21st Annual NEOCC Fall Classic Sets New Record

225 Camaros Helped Raise $3,300.00 for ACBC

The Northeastern Ohio Camaro Club’s 21st Annual Fall Classic set a new attendance record which enabled them to raise $3,300 for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children. The event took place September 6th & 7th on the grounds of Summit Racing Equipment in Tallmadge, Ohio.

Despite a rainy start on Saturday, a total of 225 Camaros registered for the event. PACE had a total of 26 members registered, which was good enough to bring home the Tom Ceglarsky Memorial Club Participation Award for the second year in a row. It seems fitting that PACE should win the award named in honor of the club founder.

Camaros in attendance hailed from Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

President’s Message

Do you feel it? That feeling of fall with the crisp air, shorter days and longer nights. And who can miss those leaves turning all kinds of colors. I am not suggesting it is time to put those Camaros in storage just yet. There is still plenty of daylight to enjoy while cruising around in those beautiful cars. Get on out and cruise the highways, pick a pumpkin or two, take a hayride, or walk through a corn maze or haunted barn. Enjoy this month before it is gone and you wonder where the month went.

PACE has a couple of fun events scheduled for October. On Saturday, October 11th, we will head to Shakespeare’s Restaurant & Pub in Ellwood City for lunch and then take a little drive to the Coolspring Corn Maze in Mercer. Also in October, we will be returning to the Cheeseman Farm in Portersville on Sunday, October 19th, for their haunted hayride. So put your chores aside and your worries behind you and come join the fun.

While my year as the President of Pace is winding down, I want to again thank the officers and members for all the support and encouragement given to me throughout the year. It has been fun but after December, I will not be able to continue as the Club President. So start thinking who you want to see move this club forward in 2015 and come to a meeting to nominate that person.

Hope to see you all driving those Camaros before the snow starts to fall. Drive safely and watch out for those deer.
Wisconsin and Canada.

The weather made a dramatic turn for the better on Sunday, allowing for a steady influx of cars in the judging lanes. All told, 79 awards were handed out for the weekend, with recipients including a number of PACE members. 5th place for 5th Generation modified was won by Ed and Kathy Smetana, 6th place for 1st Generation Street was won by Terry and Gail Savanich and, making its first appearance with its new owner, a 2nd place in Special Production went to Jim and Judy Manning for their 2002 Brickyard 400 Pace Car. This is one of 57 produced, 43 of which were driven in events leading up to the race. Jim and Judy’s car was designated for Sterling Martin and as such has his name emblazoned on the hood and his autograph on the owner’s manual.

But, of course, the real winners were all the kids who have suffered traumatic burns and will benefit from the programs and services funded though Aluminum Cans for Burned Children.

So, if you were able to make the 2014 edition of the Fall Classic, congratulations on being a part of a record crowd. If you missed out this year, fear not. The date for the 22nd Annual Camaro Fall Classic has been set for September 12th & 13th. Hope to see you there.
It’s All About Us!

PACE
Pittsburgh Area Camaro Enthusiasts
We are a nonprofit club dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of all generations of the Chevrolet Camaro. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 at various venues throughout the suburban Pittsburgh area. Our mailing address is:

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Next Meeting:
Tuesday November 4th
Kings Restaurant I 79 & RT 910
Franklin Park, PA
6:30
Nomination of Officers for 2015!

EDITORIAL

In a successful organization, every member is needed to share the load

You have heard it said that a team is only as good as its leader that leadership starts at the top and works its way down. These statements are true...in part. Leadership is only half the equation. The rank-and-file membership is the other half. The world’s best leaders would go nowhere without people to implement policy or carry out a mission. A club is only as good as its members, and membership demands a responsibility to commit time and effort to the betterment of the organization.

In November, nominations will be opened for the officers of PACE for 2015. Now is the time to start thinking about who you would like to see take the mantle from Jeff, who has already made known his intention not to seek re-election. Perhaps that person is you.

We all have a tendency to sit on our hands and say, “Let somebody else do it; it’s just way too much work, I don’t have the time.” Well, it is too much work, at least the way it has been the last several years. There is much too big a burden placed on the president (or their spouse). The president spends too much time doing, and not enough delegating. Why is that? There are various reasons, and one of them is because when they ask for help, they get promises without consistent results. Empty promises just don’t help the club move forward; commitment does.

Jeff worked hard this year to generate enthusiasm and produce results, and before him, Mike Meerdos strove just as assiduously. Either one will tell you, when prodded, that being president was rewarding, but it took a toll on them. So what is the answer? Simply this: an active membership, comprised of people who are ready to step forward and lend a hand; members who aren’t afraid of taking on a little responsibility.

All of us have busy lives. We all have jobs, family responsibilities, interests outside of PACE. A day is 24 hours long for all of us, no more, no less. Active participation by all members can ease the load and ensure that the club flourishes and grows. Many hands make light the load.

Every one of us has certain gifts and talents. If we all channel just a part of our abilities towards helping PACE run smoother and more efficiently, think of what we could accomplish.

I believe PACE has reached a pinnacle and we can now grow beyond the limited area we now encompass, but it will take the efforts of the entire membership to make this happen.

When the nominations are opened in November, please give serious consideration to who you would like to lead the club in 2015. And, if you by chance are nominated, please don’t take the easy path and decline. Consider it an honor to be nominated and run for office. When is the last time we had two or three candidates for every office? Either way, pledge your support for all the newly elected. We can accomplish much together. Let’s all do our part to keep PACE moving forward.
In Case You Missed It
Highlights of the October Meeting

A thank-you note was received from Morgan Iorio, President of NEOCC, in appreciation of the members of PACE for their sponsorship of one of the judged classes as well as the baskets donated for the Chinese auction. Jeff reported that Sue Ritchey was the winner of the first annual PACE open Par 3 Golf Open. Sue Ritchey reported on the Applefest in Franklin, PA and gave an update on the disbursement of funds to Fischer House. Jeff reported on the NEOCC Camaro Fall Classic, and reminded everyone about the lunch at Shakespeare’s Pub in Ellwood City Saturday October 11th and the Haunted Hayride at Cheeseman’s Farm in Portersville on October 19th. Jim Crnkovic reported on the fall autocross season at North Park, and a potential new member, Dave Edwards from Castle Shannon was introduced. Dave drives a 2013 ZL1.

HAUNTED HAY RIDE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

147 Kennedy Road, Portersville, PA 16051

Please let Mike Zdinak know if you plan to attend, and how many will be in your party. All family members, friends and neighbors are welcomed!

Contact Mike @ <bigpapamjz@yahoo.com>
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Just a couple of minor turns, a quasi slalom, and you’re rounding the corner and heading for home. A dream course for a muscle car. And did I mention it was fast? A blistering 39.074 second performance was logged by a 2006 Lotus Elise. I guess that’s to be expected from an Italian sports car built specifically for the race track that probably cost more than my house. Most drivers were in the low- to mid-40 second range. And I finished second in my class.

But the question still remains, where were all the CAM cars? The F Street class had a total of eight entries, six of which could have raced in CAM, for some reason, chose not to. Four of them were bottom feeders, so we know why THEY didn’t.

When all was said and done, it was a great day of racing. Throw in a dash plaque, a T-shirt and a great picnic dinner catered by Soergel’s and there you have the best way to spend a Sunday. Oh, and some cold beer to wash down that pulled pork and corn-on-the-cob. There were classes, but best of all, there was a won, incidentally, by yours truly.

So by the time this publication hits your in-box, there will be two events 19th and 26th of October. Numbers at only 80 drivers competing, and there remaining two events. If you ever a great opportunity to get in a little Nikolai Scott, drove Doug Stewart’s besting me by .91 seconds. So, come on and take a shot. You’ve got nothing to lose, and may find a whole new way to enjoy your Camaro.
UGLY SWEATER AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2015
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

AT

12599 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA  15090

All dinners will include:  House salad, your choice of entree (see below), vegetable du jour, baked potato, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and cake for dessert.  Cost is $34 per person.  Please send your check to PACE, P.O. Box 15150, Pittsburgh, PA  15237 before December 3, 2014.

NOTE: Entrée selections will be available next month.

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