

# History Lesson

Here we are starting a new season of racing for 2014. As I'm writing this, the WinterNationals will begin in just days. DRAW was organized at this event with only 10 members back in 1985 – 29 years ago. We truly have come so far.

As most have heard or read, Pat Garlits, wife of Don Garlits, passed away this week on February 2, 2014. She was a blessing to so many in the racing community. She was one of the founding members of DRAW back in 1985. She served on the Board for 10 years from 1985 until 1995. In 1995 she resigned from the Board and began a network called Prayer Partners to support the special needs of the injured racers and families. She continued being the contact for Prayer Partners until December 1998 when BonnieLou Cole took over the responsibilities. In announcing the change, Bonnie Lou's words in the December 1998 newsletter says it all. "DRAW would like to thank Pat Garlits for her wonderful work with this outreach ministry ...a debt of gratitude for being...just a beautiful human being."

We all have stories to share and we should continue to share them. I was just coming on to the Board in 1995 during Pat's last year on the Board. I went to Gainesville, FL for my first Board meeting and to work in the booth. I was asked to hang signs or do something (can't remember) in the pits one day. I was excited and nervous and very unsure of what I was doing. Pat took one look at me and I believe she sensed I wasn't very confident about performing my task. She simply said to come on, she would help me, and off we went walking through the pits. Not only was I relieved to have her help but was so honored that it was none other than Pat Garlits helping me. Some years later, I was putting up a display for DRAW at the Don Garlits Museum and she was so gracious and kind.

Sharing stories and memories gives us a sense of comfort and "belonging" to something bigger than just our personal worlds. Help keep DRAW strong and vital this year and in the years to come, remembering and honoring the hopes and dreams the beginning Board members shared some 29 years ago.

*Deb Thompson,  
DRAW Historian*

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# Beat the cold by planning for DRAW's annual charity golf tournament on March 12 at Gainesville

*Event to honor the late Tracy Winters*

There's no better way to shun the shivering reality of this winter's arctic blast than by cleaning your golf clubs in preparation for the 18th annual DRAW's Tracy Winter Memorial Golf Tournament on March 12 at Gainesville, FL, the Wednesday before the March 13-16 Amalie Motor Oil NHRA Gatornationals.

DRAW – Drag Racing Association of Women – has been busily preparing for its first major fund-raising event of the season with heavy hearts and their efforts are to honor the memory of Tracy Winters, vice president of sales and marketing at her family's J.W. Performance Transmission Inc. and longtime DRAW board member who passed away unexpectedly last August. Tracy was 46 years old.

There is no better way to thank Tracy for her countless hours devoted to DRAW than for a record number of sponsors and participants to become involved with the

DRAW's Tracy Winters Memorial Golf Tournament.

After a hectic two months to start the 2014 NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series season with testing in Florida followed by races at Pomona and Phoenix, the vastly popular golf tournament is a great time for all members of the NHRA community to start their golf season with a relaxing day that benefits DRAW's commitment to assisting drag racers in need of help.

The cost of entry fees and sponsorship will remain as they were last year.

Individual entry is \$80, and three Mulligans can be purchased for an additional \$10. The attached entry form and entry fee must be received by March 4, however, late entries would be accepted at the course including the day of the event until the field is full.

Attached on page 6 & 7 are forms for sponsorship opportunities and golfer registration

## DRAW FEATURED ON MOTORMANIATV.COM

JAMA Racing Ministry featured DRAW in the MotorManiaTV.com Live Feed Sponsor Ads for the US Street Nationals in Bradenton, FL, the weekend of January 24-26, 2014. They had a lot of rain delay but during the down time the announcer talked about DRAW and a "click through" banner to our website ran.

JAMA has notified DRAW that they have the opportunity to run another round, for DRAW, at the (DuckX) Lights Out V Outlaw Event at South Georgia Motorsports Park, February 20-23. It will be on MotorManiaTV.com.

DRAW is very appreciative of JAMA's efforts to get the word about DRAW out to other drag racing venues

# INJURED RACERS' REPORT

(REMINDER - not all injured racers are receiving financial assistance. However, they all need our emotional support. Be sure to send those cards and letters.)

**BYRAN BALDUCCI - 31 LaFayette Ave, Voorhees, NJ 08043** - Bryan was racing his Top Dragster at Atco Dragway in Atco, NJ, on October 26, 2013, when his opponent crossed the center line and t-boned him. Brian has a broken shoulder and herniated disc in his lower back. Bones in his left arm and leg were smashed but the doctors said they will heal on their own. He is probably going to have to have surgery on his shoulder and they aren't sure if he will need back surgery. **UP-DATE:** Bryan has had six weeks of physical therapy on his shoulder and the doctor has recommended another six weeks in hopes they won't need to do surgery. They haven't done anything about his back yet. They are wanting to get the shoulder situated.

**Frank Cersosimo - 517 Calvin Ave, Lehigh, FL 33972** - On May 4, 2013, Frank was racing his Pro Mod at Bradenton, FL, when the throttle hung open at the end of the track and he hit the wall. He broke his back and his tail bone. He also had a blood clot. **UP-DATE:** Frank has been released to go back to work February 4th. He is very excited to be

getting his life back to normal. He extended his appreciation to DRAW for everything that we have done for him.

**Tammy Hill - 904 W. Burgess St., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050 - Husband: Dave** - Tammy is a crew member for her husband who runs a Super Pro Motorcycle. On July 28, 2013, Dave was racing at National Trail Raceway in Columbus, OH. Tammy was going down the return road to bring him back. She lost control of the pit bike and fractured her arm, elbow, ribs big toe and had a concussion. **UP-DATE:** Tammy is still going to physical therapy for her arm and elbow. The vertigo had gone away but has come back again. She is see a specialist next week and hopefully can get that cleared up. She says not only does it make her very dizzy but also sick on her stomach.

**Tommy Tucker - 4274 Wesley Ct., Elm City, NC 27822 - Wife: Ann** - On August 14, 2013, Tommy was participating in a Test and Tune session for a big money race in his 67 Nova at Piedmont Dragway in Julian, NC. At mid-track something broke and the car caught on fire. Tommy suffered severe burns on his hands, feet and legs. **UP-DATE:** Tommy is still having problems with blood clots. He is on a high dose of blood thinning medicine. He has developed diabetes. The doctor thinks the circulation problems caused by the

blood clots have been a factor in the development of the diabetes. Ann has finished her radiation treatments for breast cancer and has started on the standard follow-up procedures.

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## CARES AND CONCERNS

Kim Anderson has asked that we keep her husband Greg Anderson in our prayers. Greg is a several time NHRA Mello Yello Pro Stock Champion. He will be missing the first few races of the season. It is an issue with the heart valve and was something he was born with. The doctors have been watching it over the years and feel now is the time to repair it. He will be back in the car as soon as the doctors give him the green light.

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## SYMPATHY

**Pat Garlits**, wife of Don "Big Daddy" Garlits passed away on February 2, 2014. Don, their daughters and her yorkies were at her side. Pat was one of the Founders of DRAW. Cards may be sent to the family at the following address: Don Garlits, Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing, Inc., 13700 SW 16th Ave, Ocala, FL 34473.

### Thank You

Thank you very much for WARD Bear. It was greatly appreciated. And thank you DRAW for all that have done during my recovery.

*Rhonda Myers*

## December/January Donations

Hot Rod Processing Program

Darla Nix

James C. Thompson

Donovan Engineering

Jo Stasiak

John M. Snapp

Jim & Leslie Overmyer

Ken Koretsky

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Recipient of the Pinky Cobbs Award

**From:** Dorothy Cobbs

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racer Tony Morris

**From:** Kathryn Grant

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**From:** James F. Williams, Jr.

**In Memory of** Barbara Winston

**From:** Carl Carlson/Carlson Family  
D/G 773

**In Memory of** Artania Seward Crouse

**From:** Liz West

**In Memory of** Derrick Sanchez

**From:** Billy & Patricia Sanchez

**In Memory of** John Tartaglia

**From:** Glenn & Lori Milson

## AREA ONE

Welcome to the new year. I am so glad to be in Florida. Even though we have had some 30's there, it sure has been a lot warmer than the Northeast. All my family and friends wish they were here where there is no snow or ice.

I hope everyone is ready for the new season of racing. We are looking forward to it. Just to let everyone know, I was sorry I couldn't be at the Division One banquet. Hope everyone got to meet Lisa's boyfriend Wally. He is a great guy. Elmer Wachter, owner of Mason Dixon, was the winner of the 50/50 and he donated it all back. Thank you so much, Elmer, and we will try to get to your track this season. Elmer is always very nice to us when we are there, a wonderful track.

I will be at Gainesville in March but only for one day, Saturday. Hope to get to see as many of you as I can. If any of you get the chance, please stop at the DRAW booth, located on K&N trailer.

Our condolences go out to the Don Garlits family on the loss of Don's wife Pat. There was a great lady. My husband Don and I met them for the first time in 1960 in California, when we went to a drag race out there. We were parked right next to their truck and trailer. They were so nice to us and our daughters played together. They also have Yorkies as we do so we have always had a lot in common with the names and pets. Pat was one of the founders of DRAW and was always a great supporter. I will be attending the memorial service for her.

A change in our fund raisers this year, due to the lack of participation, there will be no pet contest this year.

Everyone be safe, keep warm and God Bless.  
WE ARE NUMBER ONE

*Pat, Lisa and Kelly*

## AREA THREE

In spite of some unpleasant weather, Coles County Dragway USA in Charleston, IL, held its awards banquet on January 25, 2014, in Mattoon, IL. In addition to honoring the winner of the 2013 season, Chad Isley was also acknowledge for his 2013 Summit National Championship in Pro Bike. Kristi and Courtney East held a 50/50 raffle during the evening. Bobby Paul who was the 2013 Super Pro Winner and the Walt Crabtree Memorial Race winner was the winner of the raffle. Kristi and Courtney are looking forward to doing more 50/50 raffles for DRAW during the racing season.

The 2014 race season is upon us. I hope each of you had a restful, yet productive off season. It's a busy time, with the holiday season and trying to get the race cars and teams ready for the new race season.

## AREA FOUR

In Area 4, our schedule is starting out fast and furious. Our

**"FAST HELP FOR FAST FRIENDS"**

first two races will be Junior Dragster races. Our granddaughter, Bethany, will be participating in the points chase for our local track, Royal Purple Raceway, as well as racing in the Southwest Junior Dragster Series, which races at tracks in TX and LA. After the first two JD races, our next race will be Division 4's first NHRA LODRS event that will be in the Houston area, at Royal Purple Raceway, March 7-9. Next will be Jeg's NHRA Cajun Sportsnationals March 20-23 at No Problem Raceway, Belle Rose, LA. My plan is to have DRAW represented at each of these events.

Mid-March, William and I will be going to the NHRA Gatornationals. This is our first trip to Gainesville since 1982. I'm looking forward to going and helping with the DRAW's Tracy Winters' Memorial Golf Tournament. As you can see, during the month of March, the grass won't be growing under the wheels of our car or motor home. The scenery along Interstate 10 will become very familiar to us.

If you're going to be at any of the events, please come by the DRAW booth and say hello. It's always good to see our racing friends.

Be safe and I'll see you at the races,

*Sarah McLemore*

## AREA FIVE

### NHRA WEST CENTRAL DIVISION'S HIGH & MIGHTY AWARDS CEREMONY

At the Annual NHRA West Central Division's High and Might Awards Ceremony we host a small auction and raffle to benefit both RFC and DRAW. With the help of Joy Custer we are happy to present DRAW with checks totaling \$2,140.00.

I am so grateful to Joy Custer who works with many of the NHRA professional teams to have these awesome items available to our attendees for auction and raffle. This year was outstanding with a signed JFR Castrol helmet. All the current JFR drivers autographed the helmet; that was live auctioned for \$4,500!! There are so many teams to thank for making this possible; I cannot even begin to list them all.

We all had a great time and were able to raise a substantial amount of money to donate to a very worthy and exceptional cause dear to my own heart.

I am so proud of our division banquet attendees making it possible to send this donation on to those who do so much for those who help our "Racing Family" in their times of need. I cannot express the gratitude I have to all of our DRAW representatives. Thank you to all of you for all that you do!

*Sara Walker*

*NHRA West Central Division Office*

## AREA FIVE

Nearly every weekend at Woodburn Dragstrip from March into  
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October, there is racing going on. There are many similar things people can see almost every weekend: the employees, racers pushing for the best time, and Lori Weber. At the 2013 NHRA Division 6 Land of the Leaders Awards Ceremony and Banquet, Weber, 56, was voted by racers and crew members alike as the Janet Lang Gracious Lady Award. This award is given to a select female who dedicates her time and friendship to the sport and in this case there was no better pick.

Every weekend that Lori is at Woodburn Dragstrip, her schedule consists of two things: cheering on former Division 6 Champion husband Jerry Weber, and managing her Booster Club Booth. The Booth, located in the forefront of Woodburn Dragstrip's staging lanes, is where "all of the magic happens". For over 20 years, Lori has put a countless number of hours into a plethora of fund-raising programs. From her booth she also promotes DRAW. She works the DRAW Booth all weekend each year at the Seattle NHRA National Event. She is Assistant DRAW Area 6 Coordinator.

On any given weekend, one could make their way into the Booster Club Booth, and discover the many wonderful things Lori has to offer. From 50-50 drawings, to silent auctions, and of course the World Championship Golf Cart Drags held annually at Woodburn Dragstrip, Lori's involvement and superlative attitude towards making whatever she touches happier have helped create the wonderful atmosphere that attracts people to Woodburn. Was it mentioned that dog-equipped racers can also stop into the Booster Club Booth and pick up a few treats for young Fido?? Lori truly provides it all.



Newly appointed Division Six Director Matt Levonas with Lori Cole Weber Crowned With the Janet Lang Gracious Lady Award.

## **DRAW'S TRACY WINTERS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

DATE : Wednesday, March 12, 2014

TEE TIME: 1:00 p.m.

(To better accommodate the golfers, we have moved start time and will provide food during the awards presentations)

COURSE LOCATION: Ironwood Golf Course, 2100 NE 39th Ave, Gainesville FL

COURSE PHONE: 352 334-3120

GOLFER FEE: \$80 per golfer - three Mulligans may be purchased for an addition \$10

QUESTIONS: Beth Hyatt: 216 531-7252 or teh454@aol.com  
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### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

(Please check appropriate line for sponsorship)

- \_\_\_\_\_ CORPORATE SPONSOR - 2 Signs on Course and 4 free golf entrees - \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ HOLE SPONSOR - 1 Hole \$125.00 or 2 Holes - \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ BEVERAGE CART SPONSORS - \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOOD SPONSORS - \$500
- \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM AWARD SPONSORS - \$250
- \_\_\_\_\_ LONGEST DRIVE - \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ CLOSEST TO THE PIN - \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ DOOR PRIZES - golfing items, jackets, gift certificates, product, etc.

## SPONSORSHIP FORM\*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

*(It is not necessary to have your own team - come and join in the fun!)*

Team Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION FOR SPONSORSHIPS AND GOLFING FEES

Check Appropriate Item: Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Golfers \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Names As It Appears on the Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

3 # on Back of Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Card: Visa  Master Card  American Express  Discover

Billing Address for the Card: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please send the form for sponsorship, items and payment by March 3, 2014, to the address below.

\*\*Golfer registration form should be sent prior to March 3, 2014, to the address below. If openings are still available, late registration will be accepted at the golf course

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E-mail: [rnoble@consolidated.net](mailto:rnoble@consolidated.net) - Or Fax to Beth Hyatt - 216 531-7992

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(please, no abbreviations and print legibly so your mail will reach you!)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### MARK THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS:

(1) Annual DRAW Dues - New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Current # \_\_\_\_\_

Individual - \$30 *US funds only*

Family - \$50 *US funds only* - (two or more family members)

(2) Donation to DRAW in the Amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(3) I would like to Receive: (One Each Per Family Membership)

DRAWing Attention (newsletter) Yes  No

### FORM OF PAYMENT:

(1) Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (4 Digits) \_\_\_\_\_ CVS # \_\_\_\_\_

Name As It Appears on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Credit Card  Visa  Master Card  American Express  Discover Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to DRAW

Mail to: DRAW Memberships, Olan Gotcher, 102 Walnut Drive, Oak Leaf, Texas 75154