



South Jersey Region SCCA
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Bring It On

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

Sunday April 26th. Sunny sky, temperature above 80. The hint of a new motorsports season hanging in the air? Heck, no, that's not just a hint. It's a shock and awe attack! Bring it on.

May 1-3 the Rolex Grand Am series comes to New Jersey Motorsports Park with our officials and volunteers in full force. May 8-10 is the Double Regional at Pocono. The first Autocross of our summer season is May 17, and our next rally is May 31. Then it's back to Thunderbolt where we are hosting our first SCCA National on NJMP's Thunderbolt circuit, complete with ProIT, on June 5-7.

As if that is not enough, Fay and David Teal are out on the One Lap of America May 2-9, and inside you'll find Jim Briody on the podium in --- Dubai??!!

Any and all submissions are welcome for At Speed: email to SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net. I'll be preparing At Speed the last week of each month.

Email newsletter update

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

2009 Road Racing Driver Results

Club Racing drivers should send brief updates on their results during the 2009 season to 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

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.

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New Jersey Road Racing Series: www.njrrs.com

Autocross Corner
Brian Heun (The Lovely and Talented) – Solo Co-Chair

This year the cold winter months didn't stop the autocross excitement. South Jersey Region teamed with Philadelphia Region to conduct a four event joint winter autocross program. Of the four events, two were held in the paddock of the Lightning Course at New Jersey Motorsports Park and two were held at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

This was the first winter series for Philadelphia Region in two years and the first one for South Jersey in quite some time.

It was a terrific series. Except for the first event when it was bitter cold and the day started with snow on the ground, well in excess of 100 drivers took part in each event.

The difference between the smaller lot at NJMP with its perfect asphalt and the huge lot at Citizens Bank Park made for really interesting mix of courses.

It was also terrific to run a series with Philadelphia Region and the combined groups really worked well together.

South Jersey Region will be returning to its home at Camden County College's Blackwood Campus for its regular summer series. This year the season will consist of six events as follows (all are Sundays):

- May 17
- June 21
- July 26
- August 16
- September 27
- October 25.

As those who have run there know, the lot at Camden County College provides some challenges. However, course designer Andre Downey and the South Jersey crew always put on a really great event and the College is an absolutely terrific host. Therefore, it should be another great year and tightly contested for trophies!

Everyone should try to make at least some of the events. Not only are the events fun to run, but the laid back, friendly atmosphere makes for a wonderful day.

Check out the South Jersey website for more details: www.sjr-scca.org and click on Solo. Price is \$35.00 for SCCA members and \$50.00 for "non-members" who receive a temporary membership for the weekend.

Turn your dreams into reality, be part of the action

Dan Zane, Live from the Flag Chief Station

If you missed the March Drivers School, you missed a great weekend. 40 (yes, 40!) new volunteers took part in Stan Wantland's Flag School on Friday night, and during the weekend we staffed all the corner stations with 3-4 people combining rookies with veterans to maximize the experience gained. The weather was nearly perfect. Next up are the Pocono Double Regional and ProIT May 9-10. All are welcome, including newcomers and friends --- you'll become trained and enjoy the best seat in the house.

You've seen the great schedule of racing we have right here in South Jersey this season. Volunteer today for Flagging and Communications, Scrutineering and Tech, Timing and Scoring, Grid, Pit and Paddock, Sound, Registration, Start, or Emergency --- our specialty chiefs, your region, and all the competitors are counting on you, and you will have the time of your life.

Contact anyone of the specialty chiefs listed in At Speed, email JRB@njrrs.com or SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net and we'll see you at the track.

Rally On

Jim Wakeman (jwakemen43@aol.com)

Upcoming: Stay to the Left, Stay to the Right Road Rally, Sunday May 31, registration at 10am at J G Cook's Carolina Blue, 692 Lambs Road, Pitman NJ. All the information you need to join us in a rally is available at www.sjr-scca.org and click on the Rally link. This rally features two Time Speed Distance (TSD) rallies in one. Click on the Flyer link for the full information. You can also bring your friends and create your own 'race within a race' for Special Awards named especially for your group! Read the flyer and contact Jim for more information.

Oldies but Goodies Road Rally

On Saturday evening April 25 the SJR region held our annual Oldies but Goodies Road Rally. The rally master, Jim Wakemen Sr., designed a straight forward tour rally that featured numerous tree covered roads to add to the darkness. He also provided brisk speeds for the contestants to try to average. Both the Novice and the Stock classes ended with close scores. In Novice, driver Dan Finley and navigator won by a scant 9 seconds. Their 4 minutes 3.6 seconds of penalties were slightly better than David Plisken and Laura Epstein with 4 minutes 12.6 seconds. In Stock, long time SJR member Clyde Heckler navigated driver Walt Hassinger into 31.2 seconds of penalties beating driver Carl Schulz and navigator Jim Ross with 1 minute 12 seconds in penalties. Carl and Jim made a 55 second error on the first Control then only had 17 seconds for the rest of the rally. The rally ended around 10 pm at JG Cook's Carolina Blue Restaurant where everyone enjoyed a nice late night snack.

The next Rally is Stay to the Left, Stay to the Right and will be held on Sunday May 31 at 10 am. See the flyer on our web site or call Jim Wakemen Sr. at 856-228-9249.

Laps to Conquer M.S. to Drive a Thompson Toyota for Fay Teal's 23rd The Tire Rack One Lap of America

Media, PA, April 17 - Laps to Conquer M.S., Inc. (LCMS), will drive a 2009 Toyota Camry supplied by Thompson Toyota of Doylestown, PA, to compete in Fay Teal's 23rd The Tire Rack One Lap of America (OLOA).

The 2009 Laps to Conquer MS drive to end MS is participating in The Tire Rack One Lap of America (www.onelapofamerica.com). The May 2nd - 9th event's 75 entrants will travel over 3,400 miles through 17 states in 8 days. The OLOA starts and finishes at The Tire Rack in South Bend, IN. It travels to 9 racetracks for 18 timed events at: Autobahn Country Club, IL; Bluegrass Motorsports Club, KY; Talladega Gran Prix Raceway, AL; Sebring, Gainesville and Daytona, FL; Carolina Motorsports Park and BMW Performance Center, SC; and BeaverRun Motorsports Complex, PA.

This is the 21st OLOA for LCMS and the 23rd for Fay Teal. "We'll keep competing until I see a checkered flag," says Teal, "I don't care if it's for a 1 Lap win or an MS cure." It is the 20th OLOA for her husband David Teal and 4th for her son Wayne Hickman.

Dominion Title Services, Inc. (www.dominiontitleservices.com), of Vineland, N.J, returns for the 12th year as the primary sponsor. Other corporate sponsors include Audubon Environmental Inc., of Shamong, NJ, and Sunoco Performance Fuels (www.sunocoinc.com) of Marcus Hook, Pa. Additional support comes 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. I was getting my competition license," remembers Fay Teal, "but, the MS diagnosis ended that. Now I use my motorsports passion to combat MS and find a cure."

Since 1989, LCMS has raised over \$160,000 for the National MS Society (www.nationalmssociety.org) while driving over 190,000 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 20 OLOA's.

Multiple Sclerosis is one of the most common diseases of the central nervous system affecting both young and old. MS affects more than 400,000 people in North America. The disease usually starts between the ages of 20 and 40 years with an average age of onset around 30. MS affects more women than men. Although no one can predict when, or if, there will be a cure for MS; there is much reason to be hopeful about the future. The ongoing advances in research (funded mostly by donations) including the areas of immunology and autoimmune diseases, are occurring at a faster rate than ever before and continue to add to our understanding of how MS works and progresses.

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

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.

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!



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Lightning Up

News From New Jersey to Dubai

Tim Andriesen earned his novice permit driving a Spec Miata, successfully completing our March Drivers School followed by the school at Summit Point the following weekend. Tim wrote in with a wonderful and witty reminiscence of his school with us at New Jersey Motorsports Park. He tried to put responsibility for his incurable case of Acute and Intense Racing Bug on his son, a PlayStation game, and a temporary relocation to car crazy Australia, but I know better --- he found his home among SCCA weekend warriors.

Here I quote from Tim's recount of a post-session classroom instructor debrief:

3rd session on the out-lap I spun after turn 5. Both feet in. Stop the car. I wonder what would be said to me in the debrief?

"43, why did you spin?" "Well my tires were cold and ..." "Stop - don't say anything else". "Remember on your out-lap your tires are cold and have no grip."

"43 - when you spun coming over 5 we were nervous as there were cars behind you and it's a blind corner. You got on the brakes and locked it down. They passed on both sides and you watched the corner workers for a signal to go again. Great job! Remember everyone, when you spin, two feet in."

Nice to get an "attaboy" for screwing up right.

And Tim recounts the end of the drivers school race with "Coming out of the Light Bulb corner for the last time and seeing the checkered flag waving was one of the coolest things in the world. I made it."

"There is nothing like an SCCA race driver's school. I've been to autocross schools and track based driving schools in other places. There's a vibe here you can't describe and the level of learning is incredible. The fate that brought me to this place has put me on a very good path. Thanks to those who have helped me down the path and be assured, I'll be in your mirrors."

One of our veteran drivers checked in with At Speed as well. Jim Briody finished second in the Diesel class driving a BMW 120 in the Toyo Tires 24 Hour Race in Dubai! Jim's a former NeDiv champion, competed in IMSA GTP and GTO and Trans-Am, and is a veteran of the 24 Hour production car race held each year on the legendary Nordschleife --- yes, the original Nurburgring. Congratulations Jim. Come and see Jim and Pat Briody at the National at NJMP June 6-7. To quote Pat, "Jim's renting a Spec Racer Ford for ^&%# and giggles to enjoy the National and visit the 75th different track of his racing career." It will be wonderful to see Jim and Pat back in South Jersey, so let's welcome them back home.



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Web site: www.sjr-scca.org

Member meeting: Wednesday May 13,
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.

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Pocono Double Regional May 8-10

Stay to the Left, Stay to the Right Road Rally
10am May 31 --- jwakemen43@aol.com

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