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Call to Action

action(n.) – energetic activity; an exertion of power or force; an act that one consciously wills and that may be characterized by physical or mental activity; something done.

act(v.) – to do something; to perform a function.

Motorsports action is well and truly here for the season – rally, autocross, road racing.

The action will happen. It will be exciting.

And you can act to be part of it – to take in the action, to help make it happen, or to be in competition.

We have a great season of motorsports in South Jersey upon us, 55 new members since the beginning of the year, many faces new or familiar to greet at your favorite events.

Please support our activities with your participation, attendance, or volunteer efforts.

We have the opportunity to enjoy a record-setting season across all our programs.

In particular, in only our second full season with New Jersey Motorsports Park in our backyard, its two great road racing circuits named Thunderbolt and Lightning right here to enjoy, we have a very full season indeed. Please support all the SCCA and professional events at NJMP, ensuring the success of our club and the track.

The action you take to be part of the action at the track in 2010 has never been more important. It is a valuable investment in our future, with the instant payback of fun and adventure for you now.

Read inside for more details on all the upcoming events, be part of it, and don't forget to send your news and observations to SJRAtSpeed@comcast.net for At Speed.

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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 May 2nd event saw 54 drivers get a whopping 8 runs each, a great diversity of cars and some good competition.

The next events are May 23rd and June 27th.

Solo II Autocross events are a great way to participate with little investment. Virtually any street car and any driver can have safe fun racing against the clock for bragging rights through a course of cones that challenge both driver and car. Whether you have a sports car, family car, pick-up truck --- whatever you enjoy driving, you can be part of the competition.

All Autocross information --- schedule, location, registration, results, and all the information needed for new participants, are available at www.sjr-scca.org/solo and the email is 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 SJRAAtSpeed@comcast.net>

Rally On

The Unexpected Road Rally was held April 17th, and saw 46 participants in 23 cars take part. The Stock Class was the most hotly contested, with the team of MacKenzie Kosut and Dan Finley accumulating just 88 penalty points over 9 checkpoints, including a perfect 5th stage, followed closely by Jim Wakemen Sr and Mark Haas with just 137 points. Very well done.

The next rally is the 'Oldies But Goodies Car Rally' on Sunday May 23rd, at J G Cook's Carolina Blue Restaurant (692 Lambs Road, Pitman NJ 08071). Registration opens at 10am and first car is off at 11:16am. Contact is Jim Wakemen Sr, Jwakemen43@aol.com or 856 228 9249.

A RoadRally is a test of precision driving and navigation. It is NOT a race! The goal is to reach each checkpoint exactly on time, neither early nor late. The event takes place on public roads, with speeds at or below the legal limit.

If you're a car enthusiast, like puzzles, enjoy driving through scenic countryside, or are just looking for an interesting activity and the opportunity to meet new people, you ought to give RoadRallying a try! All you need are two people (a driver and navigator) and a car, small truck, or van.

At the start of the event you'll be given a set of route instructions detailing turns to make, mileages to travel, speeds to follow, and landmarks to look for. What the instructions won't tell you are the locations of the checkpoints, where you'll be scored based on how close your arrival time is to the 'perfect' time.

Visit www.sjr-scca.org/rally.html for the full season schedule and very helpful information.

The 2010 Laps to Conquer M.S. One Lap Of America 8 Days. 9 Tracks. 18 Timed Events. Organized Chaos!

By Fay Teal

"Everything came together at the last minute." How often have we heard that story before?

As the 2010 One Lap Of America (OLOA) approached, Laps to Conquer M.S. (LCMS) had two offers for a car to use --- offers with big 'If's' attached. There is nothing like a firm, bearing grease foundation to build confidence in a committed competitor!

The LCMS OLOA team are all SJR SCCA members: myself, husband David Teal, and son Wayne Hickman. I was getting my competition license when I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and we started Laps to Conquer M.S. to increase MS awareness through motorsports. The One Lap Of America has a long heritage, and the 2010 version was held over eight days in early May. 2010 marked my 24th OLOA, David's 21st, and Wayne's 5th.

The great news came in early April: the New Jersey Motorsports Park offer became firm, and LCMS would be driving the track's Subaru STI Pace Car in the One Lap!

Next came serious tire shopping. The title sponsor of One Lap of America is The Tire Rack. They host the event and two of its timed events. An order was placed and tires delivered to NJMP as the plan came together. Then the decals. SJR members Chris and Bonnie Dryden of www.evo-graphics.com (father Dutch Dryden was a co-driver in the 1993 and 1995 LCMS OLOA entries) made the car official!

Wednesday morning April 28th, time to get the car loaded. I added a degree of difficulty this year. I stopped driving in 1992 because I couldn't "shift for myself" anymore. Since then I ride in the front passenger seat and tell my drivers where to go --- sometimes they listen. When not driving, they could lie down in the back seat. For 2010, however, my doctor said I must lie down as much as possible, so I get the back seat. Our first day's drive ended in Irwin PA where we spent the night with past teammate Danny Yanda and wife Arlene.

The next day we joined the One Lap competitors in South Bend Indiana. From now until we get back to South Bend in a week's time, things will be hectic, the guys will be able to fuel, pack and unload the car in their sleep! The daily competitions are the fun part, contending with this 'old lady' they carry with them is the hard part.

The OLOA competition starts Friday morning at The Tire Rack headquarters and the first timed event: a wet skidpad. David placed the car 11th overall of the 68 entrants. He was justifiably pleased. Then it's time to reload the car and make the long road-trip to Road America, Wisconsin. It was becoming clear to me already that the guys did not like napping in the passenger seat!

As David began to learn the STI on the road courses at Road America, he finishes 26th on the long course and 24th on the short course. Combined with the wet skid pad result, this is the best start to a One Lap

that LCMS has had in years. No time to celebrate however, as the guys load the car for the drive to Iowa and the Mid America circuit.

Another track that David likes, better tire pressures, car becoming more familiar, and David runs 23rd and 21st in the two runs there. The guys reloaded the car for the trip to Oklahoma. The front passenger complaints continued about the quality of napping, and something about 'the baggage' in the back seat. I take no offense.

Hallet Oklahoma, another track David likes, and two 18th place finishes. This is getting exciting. Next up are drag races at Tulsa Raceway, where Wayne took over and grabbed an astonishing 7th in one of the bracket races. Unfortunately a missed shift hurt the other run -- 61st. The guys once again reloaded the car for the next leg of our journey to Illinois. The complaining from the front seat was beginning to disturb my napping.

At Gateway Illinois, David posted two more good road course results putting LCMS well into the top third of the field overall: 20th and 17th. The guys reloaded the car for the drive to Ohio. By now the grumbling from the front passenger seat kept me from sleeping.

MidOhio saw two more solid finishes of 20th and 21st, and the next leg of our journey took us to our home track of sponsor New Jersey Motorsports Park, which allowed us a chance to stop at our house on the way to unload dirty clothes. I would have thought that with less to load and unload now the drivers' moaning would stop, but it didn't!

It was good to be among region members and friends at NJMP's Lightning circuit --- Brian Heun and Meg Meyer even washed the NJMP Subaru STI Pace Car which was providing us with such good service and results thus far. The pressure of the home track may have hurt David's results though --- 24th and 29th.

Next up Nelson Ledges, Ohio, which David's begins with a massive 15th place showing on the first run. He pushed even harder on the second run, and missed the pedal while left foot braking resulting in an 'off' and a 33rd place run.

And at last, my drivers grumbled down the road back to Tire Rack headquarters in South Bend Indiana, where David sealed the deal with another solid run on their skid pad. The LCMS Dominion Title Audubon Environmental Sunoco NJMP STI finished 20th overall out of 68 cars, and 4th in the Mid Priced Sedan Class! What a fantastic result to celebrate at the finishing banquet.

Goodbyes, then the long ride home, and a 'Happy Mother's Day' wish from Wayne as they unloaded me and the car for the last time at 1am Sunday morning.

Thanks to New Jersey Motorsports Park, Dominion Title Services, Audubon Environmental, Sunoco, Matt's Automotive, evo-graphics.com, and all the Friends of LCMS who make these results, and the drive to end MS possible! For 'the rest of the story' or to contribute to LCMS, visit www.lapstoconquerms.org !

Upcoming Road Racing Events

In June we have an SCCA National on Thunderbolt June 5-6. Joining the National is a TeamDI Pro-IT series championship event. This is a tremendous weekend of road racing at NJMP.

June 18-19 is the first ever The Devil in The Dark 12 Hour Enduro. Whether as a driver, crew member, volunteer, race official, or spectator, this is an event not to be missed 12 hours on Thunderbolt, noon to midnight, go to www.thedevilinthedark.com to become part of the discussion forums and 'smack-talk' leading up to the event.

Then take a deep breath, and get ready for the mid-summer action. July 9-11 is our regional on Lightning, where you'll see blistering lap times on our ultra-quick Lightning track. July 16-18 is the Grand Am pro weekend, the cars from the Daytona 24 hour race in our backyard. August 13-15 is the ARCA ReMax series stock car event supported by our own TeamDI Pro-IT series. Tens of thousands of fans cheering for SCCA IT cars, you do not want to miss this!! A regional August 20-22 on Thunderbolt is next up immediately following the ARCA event. Please support our region and NJMP at these events!

Overheard at Driver's School ...

(courtesy of Phyllis Kalmey and starring Don Colanero)

"No, I wasn't scared, I'm happy. My mouth has been stuck in this position since I got out of the car."



"Jay, isn't there supposed to be, like, a steering wheel or something in here?"

Thunderbolts

Membership Update



Our membership now stands at 384, with 55 new members coming on board since the first of the year. Welcome to all --- some new faces, some returning, and all now part of our club and motorsports events!



Jack Oliver was awarded the Northern New Jersey Region SCCA 2009 Timing and Scoring worker of year award. The photo, taken by Bart Carlevaro, shows National Administrator for Timing and Scoring Carla Heath, Jack, and North New Jersey's Chief of Timing and Scoring Linda Louie. Congratulations Jack!



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In Memory

Dolores (Schontz) Oliver March 2 1933 – May 5 2010
From her official obituary notice

"Although it's been said that racing is the most exciting when a car is doing 172 mph while upside down, Dolores didn't think so. Armed only with her stopwatches, she performed the timing and scoring for races at Pocono, Watkins Glen, and even the 24 hours of Daytona. She often picked her favorite drivers for more than their driving records: Michael Schumacher drove Italian cars and Carl Edwards looked like her grandson. But this may have been a testament to how much she loved her husband; Jack was the original race fan. High School sweethearts from the Palmyra Class of 1950, the two always remained inseparable. As a couple the grass never grew under their feet, they took trips to all 50 states. And if she was known to spoil Jack a bit, it was simply in her loving nature to do so. For her family there is nothing she would not do. She moved from her home in NY to Cherry Hill to care for her elderly mother, would think nothing of dropping everything to have the grandkids for a week, and as a parent she was inspired to instill those same values in her daughters. Shortly after high school, on Christmas Day 1951 Dolores and Jack were wed. Their 59 year union was blessed with 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Please celebrate her 77 wonderful years."

Godspeed Dolores, and Jack will continue to bring you among us at the track with his presence in the years to come.



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Autocross May 23 and June 27

"Oldies but Goodies" Rally May 23

Member meeting: June 9, Uno Chicago Grill,
Route 73 Maple Shade.

National Championship race and ProIT at
NJMP June 5-6.

12 hour endurance race at NJMP June 18-19



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