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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2010

\$6,400 Donation Made to the National MS Society

\$6,400 of “spare pocket change” was collected for the National MS Society on the 2010 LCMS *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. There were more chances to collect spare pocket change this year than in recent years.

The 2010 drive started in January with the **New Jersey Motorsports Park (NJMP) South Jersey Region (SJR) Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Winter Solo II series**. Competitors are timed, one car at a time, as they drive quickly through a pylon course set up on a parking lot—without hitting any pylons. The fastest time wins.

Though scheduled to run the first Saturday of the month January - March, snow canceled the February event. The January and March events were well-attended, cold and windy. After the last event, NJMP donated a portion of the entry fees to LCMS.

For the **One Lap of America (OLOA)**, at the last Winter Solo II event, John Thompson of Thompson Toyota and Joe Volpe of NJMP decided that NJMP would look into loaning LCMS one of the track's pace cars. Thompson Toyota—last year's car supplier—would be the back-up.

Six days before the OLOA started. Saturday April 24, the LCMS team—Fay Teal, David Teal, and Wayne Hickman—picked up the NJMP Subaru WRX STI.

Sunday, LCMS 1993 & 95 teammate Dutch Dryden supervised as his son Chris—Evolution Graphics—and David “dressed” the STI. NJMP graphics covered the STI but Chris found space to put LCMS graphics on the back half of the STI. It looked good.

Wednesday, Wayne joined us to load everything—including me!?! I added a degree of difficulty this year. I stopped driving in 1992 because I couldn't “shift for myself” anymore. I ride in the front passenger seat and tell my drivers where to go—sometimes they do it. They drive or lie down on the back seat. My doctor said I must lie down as much as possible—I got the back seat, they got the front this year.

We left for Irwin, PA, by 11:30 am to have dinner with 2005 teammate Danny Yanda and his wife, Arlene. We all agreed that the STI could bring LCMS its best finish since the 4th overall in 1990.

Friday, 235 miles after the first event at The Tire Rack in South Bend, IN—we checked the results before bed: **11th** of the 68 cars competing! This is a good 1 Lap car.

The STI was car # 49. OLOA ran the cars in number order Saturday at Road America, WI, where David placed **26th**—the STI ran with the TOP ½ of the 1 Lappers. From here on cars ran in their finish order from the prior event. Bad news always follows good—now we had to be at each day's events early! David was **24th** in the afternoon.

On Sunday at Mid America Motorplex, IA—583 miles—the STI was **23rd** & **21st**. Monday at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK—482 miles—David was **18th** both events; the STI was **16th** overall. For the drag races at nearby Tulsa Raceway, the STI was **61st** & **7th** (tie). A missed shift cost us 4 seconds – that hurt.

A 393 mile jaunt got us to Gateway Int'l Raceway, IL, Tuesday, where David did well; **20th** and **17th**. Another 476 miles brought us to Mid Ohio Sportscar Course Wednesday. The last time we were here was in Wayne's Geo Metro—the performance opposite of the STI. David and the STI finished **20th** and **21st**.

A 529 drive, and a stop at our house to drop off dirty clothes, got us to the NJMP Lightning course. We were greeted by flaggers, SJR friends and some family—Cyndy & Leda. Brian Heun & Meg Meyer gave the STI a bath. David spent too much time socializing; he was **24th** and **29th**—on his and the STI's home track!!

We drove 439 miles to Nelson Ledges Road Course, OH. More friends + past teammate Ron Pizor = **15th** & **33rd!?!** See www.lapstoconquerms.org for the whole story.

A short 295 miles brought us back to South Bend for the last event where David was **15th** overall. The LCMS Dominion Title Audubon Environmental Sunoco NJMP WSIB Subaru finished **20th overall of the 68 cars**—our best finish since 1990!

Drive-Arounds happened at two SJR SCCA events at New Jersey Motorsports Park on the Thunderbolt circuit—the circuit the OLOA didn't use.

During lunchtime in June and August, folks were allowed to drive street cars around the circuit—following the pace car. For a donation to LCMS spectators, workers and crew got to see where the cars go when they drive out of sight. Donations were generous and even the race drivers appreciated the “extra track time”.

Merry Christmas to Everyone!
We'll see you somewhere down the road!

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David worked Start/Finish for events all season, and raced at Watkins Glen & NJMP Lightning in October.
David's granddaughters; Abby, 8 in 2nd, Sami, 6 & Leda, 5 1/2, in K, charm us.
Fay's grandsons; Dylan, 19 is in college, Caelan, 11 in 5th grade, & Tristan, 7 in 2nd, entertain us.

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