

Laps to Conquer M.S.

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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2013

\$7,500 Donation Made to the National MS Society

Laps to Conquer MS collected **\$7,500** for the National MS Society during the 2013 *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. LCMS has collected over **\$187,500** since 1989 of "spare pocket change" for the NMSS.

This year was very different for LCMS. It was the first time since 1987 that neither I nor my husband—Fay and David Teal—competed in the One Lap of America. It was also the first time since 1989 that the One Lap had no entry from any team representing LCMS.

In 2011 after competing 25 times without winning, I retired from One Lap; David ran with Reg Noble in 2012. On March 7th of this year, David had a total right-hip replacement done—I wore out his original hip! He surprised everyone—including himself and his doctor—by quickly recovering. Two weeks later all of his restrictions were lifted. By April 5th, we were almost back to normal.

LCMS attended all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at New Jersey Motorsports Park and the Tri Region National held at Pocono International Raceway. *Donations to end MS* were collected at two of the events.

On April 27th, LCMS attended the "Devil in the Dark", a 12-hour race that starts at noon and ends at midnight. The Thunderbolt course has what appears to be a tail—a very technical section for the drivers. SJR named the section the "Devil's Tail" referring to the "Legend of the Jersey Devil". David was able to work Start because LCMS wasn't on the One Lap—usually a date conflict. David was the Chief Starter, who recruits and organizes the Start/Finish staff.

On May 30th – June 2nd LCMS was the event charity for the SJR, SCCA Majors Race held at NJMP on the Thunderbolt circuit. It was the first Majors race SJR conducted and it was an amazing success. Almost 200 race drivers entered the event. During the lunch breaks Saturday and Sunday, DriveArounds were held; folks led by a pace car drove their street cars on the track. Before going on course each car had the rules told to them—no squealing tires, no passing the pace or other cars—and were asked to donate to LCMS. Over **\$1,400** of *spare pocket change* was collected to end MS.

At the end of June and once in July LCMS returned to NJMP where David, again, worked Start. These race weekends aren't all work. At lunch, dinner and during evenings everyone socializes. If the weather is bad, folks visit us in Chief, our Recreational Vehicle.

August 9th – 11th was the Tri Region SCCA, Bonus National Race at Pocono International Raceway where David was chief starter and LCMS was the event charity. Lunch time DriveArounds collected over **\$2,500** to end MS.

August 16th - 18th we were back at NJMP for a Mid Atlantic Road Racing Series event. This time David wasn't chief AND he drove Meg's race car for the first time since his surgery. He almost matched the track record that he set last year and **WON** his class—he was happy.

September was a quiet month. We helped staff an event at NJMP-Lightning for the Vintage Racing Group. David was their Starter too.

October 4^h – 6th was a regional race and 4-hour endurance race at Watkins Glen, NY. David raced in the regional and **WON** his class but the next day didn't go well. Car owner Meg Meyer and Don Colanero qualified the car. Dan Zane and Phyllis Colanero set up the pit stall for the pit stops. Don took the car to the grid. At the 1-minute signal he started the car, it sputtered then quit! After 1½ hours, the problem was found but no parts to fix it. Everything was packed for the trip home. All gathered in Chief, ate a late lunch then headed home. This broke David's 10-year consecutive record running the 4-Hour race.

October 18th – 20th was the last race at NJMP for SCCA. Meg raced Friday and Saturday **WINING** both days—and was Timing and Scoring chief all three days! She was busy! David raced on Sunday. He broke the track record he set last year in the morning race then broke that one in the afternoon race and **WON** both races. The new hip works very well.

Geoffrey Hall took the photo of David, Fay and Meg's race car in front of the NJMP winners' podium.

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

Thank You & Merry Christmas



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David's granddaughters: Abby, 11, in 5th grade and Sami, 9, & Leda, 8 ½, in 3rd, grade amaze us.

Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 22, is working; Caelan, 14, in 8th grade, & Tristan, 10, in 5th grade are growing up.

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