



BLUE BARS

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4th Annual Spina Bifida Challenge

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Despite a steady rain, 33 entrants from 9 Midwest Region clubs participated in Sunburst Corvette Club's 4th Annual Spina Bifida Low Speed Challenge this summer at Utica, Illinois.

Use of the Bennett Raceway track was donated, as were all the trophies. As a result, when all entry fees and the proceeds from a small raffle were totaled, event chairpeople Bud and Lorraine Altenburg were able to present a check for \$1,010 to Spina Bifida.

As was traditional, besides the many trophies garnered by the racers that day, a great many trophies were also distributed to the Spina Bifida children in attendance. Each FTD driver in a group presented a trophy identical to his to a child.

Another trophy for drivers and children grew out of a "fun" car show/display which has been held in conjunction with the speed event each year, with only cars raced eligible to compete in the car display. The children and one parent from each Spina Bifida family examined and voted for the Vette they considered the "best". The overall winner received a gigantic trophy, as did the Spina Bifida child, determined by the Illinois Spina Bifida Association.

Finally, identical "People's Choice" trophies were given to the owner of a car which had received the most votes from the spectators and participants, who voted for their favorite car by buying ballots, and to a person selected by the SB Association. The Association also awarded \$50 bonds as special awards for individual achievement to these teenagers or adults who had accomplished particularly difficult goals, or who had been unusually active in community service. This year Brenda Sasso and Steven Jones were the recipients. Brenda completed high school and was active in a great many activities; she now plans to attend college. Steven just completed Jr. College and was most active in a wide variety of activities. He is looking forward to his first employment.

The Sunburst Corvette Club of Crystal Lake, Illinois, expressed its gratitude for the fine turnout by members from Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Chicago Corvette Club, Midwest Corvette Club, Land of Lincoln Corvette Club, Badger State Corvette Club, Glass Favorites Corvette Club, Northern Rays Corvette Club, and to its own many workers, for once again supporting its charity function, despite a rain that never stopped.

