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Our 1ST meeting of our 40th year
**DRIVERS/OFFICIALS
SAFETY CREW
NIGHT**

will be held at **7:00 PM**
TUES JAN 17TH at the
**LORDSTOWN
ASSEMBLY HALL**

1455 SALT SPRINGS ROAD
LORDSTOWN OHIO 44481

**PIZZA, CHIPS AND POP WILL BE
PROVIDED BY THE CLUB**

all local race car drivers are welcome to our
annual TWIN STATE RACING CLUB
DRIVERS NIGHT to talk about the upcoming
2012 season and to recap the 2011 season..

we will also have the SHARON
SPEEDWAY fire crew on hand to talk about
their safety procedures as well as BUDS
TOWING and various track officials..

this is a meeting open to the public

drivers and officials please contact
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if you can attend

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Ed Miller

Here it is, 2012, already, and a Happy New Year to all of yinz. I can remember when I thought the year 2000 was a million miles away, and now it seems like yesterday. Time can slow down anytime now as far as I am concerned. So if anybody has a direct line to father time, put in a word for me.

Sadly, just before the New Year, we lost another very important person in our circle of friends. If anyone had heard the name Mark Schewirey, they may ask who that was. Well, to all of us he was much better known as "Chico", Phil Wertz's longtime employee at his wrecker business. Chico was doing what he did every day, taking care of his customers the way few could, always with a smile on his face. He died while on call of a massive heart attack at the way too early age of 46. He had been Phil's sidekick since the age of 14, and is going to be missed by so many. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family, along with the entire Wertz family. The business will continue with Phil's son Tim at the control of the hydraulics.

It has been very quiet on the racing news front, or I am just living in a cave? Not much has happened in the way of news since the management change at Barberton. I do know the cars are being prepared, and maybe with the weather as mild as it has been, it seems we are closer to the start of the season than we actually are. I can say that it sure wasn't ice or snow flying at Mercer Sat., it was mud! I sure pity the guy with the Toyota Tundra pickup along the fence. It was just PLASTERED with mud, and he may need to take out a second mortgage to get it washed. The crowd was quite good, mainly because of the mild weather, and they saw a quite interesting show. Out of 55 (I believe) only 9 finished, and some of them were not running well at all. I heard the referral to the one Mays' car as "Who in the heck is driving Miss Daisy?" I do believe Travis Creech was going a whopping 20 mph, especially while drafting(?) the 38 car with his foot to the floor.

Out the charity formation within our club, some money was donated to The Southside Manor in Niles. For anyone who travels through Niles, they will see these individuals walking along Rt. 46 daily. They have no family (or at least no one who keeps contact with them), are mentally challenged and live off of a very tiny SSI check which goes to the manor for their care. There is nothing extra for them, and I am told they keep the heat low, because basically, they have to, for financial reasons. Last year there was nothing additional for a head lice issue, so you know what came next. Well, Mary found out about this and we are going to help a bit. Another company I deal with heard of this (they didn't want their name mentioned) and graciously donated \$200 to the cause, as his wife has seen these individuals walking. Art and Wes Osmer also are going to help, and a big thank you goes to them. So if anyone has ANYTHING they could help out with, be it blankets, towels, hygiene items, please do so. We are going to have a box at our meetings. So if you attend, and if you can, please help out. They probably do not even know much about racing, but racers have a big heart. We help our own and can help others, as can plainly be seen on the side of Jeff Gordon's car.

At our officer's meeting last week we discussed a few ideas for this year. One is to have our Feb. meeting at Golden Corral in Hermitage for our Pa. friends to be a little closer to. They have a meeting room that is free, so unless you hear otherwise, Feb. meeting = Awesome Pot Roast!!!! Another is a possible bowling night in Feb., possibly at Wedgewood Lanes, and maybe a night of fun at Sportsworld this summer. Like I said, I will keep you posted. One other item was that Jean Coley will now take over the Sunshine duties.

Please, please, PLEASE, drivers..... we need you to attend our annual driver's night at the Lordstown Adm. Bldg. Many get on different message boards, criticizing tracks for this and that, but some hide behind a screen name, not to be controversial, but that is the way that it is. Well, I am doing my best to get some officials here for your accolades, criticisms, or suggestions. We have the safety crew and Bud's Towing for sure, and as we speak, I am trying to finalize some tech guys. SOOOOOOOO..... here is your chance. Let me know, you know the e-mail address, signmaned312@hotmail.com.

I would like to hear some feedback about another idea being kicked around by Dave Olivieri and myself about a 2012 charity idea, a go kart raffle. This is just an idea in it's infancy, but if we come up with some corporate funding, we think it could be a great idea. Once again, I will keep you posted.

We have 2 club nights verified so far, Mercer, May 5, and Sharon, Jun. 2 I believe. Many more will be confirmed shortly. So talk to you next month, and hope for just one day of snow so Sharon can get their snowmobile races in.

Ed

MEETING NEWS

by JEAN COLEY

Notes from the meeting December 20, 2011. There were 25 members in attendance.

The President asked our pastor Bill Beck to say a few words. Pastor Bill read from the Luke, Chapter 8 about the birth of Jesus, and then he said a prayer. The President welcomed Art & Wes Osmer who attended this meeting and who have been ill for a long time but feeling much better now. The old Findlay Award is on display at the Wertz Gas Station in Canfield.

We had a profit from the Banquet of \$1122.59. The Movie night brought in \$218.65 and the Autographed Helmet \$216.00. The movie and Helmet money is to go to Charity.

Francey McCall wrote that she was honored to have served as our membership Secretary since 2003 and will hand over the position to Dick Berry for 2012.

Sunshine: Mary Miller sent Get-Well cards to Gary Miller, Karen Miller and Don White. She sent many Thank-You cards for donations to the banquet and the Christmas Party. She especially thanked Cindi Horkey for her donation and help with crafts for the Christmas Party. Gary, Karen and Morgan Miller sent a Christmas card to thank us for our thoughts and prayers. "We have a long road to recovery, but we will make it. We thank God daily that we are alive." Mary also received a thank you note from Kendra Hegedus for awarding Ronnie a place in the Hall of Fame.

Our next meeting January 17th will be held at the Lordstown Administration Building and will be Drivers night and all drivers are invited to talk about their plans for 2012.

The next Awards Banquet is Tentatively set for Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24, 2012 at Ciminero's Banquet Hall. The President wants us to put down a deposit of \$150.00. The owner of the hall apologizes for not having enough room for handicapped people to leave their tables and will give us more room next year. He did provide helpers to get meals with those who couldn't do so themselves.

50 people attended the movie night we had. It was suggested we have it again along with old-Timers night. The President has pictures from the Banquet that he is giving away.

Jim Balentine Jr wants to make a poster of the living Hall of Fame from the back of the Newsletter. The President wants to put up posters on a wall at Sharon Speedway.

We will have our February meeting at the Golden Corral in Hermitage, Pa to benefit our Pennsylvania members by making it closer to them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by JACK COLEY

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$4492.25

EXPENSES: \$4584.54

1456 hhgregg (Television)	\$426.99
1457 Greg Schmied (DJ)	\$50.00
1458 Ciminero's (Banquet)	\$3095.00
1459 Austintown Trophy (Plaques)	\$510.00
1460 Jack Coley (Roll of Tickets)	\$7.94
1461 USPS (PO Box Rent 1 Yr)	\$46.00
1462 Ed Miller (Banquet Supplies)	\$115.68
1463 Family Dollar Trays/Nap Xmas Dinner)	\$5.34
1464 Kmart (pop for Xmas Dinner)	\$18.84
1465 Marc's (Kids Drinks Xmas Dinner)	\$7.64
1466 Postal Mail Sort (Newsletter Labels)	\$15.00
1467 Jack Coley (Chicken/Ice Xmas Dinner)	\$41.71
1468 Tom Foley (Santa)	\$50.00
1469 Jim Fentules (Newsletters)	\$71.70
1470 Ed Miller (Xmas Dinner Supplies)	\$49.30
Cash (Pizza for Movie Night)	\$40.00
Cash (Dollar General Movie Supplies)	\$33.40

INCOME: \$3788.09

11/16/11 50-50	\$21.00
11/16/11 Membership Dues	\$10.00
11/16/11 Banquet Tickets	\$1050.00
11/25/11 Membership Dues	\$26.00
11/25/11 Banquet Tickets	\$900.00
11/28/11 Clothing sales	\$60.00
11/28/11 Membership Dues	\$10.00
11/28/11 Helmet Raffle	\$216.00
11/28/11 50-50	\$241.00
11/28/11 Basket Raffle	\$200.00
11/28/11 Banquet Tickets	\$627.27
12/5/11 Beer & Wine refund	\$71.29
12/5/11 Membership Dues	\$63.00
12/5/11 Movie Income	\$292.05

ENDING BALANCE: \$3695.80

REPORT DONE 12/20/11

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JAN 2012 • HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

This will be my 1st year serving in this capacity. I will do my best to serve Twin State in a dedicated Fashion. I will admit that I haven't familiarized myself with all facets of this job, but will have everything Ironed out by February. Report made on 1/6/12. We had 2 non-renewals, & signed up 2 new adult Members, with 2 associates. Leaving the membership count at 681, we have 34 Honorary, & 16 Media,,, a total membership count of 731. Our New Members are, JON & KRYSTAL MABRY, with CARTER & NATE as Associates. WELCOME ABOARD!!!

That's it for January. If I've missed anything I will assure you it will be caught up in February.
Thanks - Dick Berry.

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE INFIELD by Jim Balentine Jr-Editor

I would like to thank all the voters who elected me Vice President for 2012.. this year we have some things that has never happened before..one father and son who have served as VP..my father Jim Sr. who was Vice Pres many times since 1973 and now me ..and a father and two siblings whom the siblings have held the same position...Richard Berry Sr was treasurer in 1973 and now son Dick Berry as Membership secretary and Dicks sister Gwen has also been mem. sec...both have held numerous offices over the years and this will be a nostalgic year as we celebrate our clubs 40th year in existence..what makes this year so special is that club founder

Matt Wertz is back in the club as a board member and it is great to have him back...we have 4 original 1972 members who are club officers with Jim Balentine Sr, Matt Wertz, and Gwen Crum as Board members and Dick Berry as Membership Sec...we will look back at old photos and newsletters throughout the year and interviews with people who made the club what it is today..what is amazing is that the original C.A.R. club out of Cincinnati that we branched off of is no longer in existence and we are going with 700 plus members strong!!! I as well as our other officers will do our best to make this club the best it can be with some great new events and maybe bringing back some old events again..one thing is for sure THIS will be the best year of the club **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TWIN STATE MANY MORE YEARS TO COME!!!!** news and notes to Jbalentine2@roadrunner.com

2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: Single Adult (18 & over) \$18.00 _____ Single Senior Citizen \$10.00 _____

Husband & Wife \$23.00 _____ Husband & Wife (Senior) \$13.00 _____

Children (6 thru 17) With Adult \$5.00 _____ Children (6 thru 17) without adult - \$8.00 _____

Senior Citizen (55 or over)\$10.00 _____ Lifetime Member (existing member 75 or older) Free _____

Name(both names for cards) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Children Members: Name _____ Birth date _____ Age _____

Name, Birth date, Age _____

Name, Birth date, Age _____

Check Here _____ if Senior Citizen over 55Check Here if Driver _____ Car# _____

Track _____ Division _____

Circle One ---New Member--- or --- Renewal \$5.00 charge for lost membership cards.

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MAIL TO: PO BOX 2351 YOUNGSTOWN OHIO 44509

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SECRETARY'S REPORT CONTINUED

Jim Balentine Sr will be working on a Retired Driver's night sometime in April. Jim Balentine said we need more members to attend this function. If there is a Nascar race that day we can watch it on our TV purchased for the club. We will need a cable hook up to do this. Dave Olivieri stated we should make sure the retired drivers are all introduced at the party.

We had a long discussion on what charity to donate our money made from the movie night and helmet raffle. Mary Miller suggested a place called Southview Manor whose people need everyday articles for living. Bill Beck suggested we honor racing people. Jim Balentine Jr remembered us helping Warren Children Services by bringing drivers and cars for children to see and Gwen Crum said we took the children to see races. . We voted to give Gene Habbyshaw \$50.00. 3 club members donated a total of \$50.00 more, so it will be \$100.00 to Gene. A \$100.00 will be given to Gary Miller. Bill Beck suggested we give the money from the Treasury and use the money from our charity fund to give \$100.00 to Mary Miller to buy supplies for the people at Southview Manor.

Dave Olivieri said the largest class of hungry people is the elderly. He wants to have members bring canned food to each Club Night to be given to food banks near each track.

We will have a Board meeting with old and new Officer's.

Lake County Speedway (formerly Painesville) will still offer us free admission if we travel 35 miles or more to see the races.

The New Officers is as follows: President Ed Miller, Vice President Jim Balentine Jr, Secretary Jean Coley, Treasurer Jack Coley, Membership Secretary Dick Berry, Board Members are: Jim Balentine Sr, Gwen Crum, Matt Wertz, Terri Wertz, Tonja Pemberton, Alice White. '

Sharon Speedway Snowmobile Races

**Saturday January 14 2012
Saturday, January 21, 2012**

Pre-registration is \$20 per class through January 7 for the January 14 event and through January 14 for the January 21 event. It's \$30 per class on race day.

Registration forms are available at sharonspeedway.com/drivers/registration.

Gates open at 9 a.m. with racing at 11 a.m. for both events.

2012 Sandusky Hangover Race Results

Sandusky Speedway ushered in 2012 with the 32nd Annual Hang Over Race on Sunday Jan 1. In the twenty five lap Champagne Stock feature it was Ron Miller who has won eight out of the last nine Hang Over races. Dan Dippman was the early race leader for the first two laps before Mark Pollock took the point. Miller was working his way through the pack and took command of the lead on lap thirteen. The top five were Ron Miller, Dan Dippman, Mark Kachemmaister, Jeff Warnick and Bob Swanson.

The twenty lap Whiskey Stock feature saw Joey Wyckoff take off with the lead and it appeared he would go on to take the checkered flag until lap ten when Wyckoff made contact with the backstraight wall. The race would be red flagged one lap later when Drew Smith made hard contact with the wall coming out of turn two, Smith was not injured. On the restart it was Cody Rose the new leader who would go on to take the checkered flag. The top five were Cody Rose, Jerry Adkins, Jason St.John, Chris Priebe and Cory Phillips.

The fifteen lap Moonshine Stock feature The race leader on lap four was Tim Deutsch with Kenny Calhoun running a close second. Calhoun took the lead on lap eight The top five were Kenny Calhoun, Tim Deutsch, Mark Kachemmaister, Kerry Rouse and Bob Swanson.

RACING BANQUETS

Mercer Raceway Park Banquet

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Normandy Banquet Center/Hickory VFW
5550 East State St. (Route 62)

Happy Hour: 5:30-6:30pm

Buffet Dinner: 6:30pm

After dinner, the awards, music
and dancing will follow.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person, buffet dinner,
dessert, beer and pop.

Deadline for tickets is

Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

No tickets will be sold at the door!

Please mail check or money order to:

Mercer Raceway Park

PO Box 577555 Fairgrounds Rd

Mercer, PA 16137

Sandusky Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Westlake Holiday Inn
1100 Crocker Rd Westlake Ohio

**Ticket are \$40.00 each and
orders received no later than
January 15th, 2012**

Sandusky Speedway

614 W Perkins Ave

Sandusky Oh 44870

2011 FASTRAK Northeast Banquet

Hard Rock Café

Station Square, Pittsburgh Pa

on Sunday, January 29, 2012!

Passed appetizers will begin at 5 p.m.

Buffet dinner at 6 followed by
the awards presentation at 7.

PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4:30!

Tickets are \$39.00

DEADLINE MONDAY JAN 23rd

and can be mailed to FASTRAK Northeast,

4368 Route 422,

Pulaski, PA 16143

Sharon Speedway Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Yankee Lake Ballroom, State Route 7
Brookfield, Ohio

Doors will open at 5:30

Buffet dinner served at 6:00.

open bar for beer & soda only. Awards at 8:00,
followed by music and dancing.

**Ticket are \$30.00 each and
orders received no later than
January 21st, 2012**

Sharon Speedway

PO Box 159

Hartford, OH 44424

or FAX credit card orders to 330-772-7704.

Lorain County Banquet **Saturday February 25th, 2012**

Toms Country Place ,Avon Ohio.

**Social Hour will begin at 5:30
dinner being served at 6:30.**

The awards ceremony will be after dinner.

**Tickets are \$35.00 per person,
Reservations and checks to:**

Lorain County Speedway

26639 Bagley Road

Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138.