

At @ Speed



February 2017

OOOPS!

If you are interested in attending the 3 Dog Garage tour on Saturday February 4th, please see the corrected contact info below for Dave "Back", I mistakenly stated that his last name was "Black". Sorry for the error Dave!

South Jersey Region Named Region of the Year

On January 20th at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas, the South Jersey Region and former RE Jim Tornetta were recognized as the 'Region of the Year' in the large region (401-800 members) category.

'Region of the Year' is the most prestigious award given to regions.

The SCCA website describes the award thusly- "The Region of the Year Award gauges Region's management team performance relating to the SCCA's Goals and Business Strategies".

The award is based on membership gain, conversion of weekend memberships, the number and types of activities provided, along with other factors.

Congratulations to Jim and all the members of Region 84 who were involved in our programs this past season.

SJR-SCCA Members giving back

SAVE THE DATES !!

Club Racing

March Lion

March 31-April 2, 2017

Devil in the Dark 12hr
Devil during the
Day 6hr

April 21-22, 2017

Lightning Challenge
June 1-4, 2017

Jersey Devil US Majors
July 20-23, 2017

Summer Thunder
August 10-13, 2017

Jersey Road Racing
Classic
October 19-20, 2017

*All events held at:
NJMP Millville*

PDX

Performance Driving
Experience

All dates are tentative.

April 1-2, 2017 (L)

June 2, 2017 (L)

**to the Community during the
Holiday Season.**



Lynne Tornetta and Board Secretary Sue King serving up some goodies at the Coats for Kids luncheon in December. Check out Sue's story (below) about their VERY special day.

August 11, 2017 (T)

October 20, 2017 (T)

L = Lightning Circuit
T = Thunderbolt Circuit

*All events held at: NJMP
Millville*

**Track Night
in America**

All dates are tentative.

April 19, 2017

May 10, 2017

June 6, 2017

July 25, 2017

August 24, 2017

September 12, 2017

*All events held at: NJMP
Millville*

Solo

All dates are tentative.

April 30, 2017

May 21, 2017

June 11, 2017

July 2, 2017

July 30, 2017

August 20, 2017

September 24, 2017

October 15, 2017

November 12, 2017

All events held at:



At Speed Editor Jim Donahue (center) with fellow

High Octane South Jersey Founders Chris

Scafario and Tony Papaneri at the 4th Annual

Santa Claus Rally to Deborah Hospital in

December.

Former RE Jim Tornetta, his wife Lynne as well as son and Solo Instructor Matt Tornetta were also in attendance, as were fellow Solo drivers Carlton Griggs and Dan McGuigan.

If I missed you and you were there, I am sorry, I was a tad busy with the Rally prep.

THANK YOU to all who attended, or contributed toys. We were able to enhance Christmas for over **400** individual kids in the Pemberton-Browns Mills and Mt. Holly areas along with Joint Base MDL, as well as stocking Deborah's Pediatric Cardiac Care Toy Room for the entire year.

[2016 Santa Claus Rally Photos](#)

***Are you Sick and Tired of all this RAIN?
Looking for something Car related to do?***

How about joining some like minded folks in taking a tour of a really cool car collection.

Region member Dave Back is putting together a tour of the 3 Dog Garage in Boyertown PA. this Saturday February 4th starting at 11:00 am.

**Bader Field
Atlantic City**

Rally

**March Lion
March 18, 2017**

**Spring Fling
March 19, 2017**

***Stay tuned... more dates
to come.***

***Go to our website for
more info on our Club
Racing, Solo and Rally
programs.***

**South Jersey Region
SCCA**

www.sjr-scca.org

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**WVLT 92.1 is the official
FM radio station of the
SJR-SCCA.**

**They are also the home
of our own radio
program:**

***Racing
with the
SCCA***

**The program is hosted
by our own Bill Von
Suskil and co-host
Geoffrey Hall.**

**They will be join by
various SCCA members,
talking about the different
aspects and activities
within the SJR-SCCA.
Listen in:**

There is **NO** cost to tour the museum, cameras are welcome, and you can bring your family or friends. Did I mention this is **FREE!!**

Anyone who is interested in going, please contact Dave directly at....

DavidRBack@aol.com

OR

302-383-3584

Dave needs to get a head count for the owners of the museum, so if you would like to go, give Dave a shout.

Check out the 3 Dog Garage at their website link provided below... and **THANK YOU** Dave for putting this together!

[3 Dog Garage](#)

**SJR General Membership Meeting &
Go-Karting Night
Wednesday February 8, 2017**



**Speed Raceway
1103 Rt. 130 South
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077**

Plan on arriving around 6:30 to 7:00pm to sign in. We will have a **SHORT** meeting, then the **FUN BEGINS.**

We will have a donation **KITTY** to purchase pizza and soda.

MORE KARTING NEWS

Speed Raceway is now offering SCCA member

**EVERY TUESDAY
7:00PM - 8:00PM**

They are also looking for sponsorship for this new, expanded format. So if you have a business, and would like some weekly radio advertising, give Bill VonSuskil a call at:

609-805-1709

Call ins are welcome and encouraged:

1-856-696-0092

They stream live on their website at the above link, which can also be found on the region's website.

**A new way to hear
the show**

If you have been having difficulty following the show on the interweb, or you can't receive the station over the airwaves, we now have a **PODCAST.**

[Racing with the SCCA](#)



THE FIRST BIG

discounts **EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT.**

Just bring your SCCA ID card, your helmet or use one of theirs, and for \$35.00 you get 3 race sessions.

So all you racers who are looking for some competition over the winter.... come on out!

SPEED RACEWAY

Any Questions Contact Matt at:

assistre@sjr-scca.org

WINTER READING MATERIAL NEEDED

Anyone who would like to contribute a Region, Club Racing, Solo II or Rally related original article for submission to **At Speed**, please email it to Jim Donahue at,

atspeeded@sjr-scca.org

Be it from the Driver's, Worker's or Official's perspective, any and all submissions will be greatly appreciated.

*****If anyone took pictures Saturday night at the Banquet, It would be GREAT if you emailed some to the above address..... I would love to include some in next month's newsletter*****

For your reading pleasure, this month's submission.

COATS FOR KIDS

We arrived at the Officer's Club located at New Jersey Motorsports Park on Friday morning, December 2, 2016, just in time to see two school buses pulling up to unload several children I took to be in kindergarten or first grade.

Smiling faces all around and excitement in the air. They were going to participate in an adventure that, hopefully, would last them a lifetime. Yes, you guessed it, they were going shopping for a new winter coat.

This was the ninth year that Coats for Kids was

**EVENT OF THE
2017 SEASON**



THE DEVIL IN THE DARK

We will need **YOUR** help staffing this **GREAT EVENT.**

Stay tuned for next month's **At Speed** for more info on how **YOU** can be involved in one of the **PREMIER** endurance races on the East Coast.

happening. The members of the Green Flag Committee, which is a volunteer group started when the Motorsports Park was initially being built, are the folks behind this wonderful give back to the communities located in Cumberland County.

You see Cumberland County is the poorest county in the State of New Jersey and, as such, these good folks reached out to the various schools in the county, to see if there was a need for the idea that they came up with. Well, let me tell you, that idea was readily accepted by these schools and the Coats for Kids drive was on.

The coats are all displayed on clothing racks by size and each child is escorted and helped by a volunteer to 'shop' for their new coat. They are given a shopping bag to put their new coat in, but most of them want to put that new coat on right then and there.

I must tell you this story about two young ladies, probably second graders, one blonde and one brunette and looking nothing alike came up with the same exact coat on - light gray with various colors of hearts - and I asked them if they were twins. They giggled and said 'no'. I then asked them if they were sisters. They giggled again and said 'no'. I then asked them if they were best friends and they replied 'yes'. I'm almost sure they will remember that day. Here's hoping.

They are then given lunch and escorted to our area where Lynne Toretta, myself and other volunteers filled their plates with chicken nuggets, beans and franks, mac and cheese, cookies, and drinks. Once fed, they returned to their various schools.

This year we had **520** students ranging from Pre-K to 6th grade that received coats.

The South Jersey Region is just one of the contributors to this drive with our ride arounds each October when we put on the Jersey Road Racing Classic race event...affectionately referred to as *The Jerk*.

At lunch time, when the track is cold, we are allowed to take laps around the race course following the pace car. The only way you can take those laps is by making a monetary contribution which is earmarked for Coats for Kids.

Also, we mention that we will accept contributions of coats, gloves, hats, and scarfs in our registration form for this race event. This past year we raised over **\$450.00 and received several**

donated coats.

Other contributors and volunteers came from Atlantic City Electric, South Jersey Gas, Ocean First Bank, North Jersey BMWCCA, Schattenbaum PCA and Bottino's Shop Rite - who supplied all of the food and drinks for the lunch.

As always, Lynne and I, had a great time and I know we had as much fun as those kids.

Just remember, you as members of this club, should be very proud that your contributions to this endeavor are being appreciated.

Submitted by: Sue King, SJR-SCCA Board Secretary & Race Steward



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