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***MAY MEETING  
TUES MAY 21  
@7:30 PM at  
THE GLOBE  
RESTAURANT @  
TRUCK WORLD***

at the I-80 and 62/7 interchange  
in Hubbard Ohio behind Shell and  
Dunkin Donuts.

Please come early and support  
the Globe Restaurant as they go  
above and beyond for us with  
seating and service!!!

We will be recapping our first 2  
club nights and discussing  
future club dates. If you would like  
to present an award at our club  
nights please contact president  
Matt Wertz.

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** by Matt Wertz

Racing is now in full swing after our long and cold winter. Again, we have to say how lucky we are to have so many tracks to choose from in our Twin State area. So get out and support your favorite track! Unfortunately, a few tracks have not opened for 2015..... stories are still swirling around the fate of Barberton, and we can only hope for the best. Lake Erie will not be opening for the 2015 season for regular weekly racing, but plans are for a full season in 2016. And the latest news on Jennerstown is for a June opening.

One of the big advantages of being a Twin State member, is our Club Nights where we are guests of speedways in our Twin State area. Members are afforded the opportunity to visit a track they might not normally have on their schedule and see what it has to offer. We know of many an occasion where fans go back for a return visit because they like what they saw. We again have to thank the tracks for being so gracious to us, it is much appreciated. Club Nights are already underway, kicking off at Midvale Speedway on May 2. Our next one is right around the corner on Saturday, May 16 at Mercer Raceway Park. Make your plans to attend now, and while at Mercer, Twin State will make a presentation to the Steve King Foundation of money we raised in our last three 50/50s. The Steve King Foundation is a national non-profit dedicated to helping racers and racing families in need. Several folks in our area have been helped out by the Foundation. We are looking forward to seeing Rev. Bill Beck of MRO at Mercer who has been involved in the Steve King Foundation.

While on the subject of Club Nights, please members, don't be afraid to step up and make yourself known on a Club Night if you wish to present a plaque to one of the feature winners of the evening. Just look for a Club representative. We will also be trying to coordinate with track announcers to help. Also, a big thanks to RUSH Racing Series for donating plaques that will be going to any division that utilizes Crate engines!

Now that races are underway, we need everyone's help with an eye on our end-of-the-year awards. This means club members, racing personnel and PR people. You are familiar with your favorite track or where you work better than anyone, so jot down or make mental notes of some of the goings-on of this season. Rookie of the Year. Hard Luck Driver. Most improved Driver. That person who displays that extraordinary amount of sportsmanship. An outstanding car owner. And that driver who has a career defining year for Driver of the Year. We will be asking for names toward the end of the season, but it is up to you to watch the entire season unfold. While our Yearly Awards do not have nominations, we do have these suggestions which are printed in the newsletter, and they carry weight in voting. Thank you in advance!

We also want members to be aware that because of changes in the postal service, some things may get delayed concerning memberships. Not everyone may know, but the club had to change the printing schedule for the newsletter about a year ago because of this, as our Pennsylvania members were getting newsletters too late. If there is a problem with your membership or membership card, please call our Membership Secretary Dick Berry directly, so not to delay any action. He is in charge of renewals and memberships, and will tend to it promptly.

Hope to catch many of you at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, if not at a track before then. Be nice.

**MEETING NEWS**

by JEAN COLEY

April 21, 2015 meeting at Truck World Mall.

23 Members were in attendance.

Sunshine: Get Well cards were sent to Linda Wheaton, Linda Trussel and Gary Lockwood. A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Robert Hammond And Butch Haefke.

Club Nights: We have about 60 Frames for the Plaques for this Year. We will see Jim Fentules about printing the paper inserts. Ed Miller said he would make Twin State Feature winner stickers for us. Doug from Positive Images will get us the Frisbees @\$\$.79 each for 200. We will pass out 10 at each track.

The club wants to give a hat to all feature winners on club nights. Vicki Emig suggested we go to a low profile hat instead of the trucker hats. She suggested we see Brian Ellenberger for our hats.

Matt Wertz said he and Jack Coley have signs for Club Nights. Another sign might be out there somewhere. We will give the announcer about the club to be read to the fans about the club. We will give out 2 free Memberships at each club night. Also for the fans keep in mind we need people to go to club nights to volunteer to give out plaques to winners.

Coolers will not be allowed at Sharon this year.

Jim Balentine Jr. wants to see if we can have a car show again at east wood mall next year. Kenzie Ambrose is planning a car show at Wendy's at the shops at Boardman Park. A Wednesday in June or July will be chosen. There are about 18 to 20 spaces for race car in the parking lot. She is checking to see if Wendy's has insurance on us.

The Club will give \$290.00 in honor of his car number to a memorial fund set up for Jeff Haefke who died recently.

Dale Miles wants us to have picnic at our Tri City club night but decided to wait until next year.

Announcements: The 2014 Mechanic Hall of Fame Bobby Hammond passed away. Also Steve Byrnes of Nascar announcer has died.

Vicki Emig won the 50-50 of \$22.50 and donated it to the Steve King Foundation and the club donated 22.50 also.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

by JACK COLEY

**BEGINNING BALANCE:****\$4029.48****EXPENSES: \$439.29**

11743 Jack Coley (promoters night supplies) \$84.96

1744 Marc's (Picture Frames for Plaques) \$191.96

1745 Jean Coley (Sunshine Cards) \$4.28

1746 Jim Fentules (Newsl, Envel, &amp; cards) \$141.00

1747 Dick Berry (Ink Cartridge for Memb) \$17.09

**INCOME: \$1752.00**

3/18/15 Deposit from Membership Dues \$358.00

3/18/15 Deposit from clothing, (Hat) \$12.00

3/24/15 Deposit from Membership Dues \$327.00

4/8/15 Deposit From Membership Dues \$691.00

4/20/15 Deposit from Membership Dues \$364.00

**ENDING BALANCE: \$5342.19****REPORT DONE ON 4/20/15****MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership report for May, 2015,  
Done on May 1, 2015.

We have 691 regular members.

Of that number, 115 of them are  
Lifetime Members.

We have 37 Honorary, & 5 Media.  
Our total membership stands at 733.

The highest number for a while,  
Good Job Members, support your  
Club.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Berry,

# CLUB NIGHTS FOR 2015

IF A CLUB NIGHT GETS RAINED OUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO RESCHEDULE WITH THE TRACKS. PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT MATT WERTZ IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A PLAQUE TO THE FEATURE WINNERS ON CLUB NIGHT

**SAT MAY 16 MERCER RACEWAY -DIRT**

**SAT MAY 30 LORAIN SPEEDWAY-ASPHALT**

**FRI JUNE 12 MOTORDROME-ASPHALT**

**SAT JUNE 13 WAYNE COUNTY-DIRT**

**FRI JUNE 19 LERNERVILLE -DIRT**

**SAT JULY 11 PPMS-DIRT**

**SAT JULY 18 SHARON SPEEDWAY-DIRT**

**SUN JULY 26 TRI CITY RACEWAY-DIRT**

**FRI JULY 31 RACEWAY 7 -DIRT**

## 2015 MAY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DUES: Single Adult (18 & over) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Single Senior Citizen (60 and over) \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Couple \$25.00. \_\_\_\_\_ Senior couple(Over 60)\$17.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Children (6 thru 17) With Adult \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (6 thru 17) without adult - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Citizen (60 or over)\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Member (existing member 75 or older) Free \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name(both names for cards) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Children Members: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (3 or more are free)

Check Here \_\_\_\_\_ if Senior Citizen over 60 .....Check Here if Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Car# \_\_\_\_\_

Track \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One ---New Member--- or --- Renewal \$5.00 charge for lost membership card

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TWIN-STATE AUTO RACING CLUB**

**MAIL TO: PO BOX 2351 YOUNGSTOWN OHIO 44509 CALL 330-544-6574**

## ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

*\*EDITOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING OF EVENTS*

*\*PLEASE CHECK WITH TRACK FOR VERIFICATION*

### **FRI-SAT MAY 8-9TH**

**\*ELDORA-WoO /USAC SPRINTS**

### **SAT MAY 9TH**

**\*SANDUSKY-MAIN EVENT LM/MSA SUPERS**

**\*FREMONT-BOSS NON WING SPRINTS**

### **SAT MAY 16TH**

**\*WAYNE CTY-BOSS NON WING SPRINTS**

**\*SANDUSKY-NON WING SPRINTS**

**\*HILLTOP-LATE MODELS \$5000 TO WIN**

**\*CLEARFIELD-SUPER CUP SERIES**

### **SUN MAY 17TH**

**\*ERIEZ-MINI STOCKS \$500 TO WIN**

**\*TRI CITY-BRP MOD TOUR \$5000 TO WIN**

### **SAT MAY 23RD**

**\*FREMONT-ALL STAR SPRINTS**

**\*MERCER -BOSS NON WING SPRINTS**

### **SUN MAY 24TH**

**\*SANDUSKY-EMODS \$1000 TO WIN**

**\*ERIEZ- 360 PATRIOT SPRINTS**

### **FRI MAY 29TH**

**\*ATTICA WoO SPRINTS**

**\*RACEWAY 7- 360 PATRIOT SPRINTS**

### **SAT MAY 30TH**

**\*SHARON-ULMS LATE MODELS**

**\*SANDUSKY-MSA SUPERS,NON WING SPR**

**\*MERCER-360 PATRIOT SPRINTS**

**\*WAYNE CTY-ALL STAR SPRINTS**

**\*PMS-ED LABOON MEM-STOCKS**

### **SUN MAY 31ST**

**\*ERIEZ-RENEGADE OF DIRT EMODS**

### **FRI-SAT JUNE 5-6**

**\*ELDORA-LATE MODEL DREAM**

### **SAT JUNE 6TH**

**\*MIDVALE-LATE MODEL 50 LAPS**

**\*MERCER-CRATE LATE MODELS**

**\*PMS-ALL STAR SPRINTS**

**\*PORT ROYAL-USAC SPRINTS**

## ***MIDVALE CLUB NIGHT WINNERS***

***LM Bubba Smith,MOD Preston Walker***

***SS Kyle Grove,C Joe Oliver,MT Dusty Nicholas***

# IN MEMORIAM

**JEFF HAEFKE-** 45 passed away Tues. Apr 21 2015. Jeff raced Stocks and then Emods all over the area competing against his brother Steve. Jeff's 2 sons Jeff Jr. and Matt also race Micro sprints in the area. Jeff is the son of Hall of Fame driver Butch Haefke. Besides his father and sons he leaves his mother Jean Kochera; his wife Lorraine Tufaro Haefke; three sisters, Kimberly Haefke Waggett ,Tina (Ron) Epperhart and Jodi Haefke, three brothers, Steve Haefke (fiance Shelley Nastasi) of Youngstown, Bill (Hilary) Calton and Bryan (Kelly) Calton. Memorial contributions maybe made to the Haefke Memorial Fund in care of Farmers National Bank.

**GUS LINDER-** 86 passed away Apr 29 2015.Gus's raced over four decades, and is one of the racing legends in West. Pa. He was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1976 alongside Art Rooney Sr., whom he sat next to during the ceremony. He also was honored by the Dapper Dan Hall of Fame, Tri-City Speedway Hall of Fame, Circle Track Hall of Fame, and our Twin State Hall of Fame. He won over 250 races all over the east coast. The family suggests memorial contributions to Family Hospice and Palliative Care, 50 Moffett St., Pittsburgh 15243

**BOBBY HAMMOND** 66 passed away on Apr 15 2015. Bobby owned and operated a fabricating shop specializing in drive shafts. He could make and fabricate all needed parts and repairs. He was "king" of drive shafts.Bobby built and drove stock cars at many speedways, including Canfield, Sharon, Butler, Pittsburgh. Orrville, and Expo. He also helped his father Donnie maintain the Canfield Speedway track. Bobby received state champion in 1979 (track rabbit), a go-cart made in Sebring, Ohio. He raced at Lake Placentia, Sebring and Youngstown.He was inducted into the Twin-state Hall of Fame Racing Club as a driver-mechanic.

**RODNEY FRANKLIN-** 61,of White Post, Virginia, passed April 22, 2015. He was a top Late Model Dirt track driver in the 80's and 90's. Winning races in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and down South earned him the nickname "The Virginia Leadfoot". In 1979 he became the Winchester Speedway Track Champion, and in 1997 and 1998 the Hagerstown Speedway Track Champion. In 2004 Rodney was inducted into the National Dirt Track Late Model Hall of Fame. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2654 Valley Ave. Suite B, Winchester, VA 22601 or to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St., Winchester, VA 22601.

**ROD ARTMAN-** 51, of Sandy Creek Township, Hadley, Pa passed away Saturday morning, April 18, 2015. He had been a truck driver for more than 30 years and for the past 10 years, he had been employed at K&J Trucking in Hadley.He was a member of Hartstown Volunteer Fire Department Pump House 45. Rod was an avid Harley Davidson motorcycle rider, hunter and fisherman. He was also extremely active with racing, competing in micro sprint and go-cart racing as a youth, and has had a long career of dirt track racing of modifieds and e-mods at both Sharon and Mercer speedways.

*"No one's death comes to pass without making some impression, and those close to the deceased inherit part of the liberated soul and become richer in their humanness"-  
Hermann Broch*