of America, Fay and David Teal's Laps To Conquer MS ([www.lapstoconquerms.org](http://www.lapstoconquerms.org)) joined us at New Jersey Motorsports Park for the Jersey Devil National and ProIT weekend June 5-6. On Saturday and Sunday, there were lunchtime drive-arounds allowing SCCA members and crew to enjoy laps of Thunderbolt in street cars with donations accepted to benefit LCMS. Fay and David were ecstatic to report that over \$1100 was raised for LCMS, and they thank everyone for their ongoing support of the drive to end Multiple Sclerosis --- a checkered flag that they have been racing towards for many years now.



The 2010 LCMS / NJMP entry at speed at Road America with David Teal behind the wheel. Photo courtesy of Jim McIlvaine

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The lovely and talented duo of Brian Heun and Meg Meyer give the One Lap car a bath upon its arrival at NJMP for the Lightning leg. Fay had asked that David be bathed instead, but ...

## *Spotlight on Flagging and Communication Reserve YOUR Place in the best seat in the house!*

Our race officials – volunteers in all specialties – make SCCA road racing possible. At the Jersey Devil National / ProIT weekend, your humble scribe had the pleasure of chatting with our chief of Flagging and Communications, Dan Zane. A debate over ‘which is the best seat in the house?’ ensued. Dan described the experience from a corner station as an F&C volunteer as ‘the second best seat in the house’, second only to the experience of the driver.

As a driver for the past two decades who has spent more money than I care to admit in order to drive, having ridden the highs and lows of the journey, including the lowest of the lows when my car was a no-show at the National after spending thousands of dollars during the off-season, I begged to differ!

Working a corner station, leaning out over the track just feet from the cars, executing a critical job with military precision, requiring focus and judgment lap after lap, level-headedness and bravery when an incident occurs – seeing every car every lap – I could make a strong argument that F&C, not the driver’s seat, is the best seat in the house.

An event such as the National / ProIT weekend requires a corps of at least 25 F&C volunteers MINIMUM, and frankly 40-50 is really where we ought to be. It is indeed a formidable challenge of organization and execution that Dan, his peers, and the members of his team perform flawlessly each and every race weekend at NJMP --- including at the professional race series events.

Currently we rely on the talented and dedicated volunteers from not only our region but also the kind assistance of our neighboring regions and NJMP track staff in order to be able to hold events at NJMP. Frankly, at the June 5-6 weekend, Dan and his team had to pull off a successful race weekend on the ragged edge of not having enough people ‘on station’.

Given our region’s membership growth, our fantastic events at NJMP both amateur and professional, and the thrill and opportunity that the specialty of F&C provides, we should set a goal: we need to develop a larger F&C team within our region so that we can easily field enough corner workers for our races.

So where are you sitting today? Can you feel and taste the cars and competition and excitement? Do you want to know what you’re missing?! We have a 12-hour endurance race June 18-19, a regional July 9-11, Rolex Grand-Am July 17-18, ARCA August 13-15, and a regional August 20-22. Contact Dan [flagging@sjr-scca.org](mailto:flagging@sjr-scca.org) 609 351 3973 to reserve your seat today!



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*Photo courtesy of Bob Helm*

## *The 2010 Jersey Devil National and ProIT*

Our racing season began with a roar on June 5-6 as the competitors in the 2010 Jersey Devil SCCA National race and the ProIT series cars took to NJMP's Thunderbolt circuit. The big bore cars got the racing started at 10:30 a.m. on a blue-skied Sunday as thundering Corvettes, Mustangs, Jaguars, Panoz, and other powerful marques ripped down the straightaway and drifted through the infamous 'Jersey Devil' part of the circuit. (Photo below courtesy of NJMP). Jim Boggs won the GT-2 class representing our region to kick off the day.

Other highlights of the weekend included our region's formidable group of Spec Racer Ford competitors battling the best in the country including National Champion Richard Spicer. NJMP is our house, and our Spec Racer Ford drivers rocked it --- Jim Rouse won, with Jim Boggs 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Viren Kapadia, Steve Thomas, Pete Lamaina, Mike Thomas, and Kyle Robertson all in hot pursuit. That's seven SJR drivers in the top 13 positions! Feel good guys, great result.

Chris Dryden took second in SSB, and Mike Lamaina and Pete Maerz were both in the top 10 in Spec Miata.

John Hainsworth continued his string of strong results with a podium 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ProIT race ITS class, 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Unfortunately our ITS veteran Eric King had some teething problems with his ITS RX-7, but we know he'll come back strong for the next event at NJMP.

Come and join us at NJMP. South Jersey Region drivers put on a heck of a show.



## More Pic's from NJMP National / Pro I T

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## Lightning Up

The year is 1964, the track Riverside California, and the event is the SCCA RunOffs to crown National Champions. Among the National Champions crowned were George Alderman in his Cooper in Formula Libre, Merle Brennan in B Production in a Jaguar XKE, Ed Leslie in A Production in a Shelby Cobra, Bob Tullius in D Production in a Triumph TR4, Jerry Titus in D Modified in a Webster. Imagine yourself standing on a corner station 46 years ago taking in the sights and sounds during these early days of SCCA road racing.

Let's move ahead a few years, to 1970, at Road Atlanta, and look back at some of the names and the cars. Skip Barber won both Formula B and Formula Ford honors in a Tecno chassis. Jim Fitzgerald won D Production in a Datsun SRL 311, John Greenwood won A Production in Chevrolet Corvette, John Morton won C Production in a Datsun 240Z, and Mike Rand won Formula C in a Brabham BT21.

I've heard various expressions comparing racing in the 60's and 70's to today --- 'back when the tires were small and the drivers were big' or 'back when sex was safe and racing was dangerous'. Some things have changed for the better over the years, perhaps some for the worse, but many things have not changed --- the fellowship and camaraderie of the SCCA racing community, the excitement and competition, the privilege of being part of something rare and special. This is our history, and this is our present. See you at the track – you don't want to miss any of the action, any of the history and memories being made each and every time we get together.



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Autocross June 27

Member meeting: July 14, Uno Chicago Grill,  
Route 73 Maple Shade.

12 hour endurance race at NJMP June 18-19

NJRRS and ProIT at Summit Point June 26-27

Regional at NJMP on Lightning circuit July 9-  
11.



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