



What DARF Members Have Been Enjoying.....

A lot of activities have been happening since the last newsletter, and the DARF members attending them have had a great time. The Daytona 500 party at Little York Tavern was well attended with members and non-members cheering on their favorites to win. There were so many fans wanting to get in on the 'pool' that 2 of them were held. The big winners were **Rick Monroe** and **Melanie Stacy**. There were quite a few raffle items handed out as well.....Just a week later, the February membership party was held at the Rip Rap Roadhouse with **Dennis Neal** on hand as the guest speaker. Dennis enlightened the crowd with many stories of his years of covering motorsports for many forms of media. He had the audience laughing at some of the stories of his travels and acquaintances. Dennis was the recipient of the coveted **Duke Dinsmore Award** at DARF's Banquet of Champions this past December.



Karen Beattie shares a laugh with Jeff Carter at the Daytona 500 party as one of his pool picks goes by the wayside.

Another highlight of the night was a surprise visit from **Jerry Wahl**, one of the founding fathers of DARF. We all have been following Jerry's remarkable steps towards recovery and sighed a collective relief when he walked into the room. Jerry and his popcorn are back!....Next up on the menu was Piqua, OH March 9-11 with the annual Race Cars and Future Stars show at the Miami Valley Centre Mall. The mall stores must have thought it was Christmas-time again, judging by the massive number of folks coming out to look at the cars and meet the drivers. **Steve and Audrey Stiefel** and their entire family puts their heart into this



*Jerry Wahl returns!
Peggy Isaacs photo*



Dennis Neal as he addresses the crowd.

Peggy Isaacs photo

show and are generous with their donations to the DARF Injured Drivers Fund. Along with the displays, Steve allowed DARF to once again conduct an auction in the food court, with the proceeds going into the Injured Drivers Fund. DARF would like to give a BIG shout-out and thanks to the racing folks for their donations, assistance and bids. The DARF Board was busy throughout the weekend meeting old and new members....Looking back to the Kids Christmas Party in December, DARF would like to salute and thank **Delores Reineke** for her toy donations to the kids.

Voting and Promoters.....

Included with this newsletter is your annual ballot to vote for the new term of Officers and Board Members. These are the names that were nominated at the Feb. meeting; however, you CAN write in your own choice. Please vote and return the ballots as noted on the form...Coming up March 27 is the annual Promoter Night for DARF. We would like to have a large audience on hand to greet and listen to the promoters that take time from the schedule to come visit us. The time is 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, and you WILL BE on the road home by 9 p.m. or earlier



DARF Membership Secretary Lynn Cook signs up renewals from Karen Beattie and Judy Moore.

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FINAL CHECKERED FLAG
Judy Fitz
Wayne Furr
Warren Shingleton
Shawn Stensel

CAUTION FLAG—GET WELL
Roy Dalhamer
Gene Johnson
Bobby Sparks

NEW MEMBERS
Ann Bowman—Franklin, OH
Dale Grow—Dayton, OH
Jeremiah Lear—St. Paris, OH
Dennis Neal—Franklin, OH



Tuesday, 3/27 Promotor's Night
 Tuesday, 4/24 April General Meeting
 At the Rip Rap Roadhouse

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BE SURE TO VOTE!

- > *renew & sign up new members*
- > *put meeting dates on the calendar*
- > *make plans to support racing in 2018*

NOW UP AND RUNNING.....

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www.facebook.com/DARF



**DARF MEMBERS.....
 LET'S SET A GOAL!**

Sign up a new member in 2018, and/or bring a friend to EACH meeting.



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With the new website (DARFCLUB.com) up and running we are going to include a new feature entitled In Memoriam. If you would like to donate to the DARF General Fund in memory of a loved one or fallen hero, please send you donation (any amount accepted) to DARF TREASURER, Vanessa Gibson, 1361 Edinburgh, Troy, Ohio 45373, along with the name of person you are honoring. This will be updated once a month.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____

____ CHECK HERE IF A DRIVER
____ CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED TO HELP AT DARF SPECIAL EVENTS
Please complete this form and mail, along with your check payable to DARF, to:
DARF Membership, Lynn Cook
10366 Pasco-Montra Road
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN DARF? NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?
Your membership into the Dayton Auto Race Fans is for one full year, from the time you join or renew. The \$15 fee entitles you to all of the DARF Membership benefits and includes a donation to the DARF Injured Drivers Fund.