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Official Newsletter of The New York State Stock Car Assn.

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Next Meeting:

September 27 7pm
Snyder's Restaurant
Route 9, Clifton Park

IT'S FALL ALREADY.....TIME FOR THE BIG RACES, AWARDS, AND YEARBOOKS! EVERYONE READY?

With the waning of the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer comes the onset of that amazing fall foliage for which the Great Northeast is famous.

While some of us are tuning up our race cars for the Moody Mile, others are tuning up their snow blowers. Your NYSSCA Officers and Board, along with members of the press are switching hats more often than (*insert favorite NASCAR driver's name here*) does in victory lane at the Daytona 500.

We will soon begin deliberations on who will get what awards from which tracks for the 2005 racing season. Here are a few things to keep in mind.:

- Nominations for awards come from members, staff, track promoters, NYSSCA track reps, and the media.
- Stats are important; Points are important; Sportsmanship is important; None of those things alone will win you an award from NYSSCA. We try

to look at the whole package.

- You don't have to be a member to get an award from NYSSCA. We sure would like for every winner to be a member. For that matter, why isn't everyone a member?
- If you think you've had a great season, turn in the form found in the middle of this newsletter and let us know. If you've seen someone work their heart out this year and think we should know about it, send that along to. We try to be thorough, but we can't be everywhere.
- If you don't get an award from NYSSCA and start to let thoughts like "Why join? What did I get out of it?" get in your head, think about this: What did you put into it? Our primary function is to maintain the Injured Member Benefit Fund. Hopefully, you'll never need it, but it is there for you. Meetings (other than the September meeting) are held on the second Tuesday of each

month and are always publicized here. Please try to make it to a meeting. We'd love for you to learn more about this worthwhile organization.

- The Hall of Fame works the same way. Nominate someone and send along all the facts you can. The Hall of Fame Committee meets and evaluates those nominations. Just because someone you nominate this year doesn't get in this year, doesn't mean they never will. We only induct a few each year.
- A quick word about yearbooks.....Would you like to buy an ad? This is our primary fundraiser and takes a lot of work to pull it off. The book is beautiful and is a great marketing tool. Please consider asking your sponsors if they would like to advertise. Make sure you send along pictures, as per the instructions inside that you'd like included in the "Member's Photo Page".

JACK COTTRELL'S LAST HURRAH!

By Ed & Betty Biittig, *Gater Racing News*
9/16/05

From Rock City Falls, Jack Cottrell has made his way to speedways throughout the Northeast and Canada over the past 35 years. It all started in 1971 in the Charger divisions, then moved to Late Models before finally finding his niche in dirt Modifieds. He met his wife Debbie at Albany Saratoga the year he started and it was even then that his father was a huge influence in his racing career and love life. His father, Jim, was the one that encouraged him to talk to Debbie. They already knew each other from school. It was from then on that Jack and Debbie Cottrell, along with both their fathers and later their sons, Josh and Jimmy made racing a hobby they participated in together each and every time the car went to the track. Debbie admits that the only time she missed any of Jack's races was when she was taking the boys to hockey tournaments.

"I'm just not having fun anymore," said Cottrell on Friday night while working on his son Jimmy's Sportsman No. 18. "It's not the same without my dad."

Friday night at Albany Saratoga was the final event of his career and Jack Cottrell did it without a fanfare. He put on his firesuit and helmet for the final time and hopped into the familiar red No. 8 and made his way to the

speedway for the 35-lap Modified feature. One surprise he didn't plan on was that promoter, Bruce Richards would send him off with a display of respect for a driver that had competed on the CVRA circuit for a good share of his career. Richards announced from the track, as the modified feature sat idly on the front stretch, that in honor of Cottrell's final race he would take one final lap before his fellow drivers and fans. While the fans stood in an ovation, Jack Cottrell drove his modified around the 4/10 mile oval with the checkers waving out of the driver's side of the car, a fitting tribute for a dedicated driver that will be missed.

Cottrell and his racing family have also included many dedicated crew members over the years. Jack's father-in-law, Bob Cramer has been on the team since the beginning. Darren Costanzo has 25 years of service as a supporter. Jesse Oliver has helped as a crew member since 1981. Michael Rhodes since 1990, Susan Heggen since 1997, and Gerald Curtis, since 1998. Of course Jack's sons, Josh and Jimmy have been with their dad since birth. One vacant spot on the team belongs to Jack's dad who passed away two years ago. His passing was a big blow to Jack and the team and part of the reason why Jack has decided to hang up his helmet.

Jack Cottrell has not only had dedicated crew members over the years, his sponsor list has years of service to the No. 8 as well. Farrell Oil since the beginning, Emrick Associates, Publik House,

T-Shirt Graphics and Gaba Auto Parts are some of those with years of support given to the team.

His 35 years of racing produced a very impressive list of titles and wins. Local statistician, Andy Hickok came up with a Modified win list that included wins at Airborne Park, Albany Saratoga, Devil's Bowl, Fonda, Lebanon Valley and Utica Rome (as New Venture). Cottrell also holds the distinction as the first ever DIRT Modified winner on asphalt at Cayuga International in Ontario, Canada. This was one of the most memorable for Jack. Jack also mentioned a 75 lap Shoot Out event at Devil's Bowl in 1982, and the 100 lap BB vs. SB at Albany Saratoga in 2002. Before moving to Modifieds, Jack also racked up some impressive numbers in the Late Model No. 8, eleven wins at Fonda and the track title in 1979. He was also Late Model champion at Albany Saratoga in 1977, 78 and 80.

Editor's Note

The Cottrell family has been great friends of the Association for many years and we wish Jack and Debbie the best of luck as well as congratulating them on an incredible racing career.

RACING COMMUNITY BONDS IN MOURNING

By Robin Yasinsac, *The Times Union*

It has happened too many times this race season at Fonda Speedway: memorial tributes have been added to the regular racing format.

"It has been a tough year but you just have to press on," said track general manager Marty Beberwyk.

"I always thought that three was the number, that old saying that things happen in threes, not in fours, fives and sixes like we are experiencing."

This season the speedway has had to say farewell to racers Steve Bidwell, Skip Pabis, Bob VanAernam and Hondo Carpenter, all of whom died during the past six months.

And race fans have also had to watch popular modified drivers

Jeff Trombley and Dave Camara fall from the Saturday night lineup due to injuries that may sideline Trombley for the remainder of the season and leave Camara with a few more weeks off.

But misfortune has brought the racing community closer together.

"There's a camaraderie. The fans are spending a lot more time standing around and talking with each other," Beberwyk said.

"The Fonda racers and fans are a tight bunch, they are pretty loyal and they do stick together. This is all part of life and sometimes life deals you blows that you can't take, but the tough keep going and the Fonda people have shown that they are tough -- we can endure this."

Godspeed to our fallen friends.....

Steve Bidwell, Bob Van Aernam,

Skip Pabis, Hondo Carpenter, and Ed Frank

SARATOGA AUTO MUSEUM.... ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW

The Saratoga Automobile Museum has added a Pinto bodied asphalt modified built and driven by nine-time NASCAR National Modified Champion Richie Evans of Rome, NY to the Racing In New York gallery as the featured racer in the New York State Stock Car Association's Hall of Fame display.

On loan from Westboro, MA. collector and racing historian Mark Alden, the Pinto represents the mid-portion of the late Evan's 480 feature win career, which saw him named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers and brought induction into the

International Motorsports Hall of Fame. The #61 coupes that preceded the Pintos, his Cavaliers and the superspeedway Camaro that followed were all painted bright orange and known to racers and fans from Canada to Florida as "The Big Orange".

Don't miss the opportunity to see this collection of Classic Cars in a Classic setting in the heart of Saratoga Spa State Park. Admission to the Saratoga Automobile Museum is \$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors, \$3.50 for Children ages 6-16, and free for Museum Members.

For more information, go to
www.saratogaautomuseum.com

IN MEMORY OF HONDO

BY RON SZCZERBA

On Monday July 4, Fonda Speedway pro stock driver Hondo Carpenter was killed in an ATV accident while riding with friends near St. Johnsville according to a local news report. At the time of his death Carpenter had two wins, was third in points, and was on his way to his best season ever in the pro stock division at Fonda.

Carpenter had a total of five wins in the street stock division at Fonda and a total of four wins in the pro stock division after his two wins this year. Out of the last five years in the pro stock division

at the "Track of Champions", Hondo was named the most popular driver four out of the five years and with that award being voted on by the fans it showed just how popular he was.

Each time Carpenter would come out for a racing event at the "Track of Champions" announcer Jim King would announce the #9 of HONDOOOOOO Carpenter and a blow of the horn from the horn lady would follow from the grandstands. After his two wins at Fonda this year Carpenter was a very excited driver in victory lane



and everyone at Fonda will certainly miss his excitement and energy.

In a sports segment on local television station FOX 23, Carpenter's friend and mentor Kenny Martin Jr. had

this to say about Hondo. "Hondo was the kind of guy that would help you out in a moment of need. The smile on his face always gave everybody uplifting spirits all the time."

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Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Nominations

Members are invited to make nominations for awards to be presented at the banquet in January.

If you send a nomination, please give a brief description or reason for the nomination.

Track _____

Driver of the Year _____

Division _____ Car No. _____

Reason _____

Newcomer of the Year _____

Division _____ Car No. _____

Reason _____

Outstanding Performance _____

Division _____ Car No. _____

Reason _____

Suggestions for Hall of Fame: _____

**Please return by October 18 to the NYSSCA,
PO Box 1136, Clifton Park, NY 12065. You
can also email the information to
secretary@nyssca.com.**

SAFETY AWARD NIGHT WINNERS

Afton Speedway - June 24

Modified Sportsman	Tony Pepicelli
Pro Stock	Rodney Hart
Pure Stock	Paul Harrington
4 Cylinder	Jeff Witt & Ivan Joslin
Wild Card	Mike Stringer
	Larry Keegan

Devil's Bowl Speedway - July 10

Modified	Tim LaDuc
Pro Stock	Rob Langevin
Limited	Jared McMahon
4 Cylinder	John Baldwin
6 Cylinder	Randy Manhey

Albany Saratoga Speedway - July 15

Modified Sportsman	Brett Hearn
Pro Stock	Joe Budka
Limited	Joe Santoro
4 Cylinder	Kevin VanChance
6 Cylinder	Kevin Connors
Wild Card	Jeremy Brownell
	Tim Clemons

Glen Ridge - July 17 & Aug. 14

Sportsman	Erik Nelson
Pro Stock	Butchie Irwin
Street Stock	Rocky Warner
4 Cyl. American	Kenny Hollenbeck
4 Cyl. Foreign	Kerrie Hollenbeck
6 Cyl. American	Jessica Flach

Fonda Speedway - July 30

Modified Sportsman	Craig Hanson
Pro Stock	Erik Nelson
IMCA Modified	Kenny Martin, Jr.
Street Stock	Danny Ballard
	Rocky Warner
	John Babcock
Wild Card	Mark Kislowski

Utica Rome Speedway - July 31

Modified Sportsman	Mitch Gibbs
Pro Stock	Brad Alger
IMCA Modified	Jerry Holmes
Pure Stock	Jeff Anderson
4 Cylinder	Russ Marsden
	Chuck Powelczyk

MEETING CALENDAR

Sept 27	7pm	Snyder's Restaurant	Regular Meeting
Nov. 8	7pm	Snyder's Restaurant	Nomination of Officers/Reg. Meeting
Dec. 13	7pm	To Be Announced	Election of Officers Reg. Meeting

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

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please help us save the organization some money! We can email you your newsletter and you'll see a few benefits:

1. You will get it sooner
2. We save printing costs, postage costs, and labor

Most people don't realize the effort that goes into producing and mailing a newsletter to 600 households. It costs about \$400 an issue and uses about 12 hours labor. Please drop an email to secretary@nyssca.com with your email address and we'll add it to your membership record.

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, light-weight 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.

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