

THE HISTORY LESSON

Deb Thompson, Historian

There were several different kinds of fundraisers "back in the day." Beyond the style show and auction at the Texas Motorplex and the Indy Auction, several different kinds of raffles were held in different divisions/areas. Since there are so many different ones, I can only mention just a few as I come across them in reading through past newsletters. In 1986 Chief Auto Parts and 7-Eleven donated a replica of Bob Glidden's Pro Stock Thunderbird to be raffled off. In 1987 Frank Hawley, owner of The Drag Racing School, donated a gas drivers course in either a dragster or funny car to be used as a raffle for DRAW. In 1988, Area 2 had a pig kissing contest with people donating to the person they wanted to see kiss the pig. Area 2 also raffled off a Hawaiian Punch Mini Car. Back in March 1988, Howard Shelley of Hawaiian Punch made a donation to DRAW in the form of a vacation to the then Winston Finals to be given away in a raffle, consisting of a 5-day trip with round trip airfare, luxury accommodations, passes to the races and tickets to Disneyland.

In both the May and September 1989 DRAWing Attention, there was a column with excerpts from articles about DRAW published in the Moroso Reaction Times paper. From those articles: "Anyone can join. ... Even more important is the friendship and camaraderie that is established...This organization is for you, a guarantee of help." "DRAW stands as a collection of motivated and committed people who realize that life holds victories beyond those won on the track."

Of course through these 31 years, changes have occurred to our fundraising activities as well as changes to those "committed people" mentioned from different articles about DRAW. Along those lines, there is no longer the Indy Auction. But we do still have the auction held at the Texas Motorplex. It is coming soon and will be held this year on Saturday, October 15, 2016 during the AAA Texas Fall Nationals in Ennis, TX. Then there are people like John and Diane Cole, a familiar sight to many, doing our 50/50 raffles at national events that have been so devoted to DRAW through the years, volunteering so much of their personal time to DRAW. This organization is as strong as the people who volunteer. John and Diane Cole certainly are great examples of motivation and devotion.

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While very few of us will accomplish what they have, any amount of time spent helps injured racers in need. Keep on giving, however and how much you can. Everything helps! Thank you, John and Diane, for setting a great example for us all to follow.

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NATIONAL EVENT BOOTH REPORT

Booth Reports brought to you By: Rosalee Noble

NHRA Northwest Nationals – *Seattle, WA* – We always enjoy going to the race in Seattle. It gives us a chance to see Ron and Sherri Clipse and Lori and Jerry Weber. Lori is the Area 6 DRAW Coordinator. Ron and Sherri have been helping in the DRAW booth for at least 14 vears. They live in Seattle and always try to plan a day outing for us. This year they took us to Crystal Mountain where we took a gondola ride to the top. There you can see all five mountains including Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier. I believe this view of Mt. Rainier is even more spectacular than the one from Mt. Rainier National Park.

Booth traffic was good. Sales were somewhat better than a year ago. Having Lori, who knows a lot of the racers from the area, in the booth is an asset. She is a great ambassador for DRAW in Area 6.

Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals -**Brainerd**, MN – The weather in Brainerd can throw you a curve. It is a four day event. On Thursday, the Sportsmen got one round in and the rain came. We were high enough the water ran through the DRAW Booth but the displays across from us had 8 inches of water standing in front of them at one time. After several hours of on and off again showers, the races were called for the day. Friday was a great day. Saturday, once again the rains came. This time, the rain finally stopped so that all the qualifying session were completed. Sunday was a cool but sunny day. The weather did hurt sales but sweatshirts sold well. Deb Pearson, Area 5 DRAW Coordinator, was there all weekend. She was in the booth on Thursday and when she tried to make a break for their pit in-between one of the down pour of rain, she got soaked to the skin. Betten Hoover who served on the DRAW Board at one time and Brenda Holmes, Betten's friend who attended a lot of races in previous years, stopped by the booth. It was great to see them.

Donations for August of 2016

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William Hudspeth Stephen Memishian Laurie & Jerry Mitchell Mann Merchant Processing/Hot Rod Processing Norman P. Szamocki James Thompson David G. Haworth/Alison Barkley Edward R. Parson In Memory of John Matusek **From:** Forward Sports Marketing

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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: No update at this time.

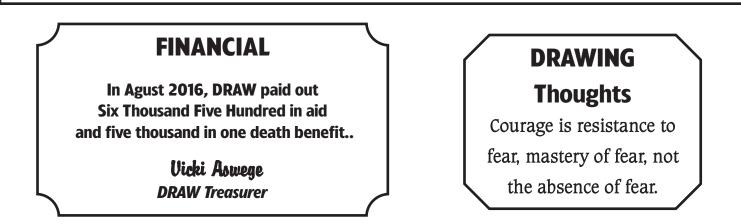
Mike Holland – 20458 Covered Bridge Road, Shade Gap, PA 17255 - On July 9, 2016, at Beaver Springs Dragway in Beaver Springs, PA, Mike was standing on the starting line with the starter waiting for a friend he was helping to come up for his pass. There were cars in both lanes. The car in the right lane 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**: The doctors have been amazed at Mike's recovery. They said most injuries like his do not do well. He can move both hands now. He doesn't have much strength but they are moving. His recovery is way ahead of schedule except his left hand which is progressing at a normal rate. They haven't decided what they are going to do about the torn ligaments in his shoulder. .

Roy Mills – 3402 Flagstaff, Billings, MT 59102 – Wife: Karen -Roy was racing his bike at Yellowstone Dragstrip in Acton, Mt, on June 25, 2016. At the finish line the bike wobbled and he went down breaking his left clavicle, right thumb and some toes. UP-DATE: The clavicle is trying to heal but the doctor says there is a big space between the bones. He goes back to see him in three weeks. He is hoping to be able to start physical therapy. Roy said he is driving his wife crazy being in the house all the time.

Boyce Vanderbilt, Jr. – 302 Willow Drive, Neptune, NJ 07753 - Boyce was racing a bike at the Rockingham Dragway in Rockingham, NC, on March 12, 2016. He was entered in The Rock Outlaw Shootout. After the finish line the front wheel locked up and the bike slid out from under him. His left foot was crushed: the ankle was broken; and the right wrist was broken. Plates were put in his foot, ankle and wrist. **UP-DATE**: Boyce is able to put weight on his foot now. He did have to have a third surgery on his foot but it is healing now. If it is closed completely next week he will start physical therapy.

SYMPATHY

Ron Muncy was participating a Southwest Heritage Racing event at Texas Raceway, Kennedale, TX, on August 26, 2016. During the test n tune session, he had an accident in his injected yellow altered and succumb to his injuries. .At the age of 77, his racing career spanned decades before SHRA existed and many wins and successes along the way. He is survived by two daughters, Rhonda Jackson and Tamara Bowers, He had six grandchildren. Cards of condolence to the family may be sent in care of Rhonda Jackson, 13707 Casaba Court, Cypress, TX 77429





DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN

"Fast Help for Fast Friends"

DALLAS LIVE AUCTION JOIN THE FUN – ADMISSION IS FREE

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 TIME: 7:30 PM WHERE: TEXAS MOTORPLEX CHAMPION CLUB

AUCTIONEER: BOB FREY - ASSISTED BY ALAN REINHART



This event is hosted by Billy and Deborah Meyer and The Staff of the Texas Motorplex

Finger foods will be provided and beverages will be available

TYPE OF ITEMS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION

Lithographs Autographed Posters Autographed Die Casts Parts Pictures Autographed Autographed Helmets Collector Cards Team Shirts Tools

Items will be available for viewing at 7 p.m.

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DRAW AUCTION

For 31 years, DRAW (Drag Racing Association of Women) has been providing assistance to drivers and crew members injured in a drag racing accident at a track. Since 1985, DRAW has provided \$4,479,942.00 to qualified individuals. This would not have been possible without the assistance of the caring members of our drag racing community. DRAW will be hosting one auction this year to raise money for these injured racers. The live auction will be held on October 15, 2016, at the AAA Texas Fall Nationals in Ennis, TX. We would not be able to provide the needed support without your support and donations.

If you would like to contribute, please forward your auction items to "DRAW Auction – c/o Rosalee Noble, 4 Hance Drive, Charleston, IL 61920". Mark your name on your contribution clearly on the inside and outside of the package so that the item can properly be credited to you. Please complete the form below and make sure it is included with your donation.

Items for the auction should be shipped to arrive no later than October 1, 2016. Items may also be dropped off at the DRAW Booth located on the Manufacturers' Midway, at any national event prior to this race, or at the DRAW Booth between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the day of the auction, October 15, 2016. Please contact Rosalee Noble – 217 345-6537 or e-mail rnoble@consol-idated.net with any questions. Prior to shipping any large items, please contact Rosalee.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers will be needed the evening of the DRAW Auction held at the AAA Texas Fall Nationals in Ennis, TX, on October 15, 2016. Help will be needed around 5 pm to sit out the auction items. During the auction, people will be needed to pass out bid numbers and sign up bidders; carry auction items around for viewing; deliver paperwork from auctioneers to cashiers; and for picking up and straightening up following the auction. If you would like to help, please contact Rosalee Noble at 217 345-6537 or e-mail rnoble@consolidated.net.

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