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*Jeff Lehner on his victory lap at last year's Lime Rock National Race.*

*Photo by Darrell Anthony*

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July 2008

To: National Drivers,

The Northern New Jersey Region will be hosting the only National in 2008 at Lime Rock Park on August 1 and 2. We sincerely hope you will participate. As you may already know, the track rental fee was increased in 2007 to \$53,000 for the two days. For the 2008 season the rent has remained the same but the other expenses have risen. The additional costs for insurance, sanction fees, food and other expenses increases the financial burden considerably.

Our members take pride and want to provide you with an exciting, well organized event, but we must be able to cover expenses and avoid a loss. In 2007 we incurred such a loss. So we hope you will understand the reason for the entry fee of \$450.00.

We, and all the area regions, need your support in order to continue racing at Lime Rock Park. Please come and join us at our National race in August and celebrate racing at Lime Rock Park. This will be the first SCCA event on the newly repaved classic Lime Rock Park course. We expect great racing, fantastic summer weather in the foothills of the Berkshires and all the lap records to fall. Come on out and join us.

This year we are adding the Driving Impressions Pro-IT to the Saturday schedule. This will be a fine opportunity for area IT and SM drivers to race for cash and prizes.

Go to [www.nescca.com](http://www.nescca.com) to register.

Yours for the Sport,

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- 8 – Driving Impressions Pro-IT (ITR, ITS, ITA (w/IT7), ITB, ITC and SM (w/SSM) **(Saturday Only)**

**Schedule:**

**Thursday, July 31, 2008**

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Tech

**Friday, August 1, 2008**

7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m.	Technical Inspection
10:00 a.m.	Practice by Race Group – 22.5 Minutes
	Lunch Break approximately 1:00 pm
After Lunch	Qualifying by Race Group - 22.5 Minutes
<b>Participant Party</b>	<b>15 min after end of last session – All are welcome</b>

**Saturday, August 2, 2008**

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Technical Inspection
9:00 a.m.	Closed Wheel Warm-up (5 Minute Session(s))
	Open Wheel National Warm-up (5 Minute Session(s))

Note: Sports Racers may warm up with either the open or closed wheel groups.

	Races start approx. 10 min. after Warm-ups are complete
	30 Lap NESCCA National Races - Race Groups 1-3
	Driving Impressions Pro-IT Qualifying (15 minutes)
	Lunch break at approximately 12:30 pm
	30 Lap NESCCA National Races – Race Groups 4-7
	Approx. 5 min's after last National Race:
	Driving Impressions Pro-IT (45 minutes or till 5:55)
<b>Participant Party</b>	<b>15 min after end of last session – All are welcome</b>

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## What's DA Matter This Month?

I need to concentrate on the Race division this issue. No offense to our fantastic Solo and rally areas, they are the best!

As I mentioned last issue the Race division is the biggest division and most susceptible to economic turmoil. In 2006 and 2007 this division did not perform to budget. We have spent many hours in meetings to discuss what NNJR will do in 2008. We will pursue new avenues for the Race Division with the addition of New Jersey Motorsports Park. We will be partnering with South Jersey Region to make this venue a mainstay on the SCCA racing calendar.

But before we can go to NJMP we need to host our event at Lime Rock, this is the Evergreen Performance Products and Driving Impressions National Races and Pro-IT. Yes, a mouthful. Last year we had a great time at Lime Rock, this year with the facelift Lime Rock will be like going to a brand new track. We are using the classic configuration but some pro groups will be using the new uphill as well as west bend. Should be very interesting in the years to come how many configurations we can run. Come out to Lime Rock on August 1 & 2 and see for yourself. We will be the first SCCA group to use the track, expect all track records to fall. There will also be a Driving Impressions Pro-IT race, double points.

As mentioned on page 3 the entry will be more than last year but the cost of racing keeps increasing, the current economy and political environment isn't helping either. We will see you at Lime Rock!

At Pocono on May 10 and 11 we held our 3rd Annual Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races and Enduro. This event was a success for the region, our volunteers and drivers performed to the highest marks. We also held the Driving Impressions Pro-IT, this series was well received. Did you see the mention of pro-IT in the latest SportsCar?

In late August we head south to NJMP for our first race at this world class facility. We look forward to many, many years of racing in the great Garden State. SJR will host an event on Thunderbolt in September and then NNJR will host the Jersey Road Racing Classic in October. Expect the JRRC to be THE regional racing event of the year in the northeast.

Will NNJR do better in 2008 than we did in 2006 and 2007? I hope so and the members of NNJR hope so as well. We love to race and little things like high rent, increasing costs, gas prices the highest ever and economic uncertainty will not hold back the spirit and enthusiasm of NNJR and the members of our sister regions in the SCCA.

Get well Nancy and Lenore!

Thanks,  
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## HUBER'S HASH for July – August

I missed the *Pole Position* deadline last issue. Maybe you noticed. Then again, maybe not. But I was gratified to not hear any reports of loud cheering over my failure to get some scribblings to **Editor Maureen Coultas** for May-June.

Back when **DA** became the region's RE a couple years ago, he asked me to begin offering my comments and observations in a *Pole Position* column once again. I promised that I would. Apologies for my failure to produce, Chief.

In my last column (Apr-May) I wrote about the *Flight 93 Oral History Project* to which **Arthur Pearson** had alerted me. The *National Park Service* is interviewing as many friends and family members of the passengers and crew of Flight 93 as possible. The interviews are transcribed and will be made available at the permanent *Flight 93 Memorial* when it opens at the crash site in Shanksville in a couple of years.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> Nancy & I met with **Kathie Shaffer** of the NPS and she recorded two and a half hours of our thoughts and remembrances of **Joe** and **Linda**. It was another very emotional experience such as occurs whenever Nancy or I delve into recalling these two friends. As it happened, the interview took place exactly six and a half years after 9/11, although none of us realized this fact until afterward.

As we sat there speaking with Kathie, with the tape recorder running on the table before us, many long-forgotten incidents and memories came back to us.

I had not thought about the e-mail which I sent to a handful of SCCA folks on the evening of 9/11 after United Airlines confirmed to Nancy that Joe & Linda had been passengers on Flight 93 that morning – hadn't thought about it for a long time. During the intervening six and a half years, I'd had two computers go belly-up. That memo along with a number of others which I wrote in the days and weeks following 9/11 had been lost here.

I told Kathie that I would ask around to see if anyone had saved them – I thought there were about four memos. I did recall that folks forwarded them on to other SCCA members across the country and I kept getting requests from folks – people who knew Joe and/or Linda as well as caring folks who didn't — asking me to include them in any further communications.

It happened that on the evening of the day we were interviewed, there was an NNJR meeting at the *Ponderosa Steakhouse*. I mentioned that Nancy and I had been interviewed that morning and I asked if anyone might still have my memos saved on their hard drive. The following morning I received an e-mail from DA and attached were the requested memos. I was very surprised to find that I had written a total of *ten* memos in the two or so weeks following 9/11. They covered various memorial services for our friends at their churches, places of employment and funeral homes. I do remember that the distribution list had grown to about 180 addressees by the last of the memos.

I forwarded all ten memos to Kathie at the National Parks Service office near Shanksville and they will now become a part of the Oral History Project.

And as this column is about to be sent off to Maureen for publication, I learn that *BMW North America* has recently completed a huge expansion of their facility in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. Included in this \$100 million project on the new campus is a garden which is dedicated to Linda Gronlund. Linda, of course, was a BMW employee flying on United's Flight 93 to San Francisco on 9/11.

I saw an electrician's truck recently. The name of the company was "ZAP Electric." Is that the best name they could come up with for a company doing electrical contracting? 'Zap' is the word many of us use to describe getting an electrical shock — "I got zapped." Don't they think folks will think twice about hiring an electrician who calls his company "ZAP Electric." I mean, isn't that kind of like having a plumber call his business "Leaky Plumbing"?

Our region is no different than other regions here in the NorthEast and elsewhere across the nation. Without our unpaid volunteers doing the work of planning, setting up, staffing, coordinating, conducting, then handling the followup work necessary to make the competitions and other events which make our club enjoyable, there would be no Regional or National races. Darrell frequently comments on the club's volunteerism in his column



Solo and Rally events would likewise not happen without the volunteer organization of member-competitors. But in Solo and Rally competitions, the competitors typically are the workers. It is only in the Club Racing Program where the competitors and the volunteer staffers are not the same group of folks.

Recently former New England Region RE and two-term SCCA Director **Kathy Barnes** wrote that “Only the club racing program management shows a lack of support by competitors.” Kathy continued, “Amateur programs, staffed by volunteers in a club, should not be considered a services-for-hire organization. Yet, when asking for volunteers, that is the argument I most often hear, ‘I pay entry fees.’ Yes, you do. However without the time of volunteers, you would be paying significantly more for those entry fees.” Kathy’s point is very well taken.

Received an e-mail from **BJ Schmidt** out in Michigan a while back. “Beej” wrote that her hubby, **Dave**, was driving on Interstate-75 and saw a rather beat up old, white International Harvester coming down an approach ramp. Dave noticed that the driver was every bit as old and beat up as his pickup truck. As Dave drew even with the rust bucket he noticed the sign on the driver’s side door – “White’s Trash.”

A number of our NNJ members hold licenses in the Flag & Communications specialty. I recently received a note from the NorthEast Divisional Administrator, **Mack McCormack**, informing me of a change in his e-mail address. For those F&C folks who may have missed Mack’s new e-address, here it is: [nerflagchief@fairpoint.net](mailto:nerflagchief@fairpoint.net)

A news release in early May informs us that among this year’s twelve new members of the Road Racing Drivers Club is Northern New Jersey member, **Kristian Skavnes**. The RRDC was founded in 1952 by a group of American road racing drivers with national or international reputations. The RRDC recognizes, promotes and mentors American drivers and strives to help their members in the areas of marketing, sponsorship, public relations – the “business of racing.”

Kris Skavnes has been a NNJ member for over twenty years and has been racing for just about that long. Kris has raced in SCCA regionals, nationals, enduros and the Runoffs. He has also raced with IMSA and is a multi-race winner in the Grand-Am Koni Challenge series. In 2005 Kris was awarded the Mark Donohue Award. It may be that Kris comes by his racing skill as a result of inherited traits. His father, Kjell, has been a member since 1981 and was an active racer until just a few years ago. Kris and wife, **Katy**, live in Sparta.

Almost every day’s mail delivery brings at least one donation request from an organization and the envelope includes a bunch of return address stickers as a “gift.” Today, as I write this, our mail included four solicitations which “gifted” us with return address labels. I took the time to count them before I tossed them in the trash – a total of 166 labels! Who in the heck can use 166 return labels each day?

**Bob Melhado** has been recovering from a tumble he took in his yard last fall. His bones have apparently mended but he is still on a three times a week schedule of physical therapy for his injured hand & fist. Only recently has he been given the okay to once again drive. Bob says he will be in the tower at Lime Rock for the remaining SCCA and VSCCA events. Let’s hope he doesn’t have to shake his finger at a recalcitrant driver.

**Butch O’Connor**’s mother passed away in early June. The region’s condolences go out to Butch, **Diane, Sean & Ellen, Kate and Tara** and the entire O’Connor clan.

Recovery wishes go out to **Lenore Panas** who is sporting two new knees. She had them both replaced on May 7<sup>th</sup> and is now continuing her recovery at home. She says that it is still difficult to go from standing to sitting and vice-versa, but walking is much better now. Continued speedy recovery, Lenore!

Another cyber-mench is our NorthEast Division Executive Steward, **Tom Hoffman**. Tom is currently in rehab after having hip-replacement surgery at the beginning of June. Wife **Jeanne** tells me that Bionic Tom is doing really well. The region sends best wishes for your recovery also, Tom!

**Bette French** is a former New England Region RE. She is currently the Operations Manager at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. In late May she was hospitalized to have a septuple bypass. I’ve heard of quadruple and an occasional quintuple bypass before, but never a rerouting of seven arteries! Here’s hoping Bette will be up and about and back keeping things running smoothly at the Speedway real soon.

Philly Region’s **Judy Bloeser** took a tumble off her bicycle (half the number of wheels, twice the danger) during the double regionals at Pocono in May. She was transported to the hospital where stitches were required for some gashes. Last I spoke with Judy, she is doing well and recovering nicely. Keep up the good work, Judy!



And I am told that New England's Tech Chief, **Scott Dowd**, has fully recovered after passing out while doing fuel testing at an early May race in New Hampshire. The vapors from the fuel and a potent solvent caused Scott to get a rip-roaring case of the woozies and have to be transported to the hospital for treatment and a short stay. .

Moving along.... Chiefs of Specialty and some other key folks from the NNJR race side of things were invited to the *New Jersey Motorsports Park's* freshly paved *Lightning track* in Millville on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It was the hottest day of the year — a real scorcher. We were there along with the key folks from the South Jersey Region and some of the key folks from the Washington DC Region and several others nearby regions. The intent was to take a look at the progress being made to this new race facility and develop ideas as to how we will organize and operate our events when the SCCA begins racing there on the weekend of July 19 & 20. It's a great looking facility and you will want to be there for all the SCCA events this year.

Last November I commented on how the folks who attended the groundbreaking for the new racetrack enjoyed themselves at a local restaurant in Millville called the "*Next Oar.*" The food and the service were great. I suggested that folks will definitely want to eat there when the track opens.

When we were at the Lightning track on June 7<sup>th</sup>, South Jersey host **JD King** wanted to find a place for us to meet, de-brief and pass comments & suggestions on what we had just seen at the track. With just one phone call he made arrangements for us to gather in the private room of a restaurant a short distance up the street in Vineland.

Although the restaurant would not open until later in the afternoon and was unable to serve any meals, we did enjoy meeting in an air-conditioned room and were supplied with plenty of cooling drinks. All this was at no cost to us or the region. I would therefore recommend that folks also consider patronizing "*Lucia's Ristorante*" when we are in the Millville area for a race event. The address is 785 W. Sherman Avenue in Vineland. I'm finding that the sociability and conviviality of the folks in this area is outstanding. Racing folks are being made to feel welcome wherever we go in Millville and the surrounding communities.

## The Adventures of Raymond the Cat



**Scenes from the Second Once-A-Year Tech held at G&S Autoworks in Oxford, NJ on April 27, 2008**

*Photos by Mike Feno*



SRF 94 gets its annual tech after wintering in New Hampshire for refurbishing.



Paul Little can't believe how clean it all is!

Many thanks to Nick Guarriello of G&S Autoworks in Oxford for hosting the Second Once-A-Year Tech.



Andy Siska looks on as Paul continues his tech in amazement.



Inside the meticulously maintained shop with some very nice automobiles.

# Upcoming Events

- July 5, 6 - Race- Tri Region Double Regional, NARRC, Pocono, PA
- July 12 - Solo- Points #8, Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- July 19, 20 - Race- SNJ Regional NARRC, NJ Motorsports Park (Lightning), Millville, NJ
- August 1, 2 - Race- NNJR National and Pro-IT, Lime Rock Park CT
- August 9 - Solo- Points #9, Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- August 22, 23 - Race- NNJR Regional, NJ Motorsports Park (Lightning), Millville, NJ
- August 24 - Rally- Mini Monte, Clinton Station Diner, Rallymaster Bob Shore (rshore@optonline.net)
- August 30 - Solo- Points #10, Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- September 20, 21 - Race- SNJ Regional, NJ Motorsports Park, (Thunderbolt), Millville, NJ
- September 20 - Solo- Points #11 Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- October 17, 19 - Race- NNJR Regional "Throwdown", NJ Motorsports Park, (Lightning), Millville, NJ
- October 18 - Solo- Points #12, Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- October 25 - Solo- Points #13, Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ
- November 1 - Solo- Test & Tune- Weather Permitting
- November 8 - Solo- Test & Tune- Weather Permitting
- November 15 - Solo- Test & Tune- Weather Permitting
- November 22 - Rally - Pine Barrens Express, Rallymaster Fred Cochran (rally master1@ verizon.net)
- December 7 - Rally- Teddy Bear Charity Rally, Rallymaster Jim Groot (JohnGroot@aol.com)

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 Marianne Krauss  
 Cheryl Boynton  
 Jemma Denmark  
 Terry Roberts  
 Shirley Zane  
 Judy Bloeser  
 Barb Killmer  
 Phil Haines  
 Jack Oliver

## Registration

Terry Roberts  
 Martin Hulick  
 Peggy Willer  
 Cheryl Boynton  
 Debbie Sherman  
 Meg Meyer

## Start

Peter Watson

## Pit

Bart Carlevaro  
 Kevin Bailey  
 Eric Harding  
 Rick Mantrill  
 William Doyle  
 Dale Gogel  
 Philip Zimmer

## Grid

Diane O'Connor  
 Leon Morgon  
 Joanne Nofsinger  
 Ed Picard  
 Judith Greer  
 Karen Petersen  
 James Denmark  
 Kevin Bailey  
 Butch O'Connor

# Of The Workers At Pocono!



## Stewards

Peter Roberts  
Chuck Dobbs  
Dave Canavan  
Dean Croucher  
Mark Gerstein  
Terry Hanusek  
Brian Holtz  
Sue King  
Peter Klein  
George Bloeser  
Tim Meddaugh  
Greg Skotnicki  
Merideth Croucher  
Johanus Krause  
Joe Willer

## Tech

Bill Etherington  
Bill Hughes  
Paul Little  
Vince Blancuzzi  
Karl Iochum  
Michael Iochum  
Jeremy Anthony  
Dennis Steskal  
John Cooper  
(Houston Region)

## Sound

Joe Russell  
Bud Killmer

## Management

Jackie McCutcheon  
Bob McCutcheon  
Steve Ambrose  
Marisa Latinis  
Sarah Shea  
Phil Haines  
Dave Hofmann  
Darrell Anthony

## Pace Car

Al VanDeWeghe  
Butch O'Connor  
Jeff Haines



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# The Adventures of NeedMoreRacing

It has been a while since the last "Adventures of NeedMoreRacing" so I thought I would write about the "Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races", which were held at Pocono Raceway on Mother's Day weekend 2008.

The tow from Erial, New Jersey started out at 3 PM with heavy rain falling. The proven RF 80 Van Diemen was sporting new rod ends, a new shift linkage, different gear ratios, a new "Bead" seat, and new "02" vinyl car numbers. This was my first event of the season and more importantly, my first time loading and towing by myself.

It took forever to get out of Philadelphia due to the rain and road closures for the funeral of murdered Philadelphia police sergeant Stephen Liczbinski. The bumper-to-bumper traffic was taken in stride. I knew I would be driving fast soon enough!

I finally arrived at Blakeslee after 4 hours of towing in the rain and went to dinner. Once at the track, there is so much to do, I always missed dinner. So this time, dinner came first!

While I was about 3 miles from the track, I started thinking about registration and I thought of my SCCA license. A panic settled in once I realized that I did not have it! It was not on any of my "things not to forget" lists, no reminders at all. In 25 years of going to the races, I have never forgotten my license! Poop. I thought I might as well turn around since I have no proof that I have a racing license as I drove the forty-foot rig through the tunnel under the track.

I went to registration fearing the worst and spoke to Pete Roberts, chief Steward about my dilemma. Thanks to Meg Meyer of the South Jersey Region, who had the foresight to bring her Internet connection for the NNJR laptop. (I bet it was on her "things not to forget" list)

With a few clicks and member number - poof! - my SCCA license information was there for all to see. With a re-affirming nod from Peter, my registration went through without a hitch. A few years ago, this would not be possible.

My crew chief (and brother) Alan and I unloaded the Van Diemen without any problems and hooked up with my garage mate Jim MacNicholl, whose RF81 Van Diemen still needed its "once a year Tech". Garaged right behind us we noticed a white DB 1 Swift Formula Ford and its driver Phil Wellner. I knew that this was Phil's maiden voyage into FF racing because I had been e-mailing him about what to expect at Pocono. His Swift also needed the "once a year Tech".

Jim's car made it through technical inspection without any issues, but not until about 10:30PM. The NNJR Tech Inspectors worked well past the closing time of 10 PM to get all the cars ready for Saturday's race. (Thank you, NNJR Tech inspectors!)

During the technical inspection of Phil's DB-1, it was discovered that it did not have a rear fire extinguisher nozzle. This is a safety requirement that cannot be waived. It looked like Phil's weekend would not go as planned. Poop # 2. **This highlights the value of getting your racecar inspected at the "once a year Tech" event the regions hold before racing starts.**

Saturday dawned quite cool with a little fog. I arrived early at the track with my "to do" list. First group is on the track at 8:30 and we were after them.

I had to remove the safety harness to adjust the length of the lap and crotch belts, since the new seat was a bit thinner than the old one. Then I checked the fluids, tire pressures and re-torqued the lug nuts. Alan as my crew chief helped tremendously as usual. He was also scheduled to drive the pace car for the races after mine. My cousin Bill Lillis also showed up as a crew member as an extra bonus. It is always a big comfort when Bill can make a race. Master mechanic, he is one of those guys that can fix anything with nothing.

I purchased a Hans device for this season from Driving Impressions that ended up on back order. Bob Zecca of Driving Impressions was kind enough to lend me a brand new Hans Device for the weekend, so I could be safe. Thanks Bob! Once suited up and the car warmed up, I excitedly entered the cockpit in all my safety gear for the first time of the season.

Finally all strapped in, I headed out to the grid, only to notice that our newbie Phil was still working on his extinguisher system and would miss the qualifying session. Poop # 3. I arrived at the grid and tried to put the car in reverse. With all sorts of grinding and squealing noises the Hewland gearbox refused to engage reverse. The SCCA grid workers came to the rescue and helped the Van Diemen find its position on the false grid.

While I sat waiting for the first session to end, I realized that the crotch belts were not right and were causing great discomfort around my area of great sensitivity. Ouch. I had to quickly undo the belts and readjust myself; still not very comfortable.

With that, the one-minute whistle sounded and out went the group. The track was very green, washed clean from the Friday storm, and cold. It was forty something degrees and no sun. Grip was an issue and I took time to warm up my tires but neglected my brakes. Oops.

The first time to the bus stop chicane, the brakes ignored me when I applied them. I realized that I couldn't make the entrance to the corner so I bailed out and went through the cones, missing the chicane altogether. I slowed enough to let the 2 cars that were behind me exit the chicane before I continued. A few laps later I decided to move up my braking marker up from the #4 to #3 marker. With smoke pouring off the Goodyear tires I traveled through the cones again.

Apparently the "Powers That Be" were upset with my missing the chicane twice since it prompted a visit to the pently box and a chat with the Steward. I thought this was one of the safe places work on your braking points. Oops.

After reporting to the Steward, I had my debriefing with crew chief Alan. The gearbox changes were not good - third gear was way too short for this track. It was like two second-gears in the car and when shifting to 4<sup>th</sup>, the gear would grind because of a substantial drop in RPMs. Alan suggested a gear change. Guess what I forgot. Yeah, the gear sets are in my basement, 3 hours away. Poop #4.

Back at the garage area, I noticed that fellow competitor Phil was still feverishly working on the Swift. I thought his weekend was over but a call to our friend Bob Zecca at Driving Impressions (again) got the necessary nozzle and tube fittings to make the DB-1 compliant with the safety regulations. Phil was going to make the race. Yay!

I qualified last in class out of 5 cars and my race would turn out to be a steep learning curve. No trips through the chicane, though. The "loaner" Hans device slipped out from under my safety belts and I struggled to hold myself in position on the high banks of Pocono. On the eleventh lap I approached start / finish to get both a waving yellow and the checkered flag. Easing off the throttle, I saw my good friend Jim MicNichol at the entrance to turn one, next to his wounded RF81, along with Greg Kokolus' NCF. Jim got into the corner too hot and spun. Greg zipped but should have zagged and hit Jim's spinning Van Diemen. So with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place out, I moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would much rather have taken 5<sup>th</sup> and have Jim and Greg to race against on Sunday, but sometimes we don't get a choice. The results for me were 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 16 competitors.

In Sunday's race I stalled the Van Diemen on the false grid and had to start dead last in a group of 13 cars. Poop #5. I was able to pass all but 4 cars but the effort cost me valuable time and I lost any chance of catching anyone else, unless there was a full course caution. Halfway through the race, I realized I was braking much too early. The brakes were finally working well and the track had more grip. I tried to take advantage of that, but too little too late. On the 8<sup>th</sup> lap, I saw Steve Roux's Royale club ford racecar off in the grass on the outside of turn 3. I later found out that Steve broke a throttle return spring causing the throttle to stick open and off he went. With only 3 cars in NCF due to Jim and Greg's entanglement, and now Steve's car off the course, I finished second in class and 4<sup>th</sup> out 13 cars.

My weekend experience is proof that to finish first, you must first finish. Lesson learned!!

# Scenes from the June 14th Autocross at Raceway Park

Photos by Mike Feno



All the cars get "teched".



The registration line is long, but it moves quickly.



The registrars hard at work.

Jeff Yatsko gives rookies advice about avoiding cones.



Board of Trustees member, Greg Gellas, registers with Perry Aidelbaum.



Jeff, third from left, leads the rookies on a course walk.



They're off and running!



There are an awful lot of cones out there.



## Scenes from the June 14th Autocross at Raceway Park

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George Patterson and Chris Carmenini at a flag station.



You have to be quick to pick up a knocked over cone.



NNJR Solo chairman, Ernie Andersen, gets to play once in a while.

Ernie and Perry behind Jon Fuete and Kristen and Matt Doyle, who are recording the results.



A lot of people trying to repair the timing light temporarily knocked out of action.

You get to see your time as you complete your run.



Just part of the large staging area.



**Scenes from the Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races at Pocono International Speedway, May 10th and 11th, 2008**

*Photos by Mike Feno*



Tech Chief Bill Etherington checks out the sports racer of Robert Willis.



And WHY weren't you at the Once-A-Year Tech in March?



NNJR's favorite registrar, Terry Roberts, takes care of a future Danica, Tom Campbell's granddaughter.



The Campbell clan on the left and Natalie, Nellie and mom Karen Homkohl on the right.



Another smiling face (it's still Friday night), NNJR RE Darrell Anthony.

Our very efficient race chair Dave Hofmann smiling (it's only Friday night).

The back of the flagging and communications chief, Bruce Kolker, with Dan Canavan, Mark Gerstein and Dean Croucher in the stewards "inner sanctum".



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NNJR's eagle-eyed starter Pete Watson shows the "get ready to be passed" flag.

Bob McCutcheon, our very able equipment chief, with his assistant Steve Ambrose.



Bud Killmer and hard hearing (or hard of hearing) sound chief Joe Russell.



A very rare photo of the entire grid crew standing still in one spot! Leon Morgan, Jim Denmark, Glen Atamanchuk, Judith Butler, the very organized grid chief Diane O'Connor, Ed Picard, Karen Petersen and Joanne Nofsinger, smiling, but anxious to get back to work.



The "timing tower".



NNJR's timely chief of timing, Linda Louie, with Barbara Killmer.



Marianne Kraus and Marie Sheehe in the tower

**Scenes from the Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Freedom Races at Pocono International Speedway, May 10th and 11th, 2008**

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Cheryl Boynton and Jack McQuade enjoy the comfort of the tower.

Trophy queens and princesses Sarah Shea, Jackie McCutcheon,



Marisa Latinis and Debbie Sherman hand out the rewards of victory.



NNJR's able pit and paddock chief Bart Carlevaro looks on as Dave Hofmann, not only makes sure the weekend runs smoothly, delivers lunches too!

S.O.M. Chuck Dobbs and Bill Etherington in the pits.



The view out the back of the pace car, with Judith Butler making sure things are put right.



Peter Klein and Butch O'Connor, pace care pals.

Joby Graham solves the Mother's Day at Pocono problem by bringing his mother "Hank" to the track. (She appears to be smiling.)



**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM at Driving Impression located in Dover, NJ.

Present: Darrell Anthony, Greg Gellas, Frank Cioppettini, Mike Feno, Frank McKinley, Rob Foley and Robert Zecca. Guest were Dave Hoffman, Butch O'Connor and Walt Huber.

Secretary's Report – The Board Meeting Minutes from April were read and approved with slight changes for guests.

Treasurer's Report – Frank Cioppettini was present. The region is in good shape after a successful Pocono event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RE Report:

The storage space was emptied and everything will be stored at Driving Impressions.

The region van registration was changed to reflect that it will be housed and addressed at at Driving Impressions located in Dover, NJ.

Racing Committee:

Dave Hofmann was present.

Dave discussed the Regional race event from Pocono. Overall the event very well regarding the weekend with no major problems. Attendance was better than expected.

Membership Committee:

Mike Feno was present.

We are still looking for a Street Survival site.

Rally Committee:

Wendall Newsome was not present.

Solo Committee:

Ernie Andersen was not present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was not any old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zecca  
Secretary

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Spouse Member Number If Current Member \_\_\_\_\_

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Brian Holtz and Alan Van DeWeghe enjoying the Saab pace car courtesy of Reinertsen Motors of Denville, NJ