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***Holiday Party & Annual Meeting, Friday,
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***The flag that flew over the Flight 93 Memorial Flies over The Jersey Road Racing Classic in October,
thanks to Walter Huber.***

Photo by Mike Feno

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As I sat in Linda's SUV the other day and looked at the odometer, I was amazed at the amount of miles on the odometer and I tried to think about where all those miles had taken us. Her SUV is ten years old this year and has 193,758 miles on the odometer. In that same period we also amassed 126,700 miles on my car (eight years old). More than a quarter million miles and neither vehicle had ever been driven outside the US. Trips to the market, commuting back and forth to work and more than a few adventurous vacations. You don't notice it, but it adds up quickly. There is also 55,000 miles on the motorhome. Almost all of those miles come from trips back and forth to racetracks in and around the eastern portion of the US (from Florida to Wisconsin) and one trip to Mosport, Canada. Those trips have been memorable by either the events or the people we have met.

Distance also equals time. That means we spent a lot of time on the road and visiting places over the last ten years. If I assume we traveled all those miles at an average of 30 miles an hour (morning commuting brings the average way down) that means we spent 12,682 hours over the last ten years in one or the other our vehicles, or roughly 75 weeks at 24 hours a day. That's almost a solid year and a half behind the wheel out of the last ten years. Those miles and hours were beautiful not just for the sites but also for time spent with Linda. I love the trip down 81 into Virginia on the way to VIR, Kershaw or Road Atlanta. The Blue Ridge mountains and the Shenandoah Valley are a site to behold in the spring. The trip to Watkins Glen is always a pleasure. It doesn't matter what time of year you go, it's such a wonderful site for a race track. The view from the track overlooking Seneca Lake is breathtaking.

Everyday we all travel 16,329,000,000 miles through the universe on board the spaceship earth. In a year we will have traveled 5,878,625,000,000 miles. The space probe, Voyager 1 was launched in 1977 and has been soaring through space for 35 years. It has traveled more than 11 billion miles but it will take another 17,500 years before it reaches the nearest star Alpha Centauri. I hope someone keeps tabs on its whereabouts.

Last week, all of us here in New Jersey, New York and several other areas took a trip into the not to distant past (the days before electricity became common place) when "Frankenstorm" came and took our power, homes and lives. It was a hell of a week. Devastation here in Oak Ridge was wide spread. Trees and power lines down all over town. Dozens of homes crushed by fallen trees. Power was restored in most homes in Oak Ridge by Sunday night or Monday morning of this week. Makes me wonder what folks did before electricity. I sincerely hope that all of our members and their families have made it safely through this rough time.

The last race has been run and Champions have been crowned, but that doesn't mean there aren't anymore events on the calendar for this year.

Friday, November 30th – The Holiday Party and Annual Membership Meeting at Tiff's Bar and Grill in Morris Plains. Please RSVP to Linda Santangelo-Mosley at lsantangelomos@optonline.net

December 2nd – The Teddy Bear Rally. Call Fred Cochran for more information @ 732-271-5185

Sunday, January 27th, 2013 – The Region Party at the Packanack Lake Club House in Wayne, NJ

I hope to see you all out at one or more of these events.

Huber's HASH for November-December

Wow!!! This is a really late submission for my column. But a whole lot's been going on around here. Or to put it somewhat differently, "Ain't nothing been happening here!" Ain't been no electricity. Ain't been no heat! Ain't been no phone service. Ain't been no cable TV. Ain't been no internet. I'm only getting around to putting my notes together several days after mega-storm "Sandy" blew through here. And while we've gotten our electrics, our heat and our cell phones back, we are still *sans* cable, *sans* internet and *sans* landline phones.



And that doesn't count being without a whole bunch of trees in our front yard, in our backyard and in both side yards. But thankfully, none of these trees hit our home or our cars or the motorhome as they crashed down.

As we looked at the aftermath of the storm, I had to think of our Region's long-time, strong autocross supporter and contender, **Alexander "Sandy" Cilli**, who we lost earlier this year. Did someone in the autocross community do something to piss Sandy off and our October 29th mega-storm, "Sandy," was the result?

Moving along...

The **Jersey Racing Board**, the club racing alliance between **NNJR** and the **South Jersey Region**, conducted another very successful season-ending Regional at **New Jersey Motorsports Park** in October. Our fifth annual **Jersey Road Racing Classic** – or "**Jerk**" as it has fondly come to be known – was held in beautiful autumnal weather conditions for the third year in a row. And that's far different from the first two years of the event. For the first two years that this event was held we had terrible weather. In 2009 we had two hurricanes, though not of the intensity of the recent "Sandy" mega-storm, come through the south Jersey area within days of the event. The weather in '08 and '09 sucked.

This year the "Jerk" was transferred from the 1.9 mile **Lightning Track** to the 2¼ mile **Thunderbolt Track**. We had just about two hundred cars show up to participate in the event. That includes the season ending championship race for the **Porsche 944 Cup** organization. I'm told the 944 Cup folks enjoyed their weekend racing with the SCCA. They developed their two class champions on the weekend and are anxious to come back and play with us in our sandbox again next year.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the help for the Jerk weekend which came from **Kyle Colbey**, who has recently become the **Timing & Scoring Chief** for Glen Region. Two of our key T&S personnel here in Jersey experienced unfortunate family losses in the days immediately prior to our event. On very short notice Kyle canceled his weekend plans and drove down to chief our event. So, "Thanks!" to Kyle for his help!

All in all, it was a really great event. Thank you to all who competed, all who volunteered, all who came to spectate! If you missed it, then all I can say is, "Ya should'a been there!"

As mentioned, several members have experienced personal losses, and we've had several other losses in our SCCA & motorsports family.

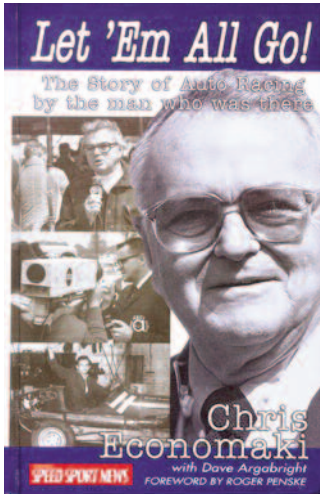
Bart Carlevaro lost his brother, Charly, just prior to our October race at NJMP. Bart's brother was a veteran and lived up north in Orange County, NY. Condolences to Bart and to Linda on their loss.

Meg Meyer's father passed away unexpectedly a couple days before the October race. Meg is a South Jersey Region member. She races and is a key player in the Timing & Scoring team at NJMP events. Our region's sympathy goes out to Meg and her family.

Northern New Jersey lost one of our longest term members with the passing of **Chris Economaki** in September. Chris joined SCCA and NNJR way back in November of 1959, some fifty-three years back. He was the 5th longest tenured member of our region. I first remember seeing him in the early '60s when he would be the racing commentator on ABC-TV's "*Wide World of Sports*."

I think I met him for the first time around 1967 or 68 when I went to Sebring for the 12 hour race. I was helping a fellow named Ray Heppenstall with his car and the crew slept in a large tent in the Sebring paddock. Chris bunked down in the tent with Heppenstall's guys.

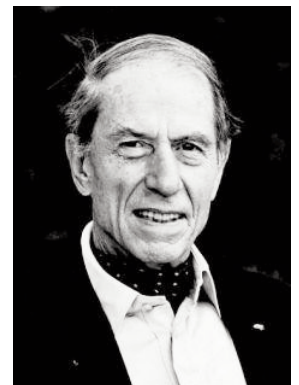
Chris spoke at some of our meetings over the years. I remember when we used to have our monthly meetings at Farcher's Grove just off Route 22 in Union, NJ some years back and Chris came and spoke. He mentioned that in the 1930s and '40s there had been race tracks in virtually half the towns in the state of New Jersey. In fact, he said, there'd been one less than two blocks away from where we were meeting that evening. We all thought, "Who knew?" – Well, Chris knew! – and he told us about it!



He came to our Region Party in January of '08 and signed copies of his autobiographical book, "**Let 'Em All Go**" for our Chiefs and Workers of the Year. The last time I saw Chris was in March of 2010 when Bob Zecca brought him to the RoundTable in Florham Park which NNJR hosted that year.

Chris traveled all over the US and around the world in his career. But now he's back in northern New Jersey to stay. Chris is buried with his beloved wife **Tommye** in a cemetery just off Race Track Road in Ho-Ho-Kus, within earshot of where those long ago unmuffled sounds from the cars racing at the Ho-Ho-Kus Speedway could be heard. The long ago roar of those race engines will be sweeter music to Chris' ears than any harp chorus which Seraphic angels could play!

And another loss which I've just heard about has been **John Fitch**. John was a retired WW-II P-51 fighter pilot & war hero; Grand Prix, Sebring, LeMans racer; Bonneville Salt Flats record setter; Indy 500 entrant; etc., etc. Besides his driving accomplishments, he was a track designer; car designer/manufacturer; safety products designer/engineer/manufacturer who had a storied career in all the above fields. John lived around the corner from the Lime Rock Park race track in Connecticut and frequently stopped by at our race events to say "Hello."



John celebrated his 95th birthday in August along with many of his racing friends. Afterward, in failing health, he had been resident in a nursing home. But in anticipation of his passing, he had been taken home. Age and medical issues finally overtook him and he took the checkered flag in the early morning hours of October 31st. Attending to him at his passing were his son, as well as several other family members and friends.

Also recently reported was the loss of **Dr. Sid Watkins**, the chief medical officer for Formula 1 racing. Sid was a British neurosurgeon. In 1962 he was teaching medicine at the State University of New York. He took four members of his team and his own equipment to provide a medical service at Watkins Glen. Years later he returned to the UK and was head of neurosurgery at the London Hospital. He was invited to join the RAC medical panel.

In 1978, Bernie Ecclestone offered him the position of F-1's Safety and Medical Delegate. When Sid started with F-1, the medical equipment and procedures at the track were deplorable. Sid went on to develop many of the medical procedures which we see – and also the ones we don't see — in place at F-1 races today. Eventually, a deal was done for Mercedes-Benz to supply two medical cars and two safety cars and properly trained racing drivers were appointed to drive them.

Sid was famous for having enjoyed life and for having a great sense of humor. He also liked a whisky and a cigar. When Mercedes-Benz asked Watkins how they could improve the medical car he said half jokingly that he would greatly appreciate it if they would fit a drinks cabinet for his whisky and a humidor for his cigars. When the new medical cars were delivered at the first race of the new season, each had a drinks cabinet complete with glasses and a decanter full of whisky and a humidor full of cigars.

In the last issue of the ***Pole Cat*** several folks were reported to be in somewhat less than fine fettle. Happily, most are doing better and are in recovery mode. **Dave Miller** is quite well recovered from the mugging he endured in August. He and **Diane** are focused now on the sale of their home in West Caldwell and the concurrent move to Sea Girt.

After many weeks of testing including an MRI, the docs have made adjustments to **Joe Russell**'s meds and diet and he is feeling a whole bunch better. After missing out on a slew of summer race events, Joe made it down to the JERK in October. I suspect that being at the track and playing in the Tech arena was as beneficial to his recovery as any pills the doctors might have prescribed. Joe expects to be in Ithaca for the Mini-Con and that'll be another feel-good pill in his recovery program.

Added onto the folks listed in sickness and distress this time around is **Carol Cimino**. Early in September Carol had a bout of pancreatitis. Things seemed to go downhill for a while and Carol wound up with a tracheotomy and then had to undergo some serious, heavy-duty surgery. An update just received reports that Carol is now at a rehab place in Lawrenceville and is doing well. The report suggests that the recovery process is expected to be lengthy. At the same time, Carol is excitedly awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild in January. And I expect that the anticipation and arrival of this grandchild is doing as much for her recovery and rehab as anything possibly could! The prayers and best wishes of our entire region go out to Carol and **Dominic** and family!

Back in September, Nancy & I were honored and humbled to have been invited by the **Friends of Flight 93** and the **National Parks Service** to participate in a **Luminaria Ceremony** at the **Flight 93 Memorial**. Each of us carried a candle-lit lantern as dusk began to fall on the evening of September 10th. We processed, along with 38 other friends and family members, from the memorial's entranceway out to



the Wall of Names. Nancy carried Linda's lantern and I carried Joe's. There we placed our lanterns in front of the respective marble plaques. We got to meet the folks with whom we'd beenn corresponding regarding the Flight 93 Flag which you will read about a few paragraphs further along in this report.

The **Texas Roadhouse** restaurant in Millville – that's one of the restaurants we pass on the way to NJMP – sent an email recently which touched me. You'll recall the news reports last month of a twelve year old girl named **Autumn Pasquale** who had been murdered by a couple of teens who were trying to steal her bicycle. The Texas Roadhouse held a fundraiser in November in memory of Autumn Pasquale and donated 10% of patrons' tabs to a foundation established in the little girl's honor. Of course, it's too late to participate in that fundraiser and it would be a heck of a long drive to go to Milleville from north Jersey simply to have dinner. But especially since I've got a twelve year old granddaughter

myself, I thought it was a nice gesture by this restaurant. I plan to bring some business their way when we race at Millville in the future.

And with south Jersey in mind, I found it interesting that among all the out-of-town and out-of-state utility companies working to restore power here in northern NJ, it was **Vineland Municipal Utilities** which installed several new utility poles along our street and which repaired the wires to bring electrics back to our home. Vineland is the next town just north of Millville. After the lights came back on here, and having heard that the crews were working 16 hour shifts ending at midnight, I figured they might like some libation at that hour. Unfortunately in New Jersey the beer stores close at ten p.m.

So I put together a 12-pack of Shiner and some other flavors and tried to find the crew. But they were already on a new assignment. With a lot of the roads blocked and the many, many downed wires here in Kinnelon, I couldn't find the Vineland crew anywhere I looked in town. So at our first NJMP event in 2013, I'm gonna make a stop in Vineland and deliver my thanks to the crew of **bucket truck #61** of the Vineland Municipal Utilities Co. They did a fantastic job as far as I'm concerned!

The Region has a couple more functions coming up before the end of the year. As I sit here writing this, there is the **North-East Division Mini-Con** coming up this weekend in Ithaca. **Glen Region** is the host for the event. The New Jersey odd/even gas pump situation shouldn't be an issue since we will be spending most of the trip on New York's roads. And as we travel further away from the local areas where the storm's devastation hit the worst, the availability of fuel should be a non-issue also. So the Mini-Con should be a nice diversion from the difficulties here in northern New Jersey. And perhaps if this issue – already very late – is delayed until next week, there may be a paragraph or two added about what happened at the Mini-Con.

The Region's **Annual Meeting** will be coming up at **Tiff's in Morris Plains** on Friday evening, November 30th. This is the meeting where we elect four members of the **Board of Trustees** to serve the Region for the next several years. There will be a buffet type dinner and beer, wine & soda available – all for a nominal price. There should be specific notice and details elsewhere in this issue of the *Pole Cat*.

In the last issue I had mentioned that the lunchtime drive-arounds during the **Joe DeLuca & Linda Gronlund Lightning Challenge** regional races earlier in the season had generated several hundreds of dollars. This money was donated to the **Flight 93 Memorial** in Shanksville and our Regions received a United States Flag which had been flown over the Memorial. I wrote: "We've got some plans for this flag and you can expect to read more about it in the next *Pole Cat*."



The flag arrived in late August and almost immediately was delivered to **Chris Collucci** who was heading out to the **Tire Rack Solo Nationals** in Lincoln, Nebraska. Chris delivered our flag to SCCA's VP of Rally-Solo, **Howard Duncan** who had arranged for it to be flown over the event and be seen by the over 1000 competitors from all over our nation for the entire four days of competition.

Later in September our flag was taken to Club Racing's **National Championship Runoffs at Road America** in Wisconsin. There it was again displayed every morning as a Rescue Vehicle made a lap around the four-mile long track and our National Anthem was played. The Runoffs had over 500 competitors this year and our flag was seen by the competitors, their crews, volunteer workers,

administration, and spectators – thousands of folks!

After a week's visit in Topeka, Kansas, where our flag flew in front of **SCCA's National Offices**, the flag came back to New Jersey and was flown both days at NJMP over our **"Jerk" Regional!**



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At each stop where there was an SCCA competition, an event armband was secured through one of the additional brass grommets which we had installed along the 'hoist' hem – the edge of the flag nearest to the flagpole. And we plan to offer our flag to various SCCA competitions in 2013, have it be flown at these other venues and have an event armband be secured to the flag. **Joe and Linda** will have attended these competitions in spirit!

Last item: As I was going through my files to get the pictures which accompany this issue, I began to realize that this is the issue which will cover the Christmas time period. I happened to see a picture taken at **Arlington National Cemetery** in 2010. A chap named **Morrell Worcester** up in Maine has an evergreen farm and produces Christmas holiday wreaths. A bunch of years back he came up with an idea which has grown into “**Wreaths Across America**” – www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.com. Each year they prepare and deliver several hundred thousand wreaths to our National Cemeteries here in the states and around the world, wherever our fallen troops are buried. I became aware of the program a couple years back when forty wreaths from WAA were placed at the Flight 93 Memorial. Yes – Our friends are not technically vets. However they are among the first combatant casualties in the war on terrorism.

(By the way, **Jersey Mike's Subs** has donated over \$218 thousand bucks to Wreaths Across America to fund this annual wreaths project. So if you're feeling hungry and there's a Jersey Mike's shop nearby, you know where your ass is gonna be heading!)

Come early December there will be a convoy of trucks heading down Interstate 95 from Maine. They will be coming across the George Washington Bridge – last year they stopped at a shopping plaza in Secaucus for a few hours – and then continue down to Arlington, Virginia. Each year the convoy is accompanied by police and Patriot Riders every inch of the journey. You can find out when they'll be passing in this area by going to the WAA website. And then, on the second Saturday of December, there will be waves of Scouts, community service organizations, VFW & American Legion members, kids, adults and volunteers of every description who will descend on Arlington, as well as on veterans cemeteries here in the US and around the world, to place wreaths on the graves of our heroes.

May God bless our troops and our vets!
And may God bless and preserve our United States of America!



Northern New Jersey Region Holiday Party / Annual Meeting

Come join your friends for the
2012 NNJR Holiday Party
Hosted by the
Northern New Jersey Region
Friday November 30, 2012 from 7-10pm

at
Tiff's Casual Grill & Bar
231 Speedwell Avenue
Morris Plains, New Jersey

Dress in your holiday best and bring your appetite!

Dinner includes:

Unlimited house wine & beer 7:30-9:30pm

Caesar Salad

Chicken Marsala

Bowtie Pasta with Tomato Basil Sauce

Tilapia Francaise

Meatballs in Marinara Sauce

Red Bliss Potatoes & Vegetable Medley

Holiday Brownies, Coffee and Soda

\$25 per person cash or checks only at the door

RSVP to Linda Santangelo-Mosley, Chairperson, at
lsantangelomos@optonline.net



Northern New Jersey SCCA &
Motorsport Club of North Jersey & Subaru 46



Presents the 22th Annual

Teddy Bear Charity Road Rallye

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

For the past 22 years the wonderful folks at Subaru 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 SCCA, Best Husband & Wife and Dead Last But Finished.



Sunday December 9, 2012

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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**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
Thunderbolt Raceway**

Photos by Mike Feno



The line to get into the track, waiting for six o'clock.



Rebecca Smith, Valerie Heun, Lynne Hanushek and Terri Zane working hard to keep the registration line moving.



Kenneth Burke checking a driver's gear.



Dan Zane
gives the
flaggers the
day's
schedule.

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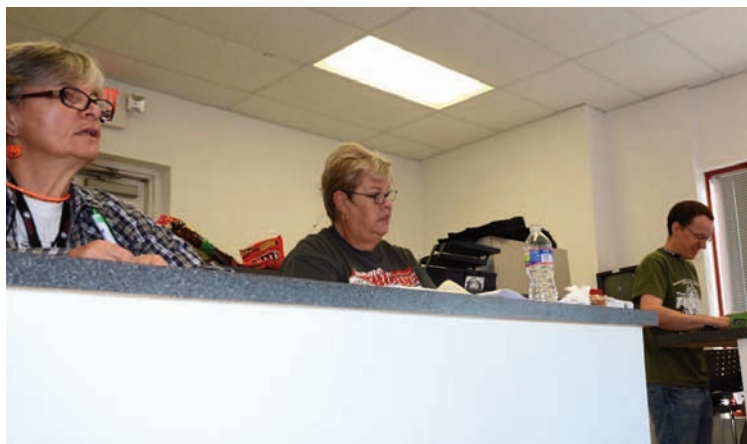
A good place to see the track.



A view from the top.



The Timing and Scoring crew caught in a rare quiet moment: Zach Brandinelli, Lynne Tornetta, Judy Bloeser and Shirley Zane.



Marianne Krauss, Nancy Robertson and Kyle Colby at work in the second row of T & S.

Chief Steward Walter Huber confers with Assistant Chief Steward Butch O'Connor.



**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
Thunderbolt Raceway**

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The Stewards of the Meet very busy at their task.



The Coats for Kids drive brought donations from drivers and others.



The FOOD is served!



The line was long, but moved fast.

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**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
Thunderbolt Raceway**

Photos by Mike Feno



Keith Zane, Terri Zane, Geoff Hall and Fred Zane frantically trying to feed that hungry crowd.



Tables filled up quickly.



Diane O'Connor, Karen Petersen, Butch O'Connor, Jeff Burke, Judy Greer, Marianne Lyons and the back of Lou Giallanella's head party on.

**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
Thunderbolt Raceway**

Photos by Mike Feno



Dale Gogel and Kevin Bailey get ready for the end of the race.



Spec Miatas in the early morning.



Rocco Trapani III checks the computer scoreboard at the starter tower.



Pete Watson waves the checkered flag for the Miatas.

**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
Thunderbolt Raceway**

Photos by Mike Feno



Mike Feno takes a self-portrait while ostensibly shooting a flag station.



The pace car leads the GT field.



Darrel Anthony, pace car driver.



The 944 Cup field on the grid.

**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
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The Grid Girls, Karen, Diane and Judy.



Cory Van deWegh checks the tire pressures on the pace car.



Alan Van deWegh makes sure there is oil in the pace car.



One to go!



Judy gets them out.

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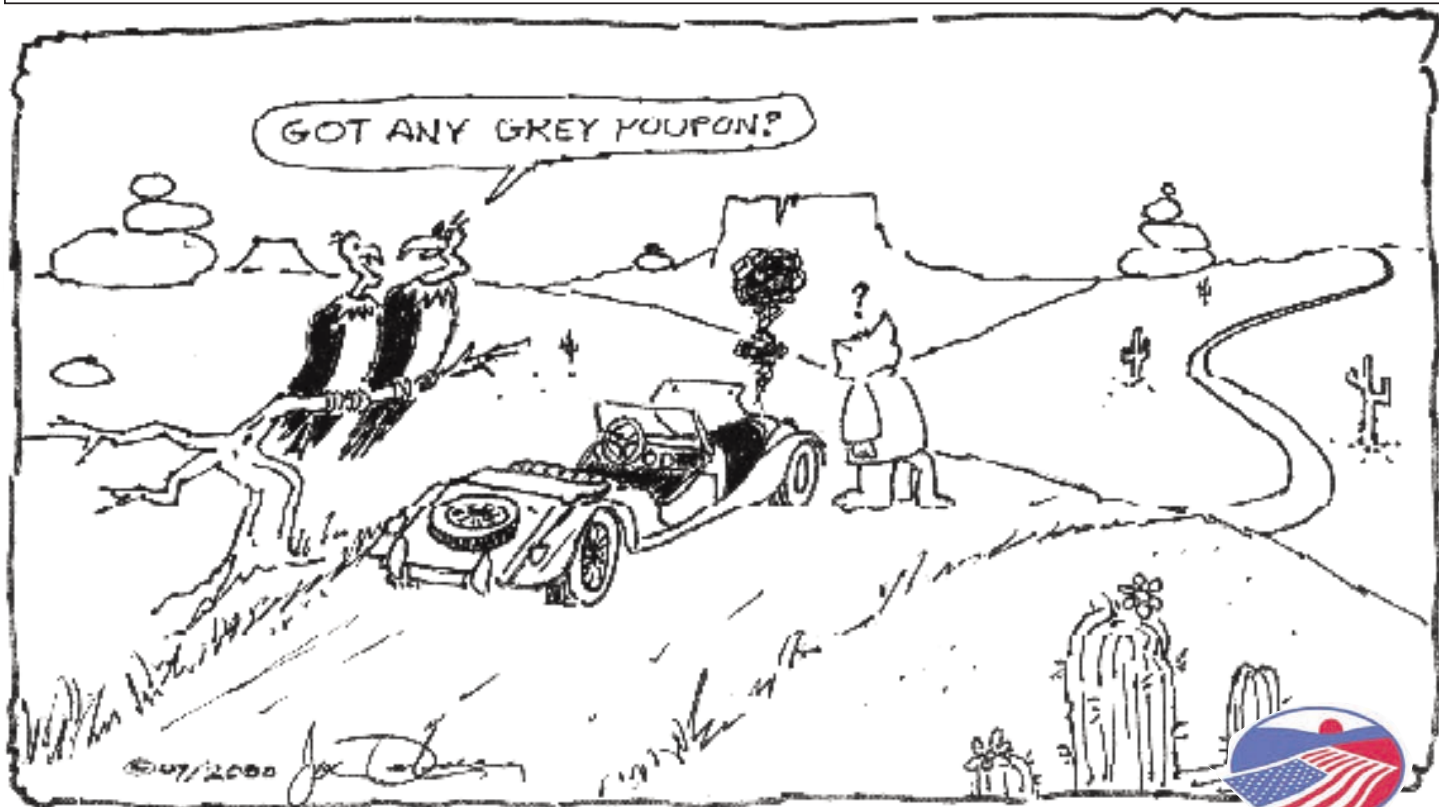


Karen sets them straight.



The pace car leaves the pack.

The Adventures of Raymond the Cat



Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012, Thunderbolt Raceway

Photos by Stephanie Foley

Pete Watson
gives the green
flag to Race
Group 4.



Rob Foley, the elder, in the double-duty
Honda.



They behave themselves in turn one.



Robby Foley, the younger, gives advice to dad.



Dylan Murlott tries the dirt as Bill Ball slips
past.

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**Scenes from The Jersey Road Racing Classic, October 20-21, 2012,
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Photos by Stephanie Foley



Ben Phillips
makes a pass in
turn one.

A beautiful shot of Mike
Feno's Spec Racer Ford
(thanks, Stephanie).



Robby Foley with his well-earned
checkered flag.



Thanks to all of the volunteers and workers at The Jersey Road Racing Classic.



Sue Marshall	Ray Maliszewski	
Alice Fatherree	Jeffrey Burke	
Eric Harding	Laraine Galfas	
Randy Bennett	John Brandinelli	
Douglas Myers	Brittany Dralle	
George Zola	Jim Taylor	Mark Robbin
Damien Fernandez	Christopher Dubel	
Everett Zane	Bruce Marshall	
Daniel Zane	Michael Bergholtz	
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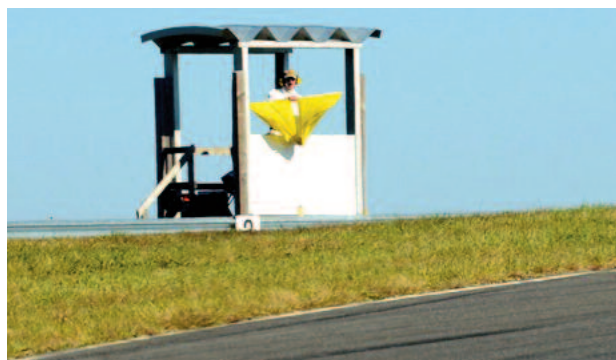


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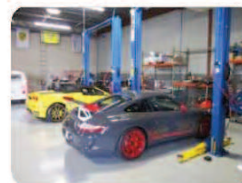
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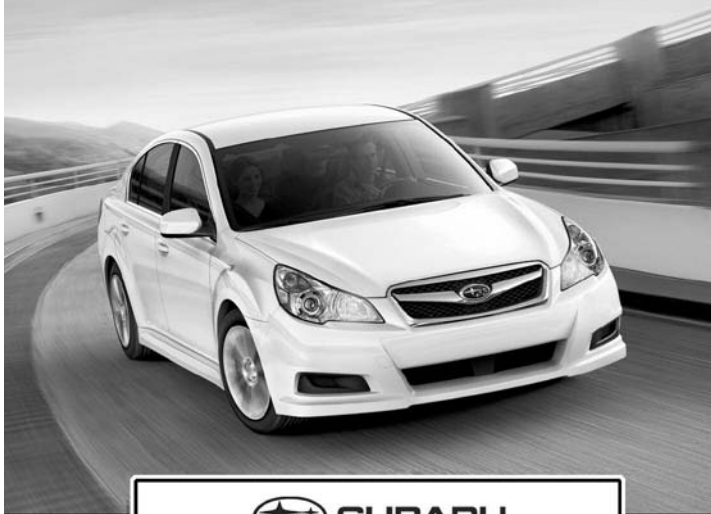


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