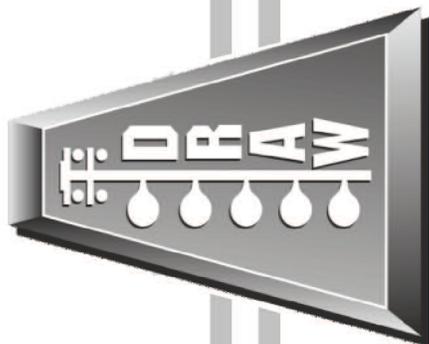




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November 2016



DRAW ANNUAL AUCTION

DRAW's Annual Auction was held during the AAA Texas Fall National at the Texas Motorplex in Dallas, TX, on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Preparation started on Wednesday when Vicki Aswege, Steve LeSueur, Sarah McLemore and Rosalee Noble met with track personnel to discuss the auction. We made a few little changes in the layout of the room which seemed to work well. Thursday and Friday, Sarah, Rosalee, Chris and Karla Hardesty, Nancy Ross and Theresa Tilford passed out flyers in the pit. Saturday morning they were there at 7 am to unload the trailer with all the auction items in it and move them into the Champion Club before they served breakfast. During the day Yokie Van Vallis and Judy St. Denis logged in auction items that came in during the day.

The auction was schedule to start at 7:30 pm but because some delays on the track it got started a little late. Bob Frey once again was the auctioneer. A lot of people come just to see Bob get top dollar out of the items. Alan Reinhart assisted Bob but because the delay in the racing program, Brian Lohnes another member of the current announcer staff, filled in until Alan could get there. These gentleman do such a great job. There is no way DRAW can express our thanks to them.

Prior to the start of the auction, jewelry bags were sold which contained a piece of DRAW's automotive jewelry and a number. When 100 boxes had been sold, a number was drawn and the person holding that number won a Coach purse. Also, a 50/50 raffle was held. We had a lot of people helping - selling jewelry bags; 50/50 raffle tickets; carrying the items around as they were bid on; working the pick-up area; cashing people out; and you name it, people doing it - Vicki Aswege, Karen Comstock, Olan and Judy Gotcher, Chris and Karla Hardesty, Beth Hyatt, Steve LeSueur, Bethany McLemore, William and Sarah McLemore, Kelly McLemore, Mickey and Beth Prestridge, Terry and Rosalee Noble, Nancy Ross, Bob and Dee Suchowierski Judy St. Denis, Preston Tanner, Theresa Tilford, Yvette Williams, Yokie VanVallis, and Ashley Yost.

Special Awards presented during the evening were: DRAW Person of the year - Karla Hardesty; DRAW Volunteer of the Year - Annette and Steve Haynes; Diana Keith; DRAW Organization of the Year - Top End Club at ZMax Dragway in Charlotte, NC. The Life Time Membership Award was presented to Terry and Rosalee Noble.

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NATIONAL EVENT BOOTH REPORT

Booth Reports brought to you By:
Rosalee Noble

AAA Texas Fall Nationals, Texas Motorplex, Dallas. TX. This is one of the races we all look forward to. It is a great facility, great southern hospitality, good racing and it is the home of DRAW's Annual Auction. Dallas is a busy weekend. We had a lot of help in the booth over the weekend since most of the Board members were there for the auction. We were never all in the booth at the same time because of planning for the auction but William McLemore and Terry Noble were there all the time taking care of the qualifying and ladder sheet sales. Sarah McLemore and I were there to open the booth for first round on qualifying on Thursday morning. Friday, Chris and Karla Hardesty, Nancy Ross and Theresa Tilford arrived. The weather was good to us and sales were good too. We even got a little TV coverage, as the Fox Sports team was by the booth early Sunday morning to get some footage and interview Rosalee. During the broadcast, we got a small piece with some of that interview and footage from the auction.

NHRA Toyota National at the Strip, Las Vegas, NV. The second race of the season there is so much different than the first one. The second race, everything is just so much busier. We started our year end clearance sale so sales were good. Pat and Jim Capen from CA came over for the week to help out and John Frul and Susie Robinson from TX helped all weekend. In fact, John made a trip over to the

track from where they were staying on Wednesday afternoon to help us sit up. He was excited to learn how to run the new printer/copier and the new procedures on qualifying and ladder sheets. He and Susie are hoping to help at more races next year. A lot of our racing friends from Hawaii attend this race and it is always good to see them.

Keystone Nationals Booth Report

By Steve LeSueur

The rain continues to haunt this event. Sportsman qualifying was rained out basically. Most classes hit eliminations with only one time trial.

The pros ran with less than two complete qualifying sessions.

Despite the weather, the Maple Grove fans are hard core and there was a lot of people on all three days. Booth sales were down yet again and sheet sales were limited. Pat and Kelly Shaeffer persevered, ran a 50/50 and made the best of a bad situation.

This is supposed to be Pat Shaeffer's event. I only come along to help and to run the new email sheet system that was put in place this summer. It was very cool to see the Division 1 racers seek Pat out, as this has been her only time at the race track this season.

NHRA has adjusted the schedule next year to see if we can get some good weather for both St. Louis and Maple Grove. Let's hope it helps.

INJURED RACERS' REPORT

(REMINDER - not all injured racers are receiving financial assistance. However, they all need our emotional support. Be sure to send those cards and letters.)

FREDDIE CASTLE – 6645 Retton Rd., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 - Freddie was racing his drag bike at National Trails Raceway in Hebron, OH, on May 26, 2016. He lost control of the bike at halftrack and hit the wall. He was dragged along the wall and then tumbled for about 100 feet. His right hand was crushed. They don't know if they will be able to save it. At the present time no surgery is planned. If they can save the hand, it might be a year before they can do any surgery. He severed and dislocated the thumb of his left hand. They were able to reattach the thumb and they think they will be able to save it. He had a concussion and bruises to his chest and ankle. **UP-DATE:** The doctors still aren't planning on doing any surgery on the crushed hand for a while. They don't want to disturb the tissue which is what is holding the bones in place. It is a wait and see game.

SAMUEL FICARRA – 1 BELLAIRE AVE, APT 4, CARLISLE, PA 1713 - Sam was racing his bike at Mason Dixon Dragway in Boonsboro, MD, on October 23, 2016. When he hit the brakes the bike went down. He broke his ribs in 17 places, both wrists and collar bone. One wrist required sur-

gery. He also has bruised lungs.

MIKE HOLLAND – 20458 COVERED BRIDGE ROAD, SHADE GAP, PA 17255 - On July 9, 2016, at Beaver Springs Dragway in Beaver Springs, PA, Mike was standing on the starting line with the starter waiting for a friend he was helping to come up for his pass. There were cars in both lanes. The car in the right lane hit the wall and a vertical board came off and hit him. Something took his feet out from under him and he went down on the track face first. He has broken ribs, arm, finger and several broken bones in skull/facial area. He has had back surgery to remove bone fragments that were pinching nerves in his spinal cord. It is called Central Cord Syndrome (CCS). He may or may not get more use of his arms and hands. **UP-DATE:** Mike says his progress slowed. Considering he was way ahead of schedule, that was to expected. He has gained more strength in one hand than in the other. He can now open a bottle of pop without having to use pliers. A group of Lions club members came in last week and cut

wood for him so he could have heat. He starts physical therapy next week. They have released him to drive which was a great relief to him.

Tim Minkos – 6265 Horns Hill Road, Newark, OH 43055 Wife: Connie - On October 29, 2016, Tim was running his '69 Camaro in the 5 Grand Nationals at Kilkare Dragway in Xenia, OH. Down track, he went across the track and hit the wall. He then went back across the track and hit the other wall. He has broken ribs, a collapsed lung, a small bleed on the brain, dislocated two toes and lost two teeth.

Sympathy

Jerry Virgadamo (The Thriller) long time Division 4 Super Gas Racer and Comp Eliminator Crew Chief for Craig Bourgeois Passed Away on Friday November 25th from Heart Failure. He Actually died on Saturday November 19th at the Division 4 National Open at Belle Rose, LA but was revived by racers, officials and the EMT crew at the track and then transported to the hospital in Thibodaux, LA. He was released from the Hospital later that week but apparently had another severe Heart Attack that took his life. At the time of the printing of this newsletter there have been no arrangements made.

FINANCIAL

**In November, DRAW paid out
\$12, 750 in aid
to 9 racers.**

**Vicki Aswege
DRAW Treasurer**

Division Four News

The NHRA Division 4 LODRS event at No Problem was July 17-19. Since William and I couldn't be there, Steve Haynes volunteered to set a DRAW booth and sell the qualifying and ladder sheets to the racers. He and Annette, along with the big help of Diana Keith, did a great job. They made \$450 for DRAW, just selling the "sheets." Thanks to all of you.

Our next event, for DRAW, was the NHRA Division 4 JR ET Bracket Finals, at Texas Motorplex, September 12-13, 2015. We sold a booth total of \$475. This was a little different "audience" than we usually have. Being that we saw new people, we did well selling our tee shirts, visors and decals.

The next weekend, September 18-20, 2015, we were at Thunder Road Raceway, Gilliam, LA. We definitely had a crowd of racers. When there's a large sportsman car count, that's always good for DRAW. This race draws a good number of spectators. Those two things, combined means DRAW had a very successful weekend. Our booth total was \$2394.00

This is the time of the year that DRAW is soliciting people who would be interested in serving two years of the DRAW Board of Trustees. We need people who believe in our mission of helping racers injured in a race related accident. If you're not interested in being on the board of trustees, we also need volunteers to work on our committees. DRAW isn't one or two people. It is a group of men and women working together to attain our goals. Think about it. We need you. If you're interested, please call me at 281-424-2349.

The 2016 racing season has come to a close. Now we can sit back and take a breath and make plans for 2017.

Our last divisional race was NHRA Division 4 LODRS at Thunder Valley Raceway, Noble, OK, October 7-9. It was a great weekend of racing. The DRAW booth raised \$1772. It's always good to see everyone that comes by the booth.

The next weekend was the DRAW Annual Auction at Texas Motorplex. During the auction, awards are given to very deserving people and companies that have helped DRAW in very special ways during the year. This year the Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Annette and Steve Haynes and Diana Keith for all of the help they gave DRAW at the NHRA Division 4 races. We appreciate them so much.

Enjoy your time away from the race tracks. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Until 2017,

Sarah McLemore



Bob Frey and Brian Lohnes at Dallas Auction



AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS

It has been 17 years since Robert Schwabs had his horrible accident. Bob and his wife, Lisa, are still very appreciative of DRAW's help when they needed it. Bob once again has a Fuel Funny Car. At the NHRA Toyota Nationals in Las Vegas Phil Burkhardt piloted the race car. Front and center on the hood was a large DRAW Logo. They said it was just a little way they could say thank you.

Ready -
Set - Action
at the
Dallas
Auction



Donations For October 2016

Mike & Janie Braswell
Julie M. Biermann
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Sarah Weller
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James L. Tanis
In Memory of Larry "Drums" Brancaccio
Ride on Larry
From: Anne Reimer
Mirella Cafelli

GIRLS GO RACING AT ESTA

ESTA Safety Park Dragstrip held their Girls Go Racing event again this year. The entry fee that was collected was donated to DRAW. Attached to the check was the following note, "Thanks for all you do to help the injured racers."

DRAG RACING JEWELRY

Get your order in now for Christmas. To see pictures of the items, go to DRAW's web site – www.drawonline.org. To allow time for shipment for Christmas, orders need to be received by December 16.

Items	Pewter Jewelry Price	# Of Each Ordered	Sterling Silver Price	# Of Each Ordered	Total Price
Air Cleaner			\$16.00		
Angel with Helmet			\$24.00		
Christmas Tree			\$14.00		
Coil			\$ 11.00		
Dragster			\$13.00		
DRAW Logo			\$16.00		
Exhaust Header			\$14.00		
Fan			\$11.00		
Funny Car			\$29.00		
Head Gasket			\$12.00		
Helmet			\$19.00		
Hood Scoop			\$16.00		
I Love Drag Racing			\$17.00		
NHRA Logo			\$15.00		
Oil Can			\$23.00		
Pro Stock Bike			\$29.00		
Pro Stock Car			\$29.00		
Race Chick			\$12.00		
Rod & Piston			\$23.00		
Shifter			\$13.00		
Spark Plug			\$16.00		
Steering Wheel			\$11.00		
Team RFC Charm			\$12.00		
Team RFC Pendant			\$25.00		
Valve Cover			\$11.00		
Wrench			\$16.00		
8 Inch Bracelet			\$24.00		
Money Clip – Christmas Tree			\$18.00		
Money Clip – Dragster			\$18.00		
Money Clip – DRAW			\$18.00		
Money Clip – Head Gasket			\$18.00		
Money Clip – Team RFC			\$18.00		
Christmas Tree Necklace		\$10.00			
Dragster Necklace		\$10.00			
Funny Car Necklace		\$10.00			
Checked Heart Necklace		\$10.00			
I Love Racing Necklace		\$10.00			
Christmas Tree Earrings		\$ 8.00			
Checkered Heart Earrings		\$ 8.00			
Dragster Earrings		\$13.00			
Funny Car Earrings		\$13.00			
I Love Racing Earrings		\$ 8.00			
I Love Nitro Earrings		\$ 8.00			
Funny Car Key Chain		\$ 6.00			
Checkered Heart Key Chain		\$ 6.00			
Funny Car Zipper Pull		\$ 6.00			
Angel Pin – Gold Tone		\$ 9.00			
Dragster Pin		\$ 9.00			
			<i>Shipping & Handling</i>		\$ 7.00
			TOTAL		

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Shipping Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Area Code: _____ Telephone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Credit Card Number:

Exp. Date: _____ CVS#: _____

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Billing Address if Different than Above Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Customer Signature: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

NOTE FROM A FAN

I just wanted to drop you a line to say a Big Thank You. This summer Mike Holland, Beaver Springs Dragway, got hurt. I saw this happen. I am BSD's #1 fan. These racers and their family and crew are my family. I am 72 years old on a very limited income. I wish I could afford more. I love drag racing.

Then on October 23, 2016, Sam Ficarra, wrecked his bike at Mason Dixon. He is a member of Beaver Springs Dragway. I wasn't there.

I understand as of October 28, 2016, that you are already helping him. --THANK YOU.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Ethel Moffitt

DRAG RACING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Drag racing theme Christmas cards are available. There are 10 cards to a package – 5 different designs. The cards are \$5.00 per package plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Contact Rosalee Noble at 217 345-6537 or e-mail rnoble@consolidated.net.

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*Together we are bringing "Fast Help for Fast Friends"!
(please, no abbreviations and print legibly so your mail will reach you!)*

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code _____ Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

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(1) Annual DRAW Dues - New _____ Renewal _____ Current # _____

Individual - \$30 *US funds only*

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(2) Donation to DRAW in the Amount of \$ _____

(3) I would like to Receive: (One Each Per Family Membership)

DRAWing Attention (newsletter) Yes No Deliver By E-Mail Regular Mail

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(1) Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date (4 Digits) _____ CVS # _____

Name As It Appears on Credit Card _____

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