

Laps to Conquer M.S.

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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2014

\$5,500 Donation Made to the National MS Society

Laps to Conquer MS collected **\$5,500** for the National MS Society during the 2014 *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. LCMS has collected over **\$193,000** of “spare pocket change” for the NMSS since 1989.

LCMS had a year almost the same as last year, attending all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park and the Tri Region Divisional held at Pocono International Raceway. David was the Chief Starter for most of the events. The Chief’s job is to recruit and organize the Start/Finish staff. *Donations to end MS* were collected at two of the events.

April 26th LCMS attended the “Devil in the Dark”, the 12-hour race that starts at noon and ends at midnight. The Thunderbolt race circuit has what appears to be a tail—a very technical section for the drivers. SJR named the section the “Devil’s Tail” referring to the “Legend of the Jersey Devil”.

May 7th the One Lap of America came to NJMP. David and I and my son Wayne Hickman went to greet them. Reg Noble and his three cars got there early and were working on their cars before David and I got out of Chief—our RV—after we got up. David and I got there the night before, Wayne came that morning—he lives closer to NJMP than we do. Wayne and I hadn’t been on 1 Lap since I ran my 25th 2 years ago, David for 1 year. It was still the same. There were a lot of folks we knew to greet. There were new friends to meet. Many of them needed help. Wayne helped teams find parts. David coached drivers about driving the two tracks—1Lap used Thunderbolt in the morning and Lightning after lunch. Wayne left before lunch; we went to Lightning until 3pm when almost everyone had competed and left. We were home for supper.

June 6th – 8th LCMS was the event charity for the SJR, SCCA Majors Race held at NJMP on the Thunderbolt circuit. Almost 200 drivers entered to race. During the lunch breaks Saturday and Sunday, DriveArounds were held; led by a pace car, folks drove their street cars on the track. Before going on course, each car had rules explained—no squealing tires, no passing the pace or other cars—and was asked to donate to LCMS. Over

\$1,600 of *spare pocket change* was collected to help end MS.

At the end of June LCMS returned to NJMP where David, again, worked Start. Race weekends aren’t all work. At lunch, dinner and during evenings everyone socializes. If the weather is bad, folks visit us in Chief. Most days I stay in Chief with a scanner to hear what happens on course and my Kindle books to read.

August 8th – 10th was the Tri Region SCCA, Divisional Race at Pocono International Raceway where David was chief starter and LCMS was the event charity. Jim and Pat Briody were Tri Region’s guests of the event. Jim was invited to drive the Pace Car. He was our first LCMS teammate on the 1 Lap—for **5 years**. Pat helped with the Lunch time DriveArounds that collected over **\$2,400** to end MS.

August 15th – 17th had us back at NJMP for a Jersey Road Racing Series event. David was chief AND he raced Meg Meyer’s race car for its first race since last year. He **WON** his class and had some competition from drivers of faster cars in his race group.

September was a quiet month. David was Starter at NJMP-Lightning for the Vintage Racing Group.

October 17th – 19th was the last race at NJMP for SCCA this year. Don Colenaro raced Meg’s car Friday and **WON!** Meg didn’t race this time, she went to her nephew’s game with her family instead. David raced both Saturday and Sunday and worked start. He **WON 3 races in 2 days!**

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Geoffrey Hall of HotLap Photos who took the photo of David racing and Janice Hainsworth who took the photo of David on the podium after his last win at NJMP.

Because Multiple Sclerosis still exists, LCMS will keep on increasing MS awareness through motorsports.

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and
Merry Christmas.**

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David's granddaughters: Abby, 12, in 6th grade and Sami, 10, & Leda, 9½, in 4th, grade are amazing.

Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 23, is working; Caelan, 15, in 9th grade, & Tristan, 11, in 6th grade are growing up fast.

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