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But both ministry leaders said Saturday that Menschner immediately conveys those qualities. That's probably because he has worked at the Wall Township Speedway for 40 years., longest of anyone according Jim Morton, manager of operations. Menschner's four decades of service earned him an award

at the raceway's annual banquet February 2nd.

His longevity has a lot to do with why the ministry accepted Menschner, who attends church but is not technically a man of the cloth.

"Bob and Wall Stadium are a pair," Rivers said.

The track was Menschner's first love, and it has lasted. Never a driver himself, his regular trips to Wall started during his childhood and never stopped.

His 27-year-old daughter, Janai Wilson, said she understood when he left early from her wedding to make it to the track, lest he miss a Saturday of racing.

"His whole life revolved around the races," she said. "It does sometimes run into family functions, but that's him...I like seeing him there because it makes him very happy."

Menschner, who works full time as a custodian, cut back on responding to wrecks to focus on the ministry, Morton said.

"When you put your life on the line, which you do when you get in a racecar, you get reality checks, we come to God for his support and his guidance, and that's what Bob spreads," Morton said.

Menschner said he trolls the pit and trailers, praying with people for safety on the track and for strength off it. The drivers open up to him because they see Menschner as a fixture at the track and there to help, according to 18 year old driver Dan Collamer Jr., also of Waretown.

Menschner said he get great satisfaction out of seeing a Racing with Jesus decal affixed to a drivers dash.

"If they need this little prayer, and my being there gives them that pleasure, that's what it's all about," he said.



Wall to run in "09"

It was announced by Operations Manager Jim Morton in mid-February that Wall will run on a limited schedule in 2009, approximately 20 races starting on Saturday, April 18th with "Thunder At The Shore 100 lap SK/Wall Modifieds, Sportsman, Street Stocks, Legends and Factory Stocks Also on tap TQ's, Enduro, and Drifting events will be added to the schedule, as well as our Sunday Series, and hopefully some "Cruise Nights"!

The GSVSCC will also have our Sunday track time, and several Saturday shows with track time. Jim Morton also confirmed that Wall Township Speedway has officially be renamed "Wall Stadium"



New Club Car—Owned by Moe Pagni

On Saturday March 7th over 125 people gathered at Branches in West Long Branch to honor the 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees. M.C. Jeff Gravatt did an outstanding job filling in for regular Earl Krause who was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Those being inducted were Jim Delaney, Jim Hendrickson, Carl Van Horn, and Sam Batissa. Other awards went to Don Ling Sr., Jim Delaney Memorial Award, Howard "Stubby" Stevens, Pioneer Award and Ray Evernham presented President Ray Shea with the 1st annual Bobby Thomas Dedication Award.

As always Banquet Coordinator Eleanor Hagerman did and outstanding job arranging our banquet.

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More New Members!

Welcome to John McGarvey and John Costa.