



## *APRIL MEETING - TUES., APRIL 15th THE MANOR-7:30 PM*

on the right corner of Kirk Rd, and Ohio Rt 46.

4 red lights south of Austintown.

It's approx 5 miles south of I-80, on rt 46.

There is a large screen TV and we will be showing some vintage racing videos.

Lets have another good turn out, to show our appreciation of our  
new meeting place.

The food is excellent at a reasonable price so come out early for dinner before the meeting.

## *MAY CLUB NIGHTS*

NOTE: DIRECTIONS ARE FROM THE YOUNGSTOWN OHIO AREA AND ARE THE COMMON WAYS TO  
GET TO THE TRACKS. NOT ALWAYS THE BEST OR FASTEST. PLEASE CHECK FOR RAIN OUTS AND  
MAKE UP DATES ON OUR WEBSITE [WWW.TWINSTATE.ORG](http://WWW.TWINSTATE.ORG)

Saturday, May 3, 2008

MIDVALE SPEEDWAY Midvale, Ohio 3/10 MILE ASPHALT- RACING AT 6:30 PM

[www.midvalespeedway.com](http://www.midvalespeedway.com) TRACK: 330-339-3977

LATE MODELS, SPORT STOCKS, PURE STOCKS, COMPACTS, FIGURE 8S

TAKE I-76 TO I-77 SOUTH TO ST RT 250 SOUTH. TRACK ON ST RT 250.

Saturday, May 10, 2008

MERCER RACEWAY PARK, Mercer, PA 1/3 MILE DIRT -RACING AT 7:00PM

[www.mercerracewaypark.com](http://www.mercerracewaypark.com) TRACK: 724-662-1310

410 SPRINTS, FASTRAK LATE MODELS, 358 MODS, MINI STOCKS

TAKE I-80 TO RT 19 (MERCER EXIT). TAKE RT 19 NORTH PAST COURTHOUSE DOWN THE HILL AND TURN  
RIGHT AT CAR WASH. TRACK ON RIGHT

Saturday, May 17, 2008

SHARON SPEEDWAY, Hartford, Ohio 1/3 MILE DIRT RACING AT 6:00 PM

[www.sharonspeedway.com](http://www.sharonspeedway.com) TRACK: 330-772-5481

410 SPRINTS, V8 MODIFIEDS, LIMITED SPRINTS, EMODS, STOCKS

TAKE I-80 TO RT 62/7 NORTH. GO APPROX 10 MILES NORTH ON RT 7 TO ST RT 305 TURN RIGHT.

TAKE 305 TO CUSTER ORANGEVILLE RD TURN RIGHT GO 1/4 MILE TO TRACK ON RIGHT.

Saturday, May 24, 2008

SANDUSKY SPEEDWAY, Sandusky, Ohio 1/2 MILE ASPHALT RACING AT 6:30 PM

NO COOLERS [www.sanduskyspeedway.com](http://www.sanduskyspeedway.com) TRACK: 419-625-4084

EMODS, SPORTSMAN, PURE STOCKS, SPECTATOR STOCKS

TAKE OHIO TURNPIKE TO RT 250 NORTH. TAKE 250 NORTH APPROX 10 MILES TO  
WEST PERKINS STREET TURN LEFT. PROCEED TO TRACK ON LEFT.

April 2008. Belated Happy Easter.

We got some bad news right before Easter Sunday. On Friday, (Good Friday), Local Racing Legend Jim Bickerstaff passed away. He was one of my most revered heroes in the sport, ever. I remember being at Motordrome some years ago, when Bobby Allison was racing there, with the AMC-Matador. There were several of us guys talking with Bobby Allison, and suddenly Allison says, excuse me guys. There goes Jim Bickerstaff, and I want to say hello, before he gets away. Then he walked over to Jim, shook hands, and chatted for quite a while. I was quite impressed that Bobby Allison found it imperative to say hello to a local star like Jim Bickerstaff. If you ever knew Jim, you knew that he wasn't the kind to be conceited, or arrogant, like some people in racing are. He was always quietly friendly, and never arrogant. Actually, you had to prod him some to get him telling stories. He had every right to be arrogant, had he wanted to. But, he wasn't. He was always just an okay guy. I'm very saddened by his passing.

More sadness came our way, when we heard that Joann Prater passed away. She was one of the founders of our organization, when we started out, in 1972, as Competitive Auto Racing Club, of Cincinnati. Of which we were a satellite of that parent Club. That is until June of 1976, when we broke ties, and became a separate entity, Twin State. You may remember we honored our original members at our Banquet, 2 years back. She & husband Ray had moved to Myrtle Beach SC, some time ago, and she sent me a very nice letter, saying she was honored, but couldn't attend. Sadly, or tragically I should say, she was proceeded in death, 2 days later, by her husband of 55 years Ray Prater. Ray & Joann lived in Austintown, and for many years Ray raced on the local tracks in this area. Ray also was an appliance repairman. But, being the great guy that he was, I don't know how he ever made any money doing it. Any time he worked on my stuff, he worked so very cheap. You'd always have to chase him to the truck with an extra twenty dollar bill, just to make it a fair price for the job he did. What great people they were. I spun him out at Hickory one time. After the race when I went to apologize he asked me if I needed that \$5 that bad. Owww! I was really embarrassed, and I went on to win the race after spinning him out. He came back up to 2<sup>nd</sup>, behind me, on the last lap. I asked him, if you caught me, would you have gotten even? He smiled, and said "What do you think?" But, that was the end of it. It was never mentioned again. What nice folks. Now I wish I'd have found him, & Joann last year when we vacationed in Myrtle Beach. Just to say hello. My condolences to the Bickerstaff, & Prater Families.

Coming up, don't forget Dave & Ed's Profomance Event at the Canfield Fairgrounds, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Promoters meeting went well. We had 13 venues represented there. A good time was had by all. And the sloppy joe sandwiches were superb. The April meeting will be back at the Manor, in Austintown, on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I certainly hope we have a good turn out like the first 3 months this year. There will have been a board meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>, Hopefully you attended it. We will have discussed going over our press, honorary, and media list. If you have any qualms with the way we do things, that would have been an excellent time to discuss it. All members are welcome at my home for lickem & stickem. It's not just for officers or board members. I do my best to make everyone feel welcome in my home. Come out anytime. A pot luck supper follows the folding, stuffing, & labeling. We used to have to lick the envelopes, and stick the stamps, hence came the name, which hasn't changed in years. We do 550 to 600 newsletters, in about an hour. So after that, we eat, and visit. It's a nice time to visit with your fellow members in a home like setting. You're all welcome, if you like. And please, keep coming to the meetings. It's so gratifying to have so many come out. The of ficers, and board try very hard to please you folks, and that's the best way to show your appreciation, by coming to the meetings. We may discuss an Oldtimers get together. You may want to be there.

O KAY! April 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Manor, in Austintown, be there. Keep thinkin warm folks. Racins knockin at the door, this weekend, maybe. If the ground dries out enough for parking. There's lts of tracks trying to open, or having test & tune this weekend. It's finally here folks, thank goodness. Now if we can just dodge the raindrops, we'll be good to go,,,,,TO THE RACES!!! YAY! Your Prez, Dick Berry.

## MEETING NEWS

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from the Promoters night at the Lordstown Administration building on March 18, 2008, approximately 83 people attended.

Sunshine: Phyllis Fuller sent a get well card to Jeff Haefke who was in the hospital and a get well card to Tracy Shirley who had surgery. The Inskoop Family (Linda White) sent a thank you for the sympathy card we sent for their father. We were asking to keep in our thoughts Ray Baselj who is receiving chemotherapy and Leland Haylett who has leukemia.

The Banquet is set for December 6 2008. The Family Christmas Dinner for December 14, 2008.

Brett McCall was thanked for all his work for the car show and Chris Berry was thanked for her hard work on the Banquet. Both Brett & Chris were given Certificates of Appreciation from the Club.

The President suggested we have guidelines for sending money to people who are sick.

The 50-50 was \$215.00. It was given away in (3) drawings of \$60.00, \$30.00 & \$18.00 with \$107 going to the Club. Door Prizes were given out.

We broke from the meeting to eat sloppy Joe's and refreshments. Thanks to all who worked in the kitchen including Gene Leamer, Pat & Russ Miner, Brett McCall, and Nancy Waselich.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by JACK COLEY

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$2381.98

EXPENSES: \$949.71

123 Lyndia Remias (Deposit on Caterer)	\$100.00
124 McDonald K of C (Deposit on Hall)	\$100.00
125 Robbie Dean (Donation)	\$100.00
126 Positive Images (1 Dozen Hats)	\$60.71
127 Jim Fentules (News, Enve, Cards)	\$196.00
128 Postal Mail Sort (Labels)	\$15.00
129 National City (Cash Check/Car Show)	\$378.00

INCOME: \$2034.00

2/10/08 Deposit Dues/Car show/50-50	\$331.00
2/29/08 Deposit from Dues	\$358.00
3/10/08 Deposit from Dues	\$364.00
3/15/08 Deposit Dues & Car Show	\$733.00
3/17/08 Deposit from Dues	\$248.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$3466.27

REPORT DONE ON 3/17/2008

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# JIM BICKERSTAFF 1931-2008

James E. Bickerstaff, 76, formerly of Morris St. In Mineral Ridge, passed away at 11:07 PM Friday, March 21, 2008 in the intensive care unit of St. Elizabeth Medical Center Boardman

Jim was very successful on pavement and dirt, winning championships early in his career at both Canfield Fairgrounds and Cloverleaf Speedway. As the late models became more popular and faster, Jim continued to win on a regular basis at Midvale and Sharon Speedways in Ohio. Driving the Bob May #44, Jim won two successive Pittsburgh Racing Association championships at the Heidelberg Speedway on the toughest Late Model circuit around these parts. Regular competitors at Heidelberg included Bob Senneker, Don Gregory, Tony Diano, Bob James and Winston Cup champion Bobby Allison and famed driver/car builder Ed Howe.

Jim also drove for car owners Dave Parilla and John Rebhan and competed at tracks as far east as Maryland and Virginia, plus tracks in Toledo, Sandusky in Ohio and Marne, Owosso and Auburn in Michigan. He regularly competed in the "World Series of Late Models held every winter in New Smyrna, Florida. Jim was known as one of the nicest guys in the pits and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was inducted into the Lorain Speedway Hall of Fame in 2005 and was also inducted into the Twin States Auto Racing Fan Club Hall of Fame earlier. Jim was married on November 11, 1961 to the former Janet Faye Martin, and she preceded him in death on November 18, 1994.

Jim is survived by two children James "Jim" (Lonnie) Bickerstaff of Mineral Ridge, and Jill (Gary) White with whom he made his home; and two granddaughters Stacey White and Lindsey Bickerstaff. Besides his parents and wife, Jim was preceded in death by a brother Edward Bickerstaff.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### FRI APRIL 11TH

- \*ELDORA -WOO SPRINTS
- \*HILLTOP-OPENER 8PM
- \*ATTICA-ALMS LATE MODELS

### SAT APRIL 12TH

- \*BARBERTON-OPENER 7:00PM
- \*DEERFIELD-OPENER 7:00PM
- \*LORAIN-OPENER 7 PM
- \*MIDVALE-OPENER
- \*PAINESVILLE-OPENER
- \*CHALLENGER -LM-\$2000/WIN

### SUN APRIL 13TH

- \*CHALLENGER- LM \$5000/WIN

### TUES APRIL 15TH

- \*LERNERVILLE- WoO LATE MODELS

### FRI APRIL 18TH

- \*HILLTOP-IRS LATE MODELS

### SAT APRIL 19TH

- \*BARBERTON-ROGER BLACK TRIBUTE
- \*FREMONT-SEASON OPENER 7PM

### SAT APRIL 19TH

- \*SANDUSKY-OPENER 7PM
- \*HUMMINGBIRD OPENER 7PM

### FRI APRIL 25TH

- \*LERNERVILLE-ALL STAR SPR/UMP LM
- \*THUNDER MOUNTAIN-OPENER

### SAT APRIL 26TH

- \*SHARON - \$1200 TO WIN STOCKS
- \*MARION CENTER-OPENER
- \*MCKEAN CTY-ULMS LATE MODELS

### SUN APRIL 27TH

- \*ERIEZ-OPENER 6 PM
- \*TRI CITY OPENER 6 PM

### FRI MAY 3RD

RACEWAY 7-SPRING INTO FALL CLASSIC

### SAT MAY 4TH

- \*SHARON-OPENER 6PM

### TUESDAY MAY 13TH

- \*LERNERVILLE-WoO SPRINTS

We now have a Club Nite at Quaker City in Salem, July 5th. It is also their biggest nite of the season

## PROMOTORS NIGHT RECAP

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PROMOTORS/REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAME OUT TO OUR ANNUAL PROMOTORS NIGHT IN LORDSTOWN

Jim Balentine Jr.- Raceway 7

Jason Scanlon Lake Erie Speedway

Bill Beck Motor Racing Outreach

Al Moore -Lake Erie Speedway

Karl Brest Sharon Speedway

Ed Nelson -Dave & Eds Auto Events

Guy Griffin -Limited Sprints

Vicki Emig- Mercer Raceway Park

Jean Lynch -All Star Sprints

Mike Leone-FASTRAK Late Models

Linda Fennell- Lemerville

Rich Berry -Challenger Speedway/UFO LM and Pittsburgh, PA Motor Speedway

## OBSERVATIONS FROM THE INFIELD

JIM BALENTINE-EDITOR

Out east they have been racing since February and we can't even get 1 race in locally....the GROVE and LINCOLN have been battling the bitter cold, but the cars and fans came out so racing was on...alot of torn up equipment already and it is just April!!!!..BREAKING NEWS as SPORTSMANS in Knox is now not going to open as the COLWELL family has denied the HINKLE family from operating the facility for 2008. the HINKLES got the news as they were at the track getting ready for the season..rumors say the track was sold to someone else...more on this I'm sure...news from RACEWAY 7 is they will honor LOU BLANEY and bring the V8 MODS back up to 7 on FRIDAY JUNE 25th along with fireworks...place should be packed for that...HILLTOP is running SUPER LATES on FRI nights and STEEL BLOCKS on SAT nights for 2008... MOTORDROME will now be run by veteran promotor STAN LASKY who last ran JENNERSTOWN...local WoO races from TRI CITY, LVILLE, and SHARON will be televised on SPEEDCHANNELL on a tape delayed basis this year...the GROVE is now running SAT nights also with the old SILVER SPRING SUPER SPORTSMAN headlining the card...LVILLE is 0 for 2 with rain KOing the 1st 2 nights...KASEY KAHNE raced at LINCOLN and DNQ for the feature and turned down a track provisional to race in it saying if he didn't race his way into the feature why should he run it?...local info: RUSSELL KING is going SUPER LATE MODEL racing as well as STOCK driver COREY RUFFO...ALAN DELLINGER will be racing an EMOD at SHARON only as of now...alot of new FASTRAK drivers with some being RICK ROBINSON, ANDY BUCKLEY, DOUG IORIO, KEVIN MEADOWS, JIM KURPAKIS, and MAX BLAIR...FASTRAK will have 3 different payscales depending on the car count with \$700 going to over 24 cars...MERCER was the 1st local track to open up for 2008 with DENNIS LUNGER winning the STL BLK FEAT, RANDY HALL the EMOD, and RUSTY WHEELER the STK main....DALE BLANEY is locally driving the Rudzik 49 SPRINT...locals who towed to ATTICAS ALL STAR SHOW were ED LYNCH, ROD GEORGE, ROB EYLER, BRIAN ELLENBERGER and BOB FELMLEE...LANCE DEWEASE won the race over DALE BLANEY..alot of tracks open up this weekend ...no word on WAYNE COUNTY yet if they are racing or not..SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TRACK news to: JIMBALENTINE@ZOOMSHARE.COM

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by FRANCEY McCALL

COMPILED ON MARCH 23RD 2008. WE WILL WELCOME 51 NEW ADULT AND 11 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO THE RACING FAMILY OF TWIN STATE.

THE MEMBERSHIP COUNT WILL NOW BE 872 AND WITH HONORARY 888. WE WILL NOT REMOVE ANY MEMBERS OFF THE BOOKS FOR THIS MONTH DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE COUNT OF NEW MEMBERS.

IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN OF YOUR EXPIRATION DATE PLEASE CALL ME AT 330-759-9696 OR EMAIL ME AT MCCALLRACING@AOL.COM

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AT THIS TIME.

MICHAEL/MARY RICE-COOPERSTOWN, PA.	DON YEAR-BURGHILL, PA.
GARY/CHARLOTTE HOLLABAUGH-COOPERSTOWN, PA.	RANDY CHRONISTER-SLIPPERY ROCK, PA
SCOTT SCHRADER-FRANKLIN, PA.	DAVID PINCH-SHARON, PA.
ROBERT/CINDY BYERS-RENO, PA.	BILL/KAREN HANNA-JAMESTOWN, PA.
RON SUTTER-GUYS MILLS, PA.	RICHARD/JEANNETTE MURCKO-HERMITAGE, PA.
SHELLY HYLDAHL-GUYS MILLS, PA.	CHARLES/TAWNEE KANTNER-HERMITAGE, PA.
COREY/AMANDA RUFFO-MERCER, PA.	KEVIN SIMMONS-BROOKFIELD, OH.
LEONARD FOCKLER-COPLEY, OH.	ROBERT/KRISTEN GIBBS-CORTLAND, OH.
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THANK YOU

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ADULT COUPLE: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR COUPLE: \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (6-17) WITH ADULT MEMBER: \$2.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES (S) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (AND AGES) \_\_\_\_\_

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Kirkey aluminum race seat, w/black cover. New cost \$335. Sell for \$175, firm. Call 330-770-2013 -leave message.

77 CHEVELLE (full size chassis) RACE CAR. Well built solid car. W/ FORD 9in, rear. Minus engine, trans, & center section. \$1000.

OR Turn Key Race ready, w/ 2bbl 500 cfm Holley (Woody prepared), and manifold, or cast iron copy of Z-28 intake 4bbl, and Holley double pump 4 bbl, (also woody prepared) Your choice. Run dirt or asphalt. Car has run both. 355 engine, machine work done by Minors Perf, assembly & fine tuning by John Christy, New GM steel crank when built 15 race nights ago. Changed from hightops to flat tops, and completely checked over 5 race nights ago. Hydraulic cam. all good stuff

1 set of world products heads, pn WRL 0-43610-1, 67cc chamber, 1.94 int, 1.50 ext, have been bowl blended, complete, ready to run - \$600. Only raced 1 season.

Set of 8 Wiseco Pistons for 355, with 6 1/8ths rods Only ran 10 nights on asphalt, also have the solid crane cam used in conjunction with the pistons. \$400 for both.

Chevy 305 engine, completely John Christy prepared, hydraulic cam, 400 - 2 bbl manifold, and carb, rochester 2bbl, tricked out w/holley jets. WAKE UP YOUR GM PICK UP < CHEAP. Not crate stuff, has vortec heads, this baby will give the 350's a run for their money. Was built for a hobby stock at Barberton. Ran 1 night. \$2000, or reasonable offer.

Ford 9in gears, ring & pinion only. 250/ 275/ 300/ 325/ 350/ 410/ 486/ 500/ As soon as the weather breaks, there may be more \$150 ea.

CALL DICK BERRY @ 330-544-6574.

This from JACK COLEY; I want to thank Denny and Barb McNanny, and Gene and Joyce Leamer for helping out at the Cranberry Mall Car Show, as the weather was terrible, and yet you all still made it happen. Thanks so very much. JACK.

This from Russ & Pat Miner; We want to thank Gene and Joyce Leamer for helping out at the Twin State table at the Canton Swap meet. Manning the table, and just giving us time away from the table for a break. Thanks so much. Russ & Pat

Prez Agenda for April 2008. There were a lot of tragic things that came to pass so far this year, and I hardly could ignore them, in the prez report. That's what that space is allotted for. For me to talk to you. Just like we are having a conversation. And if someone has the irrepresible urge to say something to the Club, or me, it's your newsletter as well as mine. As long as what you say is of a constructive nature, and not slanderous in content. If it were open to conjecture, it would have to be approved by the board before put in print. Majority agreement would be needed. Anything any of you may receive, that doesn't come from the governing body of this Club, can be ignored, as completely unfounded. NOT OURS! Basically, we're here to promote racing, not the President, our Club, or it's policies. Our record stands on it's own merit. We've made some mistakes, and we've done some good things. Anytime we were called out for making a mistake, we collectively made steps to rectify our bad, and not leave a trail of hurt feelings behind. A few years back, a Club member wrote a letter to a track, complaining quite vehemently that the track didn't let members in the pits on Club nights. The track owner was quite put out by the letter, and rightly so. These Club "FREE" Nights are a courtesy that track owners give us. I never take food or drinks to Club nights, because that's the only revenue that I leave behind at these "free" nights. But that's my choice. I figure a couple hot dogs, and a couple pops are a cheap enough price for an evening of racing excitement. We do nothing to earn these nights, other than passing the word around that we enjoyed being at their track. We almost lost that track's Club night's forever because of that letter. We smoothed it over, but it's kinda like your drivers license. It's not a right, it's a privelege. And someone has given you that privelege. Frankly, if you go to the track representing Twin State, you're a spectator, not a participant. The pits are for participants basically. I've been a participant for 40 years, and I've seen some participants that don't even deserve to be in the pits. So, let's just appreciate our blessings where we find them, and don't look a gift horse in the mouth. (Ya know I never could figure out what the heck that saying means, I never had a horse bring me a gift either). Anyhow, let's hope we have everything in order for the season. Oh, yeah! I gotta order plaques for Club nights. I'll do that this week. D.B.