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Returning to Ground

We've enjoyed some great racing since the last At Speed was published.

Not the least of which were two of our events at New Jersey Motorsports Park --- our National Championship series event plus ProIT on the Thunderbolt circuit in early June, followed by our New Jersey Road Racing Series regional championship event plus ProIT in late June.

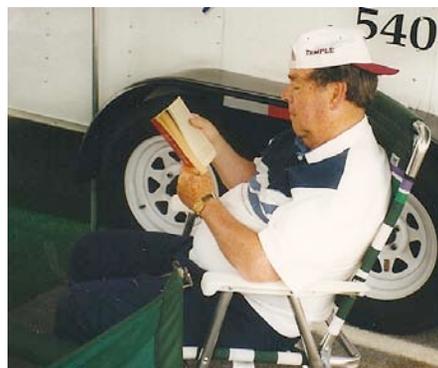
Upcoming we have the Rolex series race at NJMP July 23-24, a ProIT and regional at Watkins Glen the same weekend, the Laps to Conquer Multiple Sclerosis Pocono Sports Car Grand Prix National and ProIT August 13-14, and the Summer Thunder New Jersey Road Racing Series and Mid-Atlantic Road Racing Series (!!! Meaning LOTS of cars!!!) plus ProIT event at NJMP's Thunderbolt circuit August 19-21. Race officials and specialty volunteers, entrants, and spectators are encouraged for all the upcoming events. This is stuff not to be missed.

I for one have been enjoying every moment of this racing season thus far. I see our South Jersey Region members representing us honorably in so many classes with so many good results there are too many to mention here. We really have a talented and dedicated group of drivers.

And our Race Planning Committee, our Race Chair (JD King), all of our Stewards, our specialty chiefs, our drivers, and our entrants have worked together to make our events truly the 'go-to' events on the East Coast. New Jersey Motorsports Park provides the most awesome tracks and facilities and support possible given the tough financial times they face, and all in all we should count our blessings for the fantastic people, facility, and events we enjoy exploring our passion for motorsports.

It's with a heavy heart that I report the passing of my father and region member, Richard Smith, on June 8th 2011, age 83. You'll read inside about how Val Heun found herself to be a car person. Dad was never a car person, but he was at all our racing events, because he was a great Dad who supported my love of racing, and his respect for the racing community was profound – helping LCMS with their publicity, even taking the time to name JD King as his 'hero' in his retirement speech as an example of courage and overcoming adversity, and cheering on all of you in your love of motorsports, even if he really didn't 'get it'. To quote Dad:

"My involvement as crew member upholds the belief that nature balances everything. I once had a car for three years and never learned how to raise the hood. I am still unsure about the purpose of tires. My son Tom, therefore, has inherited not only his own automotive know-how, but also all that was intended for me. My main contribution has been to sit next to the racecar on SCCA weekends while the crew is holding strategy sessions at the nearest beer stand. Passersby have often asked me one question relating to the vehicle ... but never a second one. Several, however, have dropped coins into my coffee cup." Rest in Peace, Dad



Your Humble Scribe,
Tom Smith

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I AM a Car Person

By Val Heun

I never thought I would be a car person...

If you were to look in the 1990 Montpelier High School Yearbook you would find a picture of me with the caption "Worst Driver." I was given that title by my graduating class due to some, shall we say, mishaps in my first year of driving. I would never have dreamed then that today I would rather be at the race track than almost anywhere else.

It all started with autocross. With the advent of our second child our beloved Miata was replaced with a minivan. Brian (my husband to those of you that don't know me) could not bear to part with the Miata but needed something to do other than leave it sitting in the garage. He had tried autocross in his college days and decided he wanted to take it up again. He's always been a car person.

After a year he convinced me to come with him to a South Jersey Region autocross. I needed a day out of the house at that point. So we left the girls with my mother-in-law, and drove to Atco at what I thought was a ridiculously early hour of the morning. I figured I would just watch, after all I thought, "I'm not a car person. That's Brian's thing." When I got there one of the SJR solo organizers convinced me to try it. He said something to the effect of, "why watch when you can do it." One run and I was hooked. The inner adrenaline junkie was released. Even more surprising to me was the reaction I got from the male competitors. Almost every instructor that got in the car with me said the same thing, "I wish my wife/girlfriend would come with me."

Of course it didn't stop there. A few years later we traveled to Watkins Glen with a group of friends we met through autocross to participate in a track day. The adrenaline junkie was fed more.

Then the news came... they were planning on building a race track not more than 45 min from our house. By then we were very involved in SJR. Brian was on the Board of Directors and co-chair of the solo program and I was registration and T&S chief for solo. Brian went to the first RPC meeting without me. I couldn't go because we couldn't get babysitting that night. I clearly remember saying, "DON'T volunteer me for anything I already have too much to do." But, as it turned out my experience with online registration from solo made me the closest thing to a registrar our region had and I was recruited anyway.

I love club racing registration. It doesn't matter if they've had a horrible tow through shore traffic, drivers are so happy when they get to the race track. They know that the work week is done and it's time to get their racing "fix." The excitement of the drivers is infectious. Sometimes you get a driver or crew whose journey has been hard. Their tow vehicle broke or worse the race car isn't running right. A friendly smile and a helpful registrar does wonders to remind them that a bad day at the race track is still better than a good day anywhere else.

The best part is the volunteers. You go weeks, sometimes months, without seeing these friends but as soon as they walk in there's a big hug or a smile. You've never been to their house, you may not even know what they do for a living, but you share a common love of the sport and that's enough.

Last year I truly embraced my inner adrenaline junkie and got my club racing license. It's challenging chiefing a specialty and racing in the same weekend. Luckily I've got a wonderful crew of registrars to help me. I know I can rely on them to hold down the fort while I'm out on track. (Although, there's always room for more in registration if anyone wants to help out. More registrars mean, shorter lines, less work and more fun for everyone.)

SCCA is like family to me. I've met so many wonderful people, friends that I will have for the rest of my life. And, like any family, a crazy uncle or two. That is why I happily spend most of my weekends in my garage working on my racecar so I can spend those extraordinary weekends at the track.

I am a car person.

<Editor's Comment: What Val is too humble to say is that not only is she a car person, but she is very talented and highly regarded both for her mechanical skills and her driving (how many new drivers have set track records already?). Thank goodness Val had the misfortune, oops I mean the tremendous FORTUNE, to meet Brian, else the world would have been deprived of one very talented mechanic and driver. And the crew at Registration chaired by Val and helped by Lynn and Staci and Terri and others is the best I've come across at any track ... >

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Fay Teal & the Laps to Conquer M.S. Team

25th in the Tire Rack One Lap of America

Media, PA, May 17 – On May 7th, Fay Teal and the Laps to Conquer M.S., Inc. (LCMS), team finished her **25th** Tire Rack One Lap of America (OLOA) 30th overall (OA), of the 73 entrants, and **4th** in the 11 car Mid Priced Sedan class.

“With my husband David Teal driving the 2006 Audi A4 Quattro Turbo wagon on the autocross and road circuits, and my son Wayne Hickman driving the drag races,” says Fay Teal, team captain, “this OLOA was one of highs—**14th** OA of the 73 competitors at first event, the wet skid pad—and lows—we were last at the 2nd Carolina Motorsports Park event because a hose disconnected from the turbo.”

LCMS was 30th overall of the 74 competitors and 4th of the 11 in Mid Priced Sedan Class. This was the 23rd OLOA for LCMS and the 25th for Fay Teal. “We’ll keep competing until there is a checkered flag for a 1 Lap win or an MS cure,” says Teal. It was the 23rd OLOA for David Teal and 6th for Wayne Hickman.

At the awards banquet, Fay Teal received an engraved mantle clock from OLOA organizer Brock Yates, Jr., congratulating her for 25 years participation in the OLOA and a warm standing ovation from all her fellow competitors. “I used to drive in the OLOA,” she reminisced, “but now, I’m cheering for my son and husband to go faster.”

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The LCMS *drive to end MS* competed in the 2011 The Tire Rack One Lap of America (www.onelapofamerica.com). The 73 OLOA teams traveled almost 3,700 miles through 17 states in 8 days. Starting and finishing at The Tire Rack in South Bend, IN, it visited 8 racetracks for 18 timed events: Grissom Air Force Base, IN; Summit Point Motorsports Park, WV; Carolina Motorsports Park & BMW Performance Center, SC; Daytona International Speedway & Gainesville Raceway, FL; Circuit Grand Bayou, LA; Barber Motorsports Park, AL; and Autobahn Country Club, IL.

The LCMS sponsors who helped the *drive to end MS* include: H2Sport of Canada; Dominion Title Services, Inc. (www.dominiontitleservices.com), Vineland, and Audubon Environmental Inc., Shamong, NJ; and Sunoco Performance Fuels, Marcus Hook, Pa. Additional support came from the Westbrook-RockHill Foundation, Matt's Automotive Service and the Friends of LCMS.

Fay and David Teal, of Media, PA, started Laps to Conquer MS, Inc., in 1989; to increase multiple sclerosis awareness through motorsports after Fay was diagnosed with MS. "I was very involved with motorsports all my life and was getting my competition license," remembers Fay Teal, "but, the MS diagnosis stopped that. Now I use my motorsports passion to combat MS and fund research for a cure."

Since 1989, LCMS has collected over \$170,000 for the National MS Society (www.nationalmssociety.org) while driving over 200,000 miles in the pursuit of the checkered flag for MS. Although the primary focus is MS awareness, "I am pleased that LCMS has collected this much," remarks Fay Teal. "But until the checkered flag waves for MS, LCMS drives on toward the cure." The drive has taken LCMS through 46 of the continental United States during 23 OLOA's.

All OLOA and display costs are met through corporate sponsorship, allowing the donations and contributions made to Laps to Conquer M.S to directly benefit people living with MS. Donations to the *drive to end multiple sclerosis* may be mailed to:

Laps to Conquer MS, Inc., P O Box 94, Lenni, PA 19052-0094.

For more information, check www.lapstoconquerms.org, call 610-566-4795, or email lcms@lapstoconquerms.org.

Going Places in Salem GPS

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Course Rally

Position	Car #	Driver	Navigator	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	CP5	CP6	CP7				TOTAL
		Equiped Class												
1	1	Jack von Kaenel	Jim Friedman	1	0	0	0	1	0	1				3
		Stock Class												
1	2	Jim Wakemen Sr	Mark Haas	2	4	1	7	0	2	4				20
		Limited Class												
1	3	Ted Horoschak	Dave Horoschak	5	2	1	2	2	1	7				20
		SOP Class												
1	5	Bart Carlevaro	Linda Louie	13	6	132	62	4	26	17				260
2	4	Bill Holden	Brad Holden	46	96	35	12	83	92	44				408
3	7	Phillip Vitale	Rebecca Smith	1	183	171	10	1	154	75				595
4	6	Richard Kauffman	Rick Kauffman	200	200	101	37	154	200	49				941
5	9	Robert Childress	Lorraine Nogle	200	200	137	200	200	200	200				1337
6	8	David Goulburn	Joyce Goulburn	200	200	200	194	146	200	200				1340

Nick DeMeo Has a Car For Sale

For Sale – Pontiac GTO 2006 Composite Body Tube Frame GT/GT1/SPO/Rolux GT/TransAm

Current SCCA Log Book. Built to Grand-Am Rolux Series GT Prep 2 Rules.

Car is freshened, track ready, body in white, asking \$39,000 OBO with spares.

Carbon fiber splitter/ground effect plane with tunnels.

Carbon fiber radiator inlet with integrated Cold Air Box and brake mounting ducts.

LS6 Grand Am legal prep

Aviaid stage 4 dry sump with 3-gallon rear mounted tank

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New Howe radiator with internal oil cooler

Sweet power steering rack

Jerico Road Race 5 speed with set back extension housing, long shifter, and cooler

Tilton OT-II 7.25" triple disc clutch

1350 U-joints with hardened input yoke

Ford 9" 3-link rear

3.50 Eaton LSD with Moser axles

Johnson Mick 400 2-stage oil pump on diff

Dual oil coolers for diff and transmission

22 gallon Fuel Safe cell with internal and external pumps

18" CCW 3-piece wheels with 1 set of new Pirelli's

Wilwood 6 piston fronts and 4 piston rears

Ohlin Double Adjustable reservoir dampers at all corners with coil overs

RacePak digital dash logger with GPS

Genesis Air Jakcs

Crawford rear wing

Meets 103db sound

Call Nick at 609 504 3561 for more information and pictures.

<Editor's Note: Nick's a class act with lots of experience, knowledge, talent and integrity, so if you're in the market for a full-built V8 GT car at a good price that can be run in diverse series at reasonable cost for a car of its caliber, you should give Nick a call.>



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2011 LCMS Pocono Sports Car Grand Prix
August 13-14

Summer Thunder Regionals (NJRRS and
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August 19-21

Grand-Am at NJMP July 22-24



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