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MVR MARCH CALENDAR

March 6

Amen Corner Sports Bar & Grille
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Not much of a report this month.

We need students and volunteers for our Street Survival that we are holding at Boardman Park on April 29.

Come to the meeting to find out what else is going on.

March Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have about 150 members including dual members.

March Renewals:

Michael Britvich
John Gingery
Erik Johnson
Bill & Rolayne Kasmer
Scott Katz
Jack Madison
Doug Miller
Dick Wade
Brent Walton

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Hal Baker	3/10
Mike Belopotoski	3/11
Mike Edmunds	3/13
Jessica Garrison	3/20
Bill Kasmer	3/28
Matt Leskovec	3/15
Patrick Madden	3/22
Bob Mazza	3/2
Steve Nelms	3/23
Susan Nutter	3/22
Jim Shoemaker	3/16
Taylor Winslow	3/25

Cindy Benchina & Bryan Salchak still need to renew their membership or risk being dropped from SCCA.



Ohio Chaplain's Notes Winter 2018
Dan and Ray

If you are any kind of racing fan you know that we just lost a true legend with the passing of Dan Gurney. Wins in Formula 1, Indy Car, Endurance Racing, Can Am, Trans Am, SCCA, and NASCAR make him unique in the racing world. He brought Ford to Indy in the Mid 60's, started tradition of spraying champagne in victory lane, invented the Gurney flap at the rear of a wing, was one of the very first to wear a full-face helmet and at one point 19 of 33 starters at the Indy 500 were Gurney Eagles.

But, to quote from my column in the November 1982 NeOhio Region Newsletter *The Blower*, it was the personal side of Dan Gurney that made him different to me. There the practice day at Indianapolis when I asked him if he would autograph my Eagle Club card. (The Eagle Club was a fan support club for Gurney's All-American Racers.) Dan said, "I would be proud to." Later at Pocono, I saw him in line driving his car out, I waved and yelled, "Hi Dan, how's it going?" He gave me a big smile and waved back. His speed, determination, and personality all made Dan Gurney something special, the All-American Racer. That's why I named my new son Dan.

A year later I had a chance to give that copy of *The Blower* to Dan at the Cleveland Grand Prix where he was a car owner. A few weeks later an envelope from All-American Racers came with a letter signed by Dan. He said he had sons himself and was proud I would name my son after him. Included was a Gurney Eagle belt buckle for my Dan when he grew up. Pure Class.

While racing fans know Dan, Ray Furlong was a regular local guy. We met when I joined my church in 1987. Ray was the church treasurer and I found out he lived just down the hill and around the corner from me. What may surprise you is that while Ray helped run his family's insurance business, he was also a car guy. When you walked into the agency there were display cases full of 1/18 scales racing and muscle cars. A hot rod Dodge and a Subaru WRX were among his rides. As we became closer friends, we began to exchange car gifts for birthdays and Christmas. Subaru Rally Cars and Mopar Hemis in 1/18 went to Ray as Mustang and Ford Racing models came my way. He was a computer wiz and spent hours fixing some of our early computer problems and would never take anything for it. When I first started conducting chapels at Nelson Ledges Ray would get up very early Sunday mornings and ride out to the track with me. For years he also financially supported my racing ministries.

We lost Ray way too soon to prostate cancer as we had my racing partner Bill Stables. Men, GET CHECKED! Ray always gave more than he received. Do you live by that principal?

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