



JANUARY 17, 2024

The January, 2024 meeting of the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Ray Shea. Fifteen members were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Tom Simmons, GSVSCC member and Racing with Jesus Ministries Chaplain.

Ray reminded the group that wintertime is upon us again. If poor weather is predicted, club members should make sure our meetings are still being held before venturing forth. Give Ray a call, check the 3WidesPictureVault website or check our website or Facebook page.

Get well wishes go out to Darlene Voorhees (husband Al reported she is doing well).

Condolences are offered for these folks who recently passed away. The list is longer than usual because we haven't met since November of last year: Bob Borden former racer and friend of Ray Shea; NJ racer Craig Sutphin; Mary Tobias, widow of Dick "Toby" Tobias; Art Lentini, Flemington Modified dirt racer and builder/innovator of racing radiators; retired NASCAR Cup racer Cale Yarborough; Ryan Pemberton, former NASCAR Crew Chief; Tim Steele, former ARCA driver; Gil de Ferran, Indy Driver; Johnny Bryant, former Southern Modified racer; and Don Schumacher, former drag racer.

The 2024 Pioneer Pole Building Motorsports Race Car and Trade Show is being held this weekend in Oaks, PA. Ray offered safe travels to anyone who will be making the trip.

Ray announced the following Hall of Fame 2024 Honorees: Drivers – Pete Brittain and Phil Cox; Car Owners – Don Ling, Sr. and Jim Romeo; Engine Builder Frank Boardwick; Bob Thomas Award – Vic Patti. The awards banquet will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at the Spring Lake Manor in Spring Lake, NJ. Ticket forms will be mailed soon and can also be obtained from the club's website.

Ray Shea announced that Ray Evernham is in the news again: he has purchased the rights to former racing series IROC (International Race of Champions). The SRX Series has been discontinued. Ray Evernham was involved with the SRX Series in its first year of operation. We are eager to know if the IROC Series will be revived.

Ray showed the group a Charlie Kremer, Jr. fan club jacket that he framed to be displayed in the Museum. Thanks to Jim Levers for donating the jacket.

Continuing with the Show and Tell portion of the meeting, Ray displayed model cars handmade by Bruce Cook that he donated to the club. He also sent collectible racing t-shirts and a framed photo collage. These items were available for folks to check out.



Ray informed the group that the Wall Stadium banquet will take place on February 3. Anyone who is interested in attending should go to the track website for more information.

At the November, 2023 meeting, Ray informed the group that well-known former racer Wally Dallenbach, Sr. would be relocating from Colorado back to New Jersey since his wife's passing last autumn. Ray said Wally has moved back to NJ. We hope Wally will be a guest interviewee at an upcoming club meeting. Many race enthusiasts know of the background of Wally's son Wally, Jr. as a former NASCAR Cup racer and TV racing commentator. Ray also filled the group in on son Paul's varied racing-related accomplishments – road racing, six Pike's Peak Hill Climb victories, stunt driving for movies, and providing instruction for law enforcement and military personnel.

It's January, and that means indoor racing in our area. Ray offered congratulations to the winners of the Allentown races. The Atlantic City races will be held on January 26-27 and Trenton races will be held on February 23-24, 2024. Those who are interested in attending should visit the Area Auto Racing News website for more information.

Ray mentioned that Scott from Ocean Trophies retired last year. However, we are pleased the Scott will still be able to make our banquet trophies for this year's banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.