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Official Newsletter of The New York State Stock Car Assn.

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Next Meeting: Election of Officers

December 13 7pm
Snyder's Restaurant
Route 9, Clifton Park

Seasons Greetings!

The NYSSCA Officers and Board of Directors extend their best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy and healthy holiday and a Happy New Year. See you in 2006!

With the holiday shopping, tree trimming and all those related festivities well under way, things are busy with NYSSCA too!

Preparations are in full swing for the banquet to be held January 21, 2006 at the Polish Community Center in Albany. The invitations to the award recipients have been mailed. The video presentation is coming together.

If you've ever been to one of our banquets, you know it is a good time. Gail Riley works very hard to pull together all the important details each year and never misses a beat. If you've never

been, then what are you waiting for?

The NYSSCA yearbook is nearly ready to go to press. All ads for the yearbook should be turned in at the December meeting. If you have an ad, please contact John Keegan today!

Looking for a great gift idea for the racer on your list? How about a NYSSCA membership? At \$25 it is still quite a bargain for the peace of mind you receive in knowing that it is taken care of before racing season starts. You can get the form on our newly renovated website at

www.nyssca.com. Thanks to Bobby Chalmers for working so hard on updating the site.

Another great idea is a membership in the Saratoga Automobile Museum, home of the NYSSCA Hall of Fame. Visit them on the web at:
www.saratogaautomuseum.com.



A DIVERSE GROUP MAKES UP THE LIST OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

By Ron Hedger

The New York Stock Car Association's 2006 Hall of Fame induction ceremony will honor a broad spectrum of achievement in the sport, with the honorees including the Empire State's most prominent NASCAR Winston Cup driver, a longtime modified owner, a top regional racer and a husband/wife team of officials.

Known as Geoff Bodine rather than the late career "Geoffrey" in his days as a top competitor in the cutting edge #99 Valiant bodied modified, the skilled fabricator/mechanic won major events at Pocono, Oswego, Stafford Springs, Thompson and Martinsville along with dozens of weekly events. Bodine moved steadily upward, winning some 55 races in New Englander Dick Armstrong's #1 Pinto in 1978 before advancing to the southern Grand National (6 wins) and Winston Cup series. There he won 18 races, with the first coming at Martinsville, VA in 1984 to make him the only driver to win in all three of Martinsville's divisions. The Chemung native claimed four Cup, two Busch and seven modified wins at the paperclip shaped speedway. Other highlights in a career that saw him drive for NASCAR giants Bud Moore, Rick Hendrick and Junior Johnson included winning the 1986 Daytona 500 and the 1987 IROC championship.

Bodine's competitive fires still burn today, as he is just as passionate about his world-class Bo-Dyn Olympic bobsled program as he was about his Chemung to Daytona journey.

Potsdam's Ed Cloce first fielded a car at Plattsburgh's Airborne Park Speedway in the early 1960's and soon rose to prominence as owner of the Jean Guy Chartrand driven Hemi-Cuda #69, with the big en-

gine and unusual styling capturing the hearts of scores of fans. Chartrand, a steady winner at Airborne and Albany-Saratoga, later dominated the action at Owego's Shangri-La Speedway. His retirement brought a cast of all-star replacements, with such notable talents as Jimmy Shampine, Reggie Ruggiero, Chuck Ciprich, Jerry Cook, Mike Ewanitsko and Brian Ross filling the #69's seat over the years. Major wins included Ross' triumph in the Race of Champions at Pocono, the Oswego Bud 200 with Shampine, a trio of Oswego titles with Ross and three second place finishes on the NASCAR modified tour with Ruggiero. Cloce remains active, fielding modifieds for son Tommy in NASCAR and Race of Champions events.

Dick Schoonover was the epitome of the low dollar/high results weekly racer and was known for his achievements in both late models and modifieds. He was a feature winner at such diverse speedways as Morris, Brookfield, Penn-Can, Utica-Rome, Fulton and Fonda as well as a top competitor on the far-flung Mid-Atlantic Racing Series for late models, where he recorded ten wins.

Schoonover's list of achievements is topped by his record at Fonda Speedway, where he is the only driver to claim wins in the 320 modified, modified and late model divisions, with his chart topping 32 LM wins beating another Hall of Fame talent, the late Harry Peek, by nine. Jim Frye was a racer in the early 50's but found his true calling in 1955 when he began flagging with another Hall of Fame member, the late Chet Hames. The duo worked speedways from New Jersey to Canada together, with a stint at Vermont's Fairmont Speedway bringing Frye to the attention of promoter CJ Richards.

Frye was soon the NASCAR starter at Plattsburgh and the Devil's Bowl and moved to Albany-Saratoga with the CVRA when Richards covered the

speedway's asphalt surface with dirt. Always in command of the racing action, Frye was known for fairness and a concern for the safety of the drivers in the days when the starter worked without radio assistance from above and had to watch everything himself. After leaving the flagstand in the late 80's, Frye continues to be involved with the CVRA, handling tire and fuel sales despite serious health issues. Wife Barb, who says she is not a big race fan but truly loves the people involved in the sport, took up scoring in the mid-60's under the tutelage of NASCAR North's Doc Neilson at the Devil's Bowl. She soon ranked among the best in the business and is known for being able to carry on a conversation over the radio with the race director and record dropouts and lapped cars while never missing a car no matter how many are flying past the scoring tower.

An "old-time" talent, Frye has adopted to the use of transponders and computers well, using the technology to speed up the result recording process without giving up her proven hand-scoring, which never suffers power failures, transponder breakdowns or software problems.

Both Jim and Barb have also been active in NYSSCA, having served as Sergeant at Arms and Treasurer, respectively, for a number of years.

The 2006 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at the annual NYSSCA Awards Banquet, set for Saturday, January 21st at the Polish-American Club on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany.

NYSSCA
DINNER RESERVATION FORM
37TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
JANUARY 21ST 2006

NAME: _____

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CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (AREA CODE): _____ - _____ - _____

PARTY WITH WHOM YOU WISH TO BE SEATED WITH (DRIVER-CAR#-DIVISION)

PLEASE INDICATE DINNER CHOICES

TICKETS ARE \$35.00 PER PERSON

PRIME RIB: _____

STUFFED CHICKEN : _____

BROILED HADDOCK: _____

Cocktail Hour - 5pm 6pm

Hall of Fame Induction - 6:15pm

Dinner Served Immediately After Hall of Fame Program

Awards - 8pm

Dancing Immediately following Awards Ceremony

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DINNER CHOICES AND CHECK

NO LATER THAN JANUARY 14TH

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **NYSSCA** AND RETURNED TO:

GAIL RILEY

244 FONDA ROAD

WATERFORD, NY 12188

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY BACK TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FORM

THERE WILL BE A **\$35.00** FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

MEETING CALENDAR

Dec. 13 7pm Snyder's Rest. Election of Officers
Reg. Meeting
Jan. 10 7pm Snyder's Rest. Regular Meeting
Feb. 14 7pm Snyder's Rest. Regular Meeting

We'd love to see some new faces at one of the meetings now that the racing season is winding down.

SARATOGA AUTO MUSEUM EVENTS

Saturday, December 17, 2005 2:00pm
"How to Draw Race Cars" with Bob Gillespie

Learn from renowned Watkins Glen Race Car artist Bob Gillespie what it takes to draw the fastest cars around.

FREE for Members, \$5.00 for non members plus admission

Saturday, January 21, 2006, 2:00pm
"How to Build the Best Pinewood Derby Car Ever"

The green flag will wave for the 2006 Pinewood Derby season on Saturday, January 21st when the Saratoga Automobile Museum hosts the "How To Build The Best Pinewood Derby Car Ever" workshop at museum's Sprockets to Rockets Garage.

Admission will be free for all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in uniform and prior to the workshop, they can gather inspiration by looking at the Supercars in the Golub Gallery and the various styles of race cars in the second floor Racing Across New York exhibit.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, 2:00pm
"How to Photograph Cars"

with Allan Weitz, Photographer for "Toys Across Time" Exhibit

"How to Photograph Your Car", is set for Sunday, February 19th at 2 pm. Highly acclaimed photographer Allan Weitz will be sharing both hands-on technical and artistic skills with the audience. Budding photographers will also get a chance to try their skills on some awesome automotive subjects.

Saturday, March 18, 2006
"Legends of the Dirt Track"

Join us for a fun afternoon with some of the finest New York Racers as they share their stories and memorabilia from Racing in New York.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Contact Kelley Keefe at secretary@nyssca.com or mail to: 193 Saratoga Road, Scotia, NY 12302 if you have something to sell.

2004X Bicknell Roller-standard torsion rack, Bert transmission, profile steering, HD Winters sprint rear, lightweight magnesium rear hubs, quick fill fuel cell. Car is in perfect shape. Finished third in points at Albany Saratoga Speedway. \$9,500 US

2001X Bicknell Chassis, body and bumpers in excellent condition. Needs nothing!! First \$1,500 takes it home.

Short Track 358 Chevy, DIRT & CVRA legal, Crower crank and rods, JE pistons, Dart iron heads; Heads-cam-intake by Morrison Eng. \$8,500 US

Call Don Scarborough at (802) 247-6168

Pro Stock - Grand Prix minus motor & tranns, frame straight, rolling chassis, 6:14 gears, extra parts \$2,700. Must sell

Call Jim @ (518) 674-2664

1998 Olsen Pro Car, Complete, less motor and seat. Plus Extras! \$3,250.00
Set of Summit Rods; light weight. Paid \$500 sell \$400. Never used.
Call Pete Lyon after 5pm (518) 234-3157

2003 Troyer SLR Frame & 2000 Teo Frame
Call Nick Ronca at (518) 371-5655

Pro Stock - C.S.C. Chassis. Turn key, complete brand new Performance body, spare parts, tires, rims, must see \$7,500.

Roll cage for Hobby Stock - G.M. \$200.00
Call Rob at (518) 382-3095 or (315) 583-4225

Bobco Video - Bobco Video is your source for all the action from Albany Saratoga, Devil's Bowl, Fonda, and Glen Ridge Speedways.
Call (518) 399-0937