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# Voter turnout strong for heated race!

**BY: JOE REPORTER**

**Contributor to SJCCNews**

BERLIN – The long battled race for South Jersey Camaro Club Board members came to a heated conclusion on Wednesday night in Berlin, (not Germany) with strong voter turnout. The race for President between Linda Murphy and “The” Mr. Unopposed was earmarked with mudslinging and negative campaign ads. The Murphy camp tried to take the high road during the campaign but gave in as the Unopposed camp tried a silent but deadly strategy to reach the voters.

Campaigning on slogans like “be seen and not heard”, “you can’t ... with Murphy and Gant” and making a critical error in claiming that they are endorsed by “All Fox Body voters” instead of F-Body, made for an interesting race. The Unopposed camp took on a grass roots campaign going door to door during this heated battle and making unachievable campaign promises which this reporter believes were their down fall. The most repeated promise of “New Orange Cones for Everyone” was clearly a mistake by their campaign manager as everyone knows there is no such thing as new

**Elect**  
**Murphy & Gant**

**VOTE!**

Saying "NO" to Mustangs...

No Camaro left behind...

and promoting a Prohibition on Whine!

orange cones, they are just recycled from construction zones. One of the southern constituents, Tony DaCone, was quoted as saying "dats a bunch a b.s. stay outta my bizness!"

Having taken the high road, the Murphy camp fought a good, clean battle right up until the end. They were seen on election night shaking hands, smiling with the voters, breaking bread and sharing drink.

Voter turnout was brisk with 24 registered voters signing in at the polls and several non-registered showing up for support. As ballots were cast and silence fell among the crowd (they got their food), voting could have gone either way and the Unopposed camp started a quiet campaign to sway votes in their direction by creating a write-in campaign. This seemed to take hold but there wasn't sufficient time to gain momentum.

In the end, truth, honesty and integrity prevailed with landslide decisions. As we concluded the last official meeting of 2015, congratulations went out to the new officers for 2015. Refraining from making a victory speech, Linda Murphy put it the best when she said, "Thank God this fight is over and we can now work as one for a better 2016!" Well, that's what this writer heard, others heard her say "My check says JOE on it, let him pay for it."



PRESIDENT:	<b>LINDA MURPHY</b>
VICE PRESIDENT:	<b>TOM GANT</b>
TREASURER:	<b>SUE COULTER</b>
SECRETARY:	<b>JOHN HAMMOND</b>
SARGEANT AT ARMS:	<b>BILLY GROSSMAN</b>

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#### NEXT CLUB MEETING

*Reminder – there are no meetings in December or January*

On behalf of the current officers and incoming officers, we would like to wish all of our SJCC Family a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

***COMING SOON!***

***Christmas / Holiday Party!***

***Date: TBD***  
***Place: TBD***

**Please keep an eye out  
for an Email and Facebook post  
from Linda Murphy  
with all of the details.**

#### MEMBERS RIDES

Is your car on the Member's Ride section of our website?



If not, please send pictures and a description of your car to our WebMaster at:

**[info@southjersecamaro.com](mailto:info@southjersecamaro.com)**

# Member Spotlight

## Jessica Gould & Baby Blue!

*It all started when I was a little girl, I used to play with Matchbox cars instead of dolls, but they were not just any Matchbox cars, I repainted just about every single one of them pretty reds and pinks (because in the 70's my mom only had red and pink nail polishes LOL) I have a few white ones and of course blue ones! I had all kinds, all makes and models not just the sports cars the race cars too! My mom said they gave me hours of enjoyment crashing and racing them!*

*I remember in 1974 I got a new sister and new Chevelle in blue (which I thought until this past spring was a Nova) her name was Betsey (LOL my sister is Jen). My dad loved that car and I loved sitting on his lap driving through the neighborhood! I remember long car rides to going to visit family Jen and I would take turns laying in the large back window. As the years went on we got bigger and that 2 door coupe was just too small and my parents traded her in for a 1980 Delta 88 Olds, I called Bertha and Ultimately, Bertha would become my second car.*

*My first car was a tin can on wheels a 2 door 1976 Toyota Corolla and my mom was afraid that I would be crushed to death in it so I only had it less than 6 months. I drove Bertha until I have saved enough money to buy my first car a 1987 Dodge Daytona Shelby, I wanted a Camaro but my parents would not let me they said it was too fast of a car for me and that I should get something with a little less powerful to start with (not that the Olds wasn't a V8 or anything like that). So I four the Daytona that had similarities to the Camaro I wanted. Shelly was Red and had Grey leather interior. She was equipped with a 4 cylinder Twin turbo engine. We had fun!*

*I forgot about wanting a Camaro for a while until I met Ray, he drove a 1987 IROC Midnight blue & silver. He taught me how to drive stick that summer. I think I loved that car more than he did and probably more than him too. Ray and I didn't last much longer after that but Love for the Camaro did!*





When I saw the 2010 5th Generation Camaro in late 2008 I was sold! My so was going to turn 17 in 2010 and get his driver license and I started saving for my brand new Camaro! I started really looking for the Options and features I wanted in summer of 2009, Oh I must have built the car over 1000 times on the Chevy website. I wanted the Aqua from the very beginning an RS with black hockey stripes, 20" wheels and two Grey/Black leather seats! One day in late 2009 I was looking on the website like I had done 1000 times before and I could not build my new Camaro in the Aqua and I could not figure out why. I went to the dealer where I intended on ordering my new Camaro and asked why? No one there could give me an answer so onto the next dealer I went. 3 dealerships and a call to Chevrolet customer

service later I received an answer, not the answer i was looking for but an answer "Chevy is no longer offering the 2010 Camaro in Aqua" you'll have to find one already in inventory, I asked the sales person if he could assist with that and he said that is not something they do and tried to sell me a 2010 in the Red Jewel, I thought about it and thought to myself UGH! I welled up in tears and left. My determination at that point became even more and started searching dealer inventory. In January of 2010 my Dad diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and my dealer inventory searches turned into searching for answers concerning the cancer. I looked on occasion but spent most of my free time with my Dad. That 4th of July by chance I was looking again and Mall Chevy had not 1 but 2 Aqua Camaros in their inventory YIPEE!!! I was so excited!! When I go to the dealer that Tuesday (I remember like it was yesterday) I cried it was the first time i had seen this Aqua in person and it was just beautiful!! The other one was not in my price range it was a 2SS RS and 20K more than the 1LT I now call BB BLUE! The first person I showed my Brand new 2010 Aqua Camaro to was my Dad unfortunately at the time the Chemo was making him so sick he couldn't go for a spin but loved see us pull up to visit. He always asked me, "How's the Hotrod?". He was so proud and would tell me when he got better he'd go for a spin but only if he could drive! I lost him that September he never did get to go for that spin. His passing changed my outlook on life in general. I live life to the fullest because you never know about tomorrow! Live, Love, Laugh & Learn it's not a Cliché!



# Tech Corner

By: Rj Cilurso

So, I sit here and my face hurts and my nose hurts and my head hurts and its cold and I know its winter. For a hotrodder that does not wear Bermuda shorts and black socks that usually means weeks of absolute depression. But, I have some good news for you. No, I am not going to provide you with tickets to Florida. I can't drive to your house and massage your neck. I'm not even going to get you drunk and sing to you, but I will try and give you some winter inspiration. Winter is the perfect time for projects, especially if you have a winter beater and can afford a bit of downtime on the ole Camaro. There, are you inspired?



One project that makes a big difference and hardly anybody thinks of it on our cars is polishing. I don't mean the paint, that's easy, I'm talking about the rough aluminum all over a new car engine bay. Just about the entire dang car is made of healthy aluminum. Healthy aluminum can be massaged into a shiny piece of godliness



that makes girls shed their clothes. Well guys too, I just don't care. Literally everything on that motor is aluminum. Literally, that everything can be made to look like the helmet of a Roman gladiator marching into the morning sun to kill your man folk and steal your daughters. Take a peek in there Sally, there is tons of stuff that can be made to look awesome. I've done the throttle bodies, alternators, all the brackets, hell I knew a guy that polished his block. For the record I would not advise polishing your block, but he did, just saying (there is a knob joke in here somewhere but I'm just not going there).

This can be done on the relative cheap and it can be done in relatively small warm spaces. All it really takes is a few minutes to remove said part, don your protective gear and have at it. This should almost always be done while sipping expensive brandy and listening to the soundtrack from Braveheart, but I will leave that to you. Polishing aluminum is a pretty simple process. Start with a rough grit and get progressively finer until the piece is shiny. I'm not going to get into a ton of detail here because there is this thing called You Tube. There you can find how tos on metal polishing, talking cats and people falling down. With some practice your stuff can look great and really stand out at the next show. As always, if you have something in mind we can bring it in the shop and I will show you the process.



If polishing isn't your thing consider paint. More and more I'm getting away from bling, but I do still want to be unique. Right now Cavallo is saying I was born unique but this is coming from a man named horse. You would be surprised how well you can rattle can some of the detail items, but don't forget we have a painter in the club that would likely be happy to paint some of your smaller items for a modest fee. In addition to a painter, Josh is getting a hydro-dipping business underway and his guy also does some custom airbrush work that is top shelf.

The LS series of engines are without question the ugliest, uninspiring, boring looking engines on the planet. I've seen MG mills that produce more awe. No doubt they make power, but they do so looking like a giant lego. Instead of designing beauty, GM decided it would be easier to just cover everything with some fake ass plastic. Kind of like a Kardashian. The engine looks better suited to be sitting in your freezer making tiny frozen waters for that brandy than out kicking ass. You can paint the cover, or dip it but I would suggest doing one better... throw it as deep as you can in the attic and dig it out only when you trade it in. Take the effort the General didn't and work on making that engine look more like a Ford killing Pony slayer and less like a My Little Pony. It's a bit of work and money, but that work and money is what will set you apart



from the other 356,000 people with plastic engines.

Plenty of ways to clean up that engine bay and winter is the time to get creative.

Because I work in manufacturing now and safety is pounded in our skulls like Rhonda Rousey, I would be irresponsible if I didn't tell you to prepare your vehicle for winter. First off, while we still have a few days above freezing, do all the stuff that your lazy butt has been putting off. Rotate tires, change and top off fluids, inspect brakes, fill windshield washer with anti ice, make sure all your lights work, change out your wiper blades. There is nothing more annoying than trying to work on a car in freezing Feb rain. I had a neighbor once that had some pretty bad brakes. In August. When I say bad, I mean so bad I could tell from inside my house that something was very very wrong. Because she had children I mentioned that if she needed some help with the brakes I would be glad to take a look. She ignored me. On a particularly horrible Feb morning she knocked on my door to tell me her car was stuck in the ice on her driveway. Her brake pads were gone. They were so worn they fell out. The piston in the caliper was all that was stopping her. It had come out enough to wedge itself between the caliper and rotor and she was unable to move. Thank God it was in her driveway. She cried about losing her job and asked if I could fix her car while she took mine to work. I thought the balls of some people. She wants me to stand in the freezing rain and fix her car for free while she drives my car around. Fix the car I warned her about in August. But, because I'm more of an idiot than this person, I give her the keys to my Blazer and insist she leave me with a few hundred dollars for parts lest I be stuck with that bill as well. She says to me, and I'm not making this up, "do you think I could drive the Corvette"? I almost punched her in the stomach. "You want to drive my Corvette, in the rain, in February, to Wawa, while I stand in aforementioned rain freezing my ass fixing your hooty ass car I told you to fix months ago?"

Yeah, so don't be like Sue.

After I fixed her car she left her family for her daughter's boyfriend's father. Literally left them. The younger kid was knocking on doors looking for food. Don't be like Sue.

I'd also caution you all to put some essentials in the car. In the modern day of cellular phones the thought of you being stranded somewhere in a broken car is probably slim. However, it's not a bad idea to keep an ice scraper, a few bottles of water and an emergency blanket in your car. If you are John Hammond, keep a few bottles of wine, a blanket and Marvin Gaye but even in an emergency you still might not get lucky. I should probably clarify you should keep a recording of Marvin Gaye not Marvin Gaye the dead guy. Considering he died in a domestic dispute with his father in 1984 it would be unlikely you could find him and probably stinky. TaTa for now! As always if I can help with your projects please let me know!

## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday, December 5 10 AM - 2 PM**

Hot Rod Garage' 6th Annual Toys For Tots  
Victory Bar & Grill  
795 S. Rt. 73, West Berlin, NJ  
Open to All Makes, Years & Models  
Registration: (9-11 AM) \$10.00 & New, Unwrapped Toy

### **Saturday, December 5 8:30 AM - 4 PM**

High Octane's 2015 Santa Claus Rally  
Flying W, 60 Fostertown Road, Medford, NJ  
Open to All Makes, Years & Models  
Rally includes:

- Breakfast Reception (\$6.00)
- Presentation Of Toys @ Deborah Hospital
- HOSJ Parade Drop Santa
- HOSJ Cars On Display @ Browns Mills Winter Festival
- Holiday Lunch & Celebration @ Flying W (\$14.00)

Web Site: [www.highoctanesj.com](http://www.highoctanesj.com)

### **Suggested Event by Madam VP**

### **Saturday, December 5 5:30PM**

Blackwood Fire Company 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade

Route 168 & Church Road  
Blackwood, New Jersey

Please join in this year along the Black Horse Pike in Downtown Blackwood. This year's theme will be "Viva Las Christmas." The parade will start at the intersection of Black Horse Pike and Church Street and proceed south to the Gloucester Premium Outlets. Please join us at the Outlets at the conclusion of the parade for a visit with Santa Claus, refreshments and the much anticipated awards presentation. I would like to get as many car as possible to make a good showing. Also we can decorate the cars too.

# Past Events



Blue Cruise



November Meeting



Sue's New Ride



Billy's New Ride



Pumpkin Run

SEMA



"Do Good Feel Good" Camaro Parade is support of TJ and kids like him with childhood disease and participate in their Character Education Program!!