



## Life Member – George Young

No, it's not Santa Claus. Hiding under that red suit is George Young but, a quick look at his FaceBook page you find a person so giving that he could be Santa. Giving and service seem to define George inside the SCCNH as well as outside. It is no wonder that he was made a Life Member.

George's service to the club is amazing starting with holding the office of President seven times but he also held nearly all the other offices and sometimes for years. He was also points keeper and edited the Steering wheel, the club newsletter. In recent years an advisory committee was formed to aid new officers and George was one of the first to volunteer. You could always count on George to contribute wherever there was a need. Of the many things he was involved with was a "Rally for the Blind" which was one of the first events that the club has done to benefit charity. Other highlights for George are the Mt. Ascutney and Mt. Washington hillclimbs. Another event or events that are special to George were Rallies held for the Kevin Young Scholarship. Kevin was George's son who died tragically in a swimming accident.

George joined the club in 1968 and was active in Auto-X before starting to do Hillclimbs as well. Many friendships were developed in the club but George notes Jerry Venne, Tom Fry, Bob Heath, and Paul Giblin as being particularly special. When racing George usually ran the number 48 which coincidentally was the year of his birth as well as the year his first car was built. George raced many different cars but his favorite cars, though not necessarily racers, were that first '48 Ford and his Ford Mustangs. As for events, George would list hillclimbs as his favorite followed by Auto-X and rallies but, he also enjoys the occasional club tours.

As of this writing George has been in the club for 55 years and in that time has done it all. While not as active as he once was George still contributes and is often at the club's monthly meetings. Incidentally, George was among the small group of members that met in the mid-eighties to decide the fate of the club and ultimately to donate from their own pockets to keep the club going (see "An Important Meeting" in the club history.) A final note about that Santa suit, for many years George (and Trese) chaired the annual holiday party. Word is that he has connections with the big man himself!

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