

Laps to Conquer M.S.



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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2018

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

Laps to Conquer MS donated \$7,500 to the National MS Society from the 2018 *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. LCMS has collected about **\$218,000** of “spare pocket change” for the NMSS since 1989.

During 2018, LCMS attended all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park. The circuits at NJMP are named the same as the WWII planes built there. The SJR events at NJMP relate to the legend of the Jersey Devil and/or the planes.

The Chief Starter recruits and organizes the Start/Finish staff and David Teal was the Chief Starter for most of the events. *Donations to end MS* were collected at one of this year’s events.

During race weekends, at lunch, dinner and evenings folks gather in the Teal’s RV—Chief. Fay Teal—who has primary progressive MS—is in Chief reading and listening to a scanner hearing what happens on the track.

March 24 & 25 Drivers School on the Lightning circuit started the SJR racing season. David and his fellow starters were busy putting the drivers through various race procedures. This year the Drivers got some wet weather practice also.

May 5 -12 After many years, LCMS was again represented in the One Lap of America by Roy Maranhao and Doug McCabe—along with Frankie Bear— in Roy’s BMW. They competed as they collected donations for LCMS finishing 60th overall, of the 71 competing, and 8th in their class. They collected over **\$500** of spare pocket change – and more Race Track pins for Frankie Bear, who is the best dressed teddy bear at any track.

June 1-3 The “Lightning Challenge”, David worked Start for the event. Fewer cars than last year were entered in the 8 race groups that took to the track. Each group qualified and had 2 races, at least one of them in the rain.

July 21- 22 LCMS was the event charity for the “Jersey Devil Majors” Race held on the Thunderbolt circuit. The drivers, crew, race workers and spectators were asked to donate to LCMS. Even though it rained Saturday, some still wanted to go around the track. The *drive to end MS* Drive-Arounds collected **\$670 of spare pocket change!**

The next weekend, David was Starter at NJMP- Thunderbolt for the Vintage Racing Group. It rained again. These Drivers do not like to risk their cars on wet race tracks and many left early.

August 10-12 It was hot, windy and wet for “Summer Thunder” held on the Thunderbolt circuit. David was Chief Starter for the event that had fewer racers than usual to race in the rain. The track was briefly shut down for high winds during Saturday afternoon.

September 21-23 The Jersey Road Racing Classic was held on the Lightning circuit. David raced this weekend in the Maximum Attack Honda Fit he planned to drive during the coming 12 hour race. He spent the first day working Start. The next day he felt he fit with the Fit and was sure he could match the car’s best time Sunday. Sunday it rained so no records were set.

October 27 David worked and raced the “Devil in the Dark”. The 12-hour race started at 10:30am and ended at 10:30 pm. David helped the Starters get the race started then went to drive. He was 2nd of the 5 drivers expecting to drive the Maximum Attack Fit. About five laps later, David did something he never did before in his 30 years of race driving – he crashed the car! After the wrecker brought the Fit back, they determined it couldn’t be fixed at the track. The Fit was no longer fit to race! David apologized to the team and the 3 drivers who didn’t get to finish the race. He went back to work Start in his warm drivers suit.

Later in the afternoon, the team gave him the bent fender signed by all of the teammates; it’s on the Christmas card. Ed Werry, owner of Maximum Attack and the team cars reports that the Fit is almost fit to race again.

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

Thank You Everyone!

Merry Christmas!

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Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 27, Caelan, 19, are working, and Tristan, 15, in 10th grade are handsome guys.

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