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FEB MEETING ***TUES FEB 17TH- SERRECCHIO'S RESTAURANT***

(FORMERLY GRANDMA ROSS' KITCHEN) 569 South Meridian Road Youngstown
Meeting time is 7:30. From Interstate 680 in Youngstown at the Meridian Road Exit,
travel two miles south, and it will be on the left side.

330-270-5790 is their number in case you need better directions.

Please come early as space is limited and enjoy a great dinner at a reasonable price
as the restaurant is closed to the public at 7 PM so we have it for ourselves.

The kitchen will stay open as long we keep ordering food and
refills on beverages are FREE.

**IMPORTANT MATTERS THAT PERTAIN TO THE CLUB AND ITS FUTURE ARE BEING
DISCUSSED. WE NEED YOU TO COME TO THE MEETING TO HAVE YOUR VOICE
HEARD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**BRING A BAG OF SUCKERS TO THE MEETING FOR THE CAR SHOW AND PLEASE
VOLUNTEER TIME FOR OUR BOOTH OR TO HELP OUT DURING THE SHOW**

CAR SHOW SHENANGO MALL-HERMITAGE PA MARCH 12-15TH

The cars will go in the mall on WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH and will come out on SUNDAY MARCH
15TH. Please contact BRETT MCCALL at 330-759-9696 after 6 PM for more info.

Last years cars will get 1st option to apply. Applications on www.twinstateracing.org

**NOTIFY OUR TABLE BY 8PM THAT THE CAR IS OUTSIDE .YOU MUST BE IN ORDER TO
GO IN BY YOUR SPOT.** Space is VERY limited possibly only 40 or so entries will be
allowed with some cars not even able to FIT INTO the mall around corners.

**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER BEFORE THE CARS GO IN THE MALL SO
CALL BRETT @ 330-759-9696 ASAP FOR SPACE AND SIZE RESTRICTIONS.**

PROMOTOR'S NIGHT MARCH 17TH MEETING

PROMOTOR'S NIGHT will be on TUESDAY MARCH 17TH at the LORDSTOWN ADMIN BLDG.
in LORDSTOWN, OHIO on SALT SPRINGS ROAD.

Please bring a container of SLOPPY JOE mix for our pot or cookies.

This is our largest attended meeting of the year so come early for a seat.

If you weren't at last month's meeting, you missed it. First off, the weather was terrible, but when hasn't it been lately. Cold, & snow. However, the drivers that showed up were excellent representatives of racing on the local level. Thanks especially to Bob Williams, who chronicled his racing life from the time he was a kid, dreaming of going racing, to this being his last year in the seat of a race car. It was very interesting, and enjoyable.

If you've ever sat down with a retired racer, you know the following is true; "You can take the Boy out of racing, but you can never take Racing out of the Boy." (Or Girl) If you were at last year's Oldtimer's meet, you know the truth of that statement. When the retired drivers got up to speak as soon they started to talk, a warm glow came over their face, a sparkle came in their eye that wasn't there before. Some got tears when they spoke of how much it meant to be there that day. Hooking up with old friends and such. Racing is really something special. I love hearing the old stories of the early days of racing. Wimpy May's story stood out to me. How 5 buddies bought an old 38 (I think it was a 38 anyhow), Plymouth for 25 or 30 bucks, put new spark plugs in it, and raced it all summer. Those were the days.

Getting back to the drivers meeting, we couldn't have fit one more person in there that night, but quantity, was certainly given over to quality. And we did squeeze in 49 people, every chair was taken, and a couple of guys stood up, for most of the meeting. But it was a very interesting, and enjoyable evening. Plus, we even got some business covered. I really appreciate new Club member, also my driver, Tim Schmitt, coming in from Stow, and bringing his father-in-law, and my favorite "Oldtimer"- Pappy Bob Miller, coming in from Akron, on such a blustery evening. Hope the snow melts some day.

Hey, coming up next month, The Car Show, March 12th to 15th, at the Shenango Valley Mall. Also, Promoters Night Meeting in Lordstown, at the Admin Building on the 17th. Two big events for our Club. We'll need volunteers to man the Twin State table at the Mall, and suckers, or a \$1.00 donation, which if not used could be spent for donuts, or cookies for the Promoters night. Don't forget to bring sloppy joe mix for Promoters night, to feed our guests. Cookies, and/or snacks are appreciated, also.

We raised all membership fees \$3.00 at the Jan. meeting, also. It was voted on, & passed. Our treasury was quite low, as the recession is hitting our Club as well as the whole country. It was a necessity, and done the fairest way possibly, and the simplest. It took effect Feb, 1st, 2009. It was our first increase in over 12 years. Not many things in your daily life have held their price for 12 years, without losing value. Racing certainly hasn't lost any value in my estimation, in recent years. Twin State still gives you more bang for your buck than any one other thing in racing. (Almost 20 FREE Club nights through the summer months.) Did you see on TV how all the retailers are making their portions miniusually smaller? Taking away a tiny bit of what you get so they can still enjoy the profit margin, without raising their prices. We don't do that, in fact, at this early date, Club members have already procured 15 Club dates on your behalf. We are the only bargain in racing. Come on out, support your Club with your presence. It was really rewarding last month to see the fine turn out for the drivers.

Lately, I try to start the meetings by reading something funny or insightful. Why not? We're a social Club, done solely for the enjoyment of it's members. Down through the years, there have been people who would have liked to make this entity more than just fun, but that's wrong. It's whole function is to do good for the sport, and to socialize with like-minded folks, who share our interest in the sport of auto racing. And a little humor won't kill ya, and some it'll do ya a lot of good. Break the winter "blah's." I don't know about you all, but I could surely use a little sunshine. Ok, outa space. See ya on the 17th. Your Prez - Dick Berry.

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from January 20, 2009 drivers night meeting at Serrecchio's restaurant. 48 members attended. The President opened the meeting with some jokes.

Sunshine: Joy Berry sent a get well card to Ed Cornell and a sympathy card to Jean Coley on the death of her Aunt.

Newsletter: Jimmy Balentine Jr. reported that Pastor Bill Beck will have a new column in the newsletter and ask driver's to email information to him. Deadline is Sunday February 1st. February 9th is lickem and stickem at Berry's house.

Car Show: March 11th thru March 15th. Bring suckers for the kids or a \$1.00 donation to the sucker fund.

Banquet: Chris Berry has sent out certificates of thanks to door prize donators. Francey McCall will see if we can set our Banquet for the first Saturday in December, December 5th. Dick Berry still has some plaques to be given out. He proposed a board meeting to discuss low treasury funds. The Banquet price may be increased to \$25.00. Bill Beck suggested we send the newsletter over the internet if members requested it. It was suggested we sell adds to be printed in the newsletter.

A special meeting was called for the Board members to discuss adopting the dues change in the By Laws.

We voted to increase all membership fees by \$3.00.

Correspondence: Francey McCall received a nine page letter from Joseph Brenner saying Sportsman speedway will be open. Its on Huckleberry ridge rd. They will have practice May 3rd and May 10th.

Pastor Bill Beck gave encouraging remarks to the club. Chris Moved we adjourn.

The 50-50 of \$35.00 was won by Pat Miner. The waitress was given \$17.50 and the club got \$17.50. Rex King Jr donated \$20.00 to the club. Posters donated by Rich Cavanaugh were won by Jim Balentine Sr., Justin Kuti, Becky Ritenour, Pastor Beck, and Bob Williams.

DRIVERS NIGHT

The following drivers were introduced and told what they were doing for 2009.

**Rex King Sr., Rex King Jr.,
Bob Williams, Tom Schmidt,
Sam Ritenour, Ed Wilson,
Judy Fields (Power Puff),
Pappy Miller.**

Thank you to all these drivers who came out.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by JACK COLEY

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ 1342.73

EXPENSES :\$ 700.47

1202 USPS (Bulk Mail Fee)	\$180.00
1203 Steinhouser Agency (Liability Ins)	\$250.00
1204 Lordstown Village (Deposit on Hall)	\$50.00
1205 Jim Fentules (Newsletters)	\$112.00
1206 Joy Berry (Envelopes)	\$7.98
1207 USPS (Postage for Thank You Cert.)	\$85.49
1208 Postal Mail Sort(Newsletter Labels)	\$15.00

INCOME: \$ 95.75

1/3/09 Dues	\$37.00
1/3/09 (50-50)	\$8.75
1/8/09 Refund from Lordstown	\$50.00

ENDING BALANCE:\$738.01

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by FRANCEY McCALL

COMPILED ON JANUARY 31ST 2009. WE WILL WELCOME 4 NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2009. WE WILL MOVE 2 MEMBERS TO LIFETIME FOR DECEMBER 2008 WE WILL LOSE 8 MEMBERS DUE TO NON-RENEWAL THE NEW COUNT FOR MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 717 AND WITH HONORARY 738 WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS TO RACING FAMILY OF THE TWINSTATE RACING CLUB.

OJ TUCKER / DEBBIE CATHCART

ED / LINDA WILSON

LIFETIME MEMBERS JIM / COOKIE SIEFERT

THANK YOU FRANCEY McCALL 1-31-09

RACEWAY 7 OPENING FOR 2009 UNDER TERRY ADAMS!!!!

An agreement was reached Friday, Feb. 6th to lease Raceway 7 for the 2009 season.

Terry Adams, current manager of Lorain County Speedway, will be operating the Conneaut Oval for the season.

The new management will continue to run the Fastrak Late Models, E-Mods, Street Stock and Mini Stock as weekly divisions. A practice will be held April 24th with racing tentatively scheduled to start the first Friday in May.

More information on the upcoming schedule will be posted as details become available.

For more information please contact Terry at 216-695-3484 or email him at twcklff@netzero.net or you can continue to email info@raceway7.com and it will be forwarded to him.

LOU BLANEY -1940-2009 by Jim Balentine Jr.

One if not THE greatest driver to come out of the East. Oh/West Pa area passed away on Sunday Jan 25th at the age of 69 as a result of Alzheimers.

Lou began racing for his father George Blaney in 1958 in the modified division at Sharon finishing 3rd on Aug 17 of that year and picked up his 1st ever win at Greater Pitt on June 2nd ,1961 and his 1st Sharon win in the Super Modified class on June 11th 1961 over his fellow teammate Gib Orr. Lou, Gib , and Dale Johnson were part of the 3 team stable known as the 3 White Mice under the direction of Lous dad George. Lou picked up 10 wins in that season. Lou then began traveling across Ohio and West Pa racing against the best of the business.

At the Williams Grove National Open Lou finished 3rd in 1963 and picked up his most prestigious win in the event in 1966. At Eldora in August of 1967 Lou competed in a 500 lap race finishing 285 laps and ending up 15th of 33 cars and also won a race at Ohio Valley picking up \$1855. In 1969 Lou won 10 times at Jennerstown and in 1970 won 11 picking up the track championship. In 1973 Lou won the track titles at Lernerville, Jennerstown, and Tri city and was the 1st to do so in the area. 1974 saw Lou finish 4th in the prestigious Knoxville Natls. Lou also drove for Bill Thomas and Frank Crash and picked up his final Sprint win at Mercer on May 16, 1981 retiring in June and letting son Dave take over. According to a web site Lou unofficially competed in 427 Sprint features and won 172 with a winning percentage of 40% documentation is not fully complete so Lou may have won over 200 features easily.

In 1978 Lou and Bill Thomas purchased a former Toby Tobias coupe and did double duty for 4 years.

In 1982 Lou finished 2nd in the Schaffer 200 at Syracuse and was put on the cover of Stock Car magazine. Winner Merv Treichler ran out of gas on the cool down lap and if the race lasted 1 more lap Lou would have been the victor. In 1987 Lou won his 50th Mod win at Sharon and ended up with over 110 wins there , Lernerville-69, Raceway 7-45, Mercer-45, Tri city-24, Expo-16, and others amassing 343 career Modified wins. At Mercer in 2000 the USNA Mod touring division came down and Lou battled Billy Decker for 20 laps and beat Decker for the \$2,000 to win prize with a last lap pass that thrilled the crowd. Lou retired from racing in 2004. Lou is survived by wife Kate ,whom he married in 1960, sons Dave and Dale, and 5 grandchildren. God Bless Lou Blaney for what he meant to alot of us.....

IN MEMORIAM

BOB MAUERSBURG-82 of Sigel, Pa died January 21, 2009 at Clarion hospital. He operated Tri-City from 1985 to 1987. Known as a tough businessman, Mauersburg ceased operations at the Venango County half-mile oval during the 1987 season when a local amusement tax and high insurance costs caused him to conclude that the track would not operate at a reasonable profit. The track remained closed until it was sold by Mauersburg in 1995 to the current owners, Mike Graham and Roger Crick of Rimersburg, Pa. They reopened the track in 1996.

During Mauersburg's reign at Tri-City, one of the most famous events in track history occurred when future four-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion Jeff Gordon competed in a 1985 All Star Circuit of Champions Super Sprint race at 14 years of age.

Mauersburg was a World War II veteran and a former industrial arts teacher at North Clarion High School near Leeper, Pa. He also was the former owner and operator of Mauersburg Coal Company.

CAROLE A. CIZMAR- 70 of Liberty, Oh, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at her residence. She was born July 25, 1938, in Youngstown. Her son was Greg Cizmar who raced locally at Sharon and Raceway 7 in the Limited Sportsman and Semi Late divisions. He currently is the owner of Cizmar Racing Inc.

WILBUR HAWTHORNE- 84 of Lisbon, Ohio was the owner and crew chief for several of the top sprint car drivers of the 60's and 70's, including Ted Wise, Billy Casella, and Bobbie Adamson, with whom he had his most success. Bobbie wheeled the #35 Hawthorne Special to many, many wins including 2 track championships at Williams Grove Speedway, and 1 National Open Win at the "Grove". In 1968 the "Hawthorne Special" won 28 feature races and was invited to Ascot Park in Calif. to race the "Best in the West" on Thanksgiving week-end of 1968 picking up the victory. He also won 2 IMSA Winter National Championships at the Old Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. Wilbur retired from racing after the 1974 season, but remained an avid fan of the sport to which he had given so much to

CHAPLAINS THOUGHTS & PRAYERS by Racing Chaplain Bill Beck

So many times we wait until our heroes are gone to honor them, instead of walking up to them and telling them how much they have meant to you in their life of dedication.

Mercer had a Living Legend award earned by Andy Lutz. Notice that I said "earned", not "given"; the difference is that earning something means great effort, and at times, great sacrifice is involved. In Andy's case, both were evident.

Hard days in the yard, long nights in his shop at home, and then fun at the track. All of this was accomplished without big time sponsors or being independently wealthy. Instead, it was done with two elements - hard work and the desire to race. This is a combination that, if we all would decide to adhere to, there would be more dreams fulfilled than failures.

I watched Andy drive, and win, in almost every class, and if he didn't, it was probably because he never had the chance. Anyone that saw him race at Mercer will remember he never left anything on the table. He used every inch of the track to win, which is what he did many, many times.

andy-lutz-You always knew where he was; you could hear him from a long distance. I really don't know what to attribute that to, except, that is how he was meant to be, and I am so glad he didn't try to become someone other than who he was created to be - an innovative, devoted, and exciting racer and friend. But probably the best thing about Andy - he is a great husband and father. He has never given up on any of those responsibilities.

Once, last year at Mercer, Andy was not feeling very good and had a worried look that is not normal for him. We took a little time to have a quick prayer and the next week, in a way only Andy could do, he walked up to me and said, "It really works." My question was, "what works?" He simply said, "Prayer." Then he told me that his tests were very good.

And that is what makes him a living legend in my eyes

Bill Beck www.racerspastor.com

PRESIDENT'S AGENDA

Get through winter. Don't fall on the ice. Watch everything Nascar that you can find, so you can gripe about it. Look for a Daytona 500 party. Do Club Newsletter,,,Oh, yeah! That's what we're doing. Sorry, lost my train of thought.

February - business as usual. Make preparations for Car Show coming up, & Promoters Club Night. Tell Carol from Scarnecchia's Restaurant that we won't be there in March. I've got some complaints about the new meeting place. Drop me a line, or E-mail with constructive criticism please. I don't know how new to the business they are, but here's some of my complaints. Prices a little high for portions served. I'm sorry but that Big Ben Burger last month must have been made by the munchkins. And it costs more than a whopper from Burger King. I saw an order of fries on someone's plate that should have been a children's portion. They are so nice, and they bend over backwards to make us feel comfortable, but if you all aren't satisfied we can start looking again. Your decision. Maybe if we present our complaints as constructive criticism they won't kick us out. It's a real dilemma. I can't believe they can't see it for themselves. I realize they need to make a profit, but that's ridiculous calling those burgers in any way "big".

March coming up. - Car Show – gotta remind everyone that can, to volunteer for the Twin State table. Suckers for Mall. Thanks to Gene Leamer for getting the admin. Bldg. For the March 17th meeting. Lickem & stickem will be on the 9th again next month, at the poorhouse on salt springs. 2009 Club nights as of now, thanks to Russ Miner, and Jack Coley.

TWIN-STATE CLUB NIGHTS 2009

APRIL 18, 2009 SAT MIDVALE SPEEDWAY ASPHALT

MAY 2, 2009 SAT MERCER RACEWAY PARK DIRT

MAY 9th SAT DEERFIELD SPEEDWAY DIRT

MAY 30, 2009 SAT SANDUSKY SPEEDWAY ASPHALT

JUNE 6th 2009 SAT SHARON SPEEDWAY DIRT

JUNE 12th, 2009 FRI LERNERVILLE SPEEDWAY DIRT

JUNE 28th 2009 SUN. ERIEZ SPEEDWAY DIRT

JULY 3rd 2009 FRI MOTORDROME SPEEDWAY ASPHALT

JULY 4th SAT QUAKER CITY DRAG/STRIP

JULY 11th 2009 SAT PPMS DIRT

JULY 18th, 2009 SAT WAYNE CTY SPEEDWAY DIRT

JULY 25, 2009 SAT LAKE ERIE SPEEDWAY ASPHALT

AUG 1, 2009 SAT LORAIN COUNTY SPEEDWAY ASPHALT (msa)

AUG 15, 2009 SAT SANDUSKY SPEEDWAY ASPHALT (msa)

SEPT 12th SAT DEERFIELD SPEEDWAY DIRT

You'll notice we have 2 msa events. Those are the super mods. If you're a super/mod fan, you might want to take note of those dates. We also get in FREE at all Dave & Ed's Auto Events.

Hope I haven't forgotten anything.

Later folks.

SEASON OPENERS

***SAT FEB 21st 2009 HAGERSTOWN OPENER-LATE MODELS/410 SPRINTS 1 PM**

***SAT FEB 28TH 2009 HAGERSTOWN-LATE MODELS/MODIFIEDS 1PM**

LINCOLN-SPRINTS \$3,500 TO WIN 2 PM

***SAT MARCH 7TH- HAGERSTOWN-LATE MODELS/MODIFIEDS-1 PM**

LINCOLN-SPRINTS/THUNDERCARS-2PM

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***SANDUSKY**

**SANDUSKY MALL FEB 27-MARCH 1ST
SANDUSKY OHIO**

***TRI CITY**

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***LERNERVILLE**

**CLEARVIEW MALL-BUTLER PA
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PITTSBURGH MILLS MALL
MARCH 12-14**

***ATTICA/FREMONT-
FINDLAY VILLAGE MALL-
MARCH 6-8TH**

**WOODLAND MALL-BOWLING GREEN,OHIO
MARCH 13-15TH
TIFFIN MALL-TIFFIN,OHIO
MARCH 20-22ND**

**MIDVALE-
NEW TOWNE MALL-NEW PHILADELPHIA
MARCH 27-29TH**

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2009 FEB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: Husband & Wife—\$23.00 _____ Single Senior Citizen \$10.00 _____

Husband & Wife (Senior) —\$13.00 _____ Children (6 thru 17) With Adult—\$5.00 _____

Single Adult (18 & over)—\$18.00 _____ Children (6 thru 17) without adult—\$8.00 _____

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Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____

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