

Laps to Conquer M.S.



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A Charity Drive to End Multiple Sclerosis

December 2019

\$3,000 Donation Made to the National MS Society

Laps to Conquer MS donated \$3,000 to the National MS Society from the 2019 *drive to end multiple sclerosis*. LCMS has collected about \$221,000 of “spare pocket change” for the NMSS since 1989.

During 2019, LCMS attended all of the South Jersey Region, Sports Car Club of America—SJR, SCCA—race events at the New Jersey Motorsports Park. The 2 racetracks at NJMP are named the same as the WWII planes built there – Thunderbolt & Lightning. 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.

On 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 to hear what is happening on the race track.

An update on the Honda Fit that David crashed last year at the 12 Hour Jersey Devil. The Fit was repaired and raced again all this past year – but with other drivers. The Fit was hit and repaired at least twice during the year. It also went to the runoffs and finished both in 2 classes. Thanks Ed and Dave.

On a personal note, David did not get to race this year – I think I’m more upset about it than he is. I needed a lot of help with this newsletter. Any volunteers to write articles next year will be accepted.

June 1-2 The “Lightning Challenge”, David worked Start for the event. About the same amount of cars as 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 was threatened by lightning in the area on Saturday afternoon. The next day, the last of Saturday’s races and all of Sunday’s races were done on time.

July 19- 21 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. **It was very hot!** Drive-Arounds were not done because of the heat. Donations were collected during registration and lunch. **\$270 of spare pocket change was collected.** Again the event was shut down because of lightning in the area.

The next weekend, David was Starter at NJMP- Thunderbolt for the Vintage Racing Group. It was still hot! Lightning threatened this event too. The Drivers did not risk their cars or themselves in the heat and many left early.

August 9 -11 It was hot, very hot for “Summer Thunder” held on the Thunderbolt circuit. David was Chief Starter for the event that had very few racers to race in the heat. The track was shut down for lightning during Saturday afternoon.

October 25-27 David worked but did not drive the Fit in the races but others did. Not enough starters help with the event, so David worked at Start all weekend. This event was not threatened by lightning instead all struggled to stay warm! Everything got done early so they could get home before the promised bad weather.

The Christmas card this year is 3 pics from past One Lap of America events. Amanda & Fay at the Tire Rack start of One Lap – 2009. The 2004 Buick Rainier – 1st at the Bracket Drag Race that year. And the 2005 Mazda 6 Wagon with Fay.

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

Thank You Everyone!

Merry Christmas!

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David's granddaughters: Abby, 17, in 11th grade, Sami 15 and Leda 14 ½ in 9th grade are amazing young ladies.

Fay's grandsons: Dylan, 28, Caelan, 20, are working, and Tristan, 16, in 11th grade are handsome guys.

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