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SEPTEMBER MEETING

TUES SEPTEMBER 16TH THE MANOR-
AUSTINTOWN, OHIO 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.

There is a large screen TV and we will be showing some racing videos.

Special Board Meeting to follow this evening's club meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRI SEPT 12TH

*LERNERVILLE-DIRT BB MODS 100 LAP
250 SPEEDWAY-REG SHOW

SAT SEPT 13TH

*LERNERVILLE-STOCK INVITE
*MERCER-SPRINTS \$2000/WIN/FASTRAK TOUR
*SANDUSKY-MSA/OSWEGO SUPERMOD CHALLENGE
*HAGERSTOWN-HUB CITY 100
*COLUMBUS-50 LAP LATE MODEL
*DEERFIELD-FINAL NIGHT
*HUMMINGBIRD-100 LAP LATE MODEL
*CLEARFIELD-STOCKS \$3000 TO WIN

SUN SEPT 14TH

*BLANKET HILL-WINGLESS 270 MICROS

WED SEPT 17TH

*LAKE ERIE-RACING FOR KIDS DIRT LM ON ASPHALT

FRI-SAT SEPT 19-20TH-21ST

*PAINESVILLE-50TH ANNIVERSARY
*SANDUSKY-CAVALCADE

FRI SEPT 19TH

*ELDORA-WoO SPRINTS
*LAKEVILLE-REG SHOW

SAT-SUN SEPT 20-21ST

*SHARON -ASCS 360 SPRINTS/BRP MOD TOUR/STOCKS
*PPMS-PITTSBURGER 100 UFO LATE MODELS
*SKYLINE-HARVEST 50- TWIN SUPER LM

FRI/ SAT SEPT 26-27TH

*MERCER -LITTLE GUY NATLS
*COLUMBUS-LM MAIN EVENT 100 LAP
*LAKEVILLE-OHIO DIRT BLOWOUT
*MCKEAN CTY-FALL CLASSIC

FRI/SAT SEPT 26-27TH

*WILLIAMS GROVE-WoO SPRINTS NATIONAL OPEN

SAT SEPT 27-

*FREMONT-NON WING SPRINTS \$3000 TO WIN
*LORAIN-HALL OF FAME NIGHT

FRI/SAT OCT 3-4TH

*ELDORA-UMP LATE MODELS/EMODS

FRI OCT 3RD

*LAKEVILLE -REG SHOW
*WILLIAMS GROVE-FINAL RACE

SAT OCT 4TH

*MERCER-FASTRAK LM/SUPER LATES/EMODS ALL \$2000/WIN
*DEERFIELD-HALLOWEEN FALL CLASSIC
*CUMBERLAND-MACS LM \$12,000 TO WIN
*LINCOLN-KENNY WELD MEM/SPRINTS

FRI-SAT-SUN OCT 10-12TH

*LORAIN-FESTIVAL OF SPEED

FRI-SAT OCT 10-11TH

*CHALLENGER-FALL FEST LATE MODELS 25,000 TO WIN
*MIDWAY-EMODS-\$5000 TO WIN

September 2008. Hello Twin Staters. Well gang, the end is near. The leaves are changing color, and I don't know about your yard, but they're falling in mine. That signals the worst time of the year for me, the end of racing season.

We still have lots of things coming up. We have the Awards Banquet December 6th, and the Family Christmas Party, the following weekend, on Sunday afternoon, the 14th of Decenber. Letters are going out right now requesting door prizes for our Banquet. If there's any businesses, or someone that you'd like to see us contact for door prizes, give our Banquet coordinator, Chris Berry a call, 330-797-0147, but get names and addresses before you call her. Pitch in folks, help us out here. We have some fine folks who gather door prizes faithfully, every year. And, we truly appreciate it. So if we could double those prizes, we'd give everyone a second ticket, and pass out more door prizes. Wouldn't that be fun. If we don't get some folks to run for offices, this may be our last banquet.

This newsletter should arrive right before our retired drivers reunion, on Sept, 14th. I like to refer to it as the oldtimers get together. I think most drivers don't necessarily retire,,, they just run out of money.

It's at the Lordstown Admin Bldg, on Sunday afternoon. The cut off for tickets was September the 10th, but in talking to Jim Balentine Sr, (coordinator for the affair), he said you can get tickets if you contact him by FRIDAY, the 12th, BY NOON. That's the absolute cut off. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR! It's catered, and the count goes in at that time, sorry. Jim Balentine's phone no. 330-758-2187. I hope to see you there.

This month's meeting, on the 16th, will be held at the Manor, in Austintown. (7;30pm) Hopefully we can hold your interest better than last month. THERE WILL BE A BOARD MEETING HELD, AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING. A dues increase will be one of the topics of discussion. All members are welcome to be a part of the board meeting, but only officers can vote on issues. But you're more than welcome to voice your opinion.

Next month, NOMINATION OF OFFICERS. Hopefully there will be some new folks step up. I really don't want to stay on another year, but I love racing people, and this Club's full of them. So I'd stay if I'm needed, but I hope someone will step up. I would help someone if they'd step forward. I don't mind the clerical duties, I just feel bad that I can't do the Club Nights. Anyhow, don't forget if you're going to nominate someone, they must have accepted the nomination before hand.

This was gonna be my last year racing, but that never materialized, since the car sat all year. So, 2009 will be my last year. I got an email recently, talking about dying. (At 67 that subject comes up from time to time, you know). It said, slowly shuffling up to deaths door, wasn't crap. We should come sliding sideways into death, tires burning at about 75 miles an hour, while yelling "Yahoo!!! What a ride". That really sounds like a heckuva lot more fun. So I'll have a race car one more year, and hopefully go racing on occasion. I'd only have to race once to run more than this year. But, I do have plans on taking the car to Lorain's Halloween Classic, Oct. 10th, 11th, & 12th. Driver unknown as of yet. Still to be assigned.

Butch Haefke, & I attended the Bill Emig Memorial race the other night, at Mercer. It was a really good show, and the turn-out was surprizing considering the threatening weather through most of the day. Bill was quite a character. He sure liked beating up on the Chevys, with his ford. A lot of drivers took it personal, but to me it was just racing. The best part was when they ran the comet, against the V-8's at Sharon. And won some. Even better was that the late model guys would stop everything to watch the David & Goliath theme play out on that wonderful ° mile asphalt track. I absolutely loved the place. There, Expo, and Hickory were my favorite tracks to race on. Awe heck, who am I kidding, I should say the ones I didn't like. The list would be very short. St.Clairsville is the only one that ever threw me a curve. Ijust couldn't get it right for that track surface. It was really slick, it would get an actual shine to it.

Well kiddies, I guess that's all for now. See page 5, I'll tell you more good stuff.

Meetings on the 16th, at the manor. Hope to see you there. 7;30,try to make it. With a Board meeting afterward. Lots of important stuff to decide.

Your Prez, Dick Berry.

MEETING NEWS

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from August 19, 2008 meeting at the Manor.
26 members attended.

Sunshine: Phyllis Fuller sent a get well card to Phil Wertz for treatment of cancer; a get well card to Don Simpson in the hospital for his heart; A sympathy card to Jim Pollock on the loss of his wife Joan; a get well card to Phil Wertz in the hospital for his heart; a sympathy card to Jean Kochera for the loss of her father, Leonard Murdock; and a get well card to Bob Femlee for an accident at Lernerville.

Banquet letters were sent to Tri-City for gifts for banquet. Ballots will be mailed in November.

80 people attended the picnic at Tri-City.

The club members thanked Jack Coley for doing the Picnic.

The President was upset about low participation in the club.

Some Members have been cheating on membership for children. Francey McCall has names and ages of children. We will get birth dates of children on the application in the newsletter. The Children who reach age 18 are adult members and must pay as an adult. It was suggested that we have meetings and newsletters every other month. Jim Balentine suggested we have a board meeting to discuss this. It was suggested we raise membership dues.

Voting on the "Best of show" car in the car show will be on Jim Balentine Jr's web site.

The President congratulated Cora Aukhelin who is 80 years of age for still racing at Painesville.

We will pay \$25.00 for the winners of each division that race for Trophy's only at Painesville Speedway.

Gene Leamer talked about the picnic at Tri-City and how the Tri-City Hall of Fame inductees were at the picnic, except for Lou Blaney. Don Gamble talked to them.

On September 17th, Wednesday, Lake Erie Speedway is sponsoring make a wish racing for kids. There will be no admission fee. A collection will be held in the grandstands. We will make a \$100.00 Donation for this purpose.

We received a blessing from Pastor Bill Beck who praised our club for all it does.

The 50-50 of \$25.00 was won by Chuck Horne, with \$12.50 going to the club and \$12.50 going to the waitress.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by JACK COLEY

TWIN-STATE AUTO RACING CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$4530.19
EXPENSES:	\$941.64
1151 Jack Coley (North Jackson Picnic supplies)	\$82.89
1152 Target (Pop for Picnics)	\$10.65
1153 Austintown Trophy (Plaques)	\$538.00
1154 Postal Mail Sort (Labels)	\$15.00
1155 Jim Fentules (Newsletter and Envelopes)	\$151.00
1156 Guy Griffin (Club Night Feature winner)	\$25.00
1157 Jeff Hassay (Club Night Feature winner)	\$25.00
1158 Sam's Club (Picnic Burgers & Hot Dogs)	\$56.66
1159 Jack Coley (Tri-City Picnic Supplies)	\$37.44
INCOME:	\$111.00
8/15/2008 (50-50)	\$25.00
8/15/2008 Dues	\$86.00
ENDING BALANCE:	\$3699.55
REPORT DONE ON: 8/18/2008	

DAVE & EDS AUTO EVENTS

FRI-SAT-SUN SEPT 12-13-14TH

**CANFIELD FAIRGROUNDS
CANFIELD, OH**

FRI / SAT: 8-5 SUN 8-3

**\$5 PER DAY
\$7 WEEKEND PASS
330-477-8506**

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by FRANCEY McCALL

COMPILED ON AUG 26TH 2008. WE WILL LOSE 13 JULY MEMBERS DUE TO NON RENEWAL.

WE HAVE NO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY .

THE COUNT WILL BE 724 AND WITH HONARARY 750.

PLEASE IF YOU ARE NOT SURE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP DATES OF EXPIRATION PLEASE CALL.

WE ARE SAD TO REPORT THE LOSS OF DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIPS FOR THIS YEAR. JULY MEMBERS ARE NOW EXPIRED. AUGUST MEMBERS YOU HAVE TIL EPTEMBER 26TH, 2008 UNTIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL EXPIRE. PLEASE REMEMBER A 30 DAY GRACE PERIOD IS IN EFFECT FOR ALL MEMBERS

THANK YOU, FRANCEY McCALL 8.26.2008

SEPT CLUB NIGHTS

SAT SEPT 13TH MIDVALE SPEEDWAY 3/10 MILE ASPHALT- RACING AT 6:30 PM - STANDS 1/2 OFF

www.midvalespeedway.com TRACK: 330-339-3977

LATE MODELS, SPORT STOCKS, PURE STOCKS, COMPACTS, FIGURE 8S
TAKE I-76 TO I-77 SOUTH TO ST RT 250 SOUTH. TRACK ON ST RT 250.

IF YOU ARE A CLUB MEMBER AND ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING
PLEASE CALL DICK BERRY @ 330-544-6574 AND YOU MAY BE ABLE TO
PRESENT THE CLUB PLAQUES TO THE FEATURE WINNERS THAT NIGHT!!!!

NOTE: DIRECTIONS ARE FROM THE YOUNGSTOWN OHIO AREA AND ARE THE
COMMON WAYS TO GET TO THE TRACKS. NOT ALWAYS THE BEST OR FASTEST.
PLEASE CHECK FOR RAIN OUTS AND MAKE UP DATES ON OUR WEBSITE
WWW.TWINSTATE.ORG

FOR SALE

1990 Ford Conversion Van. Every option available. Excellent condition. \$2500 or best offer.
Call Jack Coley, 330-793-4657

2004 HONDACRV-EX AWD - Excellent condition, runs great. Black W/charcoal interior. power
moon roof, power windows/mirrors, 6 c-d changer tape player, cold/ac, newer brakes, well main-
tained, 72,000 miles. \$14,900,
or best offer. Call Dorothy Reynolds @ 724-462-4894.

77 Chevelle Race Car, (Car only) without eng, trans, or rear gear, \$700. 330-544-6574

305 race engine \$1800. complete, set up for holley 2bbl. circle track pan. 330-544-6574.

2007 Suzuki Ozark 250cc 4 wheeler. 4 hours ride time, Still has tits on tires, hasn't ever seen mud.
Sat in garage mostly, never even started until August. Sell for balance due on loan \$4500. It's
perfect, I just hate the thing,
too big for one thing. 330-544-6574.

NO MORE TWIN STATE CLUB ???

Well folks, it's a possibility. This month's meeting coming up, we will have a board meeting, after the regular meeting. We haven't had a dues increase in over 10 years. We have endured all the cost increases in the operation of the Club, and we are still able to pay the bills. However, the Club in recent years has continued giving away thousands of dollars to charitable items, or organizations. We gladly did it. We're non-profit, and it's one of our purposes in being.

But the treasury has been slowly dwindling from years past. When we dropped the age for seniors from 60, to 55, for instance, we took away revenue. (I can't even tell you when that came about). With the ages of our members now, that move has had to have made an impact on our possible income. A regular couple pays \$20, it used to be until the age of 60. We lowered the price, \$10, and the age to 55, a senior couple at 55 now pays \$10. It's a wonderful gesture, but in the overall scheme of things, we forfeited \$10, for 5 years, for every couple on the books in that age bracket. If you consider the difference between the single regular member \$15, and the single senior member \$7, we forfeited \$8 for 5 years for those members in that category. Plus if you consider that maybe some people fudge a little on the kids becoming of age, it all adds up. I'm not complaining about it. I'm just pointing out how things can affect you further down the road.

We have remained the largest, and probably the only, bargain in local racing that there is. How many things can you name that hasn't had a price increase in the last 10 years? If any! Years ago, someone figured out what the benefits were for a family of 4, that were Club members if they took part in all the Club nights. I think there were 15 Club Nights at that time. And, at the prices in effect then, they'd have saved hundreds of dollars by being a Twin State member.

That being said, you should know that we will be having nomination of officers at the October meeting. I was hoping to be relieved of the Presidents duties because of health concerns. I don't mind doing the job, but I'm not always available to be where the Club needs me. But, I will stay on, if needed. Other officers have voiced their desire to step down. We need some new blood, or do away with the Club nights, since that seems to be a major sticking point. And if we start nominating officers, and no one comes forward, we can entertain a motion to dissolve the Club. We have the legislation on the books to do that. I would hate to see it come to that, but a handful of devoted people have been running this Club for years now. We even had some members come to the meeting one time, and openly bragged that they only joined for the Club Nights. Okay, so maybe the Club nights should hinge solely on participation at meetings. Award 2 Club night passes for every one meeting you attend. And the month before a Club night, if your name wasn't on the previous meetings sign in sheet, you wouldn't be eligible for entry on that Club night. Or reward this years Club nights on last years attendance, at a two for one ratio. If you made 6 meetings, you got 12 Club night points. If you made seven, 1 more than half, you'd get them all. That's more than fair. It's all things that we have to consider, if we're keeping old tired out people in place.

Have you noticed how many ex-presidents are still active in Twin State? We burn them out, people. They don't just step down, they step out. And thank goodness the ones we still have do the things for us that they do. Gene Leamer, you can thank him everytime we get the Lordstown Bldg for our functions. As a Lordstown resident he handles that for us. Jim Balentine Sr, is a tireless source of Twin State history. He's our lead board member, and always steps up when needed. But those two are the few that have stayed with us. Does that say something that we should be noticing??? Maybe you folks don't realize, but I tell you every time. **It's your Club! How about some help here. If you want to see it close the doors, just keep on doing what you're doing now, and the possibility may become a reality.** Then no one would get Club night. Anyhow, this page is solely my thoughts, & opinions. However, it will be discussed at the board meeting. I love this Club. I love racing people. They're the best. I don't want to see the Club fall apart, but closing the doors is spelled out in our constitution, & by-laws. It only takes a motion from the floor, then follow procedure. **I really don't want to see that happed. We need your support, but it could all be over by the first of 2009. It's your Club, your choice. Do we prepare for the present, or the future.**

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2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: Husband & Wife \$20.00 • Single Senior Citizen \$7.00 • Husband & Wife (Senior) \$10.00
 Children (6 thru 17) With Adult \$2.00 • Single Adult (18 & over) \$15.00 • Children (6 thru 17) without adult \$5.00 • Senior Citizen (55 or over) Lifetime Member (existing member 75 or older) Free _____

Name(s) _____ Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Children Members: Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Email address: _____

Check here _____ if Senior Citizen over 55 Check here _____ if Driver

Car # _____ Track _____ Division _____

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