

# Laps to Conquer M.S.

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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

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

Laps to Conquer MS donated **\$7,500** to the National MS Society from the 2015 *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. LCMS has collected about **\$200,500** of "spare pocket change" for the NMSS since 1989.

LCMS was started by Fay and David Teal to increase MS through motorsports after Fay was diagnosed with MS as she tried to get her race driver's license. Fay followed her Dad as he raced during the late 1950's into the early 1960's; she wanted to drive race cars herself since very young. David started attending races while in the service during the late 1960's. They met during a 1979 race weekend that they both worked, at the race car of a mutual friend, after that day's sessions ended. They've been together ever since and wed in 1981. Fay talked David into taking an unused drivers' school she had since 1984; he's worked and raced ever since.

Race weekends aren't all work. At lunch, dinner and during evenings everyone socializes. If the weather is bad, folks visit in the Teal's RV—Chief. Most days Fay stays in Chief with a scanner to hear what happens on course and her Kindle books to read—mostly history.

The 2015 LCMS schedule was similar to last year's, attending all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park and the Tri Region NNJR Divisional held at Pocono International Raceway. David was the Chief Starter for most of the events. The Chief's job is to recruit and organize the Start/Finish staff.

*Donations to end MS* were collected at two of this year's events.

April 25<sup>th</sup> LCMS attended the "Devil in the Dark", a 12-hour race that starts at noon and ends at midnight. The Thunderbolt race circuit has what appears to be a tail—a very technical section for the drivers. SJR calls this section the "Devil's Tail" referring to the "Legend of the Jersey Devil". The names given to SJR events at NJMP relate to the legend and/or the WWII planes built there.

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> In June LCMS was at NJMP for the "Lightning Challenge" held on the Thunderbolt circuit this year. David worked Start for the event.

July 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> LCMS was the event charity for the SJR, SCCA Majors Race held at NJMP on the Thunderbolt circuit. Over 160 drivers entered to race. During the lunch breaks Saturday and Sunday, Drive-Arounds were held. A pace car led as folks—crew, workers, spectators—drove their street cars on the track.

Before going onto the track, each car had the rules explained—no squealing tires, no passing the pace or other cars—and was asked to donate to LCMS. They gave **\$1,618** of *spare pocket change* to help end MS.

August 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> LCMS was the event charity for the Tri Region SCCA, Divisional Race at Pocono International Raceway. David was the chief starter. The lunch time Drive-Arounds there collected **\$1,500** to help end MS.

August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> was at NJMP for a Jersey Road Racing Series event. David was chief and also raced Meg Meyer's car. Meg didn't race this year, instead she rented her car to other racers. For its first race this year, Mary Hartman raced it. Mary let David drive it in a special 1-Hour race that was last on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The car was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the half-hour reported on the scanner. The next report 20 minutes later, it drove into the pit lane and the ambulance went to it!! David got overheated after standing in the hot sun two days then donning a 3-layer driver suit to drive 50 minutes in a hot car! After he got back to Chief, friends kept him inside by visiting us and seeing that he rehydrated as prescribed. It was an unusual and fun evening!

September was a quiet month. David was Starter at NJMP-Lightning for the Vintage Racing Group.

October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> was the last race at NJMP for SCCA this year. Don Colenaro raced Meg's car in Saturday's first race and **WON!** David worked start and raced both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. He **WON 2 Races and Set 2 Track Records!**

Many Friends of LCMS carried graphics on their cars in SCCA races. A few are on the card. Chris & Bonnie Dryden designed and raced with the LCMS sticker to Wins and the North East Majors Class Championship. Tom Smith, John Hainsworth, and Brian & Val Heun and others, after many race Wins, also raced in the SCCA National Runoffs held at the Daytona International Speedway. We thank these and many others for their efforts.

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

**Thank You Everyone!**  
**Have a**  
**Very Merry Christmas!**

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David's granddaughters: Abby, 13, in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Sami, 11, & Leda, 10½, in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are amazing girls.

Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 24, is working; Caelan, 16, in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, & Tristan, 12, in 7<sup>th</sup> grade are handsome guys.

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