

## Life Member – Dave Valliere

When I think of Dave Valliere my first thoughts are of a fellow entertaining the crowd at the campfire at a hill climb. Actually anywhere there were a couple of people to listen Dave would delight with his commentary. Make no mistake though, when it was time to race the BS stopped and Dave was all business. Whether an Auto-X, Hillclimb, Ice Trial, or rally Dave was always a serious competitor and almost always carrying the number 18 on his car.

Dave joined SCCNH in the late 1970s and quickly jumped in with both feet. Attending meetings often, he became one of the “core” members and had considerable say as to the direction of the club. In 1979 Dave won the David Erb Award, having the most points as a driver and a worker. In 1985 Dave was President of the club and he also won the Bob Heath award. When the club was in serious financial trouble in the mid-1980s Dave was among the members who met, voted to keep the club going, and then reached into their own pockets to make it happen.

“They did what they needed to do” seems to be a theme for life members and Dave Valliere certainly fits this thought. At any event Dave could be found doing tech or helping in some other way. In the early 1980s Dave might be found on a frozen lake late at night, plowing so that an ice race could be held the next day. Dave was a regular at Auto-X events through the ‘70s and ‘80s before drifting off to race in the SCCA but even then he was a regular at Hillclimbs and for many years was a member of the Mount Ascutney wiring crew.

Dave Valliere’s dedication to the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire is without question. In 2008 Dave was awarded a much deserved, Life Membership.



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