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Nuts & Bolts by Chris Mosley

Here we are. February 2012 and we're heading into the new season. A season I was really looking forward to. I had sold my Dsports car in August of last year and purchased a Shannon S2000 and was lucky enough to run it twice, at the Watkins Glen Fun One in September and the JRRC in October. The car felt great and I was really looking forward to running the full season this year. Well you are all familiar with the old saying "The best laid plans of mice and men...". Unbeknownst to me, my right shoulder had other plans. Seems thirty years of sports and abuse has finally caught up with me. I had surgery a few weeks ago to repair the damage and the doctor was not thrilled with what he found when he went in. His description of my tendons was "they look like the frayed ends of a pair of jeans that have been through the wash too many times". Having lived through the sixties I really didn't have to see the pictures after that description to get an idea of what he was saying. His prognoses is with a lot of physical therapy I maybe be back in the car by July/August. Gee thanks. He doesn't want me to use my arm for anything for three months! I guess there is an upside to this, I finally got some of that unobtainium we budget minded racers always wish we could have, except it's in my shoulder and not in my car. I'll still you at the track as I'll volunteer to do what I can.

So for the last three weeks I have been trying to keep busy. I have read some books I have been meaning to get to. One of my favorites, The History of the Bahamas Speed Weeks, the third installment of the History of Le Mans – 1949 to 1959 and a collection of Side Glances by Peter Egan from Road & Track. I've watched Grand Prix, Le Mans, Lap of the Gods, 50 years Formula 1 on Board, Can Am Speed Odyssey and hours of racing videos ten minutes at a time on YouTube. I've watched every movie we own at least once and some several times. I'm running out of things to watch.

The biggest adjustment has been trying to do what I can with my left hand (of course I'm right hand dominant, which explains why the right shoulder is the one with the problem). I guess the right side of my brain hasn't been getting enough of a workout over the years because it seems like my left hand has a mind of its own. The most difficult has been when trying to maneuver implements like a fork or spoon or a razor (an electric one, I'd be dead if I tried a straight razor). You should have seen see me typing this. Try this sometime. Pick up a razor with your opposite hand and look in the mirror, now try and turn your hand so the razor follows the contour of your face while looking in the mirror. If you're anything like me you're catching more air than face. Same thing happened with the spoon for the first week or so. A good portion of my breakfast cereal was ending up back in the bowl. With three weeks of practice behind me I can finally get a full spoon to my mouth. It's no wonder Europeans don't switch hands when they eat like Americans do!

FORMULA 1 comes to New Jersey! In case you have been living under a rock and haven't heard, Formula 1 will be racing in New Jersey in 2013. The track has been laid out and will run along the Hudson. The Start/Finish and paddock will be down by the NJ ferry landing in Weehawken. Google "F1 in NJ" to see the article and a map of the track.

We have an exciting schedule of events coming up this season. We also have openings for volunteers so get involved, you'll be glad you did.

March 14th – Members and Board of Directors meeting at Tiff's in Morris Plains. \$20 per person for all you can eat and drink including corn beef and cabbage and St. Pats party hats.

March 17 and 18 – At The Inn at Pocono Manor, the Northeast Roundtable.

March 30, 31, April 1 – March Lion Double Drivers School at NJMP. Registration is open for students, workers at DBLRacing.com.

April 14th – Once a year tech at Driving Impressions in Dover.

April 27, 28 - The Devil in the Dark 12 Hour Eduro at NJMP Thunderbolt circuit.

Huber's HASH for March/April

This month's column may well be a shorter than usual bit of prose from me – *please, stop your cheering, folks* – since Nancy & I have been busy packing our bags and getting ready to head out for the **National Convention**. Once again our club's annual gathering will be in Las Vegas – the fourth year in a row.

I'm kinda hopeful that the club will resume the practice it had in the 1990s and prior of moving the convention to a new venue each year. You got to see new places; perhaps got to go to a corner of our beautiful nation to which you had not previously been. But ever since the club offices left Denver, we've spent multiple years in only a couple of cities: four years in Kansas City, two years in San Antonio, and now the string of four in Vegas.



On the brighter side of that argument is the fact that Nancy and I can take some extra time before and after the March 1-3 convention dates. We will visit some friends and see some sights out west. It's been three years since we spent time visiting a high school friend and his wife in northern California. And we also hope to pay a quick visit with expatriate Northern New Jersey members, **Gary & Leslie Pitts**. After their move west some years back, Gary was an **SCCA Director** from the NorthWest Division and was Chairman of the Board of Directors as well.

We will make a stop to see the west coast's beautiful memorial to **Flight 93** in Union City, California. You can expect some photos in the next issue of the *Pole Cat*. And after the convention we will head for the Grand Canyon – Nancy's never seen it, except from around 35 thousand feet.

Talking about travel, I know of at least one pair of Northern New Jersey members who were in Indianapolis on February 5th to witness the New Jersey Giants take on the New England Patriots — *and win*. When an email was circulated on Monday the 6th, asking if anyone was planning to head in to the Big Apple for the ticker-tape parade, we got an email back from **Jackie & Bob McCutcheon** who were on the road traveling back from Indiana. Jackie wrote, "I was there with them in Indy for the win, all partied out and making the long drive home. If you do go (to the city for the parade), have a great time!!"

Last month I made mention of **John Fitch**, the Grand Prix driver of some years back, WW-II P-51 Mustang fighter pilot, car designer, inventor and engineer, and the medical difficulties he was having. John's convalescence was proceeding nicely and plans were underway for him to be discharged from Noble Horizons in Lakeville near Lime Rock Connecticut in mid-January. His Benz had been parked at Noble Horizons in anticipation of the discharge. But John had not been given a set of keys.

On the weekend prior to his scheduled release, as seen on the security camera tape, John walked himself out of the building, without word to staff or anyone else, and went straight to his car without any difficulty — he had been using a wheel chair for several weeks — and drove off. (Hidden key? Some sort of remote start? Who Knows?) He went to McDonald's, and then took himself out for a drive on a beautiful day. By afternoon everyone, including the police, was out searching for him. (Think "fighter pilot being kept prisoner" — Doesn't this remind you of Steve McQueen in "The Great Escape"?)

Finally at 10:30 pm, he drove to The Red Lion in Massachusetts and checked himself into a room. The desk clerk was suspicious and phoned the police who picked him up. He was checked medically and returned to Noble Horizons the next day. Security was tightened ('ya think?) and it's expected that John will return to his home in Lime Rock where he will enjoy the company of a live-in couple to look after and assist him. Neat adventure for a feisty 94 year old, I'd say.

Once again let me mention that the **Region's Trustees** have decided to make the old **Pole Cat** an internet only publication. So if you are reading this issue on someone else's computer and you didn't get the issue yourself, then you have not supplied the SCCA national office with your current e-address. Those of you whose e-addresses are missing or in error may receive a postal card from the Region sometime in the next several weeks. The card will assist you with directions on how to correct the deficiency.

On a sad note, NNJR lost one of our long term members on January 19th. **Alexander Cilli** was a strong Autocross contender in his FM #15. Alex loved competing in Solo events. He was always ready to assist, helping set up the course in the morning and helping break it down at the end of the day. He was licensed as a Solo Safety Steward. "Sandy" had kind words and a smile for all. He shared his knowledge and experiences in Autocross with all, especially with newcomers to the sport.

Many who left remembrances at the funeral home site spoke of his friendliness, his smile, his jokes and his pranks. The story I

liked best was from a former coworker. It concerned their boss checking on his crew. Seems the boss would hide quarters in various places to make certain that the crew was being thorough. If the quarter was missing the following day, he knew they'd done the job. Sandy would find the quarters and leave two dimes and a nickel for the boss to find. Condolences to Karen and the family.

Another recent loss was **Joseph "Doc" Mattioli** the founder of **Pocono Raceway** where our region has conducted many events. Doc had recently handed over the reins of running the track to his grandson within the past year. He was on the board of several corporations and had a strong history of a philanthropic giving. Doc was 86.

Back in November the SCCA announced the results for the four Areas which held elections for the **Board of Directors**. Only four of the thirteen seats had elections this year and in two of those the incumbents ran unopposed. The newly elected Board members are **Steve Harris** who will represent **Area Four** in the Great Lakes Division and **Brian McCarthy** who hails from **Area Nine** in the NorthWest Division. For 2012 there is no change in the makeup of the Directors from the NorthEast Division – **Jerry Wannarka** from Area Two, **John Walsh** from Area 10 and our own Area One Director, **Dick Patullo**.

The new guys joined the 2011 Board at their meeting in December but only officially assumed their positions and duties in 2012 and will be ceremoniously installed at the SCCA National Convention.

Our **Region Party** on January 29th was a rousing success. A nice crowd of members and friends from other regions filled the Packanack Lake Clubhouse, enjoying good friendship, good food, & good beverage. The **NNJR Solo Championship Awards** were presented – there should be a listing of award winners and photos elsewhere in this issue. And our region's **Chiefs of Specialty** along with their choices of volunteer **Workers of the Year** were recognized and each was presented with a token of appreciation.

Once again this year, besides the ever-present bench racing, there were two racing simulators which were enjoyed by many of the folks who attended. And there was also a display and demonstration of wood-carving art arranged by our hostess, **Linda**Santangelo-Mosley. I'm hearing there may be a surprise piece of artwork added to our Region's artworks collection sometime down the road. Stay tuned....

At the top of this column I mentioned that Nancy & I were heading west for a couple weeks and have a stop at the SCCA National Convention on our dance card. Recent word has informed us that our fearless leader, Regional Executive Chris Mosley and Board of Trustees member Linda Santangelo-Mosley will be unable to attend the convention. Chris underwent some surgery to his shoulder in mid-February and the necessary repairs were more extensive and difficult than anticipated. Thus the Mosleys have had to shelve plans to attend. However, Northern New Jersey Region will be well represented at SCCA's annual gathering of the faithful in Las Vegas. Bob Dowie, Lenore & Dave Panas, Terry & Peter Roberts, as well as Huber & Huber will be in attendance.

And please don't forget that the NorthEast Division's **RoundTable** will convene over the weekend of **March 16-18** at the **Pocono Manor**, just a quick hop into Pennsylvania from New Jersey. The spring RoundTable is where any new info coming out from National for the coming competition year is downloaded to the membership. All competition specialties will have training sessions so that our volunteers are brought up-to-date with what's new — and reminded as to what they've forgotten since the conclusion of the prior year's competition.

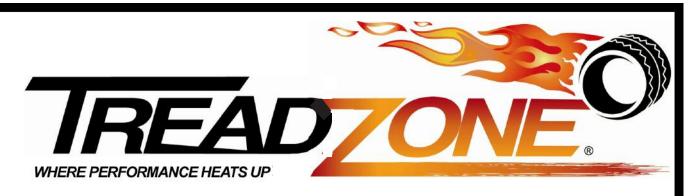
There may also be some news and information available about the **Formula 1 Race** coming later this year outside Austin, Texas. And there might also be some information available about a race some say may be happening near New York City in 2013.

Can you believe it? I mean, it took, like, years and years of political wrangling to get the state of New Jersey to allow the construction of a racing facility in the Pine Barrens 150 miles south of here. It was located next to an airport which had been making noise for more than sixty years. It didn't require any changes to the existing roadways or require that any buildings be relocated or altered. No local residents had to move or were affected in any way. That new race track was a win-win no matter how you looked at it. And it took years.

Now some creaky old Brit thinks he can get permission from the Corleones, from the Sopranos, from a whole bunch of local interests, plus the elected Hudson County envelope-seekers, as well as from our statehouse officials to let some guys go 200+ miles per hour in Weehawken where there are more people per square mile than there are mosquitoes per square mile in Millville? Most are thinking, "C'mon. Get real!"

Well just you wait and see!!!....

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Rounds 1 & 2 - May 11-13 - NJMP-Thunderbolt (w/chicane) - supporting Grand AM

Round 3 -June 2-3 - NJMP-Thunderbolt - supporting NeSCCA National

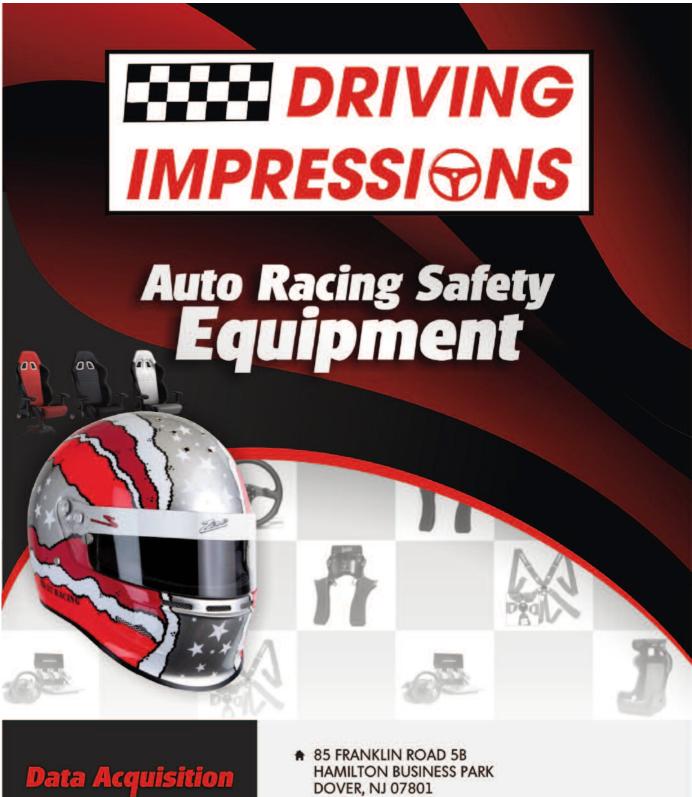
Round 4 -June 23 - Lime Rock Park - supporting NeSCCA National

Round 5 -June 30-July 1 - NJMP-Lightning - with NJRRS & MARRS Joe DeLuca and Linda Gronlund Lightning Challenge Regional

Round 6 -July 21-22 - Watkins Glen - with July Sprints Regional

August 18-19 - NJMP Thunderbolt - with NJRRS & NARRC Regional Round 7 -

Round 8 -October 6-7 - Watkins Glen - with Last Chance Regional





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March Membership Meeting and Board of Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, March 14 7PM

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Dinner: \$20 includes: Unlimited House Wine and Beer 7:30-9:30

St. Patrick's theme

Great food and drink. Great conversation. Get involved with your region.

Dinner is optional

March Lion Double Drivers School

Friday 03/29 - Classroom Session Saturday 03/31 - On Track Sunday 04/01 - On Track

NJMP-Lightning ~ Millville, NJ Registration open on <u>www.DLBRacing.com</u>

The Jersey Racing Board's annual driver's school is scheduled on March 30 - April 1 on the New Jersey Motorsports Park Lightning Circuit. This year the format has been changed to a double school to offer more track time and more instruction. This two day event is intended to provide all of the experience necessary to fulfill the driver's school requirements.

The Instruction will be provided by the New Jersey Drivers Academy, the same cadre of instructors who have been conducting the NJMP schools since its opening. Instruction will begin on Friday evening with a comprehensive classroom ground school. Saturday and Sunday will feature student / instructor drive arounds, on-track sessions and classroom debriefs. Both days will conclude with practice starts / races. Novice and Regional drivers are eligible.

For additional school information, contact the JRB at jrb@njrrs.com.

For licensing information contact Terry Hanushek (thanushek@rcn.com)

Also – Annual tech will be available at the school.

Once-A-Year Tech and NNJR Open House

Saturday April 14 at 11 AM till 3 PM at Driving Impressions in Dover, NJ

Come on out and enjoy the Spring at the NNJR Open House and **Annual Tech** at Driving Impressions in Dover New Jersey. NNJR has an office at the Driving Impressions Dover warehouse and we use this facility for our Board of Trustee meetings. Get involved with your region or just come out to see all the new safety equipment at TeamDI.

The NNJR Tech crew will be available to perform **annual tech inspections** on your gear and racecar. Why wait in those long lines at the track. Bring your car, logbook and all your safety equipment and have it approved before you head off to the track. One less thing to worry about when you get to the track.

The NNJR Club Office at Driving Impressions
85 Franklin Road, 5-B Hamilton Business Park, Dover, NJ 07801
Note: Please use number 157 Franklin Road for GPS Navigation
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The Devil in the Dark

Fri-Sat 04/27-28 12 Hour Endurance Race

www.TheDevilInTheDark.com

Registration open www.DLBRacing.com

This is a 12 Hour racing event at NJ Motorsports Park and will be conducted by the South Jersey and Northern New Jersey Regions of the SCCA on the Thunderbolt 2.25 mile circuit. The race is slated to start at 12 noon and end at midnight.

SCCA Endurance Racing has a long history and can trace its spiritual roots back to the legendary classics such as the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Daytona 24 Hours, and the 12 Hours of Sebring. The South Jersey Region SCCA conducted 4 Hour races back in the late 50's through the 60's at the Vineland Speedway, a short distance from the NJMP facility. Most of the track is still there, although as a 'ghost track' accessible from College Drive in Vineland, NJ. We are very pleased to bring this type of racing back to the area on a bigger scale than ever before.

One of the great things about SCCA racing is the warm and friendly family type of camaraderie the participants and fans share. Each driver is approachable and friendly and happy to be involved with professional level amateur racing.

For information on the SCCA visit www.scca.com or ask any official or driver how you can get

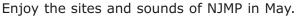
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NNJR 2012 Solo Schedule

April 7 Novice School – Test & Tune

April 14 Points Events

May 5 Points Events - Evolution Performance Driving

School – Challenge School

June 2 Points Events – Evolution Teen Driving School

July 28
August 4
September 1
September 29
October 6
October 20
October 27
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All events held at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ Check www.AutoX4U.com or contact Ernie Andersen for more information.

2012 Rally Schedule

May - MayDaze Rally August - Mini-Monte Rally December - Teddy Bear Rally

Contact Fred Cochran for more information



Perry and Genesis Aidelbaum and daughter Erika and Charley Argila help themselves to the sumptuous buffet.



Ernie Anderson and Linda Louie make their way through the delicious dishes.

Konrad Sprycha the new Board member Andrew Warren at the racing simulator.





Part of the large and well-fed crowd.

RE Chris Mosley welcomes NNJR members.





Linda Mosley's table decorations brightened the party.



Don Zane, Pete Watson, Dave and Lenore Panas and Craig "Deerstalker" Thornton.



Outgoing Board of Trustees member Butch O'Connor receives his gift from Chris.



Arthur Anderson's response to a camera.



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Perry and Rob Foley with a memorial to Alex Gilli who was an avid autocrosser.



A group of solo enthusiasts: the top of Ernie's head, left to Don Slevin, Bob Sczesny, Steve Farkas, Chris Carmenini, Cris Van der Wook, Perry and Dave Sauer.



Sue Chung cuts a birthday cake for Linda Louie, as Bart Carlevaro looks on.



New members Jeff Hernandez and John and Jackie Chantri enjoying the party. Jackie plans to join the growing number of women in Club Racing.



Timing and Scoring Chief Linda Louie presents her Worker of the Year Award to Dan Zane.



Chief Steward Walter Huber's award goes to Dave Panas.



Joe Doyle buys a T-shirt from Linda, the proceeds going to Friends of Flight 93 Memorial.



Phil Von Suskil accepts his award from Grid Chief Diane O'Connor.



Solo awards went to Chris Carmenini, Chris Van der Wook, Bob Sczensy, Steve Farkas, Don Slevin and Mike Wilson with Perry Aidelbaum.



First in Class Solo Awards went to James Anderson, Konrad Sprycha, Kevin Skinner, Dawn Ammarita, Dean DiFalco, Maciek Samsel, Mike Roliera, Mike Cobiako, T.J. Pierson and Mike Starrett.



Perry Aidelbaum receives the Solo Driver of the Year Award from Ernie.



The Solo Worker of the Year is Chris Carmenini.



Ernie takes the stage and enthralls the audience.



Matt Rook and Dave Sauer try their hand at racing, while Andrew Warren is astounded by the performance.



Craig "Sherlock" Thornton and Walter "Sherlock" Huber flank a real "Watson", Pete.

June 2013 - Formula 1 in New Jersey!!!!!

More details when available.

"Come Experience New Jersey Motorsports Park," on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from Noon to 9 p.m.

Event offers Free Admission, Free Go-Karting, Free Car, Cycle & Bike Laps, \$1 Food Menu, Monster Truck Rides, Kids' Activity Zone, Prizes, Give-A-Ways and much, much more!

MILLVILLE, NJ – February 27, 2012 – New Jersey Motorsports Park (NJMP) is hosting an Open House titled "Come Experience New Jersey Motorsports Park" on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from Noon to 9 p.m. and will feature free admission, free go-karting, free car, cycle and bike laps... just to name a few!

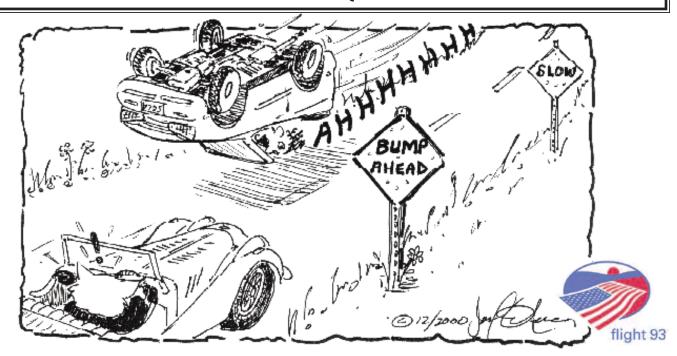
"We've been working hard all winter long in preparing the Park for the 2012 season," stated Brad Scott, General Manager, NJMP. "We're so excited to get things moving we've decided an event open to everyone is the perfect kick-off for the year – be sure to bring your friends and family," added Scott.

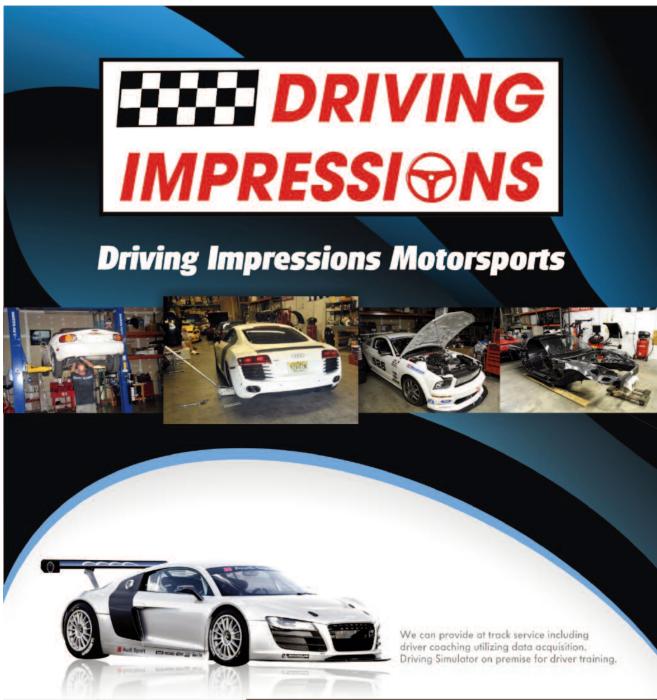
The day's line up includes:

- Free admission
- Free go-karting (must be 14 years of age and 5-feet tall to go-kart)
- Free car, cycle and bike track laps on Thunderbolt and Lightning
- \$1 Food Menu presented by the Finish Line Pub
- Monster Truck Rides
- Kids' Activity Zone
- Grand Prize Drawing, starting at 6 p.m., for 2012 Karting Pass (\$1,200 value)
- Event Ticket Give-A-Ways and more

For more information about NJMP call (856) 327-8000 or visit www.nimp.com.

The Adventures of Raymond the Cat







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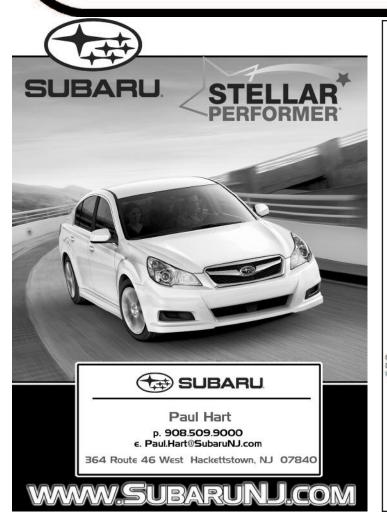








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