

Laps to Conquer M.S.

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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2017

\$4,000 Donation Made to the National MS Society

Laps to Conquer MS donated \$4,000 to the National MS Society from the 2017 drive to end multiple sclerosis. LCMS has collected about \$210,500 of "spare pocket change" for the NMSS since 1989.

During 2017, LCMS attended all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park and one at Pocono International Raceway. The names of the circuits at NJMP are the same as the WWII planes built there during that war. The SJR events at NJMP relate to the legend of the Jersey Devil and/or the planes. The Chief Starter recruits and organizes the Start/Finish staff. David Teal was the Chief Starter for most of the events. Donations to end MS were collected at one of this year's events.

During race weekends, at lunch, dinner and evenings folks socialize. If the weather is bad, folks visit in the Teal's RV—Chief. Most days Fay Teal stays in Chief reading with a scanner to hear what happens on the track.

Chief was repaired and returned to us just in time to go to NJMP. Car-counts this year were similar to last year.

April 1 & 2 Drivers School on the Lightning circuit started the SJR racing season. David and his fellow starters were busy as the drivers went through various race procedures.

April 22 LCMS attended the "Devil in the Dark". The 12-hour race that starts at noon and ends at midnight, was again, lightly attended. Of the cars with their 2+ driver teams, only a couple of the cars were not running when the checkered flag waved.

May 26-28 After a year off, we returned to Pocono. the northern New Jersey region posted a memorial day race to honor two of their fellow members, Joe DeLuca & Linda Grondlin, who were part of the 9/11 flight 93 that went down in western PA. David assisted Pete Watson who is the other starter at SJR, SCCA events.

June 2-4 The "Lightning Challenge", David worked Start for the event. Almost 170 cars spread over 8

race groups took to the track. Each group qualified and had 2 races.

July 22 & 23 LCMS was the event charity for the "Jersey Devil Majors" Race held on the Thunderbolt circuit. The drivers, crew, race workers and spectators were asked to donate to LCMS. They gave \$1,087 of spare pocket change to help end MS.

August 11-13 It was hot for "Summer Thunder" held on the Thunderbolt circuit. David was Chief Starter for the event that had about 120 racers over nine race groups.

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

October 20-22 was the last race at NJMP for SCCA this year. SJR member Nick DiMeo let David drive his BMW. Nick did not race this year. David got to spend a day of practice with the car. David finished 3rd in all three of his races. But this year again, no photos were taken—some things never change.

Many Friends of LCMS carried graphics on their cars in SCCA races and in the SCCA National Runoffs held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We thank them and many others for their efforts.

This year's Christmas card is a trip down the LCMS One Lap of America memory lane. From left to right the pictures are:

- 1) During Fay's last One Lap in 2011, David staged in the Audi at Summit Point, WV.
- 2) The first LCMS Mazda, in 2005 at the head of the 12 hour grid, at Summit Point, serving as the Pace Car.
- 3) In 2010, at Hallett, OK, with the NJMP Subaru in the background, Fay is caught laying down on the job.

Multiple sclerosis still exists, so LCMS will keep on increasing MS awareness through motorsports.

Thank You Everyone!
Have a
Very Merry Christmas!

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David's granddaughters: Abby, 15, in 9th grade, and Sami and Leda 13 and 12 ½ in 7th grade are amazing young ladies.

Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 26, is working; Caelan, 18, in 12th grade, & Tristan, 14, in 9th grade are handsome guys.

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