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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2012

\$4,000 Donation Made to the National MS Society

David's Teal's 23rd One Lap of America helped to collect \$4,000 for the National MS Society--a total of \$180,000 since 1989 of the "spare pocket change" that Laps to Conquer MS has collected--during the 2012 LCMS drive to end multiple sclerosis. With fewer chances for collecting this year, LCMS found that folks still had spare pocket change to donate.

David's 23rd One Lap was very unusual for him—I wasn't with him and neither was my son Wayne, as he was the past 6 One Laps. Wayne stayed home to work and to help his sister Rachel—2 One Laps—with Mom.

That's me, Fay Teal, the one with primary-progressive MS. Now I was in a special bed so they had to cross the river to come to our house to care for me. Rachel stayed with me most of the time. Wayne and Susan—his fiancée—took care of Rachel's sons. Wayne came to feed me supper and put me to bed—that was different!—3 or 4 times letting Rachel visit her sons.

Rachel, Wayne and I convinced David he should go because it would be his only chance to visit and DRIVE the legendary 1970s Donnybrooke Speedway Can-Am track at Brainerd International Raceway, MN.

So, David went off to South Bend, IN to meet his car owner and co-driver, Reg Noble. On the way, he stopped to have supper with the Yandas'—Danny was part of the 2005 LCMS team.

David got to the hotel before Reg and his 3 cars. It was obvious because the 2012 Dodge SRT Challenger is a very BRIGHT green! It also ran in "Stock" class because Reg didn't have enough time to make the changes he wanted.

The 1 Lap ran May 5-12, 2012—Saturday through Saturday. 1 Lap registration, tech inspection and Drivers' Meeting was on Friday, May 4th. Reg says he did all the work "dressing" the car in its required decals while David spent his time greeting everyone.

The next day, Reg, claimed the AM sessions finishing the Wet Skidpad in 27th place and at South Bend Speedway 53rd. David drove the PM sessions but then spun off-course at Autobahn Country Club, Joliet, IL, for his first time ever during a 1 Lap finishing 56th.

At Mid America, IA, on the Nebraska border, Reg finished 49th and David finished 34th. This was how they finished at Hallett, OK, Reg 49th and David 27th. The 1 Lap then went to High Plains, CO, Reg 52nd, David 43rd.

At Motorsports Park Hastings, NE, Reg finished 57th and David 43rd. There was an autocross at Hastings, too. David scored better than Reg 40th, so only the better autocross score counted. David was surprised that the noisy racetrack was a city park near the town—until the VERY LOUD grain elevators started working!

Next was Brainerd the track that David knew about since the early '70s. He always wanted 1 Lap to go there. The long Donnybrooke course ran only in the morning. Good guy Reg let David drive that track. David—and the Challenger—weren't as fast as his heroes, but he did finish 38th, with a top speed of 145 mph. Reg ran the shorter course in the PM—finishing 47th, the Drag Race 47th, and the Bracket Drags 8th, a tie.

Road America, WI, was the last track before the South Bend finish. Reg led off with a 41st, David followed with a 40th. Apparently Reg got better over the week—or the Challenger really liked Road America.

Reg drove the Dry Skidpad finishing 32nd. Of the 71 cars running 1 Lap, the "It ain't easy being green team" finished 47th Overall, in SSGT2 Big Bore class 5th of 10 and in Stock class 9th of 15. Nice job guys.

LCMS was the charity for two SCCA race events. In June at the South Jersey Region National held at New Jersey Motor Park and August at the Tri Region National held at Pocono International Raceway, where *donations* to end MS were collected.

Multiple Sclerosis still exists, so LCMS will keep on increasing MS awareness through motorsports.

Merry Christmas to Everyone! We hope to see you down the road!



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David worked Start/Finish for events all season, and raced in October finishing 1st in class at WGI & NJMP. David's granddaughters: Abby, 10, in 4th grade and Sami, 8, & Leda, 7 ½, in 2nd, grade are learning a lot. Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 21 is in college, Caelan, 13, in 7th grade, & Tristan, 9, in 4th grade are growing up.

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