



MAY 15, 2024

The May, 2024 meeting of the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Ray Shea. Twenty-two members were in attendance.

Tom Simmons, Chaplain with Racing with Jesus Ministries, offered the invocation.

Jim Kelleher gave the Treasurer's Report.

Ray informed the group that we would be holding two 50/50 raffles tonight. One raffle will be for a New Egypt Speedway jacket (donated by Pete Wortman) and a cash raffle.

Get well wishes were offered to Al Voorhees' wife Darlene, who recently had surgery, and to Tom Wardell, who had knee replacement surgery.

Earl Krause announced the following people who have recently passed away: club member Wally Dallenbach, Sr., a true gentleman who was dedicated to the sport of racing as a competitor and as an organizer and trainer of safety teams at race tracks. He was also inducted into several Halls of Fame; Joe Merlino, Jr., NJ and DE asphalt racer and car owner, recipient of the GSVSCC Brennan Award in 2001; Jackie Kuhl, widow of the late Paul Kuhl, Promoter of Flemington Speedway; and longtime club member Debbie Gastelu's sister. A moment of silence was observed. Tom Simmons offered a brief prayer for them and their families.

Ray announced Steve Golembeski will be interviewed after the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

Ray said the Patterson Greenhouses' Spring Family Fun Day, scheduled for May 5, was rained out. The car show and benefit fundraiser has been rescheduled to Friday, May 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

We have a date for the 2024 club picnic! Mark your calendars for September 29. THANKS to Kevin Eyres for hosting the event. **Volunteers** will be needed. Contact Ray Shea if you can help out.

Ray said his Facebook account has been hacked. DO NOT accept any friend requests from him! Ray then said false emails have been sent in his name. Check with Ray if you receive any suspicious emails from his email address.

Ray asked the group if anyone knew the answer to the previous newsletter's trivia question. There were a few correct answers - Dicky Lewis.

Ray reminded the group that membership dues will be due on June 1. Renewal forms will be going out in the mail with the next newsletter.

Ray presented Ray Liss with his 1st place car owner participation award from 2023.

Earl Krause mentioned local teenager Ryan Kuhlthau, who raced last weekend at Caraway Speedway in North Carolina. Ryan raced a 602 Modified for his uncle, former NJ racer and past NASCAR Crew Chief Doug Wolcott. Ryan's dad, Warren Kuhlthau, said the car was built and prepared in Howell, NJ at Billy Cole's race shop. Earl gave a report of their first race together, saying the team qualified well. Unfortunately, the engine started overheating during the feature, causing Ryan to leave the track before the race ended. A wrap-up of their race appeared on social media. Among the encouraging comments, Ryan was complimented by none other than former NJ racer Tony Siscone for wisely saving the engine. Earl also said Ryan will be racing at Wall Stadium some dates this season, in addition to racing in the south. A round of applause was held for Ryan, Doug, and all those who are involved in this effort.

Vic Patti asked about the status of the scholarship program the club sponsored in 2018. Ray informed him that we discontinued the program due to lack of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.