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## ***JANUARY MEETING - DRIVER'S NIGHT***

**TUES JAN 15th THE MANOR-7:30 PM**

on the right corner of Kirk Rd, and Ohio Rt 46.

4 red lights south of Austintown.

It's approx 5 miles south of I-80, on rt 46.

We'll be in the back room like before.

It will also be DRIVERS NIGHT where current drivers will tell us their plans for 2008 and former drivers can talk about the "good ole days".

There is a large screen TV and we will be showing some vintage local racing from Canfield, Sharon, Hickory, and NASCAR from the '50s

Lets have a good turn out, to show our appreciation of our new meeting place. The food is excellent at a reasonable price, so come out early for dinner before the meeting.

## ***WINTER BASH AWARD WINNERS***

EDITOR NOTE: DUE TO A GLITCH THESE NAMES WERE OMITTED FROM THE AWARDS BANQUET. I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR-JIM BALENTINE-EDITOR

MOST IMPROVED ASPHALT SOMEONE WHO HAS SHOWN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR  
JEFF MUNDELL-LORAIN COUNTY

HARD LUCK ON ASPHALT: A DRIVER WHO HAS HAD NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK FOR 2007  
STEVE BLACK-MOTORDROME

JERRY HASSAY DEDICATION AWARD: SOMEONE FROM THE CLUB WHO GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND :  
RUSS AND PAT MINER

## ***ANNUAL CAR SHOW***

SHENANGO VALLEY MALL-HERMITAGE PA

The cars will go in the mall on WEDNESDAY MARCH 12TH and will come out on SUNDAY MARCH 16TH. Please contact BRETT MCCALL at 330-759-9696 after 6 PM for more info. Last years cars will get 1st option to apply. Space is limited

Jan, 2008. Hard to believe. Wasn't it a couple weeks ago I was getting used to writing 2007?

Best wishes for 2008 to all the racing family. Racing is in a crisis, though some may argue it's not. In my day, around Youngstown Ohio, there were gas stations on every side of town that had a racecar sitting beside it. I used to pull in, in my gray primered 49 Chevy, and between runs to the gas pumps, you could strike up a conversation with the attendant about the racecar. As to where it raced, how fast it was, how well it handled, etc. Not always these conversations were completely truthful. Because on my Saturday trip to Canfield Speedway, the powder blue number 51, bounced, jounced, smoked, and otherwise ran like crap. But, my point is, there were tons of these cars, in those days. They were cheap, fun, and for the most part didn't go fast enough to get yourself hurt,,badly. You towed it with a heavy car, and a tow bar. If you were real lucky, you learned how to go fast, turn left, and made a few dollars doing it. It was the heyday of racing. Don't kid yourself, they were the good old days. In 1978 I made over \$3000 with a semi late stock car. We raced 30 plus races, from Sandusky, to Tri City, and south to St. Clairsville. And anywhere in between. A schedule like that now would cost you thousands of dollars, just in travel. You can't find cheap fun cars to build, or race anymore. The front wheel drive cars for the most part, race for trophies. Costs are soaring for everything. As fans, I think we take for granted just how great a sacrifice our favorite drivers make to get out there. They deserve our applause, for sure. One way you can show them your pleasure is to have them come to this month's meeting, so we can honor them. They will all have a chance to get up in front, and showcase their plans for the 08 season. And, above all, let's get everybody to come out to the Manor, on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and show the Club's support for the drivers. Last month's meeting went well, the food was good, and everyone seemed satisfied.

We talked briefly about changing the name of the Findlay Award, but I was not with it that night. I lost a Great Aunt, 1 month to the date, my step Mom was buried the day of the meeting, and it was the date of my dear mother's birthday. So to say I was feeling a little depressed would be a gross understatement. I was not very attentive, and I apologize if it wasn't one of my better meetings. We'll have the drivers here this month, so we'll talk about the change to the Award in February.

Right now, before you forget, call your favorite driver, and invite him to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Lickem & stickem is the earliest date calendar/wise that it can possibly be, on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It's the new year, let's make a concerted effort to help keep our sport alive and well. Support the Sport!

Somehow we omitted Russ & Pat Miner's name in the newsletter, last month for winning the Jerry Hassay Dedication Award. Also, Jeff Mundell for winning the Most Improved on Asphalt Award. We apologize for the oversight.

I've been working on an "Adjenda for the President". I'm thinking seriously of putting it on a back page of the newsletter, for all to see. So, for anyone that thinks I do a shoddy job they can see just what all falls back on the shoulders of this office. This will definitely be my encore year as president, as we need new management, with a flare for the future. Seems like the more you try to change things, the less people like it. I gave you my solemn pledge 3 years ago, when I ran for this office, that I would only do that which is for the good of the Club. And I constantly remind everyone that how we do things is ruled by the majority, not me. Yet, there's always the little bits of disention, that you never quite hear, but know it's there. Someone recently complained of my column reflecting to much of "my" stuff. Yet, I've had people compliment me, that I tell a side of racing that they don't see as a fan. Well I do this column from my heart. And you all get, what I have to give. If people want to hear more of what they're doing, then they should let me hear from them. I love this Club. Racing people are my people. I don't associate with my neighbors, but I associate with all of you. If that's wrong, then I have no interest in being right. I have a friend who works in racing in N.C. I told him he's living my dream. I've always wished I could make a living working in racing. I know it's too late for a fat tired 66 year old, but dreams persist. When you no longer have a dream, there's not much left to live for. So, like I said, you get what I have to give.

Okay, I mentioned how many times now about the Drivers Meeting coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup>? The only way we will fill up that room with drivers, or retired drivers is if you all get out and invite them to be there. It's not my job to bring people to the meeting, it's yours. I will be there. Most of our Officers will be there. My favorite driver will be there. Will yours? That's the 15<sup>th</sup>, at The Manor, on the corner of Ch. Rt. 46 & Kirk Rd, in Austintown, Ohio. Meeting starts @ 7:30pm. Get there early if you plan to eat, before the meeting stats. They serve alcohol for those of you who care for a drink. The food's good, & comparably priced with other places we've met. The fries taste like the ones at the Canfield Fair. Try them. Get the vinegar! Come on out, see you there.

Your Prez, Dick Berry.

## **MEETING NEWS**

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from the December 18, 2007 meeting at the Manor in Austintown 23 members attended.

The awards Banquet cost about \$210.00

Sunshine: Phyllis had a month when no cards needed to be sent.

Banquet: Chris Berry thanked all those who got door prizes. Especially Rich Cavanaugh and Linda White; Whites Towing for the Cake; Dale Fuller and Brett McCall for being bartender; Her Husband Rich Berry for his help; and the DJ Chester Mann.

Family Dinner: The President apologized because there was no notice in the newsletter and thanked Russ & Pat Miner for contributing apples and oranges.

Drivers night will be the January 15 meeting at the Manor

The Victory Junction Gang thanked us for the \$100.00 Donation.

Ed Nelson from Dave & Ed's swap meets was sorry he couldn't make the banquet.

Sam Ritenaur suggested we include children at the Banquet. It was discussed, along with what reduced fee would be charged. Checking with caterer on how she would charge children was to be done before proceeding with this idea. Some members wanted the Banquet held earlier but December 13 is the date now being held. It was suggested that the awards ballots be counted at the October meeting so the winners would have time to plan on coming to the banquet. The Ballots would have to be mailed in the September newsletter and returned by the October meeting.

The Election of officers and board members resulted in all positions remaining the same for this year as they were last year. The 50-50 of \$19.50 was won by Jeff Christy whose son Jeffery luckily pulled the ticket. The waitress charged everyone Gratuity on their bill and did not receive any of the 50-50. \$19.50 went to the club.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

by JACK COLEY

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$3638.61

EXPENSES: \$3379.68

1089 Tonja Pemberton (Web Site)	\$11.95
1090 Victory Junction Gang (Donation)	\$100.00
1091 Chris Berry (Center Pieces)	\$43.75
1092 Marc's (Pop for Banquet)	\$15.46
1093 Marc's (Pop for Banquet)	\$12.52
1094 Chris Berry (Balance on Center Pieces)	\$3.60
1095 Cash for DJ	\$150.00
1096 McDonald K of C Hall (Banquet Hall)	\$300.00
1097 Lynda Remias (Caterer for Banquet)	\$1495.63
1098 Jim Fentules (Nov. Newsletter & Ballots)	137.50
1099 Family Dollar (Banquet Supplies)	\$17.48
1100 Postal Mail Sort (Newsletter Labels)	\$15.00
1101 Austintown Trophy (Banquet Trophy's)	\$300.00
1102 Jack Coley (Pop, Chips & Bowls)	\$40.46
1103 Ton Foley (Christmas Party St Nick)	\$50.00
1104 Dick Berry (Christmas Party Supplies)	\$61.33
1105 Jim Fentules (Dec. Newsletter)	\$84.00
1106 USPS (Deposit /Bulk Mail Account)	\$500.00
1107 USPS (Postage Stamps/Banquet)	\$41.00

INCOME: \$2584.50

12/6/07 Deposit (Dues & 50-50 of \$14.50)	\$71.50
12/10/07 Deposit (Ticket sales, 50-50 & \$50 Donation by Remy King)	\$2513.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$2843.43

REPORT DONE ON 12/17/07

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

by FRANCEY McCALL

COMPILED ON DEC 28TH, 2007 WE WILL LOSE 8 MEMBERS DUE TO NON RENEWALS.

WE WILL WELCOME 2 NEW MEMBERS TO OUR RACING FAMILY OF TWIN STATE. THE MEMBERSHIP COUNT WILL NOW BE 828 AND WITH HONORARY 889. DECEMBER MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES ARE NOW EXPIRED.

JANUARY MEMBERS ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANYONE FOR NON RENEWALS. WE WILL SEND OUT 1 REMINDER NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS THAT MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RENEW IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN OF YOUR EXPIRATION DATE PLEASE CALL ME AT 330-759-9696 OR EMAIL ME AT MCCALLRACING@AOL.COM

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AT THIS TIME:  
GARY AND TERRY SWECKER-GUYS MILLS PA  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!!

THANK YOU FRANCEY McCALL  
DECEMBER 28th , 2007

## **IN MEMORIAM-**

VIC GEORGE -Hopewell Twp, Pa-began racing in 1955 at Mercer, Butler, South Park-1968 teamed up with Grover Faulk and then in 1975 with Russ King until retiring in 1979-picked up over 150 feature wins. His car is on display every year at our mall show and is maintained by the King family.

BOB GREER-Hubbard, Ohio-began racing in the early 1950s with NASCAR and MARC including the local shows at Sharon and Canfield. Was promoter at the old Butler Speedway in the early 1950s at the original fairgrounds. Retired from racing in 1970 and was a track official at Expo, Sharon, and Canfield.

PAUL RHODES Enon Valley, Pa-drove the "Cloud 9" semi late and coupe at Mercer, Sharon, and Expo winning several features from 1978-1984. Paul moved down south a few years ago and passed away Thanksgiving weekend.

# ***BANQUET DOOR PRIZE LIST***

Advance Auto Parts	Hall Of Fame Racing
Alex Ferree	Hammett Racing
Al Milliken	Hess's Garage
Al Paradise	Hilltop Speedway
Andrews Auto Salvage	IRS- Independent Racing Series
ARCA	ISC Racer's Tape
Area Auto Racing News	Jackie Boggs
Art Osmer	Lias Tire
Bart Hartman	Lincoln Electric
Bell Racing Company	Mercer Raceway Park
Bessemer Concrete	Michael Waltrip Racing
Billy Drake	Mike Pegher Jr.
Billy VanPelt	National Parts Peddler
Bob Hilbert Sportswear	National Speedway Directory
Brian Birkhoffer	Pep Boys
Brian Shirley	Pittsburgh Penn. Motor Speedway
Brodix	Precise Racing Products
Butch Lambert	Quaker Steak & Lube
Cavanaugh Trucking	Rex & Sis King
Chad Valone	Richard Petty Museum
Challenger Raceway	Rob Blair Motorsports
Chris Schneider	Sandy Jones Racing Flags
Cizmar Racing	Scott Gurdak
Clint Smith	Shane Clanton
Cracker Barrel	Sharon Speedway
Crane Cams	Southeast Harley Davidson & Buell
Cyberdine Inc.	Stahl Headers
DAF Racing Supply	Steve Casebolt
Dan Stone	Steve D'Apolito
Dane Laraway	Summit Racing Supply
Dave & Ed's Super Auto Events	Terry's Tire Town
David Scott	Thompson's Alternator & Starter Service
Deerfield Raceway	Utsinger's Towing
Ed Lynch Jr.	Vavoline
Eriez Speedway	Wood Brothers Racing
Flowmaster	World of Outlaws

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# 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE CHECK WHICH APPLY: NEW APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

PRICES: ADULT SINGLE: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR SINGLE: \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT COUPLE: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR COUPLE: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (6-17) WITH ADULT MEMBER: \$2.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES (S) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (AND AGES) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE ANY ADDRESS CHANGES IF DIFFERENT FROM ADDRESS LABEL.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: TWIN STATE AUTO RACING CLUB AND MAIL TO:  
 FRANCEY McCALL, 1308 TOWNSEND YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44505 PHONE: 330-759-9696

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who helped me with the awards banquet. Everyone who helped contact our award winners. Everyone that helped get door prizes, especially Rich Cavanaugh & Linda White. I appreciate you running all over the place to pick up door prizes. Thanks to Alice & Don White of White's Mobile Service for donating the cake. Thanks to Francey McCall from Francey's Fuzzy Friends & Pet Memorials by Francey for donating the balloons. Dale Fuller of DAF Racing Supply for running around and getting the beer & wine coolers. Jack Coley for getting the pop & munchies. Thanks to all that came to help decorate. Thanks Dale Fuller & Brett McCall for the fine bartending job. A great big thanks to all the ticket sellers, and an even bigger thanks to all that bought tickets and came out to the banquet. I can't forget our caterer Lynda Remias and our DJ Chesterman. Also thanks to Valley Graphics for donating the tickets & Austintown Trophy for the nice plaques as always. Lou always does a great job for us at a reasonable price. Last but not least thanks to my husband Rich for helping me load & unload the van numerous times and also for selling 50/50 tickets. Door prize contributors are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did accept my apology and know that I do appreciate all the help.

Chris Berry

FOR SALE;

305 engine for Hobby Stock Racer at Barberton. All new inside. New crank, etc. Vortec heads. Ran 1 night since built. Make an awesome street engine for street rod. 2bbl manifold & Carb, according to rules. Built by John Christy. \$2000 or offer.

77 Chevelle race car. Fresh 355, ran asphalt. Engine has World Product 4266 heads. Only has 10 nights on it. Long rod, 6 1/8ths, wiseco flat top lightweight pistons, comp hydraulic cam. Not a featherweight. Car itself weighs 3185. Ready to race, Barberton, Lorain, Sandusky. \$4000.

Crane solid lift cam. Very little run time \$100.

Valve Girdle Moroso, new. \$100.

Set of Wiseco 12 to 1 pistons. About ten nights on them. Rules change was reason for taking them out of engine. \$300

2000 Chevy Pick Up. 2500 series. All heavy duty. Ran on propane until last year when I bought it. Runs super. Loan value almost \$7000. Tires, brakes, new last year. Very solid truck. Tows Great. \$5000.

Set of WRL - 043610 track rule heads for Barberton sportsman class. Race ready, finessed by American Thunder race engines, in Barberton. Almost \$800 at summit, I'll take \$550.

It's your column, how come I'm the only one using it???

Call Dick Berry - 330-544-6574 for the above items.

January. Agenda for the Office of the President.

At the December meeting you were elected President. The previous President has set the date for lickem & stickem. (The folding & stuffing of the newsletters.) You took over Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Lickem & stickem is always 8 days before the meeting. But you have a President's Report to write, that must fit exactly in the space allowed on page 2 of the newsletter. When it's received from the Editor, Jim Balentine Jr, Valley Graphics will show you a copy, for your approval. Double check for errors, spell, times, dates, directions, etc. Any and all errors reflect back on this office.

You will have to check with the treasurer as to how many copies will be needed, and add 20 more for extra's. The treasurer orders address labels, so he will know the exact amount needed. Valley Graphics prints our envelopes by the case. You will store them at your house, but be sure to bring the exact amount to lickem & stickem if it's not held at your home. Valley Graphics will tell you when to stop back to pick up the finished newsletters. Try to get an early start, at Valley Graphics, because you never know how busy they will be.

Lickem & stickem is held at my house now. It will be up to you to decide where you want to have it. We usually have a pot luck supper, where everyone brings a little extra food or desert, to be shared by all. It usually starts at 7pm, and takes around 1 ½ hours to ready the newsletters for mailing. Pages need put together, folded, put in envelopes, address labels put on, in exact order to suit the postal service, or the whole batch could be rejected by the post office. The treasurer takes them to the post office for mailing.

January is the month we invite the area drivers to come to our meeting, and give us an idea of what their plans are for the up coming race season. So, however you want to get the word out is your choice, newsletter, webpage, newspaper, whatever works for you. I usually call all the drivers that I know, and give a personal invite.

To conduct the meeting you will use the order given in the by-laws. It's not rocket science, but it's pretty hard separating the old business, new business, & unfinished business. Just try not to forget any committee reports that need discussed.

Keep in mind that there are contracts to be signed for the mall show, an insurance policy, a place for the promoters night in march needs put in place, media & honorary list to go over in April. Also the Vice President will start getting the dates for Club nights very soon after the first of the year. The Treasurer helps get some too. I usually get Lorain, and Barberton, but they get most of them for us.

This month we will need applications for the car show for the Car Show Chairman. I have them on my computer. I update last years copy, and print a bunch, staple them together, to be passed out. Give a copy to the webmaster to put on line, so people can print them from the website.

As president you are the chairman of the board. You have 1 vote, I usually let the board decide things, & use my vote to settle ties, unless it's a matter of grave importance. I make suggestions. We need new material at times. Gene Leamer is the Statutory Agent for this Club. The State of Ohio contacts him for legal issues. As president remember, everything we do sets a precedent. We should do it in the same manner always, so keep that in mind. You should read & memorize the Constitution, and By - Laws, so you know how to react in all situations. That's January. Hope I remembered everything. More next month.

This is from Russ & Pat Miner; We wish to thank all you Club members that voted for us to receive the Jerry Hassay Dedication Award, at the recent Banquet.

This from Brett McCall; I wish to thank all the slate of officers, for stepping up, and working for the Club yet, another year. I look forward to working with you in 2008.

This from Dick Berry. This agenda is for information purposes. You will have to replace me sooner or later. I hope it will help make someone feel comfortable in taking the job over, next year. It's not that hard, you just have a lot of stuff to keep tabs on.