

2023 HOF Inductee – Nancy Lewis

Nancy Lewis has been involved with the PHA since 2007. She initially started out as a corner worker while her husband (Steve Lewis) competed. However, in 2009, she decided to try racing, and has been holding her own ever since. And while she never managed to beat Steve in his car, she came close and regularly placed in the top third of the field overall.

She continues to work the corners or help out in whatever way she can when she isn't driving.

In addition, Nancy volunteers in many ways behind the scenes whenever a hand is needed. She ran registration for BMR events for several years and continues to do so. When BMR decided to look at MotorsportReg for registration, she led the way and figured out how to make it work. In addition, she helped the other event registrars move to the new system and continues to offer support to the other regions.



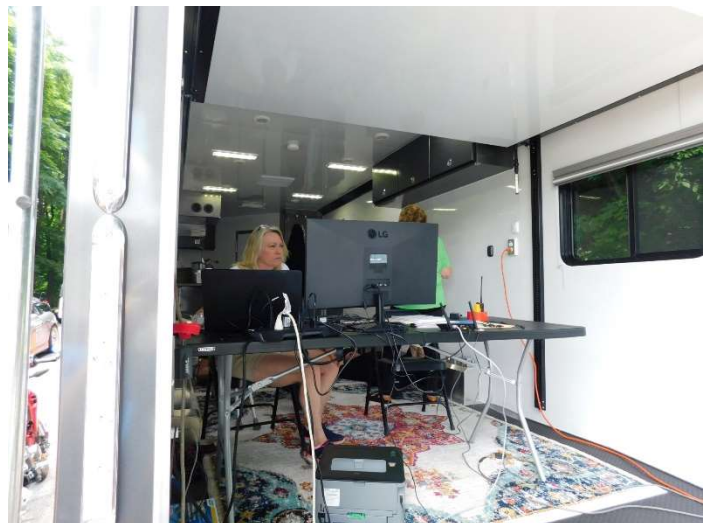
Nancy also took the time to become a Safety Steward and has acted as Safety Steward at many of the PHA events (while also driving).

Steve may have been the one who researched and found the new wireless timing system, but Nancy really stepped up to help with timing operations at the events. As mentioned previously when I was talking about Steve, after Nelson Kase passed in 2020, Steve and Nancy took over all timing operations. In 2021, they ran the new timing system in parallel with the old one, and still raced all events but Spring Jefferson. This is an impressive feat – timing takes a lot of concentration, and to go from intense concentration on timing to intense concentration on racing is not easy.

Nancy decided to sacrifice racing so that she could run timing full time in 2022 and 2023. She is training others in both timing operations and hardware setup. I do hope that she can find enough volunteers next season to allow her to return to racing.

Since taking over timing, Nancy also prepares the results and year end points files after every event, which involves a lot of manual manipulation, especially for the year end points. These are sent out within a few days of each event, which is amazing given the amount of work that goes into compiling them.

Despite the challenges she faced this past season with Steve's poor health, she continued to step up and ran





timing flawlessly. For example, at Fall Weatherly, she was unable to reach Steve, and really wanted to go home and check on him. At the end of the event, a driver who had forgotten to change his number on a 2-driver car approached her, and she took the time to correct and print out a new set of results for the trophy presentation.

In short, Nancy's contributions to the PHA both as a worker, organizer and driver set her apart from most members. Her induction into the PHA Hall of Fame is well deserved.