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2010 NNJR Holiday Party, Saturday, December 4, 2010!



The September 24th Membership Meeting

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Nuts & Bolts by Chris Mosley

November is almost here and you know what that means. Election day, Veterans Day and yes, Thanksgiving. Yet there is so much more to November.

It's time once again for some interesting facts. Here are some of my favorite facts about November: the Erie Canal opened in 1825 in New York, the Holland tunnel opened to traffic in 1927 and it's still full. Abraham Lincoln delivered a little speech in Pennsylvania that he personally thought was the worst he had ever given and one he expected to be soon forgotten, the Gettysburg Address. November is National Beard month, let those whiskers grow! But then let's cut them. Gillette was given the first patent for the safety razor in 1904 and the first electric razor was patented in November of 1928. The first press on nails for women went on sale in 1952. The push button phone made its debut in 1963. The board game, Monopoly was introduced to relieve the dreariness brought on by the great depression in November of 1935 and way back in 1981, trivial pursuit was patented in Canada and soon became all the rage.

Here are some of my favorite November days to celebrate: Nov. 2nd, Plan Your Epitaph Day, Nov 3rd, Men Make Dinner Day (big day for restaurants), Nov 6th, Marooned Without a Compass Day, Nov 17th, Take a Hike Day (just how do you think they mean that?), Nov 24th, Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day (please do this at home, alone) and one that's sure to make everyone's employer happy, Nov 30th, Stay Home Because Your Well Day!

By the time you read this we will have closed out another season of racing, solo and rallying. The "JERK" will have been run and the last solo will have been completed. There will be one rally left to go. By all accounts, it was another up and down year. We are thankful that we have been able to work with other regions to co-sanction events. Thank you to Mo-Hud and South Jersey. Racing was up and down, solo was up and rally was all over (no pun intended). It was a year of great racing and some sad passings. Those that we lost, will be missed.

I want to thank all of the workers who gave of themselves and their time so that we, the drivers can participate in this great sport. You were there in the rain, the sun and the dark and I think I can speak for all when I say "Thank you" for all of your hard work. I have one hope for next year, that more of our membership will come out and participate in one form or another. We need more workers! We really do. If you're out there and feeling like "well I'm not sure what I can do", don't worry. When you get to the event, we'll put you to work, we'll find a place for you. I guarantee you'll also have a great time. You'll meet some great folks, feel like you've done something good and maybe make some new friends. We'll even feed you for the day!

I can't believe it, we still have several more events yet to come!

November 12th, 13th and 14th. The Northeast Mini Convention is at the Woodcliff Lodge in Fairport, New York. Check out the Finger Lakes Region web site for more info.

November 16th. It's the members meeting at Ile Vilaggio on Route 10 in the Powder Mill Plaza. It's election time and there's a new slate of officers to be elected to the board. Come on out, chat it up with the board and friends and have a great meal (price fix dinner). Remember it's a BYO restaurant so bring your favorite libations.

November 20th. The Pine Barrens express lives! It has been revived and rises again.

December 4th at the Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center in Florham Park, it's the NNJR Holiday party. There will be dinner and dancing. A separate email blast and flyer will be on the way to give you all of the details.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the up coming events. Come out and support your club! Get up off the couch and get involved. Attend an event, a meeting or a party. We're waiting to hear from you.

Huber's HASH for November/December

As this competition year begins to wind down it seems like a bunch of other activities – social as opposed to competitive — are beginning to ramp up. We head into the “holiday season” of Thanksgiving, Chanukkah, Christmas, New Years, and all the associated holiday parties and festivities and we wonder, “Where does the time go?”

Our Region will be having a **Holiday Gathering** on Saturday, December fourth. NNJR Hostess & First Lady, **Linda Santangelo-Mosley**, is making the arrangements for us to assemble that evening at the **Hamilton Park Hotel & Conference Center**. This is the very same venue where we and about 150 of our closest friends gathered for the Spring **RoundTable** last March and enjoyed ourselves immensely. Look for further information elsewhere in this issue.



Also, in order to “warm up” for the Holiday Gathering, plans are afoot to have the **Annual Meeting of the Region** be held on Tuesday, November 16. We will all enjoy dinner at the **Il Villaggio Restaurant** located in the Powder Mill Plaza on Route 10 eastbound in Morris Plains at 6:30. Once again Linda has arranged a *Prix Fixe* dinner which includes a salad, your choice of four entrées, coffee and dessert for \$21.95. The restaurant does not have a liquor license, so diners are free to bring their personal favorite flavor of liquid refreshment to enhance the evening's conviviality.

This **Annual Meeting of the Region** is the only meeting required by our bylaws. Its primary business purpose is to tally the votes for the election of the coming year's **Board of Trustees**. Of course, this year – as has happened in several recent years – the election is uncontested. So come out to Il Villaggio to eat, drink and merrily observe as **Secretary Bob Zecca** casts the single necessary vote to elect the Nominating Committee's slate of recommended Officers & Trustees.

Word received recently from NNJR member **Dave Schmidt** out in Michigan is that he is doing just fine. A little more than a year ago Dave had his larynx removed. Dave writes that he visits his doc every other month to check for any possible recurrence and the reports have been good. The rest of the Schmidt family is doing fine with wife, **Bee-J**, planning to retire soon and daughters **Kristina** married & teaching first grade in Michigan and **Vicki** working with autistic kids in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Another out-of-state NNJR member, **Bob Sabia** from over in Connecticut, sent a note recently that **Ken Curto**, an NNJR Tech worker from Waterbury had passed away. Ken had only recently joined the SCCA after enjoying some events volunteering in the Tech area. The region's sympathy goes out to the Curto family.

Another loss in the SCCA family happened at Summit Point when South Jersey Region member **Christine Fox** passed away after suffering a heart attack on a race weekend. Chris was an SCCA member for 36 years, she was a competitor, pit lane volunteer, driving instructor and a mentor to many budding drivers. The condolences of our Region go out to Randy, her family & many friends.

Brian Holtz passed away on September 13 following a valiant battle against pancreatic cancer. Brian was a member of the Philly Region. He was a competitor, a steward, an SCCA director representing Area 2, the Chairman of the SCCA Pro Racing BoD, and most importantly a friend to all, as well as the consummate SCCA member. Brian enjoyed every aspect of his total involvement with all things SCCA. I met Brian way back in the very early 1980s. The SCCA family mourns his loss and the Region extends its sympathy to wife **Ellen**, son Joseph, mother Barbara and his sisters Jane & Karen as well as the entire extended family.

On September 2 the San Francisco Region lost a long-time member, racer, steward, former member of the SCCA Board and friend to many, **Roger Eandi**. Roger and his wife **Lori** were regulars at the SCCA National Conventions. Our thoughts are with Lori and the Eandi family, the San Francisco Region, Area 9 & the Nor-Pac Division.

Received a note from Starter & F&C stalwart, **Peter Watson**, who wishes to be considered in the running for “*most miles travelled times the number of weekends as a volunteer getting to the track over the three seasons that NJMP has been in operation*” calculation. Last issue I had suggested that **Karen Petersen** and **Judy Greer**, who travel from the Hartford area and Hyde Park, NY, had put the most miles on their vehicles in coming to Millville multiple times to volunteer their services at SCCA events.. Well Pete's also from the area up there around Brewster, NY and also has a trip-and-a-half to get to Millville. And Pete has also put in a whole bunch of volunteer weekends at NJMP. Let's call it a 3-way tie and suggest that the three of them should kick in to buy a big van in which to share the long ride from their respective homes. The **Jersey Racing Board** is certainly appreciative of the combined dedication of these three travelers.

NNJR Board of Trustees member **Stephanie Chang** was in the hospital recently. When released she was minus one appendix. Hope all is going well with your recovery, Steph!

Back in the early part of September there was a pretty strong earthquake – 7.4 on the Richter scale – over on the other side of the world in New Zealand. I happened to know that **Sue Conklin** and her husband **Ben Perchik** were there at the time of that shaking & quaking down under. Sue reported that the quake occurred about 250 miles away from their place which is in Queenstown. Stand steady & hold tight, guys!

Last month Nancy & I flew to Alaska for a vacation. One evening while we were in Alaska, I stopped in a Safeway Market to pick up a six-pack of beer. I was looking to buy some of my Shiner Bock which is supposed to be available in Alaska. But apparently the distributors in the Anchorage, Talkeetna and Seward areas don't carry it. I bought some local Alaskan brand instead and the chap behind the counter asked if I had the store's courtesy card. "Nope - don't got one." So he proceeds to insist that I sign up for one. Okay. We've been back home in Jersey for about six weeks now and the other day my Safeway Courtesy Club card arrived in the mail. So if you plan on going to Alaska anytime soon, give me a shout and you can borrow my card to get your courtesy discount at Safeway in Alaska.

Our Alaskan vacation was booked through the Alaska Railroad and featured travel by rail for all the tours. I recommend it. I wore my train engineer's hat all the while. I guess I was hoping to be invited up to the diesel cab and perhaps even be asked if I wanted to put my hand on the throttle control. No such luck, however; and so all the rail passengers remained safe. The Alaskan countryside is majestic and magnificent; and except in cases such as getting up close (and almost too friendly) with Mount McKinley, when a small plane is the way to go (a Loony-Tunes, dare-devil Alaskan bush pilot is optional), seeing Alaska by rail is fantastic.

Work continues on the **Flight 93 National Memorial** out in Shanksville. The first stage of the Memorial continues to be on schedule for dedication on the tenth anniversary next September. Some of the former access roads have been eliminated and the former Temporary Memorial site has been removed to another location further up the hill (if you've been there, you know the topography; if not, no matter). The National Parks Service reported a short while back that more than one million folks have visited the site making it the 19th most visited memorial in the nation even though at the time nothing had as yet been built. Wow! When you think about the site's relative accessibility, out there in the countryside of western Pennsylvania, compared to memorials in the heart of Washington and other big cities, that's remarkable. But it's also right and most appropriate!

Some 655 acres of land which about the Flight 93 Memorial site have been designated as state game lands. The Pennsylvania Game Commission has officially called the property "State Game Land 93" recognizing its proximity to the Memorial. A special memorial and habitat area has been created on SGL 93 in honor of **Richard J. Guadagno**, a biologist who was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge Manager at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Loleta, California. Richard had been returning home to the West Coast on Flight 93 after visiting his parents in New Jersey.

Tara O'Connor and **Paul Abbamondi** tied the knot on October 16th in the chapel of our church here in Kinnelon. Tara is the younger daughter of **Diane & Butch O'Connor**. In the last issue of the *pole cat* I had surmised that Tara's little five month old twin niece & nephew, **Rosie & Jude O'Connor**, might be too young to participate in the ceremony. I was wrong. Rosie processed in with the bridal party, held in the arms of her Mommy **Ellen**, wearing a lovely white outfit and a tiara headband, while Jude had on a little five piece tuxedo, but chose to skip the actual wedding ceremony. Someone said Jude was sucking down some bottled libation outside the church. The couple's vows were heard by Msgr. Jack Carroll, a friend of the O'Connors. Nancy & I are parishioners at this church and I was honored to be asked to help distribute communion at the nuptial Mass.

In a couple of weeks Tech Volunteer **Kenneth Burke**, 13 year old son of **Sharon & Jeffrey Burke** will be making his Bar Mitzvah. Ken's the guy who has been letting his hair grow long and then donating it to *Locks of Love* which then turns these donations into wigs for kids whose medical conditions cause a loss of their own hair. I haven't heard, but I suspect that this may have been part of Ken's Bar Mitzvah preparation which in Jewish tradition recommends service to others. I can assure you: Kenneth is ahead of the curve in that regard! *L'Chaim!*

Most of the key players in our Region will be joining folks from the other 18 regions in the **NorthEast Division** at the **MiniCon** to be held in Rochester in November. This is where the early calendar decisions for next year's race schedule are made. Of course the various race tracks' calendars of available dates have a lot to do with determining the following year's SCCA competition calendar. But let's hope that the 2011 schedule isn't as rife with duplicated dates at multiple tracks as it appeared to be in 2010.

As this is being written, coming up this weekend is the last race event of the 2010 race season here in the northeast. The "**Jersey Road Racing Classic**" which is occasionally referred to by its acronym **JRRC** and expressed as the "**Jerk**". It will be on the **Lightning Track** at **New Jersey Motorsports Park** down south of here in Millville. Last year the weather was nothing short of atrocious for **The Jerk**. We had two ("Not one, but two!") nor'easters come thru that weekend. Earlier this month, the weather at the **NARCOFFS** at the Rock of the Lime was horrible on Friday – a vestige of last year's crappy weather at **NJMP**. Here's hoping the weather gods will have run out of their rotten weather and will do right by the Jersey Racing Board for **The Jerk**. The weather gods owe us!



Northern New Jersey Region
Invites all members and friends to join us
for our November Membership Meeting at

Il Villaggio Restaurant

Located in the Powder Mill Plaza
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973-644-4888

Tuesday November 16th at 6:30pm

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entrees, coffee and desert for \$21.95

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Hosted by

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Saturday, December 4, 2010

From 7:00 - 11:00PM

At the

**Hamilton Park Hotel and
Conference Center
Florham Park, New Jersey**

175 Park Avenue
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Dinner and DJ
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Carving Station
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Pasta and Salad Stations
Dessert and Coffee

Save the date, more information to follow





Northern New Jersey SCCA &
Motorsport Club of North Jersey & Subaru of Mt Olive



Presents the 20th Annual

Teddy Bear Charity Road Rallye

**Starting at: Subaru of Mt Olive
364 Route 46
Budd Lake, NJ**

For the past 20 years the wonderful folks at Saturn/Subaru dealership and Stuart Lasser have sponsored the NNJR-SCCA & Motorsport Club of North Jersey's annual charity road rallye. This event is open to the general public and requires only a car or light truck with a working odometer and a pen to compete. The fee, per car, is a brand new Teddy Bear worth at least \$25.00 retail which will be donated to the USMC Reserve Toys For Tots Program. Registration opens at 10:30 AM, first car off at Noon. Awards for 1st and 2nd in each of 3 classes (Expert, Intermediate, & Novice), Best First Time, Best Subaru, Best Saturn, Best Family, Best Husband & Wife and Dead Last But Finished



SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2010

Registration: 10:30 AM

First Car Off: 12:01 PM

Please call for additional information or sign-up at www.mcnj.org



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NNJR to host 20th Annual Toys for Tots Road Rally

By Peter Schneider

For those of you who were around back in 1990 Northern New Jersey SCCA in associated with the Motorsport Club of North Jersey and the United States Marine Corps Reserve created the 'Tots for Tots' Teddy Bear Rally.

This year's event will mark the 20th Annual Toys for Tots Road Rally. And we are looking for your help to make it the best year ever.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

This event is a very simple road rally using the back road of Morris, Warren and Hunterdon Counties. The event will start at SUBARU OF MT. OLIVE on Sunday December 5, (see event flyer in this issue of Pole Position) and will end at the Long Valley Brew Pub at the intersection of Route 517 and Route 24 in the center of Long Valley.

The event is open to the general public and requires only a car or light truck with a working odometer and a pen to compete. The fee, per car, is a brand new Teddy Bear worth at least \$25.00 retail which will be donated to the USMC Reserve Toys For Tots Program. Registration opens at 10:30 AM, first car off at Noon. There is a thirty car limit, but we will make room if additional team arrives the morning of the event. Pre registration is requested (but not required) by email to NJRALLYE@aol.com. For more information visit www.mcnj.org or contact Peter Schneider at 908-938-8750.

Awards for 1st and 2nd in each of 3 classes (Expert, Intermediate, & Novice), Best First Time, Best Subaru, Best Family, Best Husband & Wife, Best SCCA & Dead Last But Finished.

Stuart Lasser, veteran New Jersey auto retailer and NNJR SCCA member has sponsored this local rally for each of the 20 years. The beginning location of the rally has included various dealerships locations owned by Stuart including Saturn of Denville, Morristown, Livingston and Mt Olive.

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. Just one year later it became a national program. Since then more than 370 million toys have been distributed to 173 million children according to the official USMCR publication.

For those of you who have not been on the Teddy Bear rally over the past 19 years, this is an easy to follow, NON-TIME-SPEED-DISTANCE event, that uses PHOTO CLUES and write instructions to successfully navigate the team through the route to the finish. Each Team is "awarded" 100 points for each mile over or under the official route and low score wins.

Subaru of Mt. Olive is located at 364 Route 46, about two miles west of Budd Lake, and can be reached at 908-509-9000. The dealership is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.subarunj.com.

Hope to see you there on December 5th.

Scenes from the September 14th Membership Meeting

Photos by Mike Feno



New members Ben Morales and Mike Albanese with Linda and Tom Burdge.



Brandon and Melissa Fetch



Stalwart members Lenore and Dave Panas.



Barb Feno, Dave and Diane Miller and Stu Lasser.



RE Chris Mosley, Treasurer Darrell Anthony, Joe Auriemma, Secretary Bob Zecca and Aminah Mohammed having dinner before the meeting.

Please visit our website at www.scca-nnjr.org

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Photos by Mike Feno



Prominent SCCA members Walter and Nancy Huber.



Butch O'Connor, Trustee Linda Santangelo-Mosley, and Chris Mosley.



The meeting begins.




RE Chris Mosley has the latest news for the members.


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