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DEC MEETING-NEW LOCATION!!!

the DECEMBER MEETING will be on TUESDAY DEC 15TH at
THE ICE HOUSE INN @7:30 PM

5516 W Webb Rd (ST RT 46) Austintown, OH 44515 (330) 544-8800

The ICE HOUSE is located 1/2 mile NORTH of I-80 on ST RT 46. We will be on the RIGHT SIDE of the restaurant by the stage. They have a full bar and have alot of great food specials. On Tuesdays they have 99 cent tacos and have large food portions plus drink specials.

We will be discussing the banquet and also be counting votes for our 2009 club officers!!!
Please tell owner Mike Mousie thank you for having us once again at his establishment

TWIN STATE CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY

Sunday December 13th 2009

Lordstown Administration Bldg

Salt Springs Road, Lordstown, Ohio

1:00 pm doors open...2:00 dinner...

3:00 arrival of Santa Claus

Parents, Take Note; Dick Berry & the Elves need a head count of all the children planning to be there, so that Santa can bring enough presents. Call Anyone at 330-544-6574, get the facts about the \$10 presents the kids will receive. We will need the head count asap, hopefully by Thursday night, the 10th of Dec. so we have enough Stockings for the kids.-Thank you! A pasta dish (Probably Rigatoni) . pop, coffee, & hot chocolate provided by the Club. Bring a covered dish, salad, desert, or snacks to be shared by all.

RACERS FOR TOTS XMAS PARTY

Saturday December 12th 2009

South Fayette Firehall, Cuddy Pa

4:00 PM Til 11:00 Pm

Food*Music*Cash Bar*Chinese Auction

D.J. Rookie Rick and the Fabulous Gun Slingers

Admission: A new toy per person

(\$10.00 per person without toy)

Room discount Holiday Inn, Bridgeville

412-914-2000, tell them Racers For Tots

More information: call Jimmy Steigerwald

412-952-4723

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by FRANCEY McCALL

Compiled on Nov, 30th, 2009. We have no new members to report for November.

We are pleased to say all October members are in good standing.

November members, you have a 30 day grace period, so please renew quickly. I will close the books in December, on the 30th. The membership count will stay the same now. 643 members, with Honorary 668.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU & YOURS,

And A SAFE & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, Thank You,

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Dick Berry

Wow people, where did this year go. In reflection, this year we laid to rest all too many of our old racing buddies. The old gang is getting thin. You'll have to excuse me guys, last night was the Banquet, and I'm still feeling very sentimental.

It was probably one of the best nights of my racing life, being recognized as the Russ King Owner of the Year Award recipient. Someone told me in the past, they were going to vote for me, but they have said that before. And, lets face it, I'm just a "small potatoes, back yard mechanic", who happens to love throwing his money away and time, on race cars. But when it came down getting it, I got a bit emotional, especially following Sam Ritenour's heartfelt thanks for helping him through the years. And good friend, Jack Coley getting the Jerry Hassay Memorial "Dedication Award." (Talking about how we miss Jerry.) And of course, Sis King's kind words in presenting the Russ King Memorial Award to me, it was just to much love for my heart to endure. I cracked a little, at least it wasn't like the Jeff Gordon melt down several years back. Lol, poor guy. Earnhart Sr, warned him that might happen, & he (Gordon) stated that fact, in an interview later on, he said Sr. told him he might melt down, write down what to say, & stick to it. Keep it together.

Anyhow, this being my last year as President, it was probably my most memorable night in racing, ever. I secretly envied the people who have gotten this award for years, but never ever figured I'd be fortunate enough to garner enough votes to win over the better known names of owner nominees. My little group of bre/boys, Tim Schmitt, Jeff Mundell, Sam Ritenour, & Steve Horkey, have done me proud this past year. And Francey McCall will be joining the bre group this coming year as we head off to Barberton again. God how I wish we had a big time sponsor. Still, it's so cool to see the cars all lined up in the pits with the BRE, emblem across the back panel. I look at that with pride. I'm so very proud of them. I thank you all so much for this wonderful honor.

This was probably the 37th Banquet I've been to for this Club. Man, we've been everywhere for our banquet too. I have to laugh when I think how we have moved across this area for our function. We've been to Girard, Niles Hubbard, Youngstown, Liberty, Bazetta, & probably some I forget. It's been such a great ride, though,,,very enjoyable.

Brother Bill Beck got the Bud Crum Memorial Good Guy Award. He is such a devoted arm of God. My Sister, Mother Crum did a good job presenting that award to Bill, using some of Bill's own words from his reports to us. Telling of all the kindness he had extended on the part of his Master to people in need. I said in Bill's case, we should call it the "God" Guy Award. I couldn't have chosen anyone better to get this honor.

You know what, the coup/de/graw of the evening was honoring Dick Barton, with our "Sportsmanship of the Year" Award. I've watched him race for years, working at Raceway 7. For 6 years, I watched most of his feature races from the infield, waiting to help Lee Akin scale the cars after their race. It seemed like no matter how he'd finish, Up would go the shield and out would come a pleasant half smile, and a nod, as we waved him on. Now you must consider this face was also stained with perspiration and track dust. I'm sure his eyes were burning from a combination of the two compounds, but I never saw him come through the line, acting like he was all ticked off, and was glad to have someone to be pissed off at. Don't laugh, some of his fellow competitors treated us badly, and if they didn't make weight, oh man! It was all our fault. We just checked the weights, we didn't make the car. It wasn't our fault if they were too light. The scales prove themselves. There's no dial to make someone light. Anyhow, Dick Barton represents the kind of person this Award was created for. He really deserves it. In fact I stated last night, that the caliber of all our Award winners was so great, that I can't believe there wasn't a thousand people here to honor them.

THE FAMILY DINNER this coming Sunday, December 13th, at the Lordstown Admin Bldg, on Salt Springs Rd, in Lordstown Oh. It's approx 3/4ths of a mile east of Oh. Rt, 45, on the right, in front of the Library. We have so few events for the kiddies, lets make this the biggest ever. Joy Berry broke her arm on black Friday, so she's moving rather slow, but her and my daughter Kathy Christy will have stockings filled with goodies for all the kids, but we must know how many kids will be there. Kids 12 & under get the stockings when they visit Santa's lap, and you must bring a present for every child you bring, (Try to not spend more than \$10 on each one), and write his, or her name on it so when the Elves give it to Santa he'll call that child up and visit with them. Santa is so good, if you ever want to call him at the North Pole, call me, I've got his number. He's

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MEETING NEWS

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from Meeting Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the Ice House Inn. 34 members attended.

The President began the meeting with some children's remarks.

Sunshine: Joy Berry sent a get well card to Dale Miles for his leg injury, Joy sent a thinking of you card to Phyllis Fuller who had knee surgery and is still suffering with shingles, Rich Cavanaugh for being in the hospital.

Car Show: Brett McxCall is meeting with Kenny at the Eastwood mall. The idea of our own car show there will be discussed.

Banquet: The deadline to buy tickets will be November 28, 2009. The tickets price will be lowered from \$28.00 to \$25.00. You cannot purchase tickets at the door but everyone's tickets will be held at the door.

Dick Berry needs a count for those attending the Christmas dinner which will be held December 13, 2009 at the Lordstown Administration Building. Santa needs help in giving each child a \$10.00 gift. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. The club will provide Pasta. The dinner will begin at 1 PM: 2 PM we will eat and Santa will arrive at 3 PM.

Jack Coley suggested that we raise the cost for senior memberships to increase the treasury.

The 50-50 of \$29.00 was won by Cathy Pemberton, with \$29.00 going to the club.

Joy Berry moved we adjourn.

The Ballots for awards was counted. The following people won awards; Rookie on Dirt: Bud Watson, Rookie on asphalt A J Poljack; Most Improved on dirt: Russel King, Mike Harmon Jr., Dan Kruiger; Most improved asphalt Sam Ritenour; Hard Luck on Dirt Ed Cornell, Hard Luck asphalt Jim Nicola; Bud Crum Good Guy Award Bill Beck; Russ King Owner of the Year Dick Berry; Jerry Hassay Dedication Award Jack Coley; Sportsmanship award Dick Barton.

*Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season
to all Members
& Families
of Twin State
Auto Racing Club
from the Club
Officers &
Committees !*



TREASURER'S REPORT

by JACK COLEY

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$2221.72

EXPENSES: \$824.36

1264 Marc's (Hayride supplies)	\$33.40
1265 Sam's Club (Hot Dogs)	\$23.91
1266 Plaza Donuts (Donuts 4 Doz)	\$30.96
1267 Countryside Farm (Hayride)	\$165.00
1268 Dick Berry (Hayride Prizes)	\$40.00
1269 Jack Coley (Buns)	\$9.49
1270 Postal Mail Sort (Newsletter Labels)	\$15.00
1271 Linda White (Candy, Copy's & Postage)	\$38.60
1272 Jim Fentules (Newsletter, Ballots, Env)	\$168.00
1273 USPS (Deposit in Bulk Mail)	\$300.00

INCOME: \$280.64

10/26/09 (Dues & 50-50)	\$73.00
10/26/09 (Hayride Income)	\$141.64
11/16/09 (Dues)	\$66.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$1678.00

REPORT DONE ON: 11/16/2009

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CHAPLAINS THOUGHTS by BILL BECK

I am excited about the coming of the year 2010 I realize it may not be just the way I want it to be but it will be exactly the way God wants it to be.

2009 was not what I would have ordered if I were able to tell God what to do, I would have left out all the bad stuff and filled my life with only good stuff, this is a dilemma we all face .

This is what is being taught by many in the church world ,I call it the send them to hell happy message if we tell people what they want to hear it makes them happy but if you try to just teach truth it will not attract a very large crowd and there goes the money and all the things it brings with it.

I am reminded that we are told not to take two coats or fill our pockets with money as we go to preach Jesus unfortunately much of what I see in the world is based on money and the church is no exception I wonder if this crisis we are in just might be a God thing .

WINTER BASH RECAP

The 2009 WINTER BASH was held Sat Dec 5th at the K of C Hall, in McDonald, Ohio. Over 75 people attended the 37th annual event which honored the award winners based on a vote by all club members.

Many door prizes were given away from several local and national businesses. VIP attendees were SHARON SPEEDWAY: Jim Pollock and Dave Willoughby; MERCER RACEWAY/FASTRAK NE SERIES: Vicki Emig and Mike Leone; MID AMERICAN AUTO RACING NEWS: Al and Karen Paradise. All in attendance enjoyed a buffet dinner and were treated to music by DJ Greg after the awards. A big thank you goes out to banquet organizer Chris Berry for her timeless effort to put this together, and to Brett McCall and Dale Fuller who were the bartenders for the evening.

The 2009 awards winners are as follows

HARD LUCK DIRT:

ED CORNELL 66 EMOD SHARON- OPENING NIGHT TOTALED CAR

HARD LUCK ASPHALT:

JIM NICOLA #57 EMOD -ALMOST TORE DOWN MOTORDROME FLAGSTAND

MOST IMPROVED DIRT: 3 way tie

**MIKE HARMON JR-09JR STK-RW7 1ST CAREER FEATURE WIN 5TH IN POINTS
DAN KURIGER-08 SPR-LVILLE/MERCER- 2 WINS-POINTS LVILLE-12TH/MERCER 9TH
RUSSELL KING #56 LM -WON 1ST EVER LM FEATURE AND IS TOP 10 IN WoO LM PTS**

MOST IMPROVED ASPHALT:

SAM RITENOUR LM BARBERTON -7TH IN POINTS

ROOKIE OF YEAR DIRT: CAN BE A DRIVER'S 1ST YEAR IN ANY CLASS

BUD WATSON 2 FASTRAK LM RW7-4TH IN POINTS MERCER 3RD;FASTRAK REGIONAL 3RD

ROOKIE OF YEAR ASPHALT: CAN BE A DRIVERS 1ST YEAR IN ANY CLASS

A.J. POLJAK -MTRDRME DIRT DRIVER WON 2 FEATS ON ASPHALT

JERRY HASSAY DEDICATION AWARD: MUST GO TO A TWIN STATE MEMBER

WHO HAS SHOWN DEDICATION TO THE CLUB FOR THE PAST YEAR:

JACK COLEY

RUSS KING CAR OWNER OF YEAR AWARD:

DICK BERRY

BUD CRUM GOOD GUY AWARD: ANYONE IN RACING WHO HAS MADE AN IMPACT:

BILL BECK-LOCAL RACING CHAPLAIN, WELDS FOR FREE @MERCER, OFFERS MORAL SUPPORT

TWIN STATE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: A DRIVER WHO HAS SHOWN SPORTSMANSHIP AND ABILITY BOTH ON AND OFF THE TRACK...FORMERLY THE CHARLES AND GEORGE FINDLAY AWARD

DICK BARTON-#28B LM--RACED OVER 40 YEARS -RESPECTED BY DRIVERS-MULTI TIME WINNER-POSSIBLE LAST YEAR RACING IN 2009

This will be the second to last club function by the current club officers.

The club owes a debt of gratitude to all those who kept the club going in 2009 by driving long distances to race tracks for club nights, took time out of their life schedule to attend monthly meetings, cook food for our picnics, to put in long hours manning our tables at the car shows, keeping the website up to date, making sure newsletters were informative and sent out on time, making phone calls, and to generally support the sport we all love AUTO RACING.

Again our club is made up of volunteers and no one gets paid for what we do.. but the reward that we all get out of it is to see the club continue into the future.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL IN 2010....Jim Balentine Jr-Editor

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got mine too, cause when he asks have I been a good boy, and I tell him yes, he always says Don't lie!,,, lol. You must bring a covered dish with about enough for your us to share with everyone. Covered dish, desert, a salad, whatever you'd like. Just like if you were going to a family reunion. TS will provide the eating utensils, a pasta dish, most likely rigs, & soft drinks, pop, coffee, or hot chocolate. We will open the hall at noon, the party starts at 1pm, Dinner at 2pm, & Santa Arrives at 3pm. Come on out, and join our family Christmas party. And if the word Christmas offends anyone, you gotta be kidding me. After over 2000 years do we really have to concern ourselves. What ever happened to majority rules???

Closely following the Family Dinner will be our last 2009 TS meeting. (Directions for the Icehouse on Page 1). We will meet on the 15th, 7:30pm at the Icehouse Inn, on Webb Rd. The ballots for officers will be turned in & counted, with Board Members the only slate contested. Ed Miller will run un-opposed for President, and I will run un-opposed for Vice President, all other officers uncontested, but there are 10 names on the board slate, with only 6 to elect. Choose wisely persons who will serve best. They're all worthy candidates. We keep the ballots for the next year, and if someone quits, the next highest vote getter moves into the office. So, even if you don't make it now, you may be called on later in the year.

At this time I'd like to thank my Wife, Joy, Grandson Justin, Kathy, Zoey, LeeEtta, Boo, and all my family for their support while President. Also, my Loving Sister Gwen "Mother" Crum, not only for her support as my V.P., but her's, and Kathy Wheeler, Ken, Bobby, Diana, & Tim Schmitt, & Pappy Miller for their help, & support of the "Uncle Bud" 91 Heavy Chevy this past season. The best race season in years. Thanks Guys. We'll be back Baybee. 2010 ain't that far off.

Awe man!!! I forgot to thank Greg, Bob, Tonja, & all for the music, & sound system. It was a fine job, totally appreciated folks. And I do thank my Missus for all her support, why she was so excited Saturday night, when we got home she immediately got on her computer, the kids went upstairs to bed, and I watched TV alone with all this adrenaline coursing through my veins. And only half slept through the night. Geez! Well she just doesn't let a thing fire her up. I hope also, that you fine people give Eddie Miller the help & support that you have me. It'll be a little new at first, but he cared enough to be the first one to step up in several years, and I will be here to help over the bumps, and please help me, help him.

See you Sunday, this will hit your home about Wednesday or Thursday, don't forget to call the Berry house 330-544-6574, to tell Santa how many kids to expect Sunday. Thanks, & see you at the Family Dinner the 13th, and the Meeting on the 15th.

Also, Coming up next month,,, January is our Drivers Night Meeting, January 19th, 2010.

Your Prez, (till Dec. 31st @ 11:59pm) - Dick Berry.

DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

ARCA	Lernerville Speedway	Sportsman Speedway
Autotronic Controls. Inc	Ed Lynch Racing	Stahl Headers
Cracker Barrel	Mercer Raceway Park	Suspension Spring Specialists
DAF Racing Supply	John & Kim Mollick	United States Auto Club
Dave & Ed's Super Auto Events	National Speedway Directory	Michael Waltrip Racing
Flowmaster	Al & Karen Paradise	White's Mobile Service
Bob Hilbert Co.	Penske Racing	Wood Brothers Racing
Hess Racing	Pittsburgh PA. Motor Speedway	Zamp Sports Corp.
ISC Racer's Tape	Quaker Steak & Lube	This is not a completed list. When I
Kellogg Crankshaft	Raceway 7	get the rest of the list from Rich
Rex & Sis King	Roses of Wood	Cavanaugh I will send them for next
Lake Erie Speedway	Sharon Speedway	month's newsletter

