
Fall 2007

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 13th 7pm Snyder's Restaurant
Regular Meeting plus Nomination of Officers

Tuesday, December 11th 7pm Snyder's Restaurant
Regular Meeting plus Election of Officers

Tuesday, January 8th 7pm Snyder's Restaurant
Regular Meeting plus last minute banquet prep.

Safety Award Night Winners

Albany Saratoga Speedway

Modified - Jack Johnson
Sportsman - Dick Bisson
Pro Street - Lori Cary
Limited - Curtis Condon
6 Cylinder - Phil DeFiglio
4 Cylinder - Brette Osgood
Budget Sportsman - Bryan Davis
Wild Card - Pep Corradi

Devils Bowl Speedway

Modified - Ken Tremont, Jr.
Pro Street - Lori Cary
Limited - DJ Brundige
Budget Sportsman - Fred Proctor
6 Cylinder - Ron Zagata
4 Cylinder - Travis Tromans
Wild Card - Dan Eastman

Fonda Speedway

Modified - Bobby Varin
Sportsman - David Towns
Pro Stock - Rob Yetman
IMCA - Dan Ballard
Street Stock - Luke Horning
Wild Card - Elmo Reckner

Glen Ridge Motorsports Park

Modified - Pat DaBiere
Budget Sportsman - Shaun Pangman
Street Stock - Dave Horning, Sr.
Cruiser - Jamie Warner
Wild Card - Pete Sisler

SUPER DIRT WEEK

Modified - Ronnie Johnson
358 Modified - Brett Hearn
Sportsman - Danny Varin
Pro Stock - Nick Stone

Lebanon Valley Speedway

Modified - Eddie Marshall
358 Modified - Ken Tremont, Jr.
Sportsman - Kory Sandstedt
Pro Stock - Robbie Speed
Limited Pro - Nick Hilt
Pure Stock - Pete Wiegand,
Al Relyea, Ryan Hotaling
Wild Card - Rich Salisbury

Utica Rome Speedway

Modified - Stewart Friesen
Sportsman - Brad Alger
Pro Stock - Jerry Holmes
Pure Stock - Matt Ball
IMCA - Jim Roberts
Wild Card - Gus Schmidt

Application for Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail _____

Website _____

Car Owner (if other than driver) _____

Division _____ Car No. _____

Tracks where you race _____

Status: Driver ___ Owner ___ Crew ___ Sponsor ___ Press ___ Official ___ Fan ___

Membership Application accepted only with payment of \$25.00

Signature _____ Date _____

16 & under (consent of parent or guardian)

**Mail to: New York State Stock Car Association
P.O. Box 1136
Clifton Park, NY 12065**

In a recent issue of the Daily Gazette, NYSSCA Hall of Fame Committee Chairman was spotlighted. This article is reprinted for your enjoyment with their permission.

A Racer's Eraser

Note: This week, we're featuring our head writer and national automotive journalist Ron Hedger for "The Winners' Circle, so we tapped John Snyder to give you an insight into Ron's racing life.

Ron Hedger knows cars. He's spent a lifetime around them, in them, under them, working on them, talking about them, teaching students about them, and writing about them. The retired Lansingburgh Central School District automotive technology (and other subjects) teacher is the coordinator of the Racing in New York gallery of the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

But that's not all. Hedger, a Ballston Spa resident, is also a reporter and columnist for the **National Speed Sport News**, a contributor to **Speedway Illustrated** magazine and before that **Stock Car Racing** and **Open Wheel** magazines, former motorsports reporter for the **Daily Gazette**, an officer of the Eastern Motorsports Press Association, Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the New York State Stock Car Association, devoted husband, proud father, doting grandfather, and all-around good guy.

Most of all, Hedger is a racer. Growing up in Morrisville, he spent his formative years with his brothers Ray and Randy and their late father Hugh Hedger building, maintaining, and racing Modified stock cars throughout Central New York. When Hugh gave up driving, the Hedger family team put notable drivers Pepper Eastman and Dick Clark in their Modifieds.

Even after their father's passing, all three Hedger boys continued their racing involvement. Ray now builds limited supermodifieds for Oswego Speedway competitors, while Randy, a noted asphalt Modified driver, is currently a NASCAR official assigned to the sanctioning body's research and development center in North Carolina.

Ron's background also served him well when he put down the wrenches and took up his pen, becoming an award-winning motorsports journalist. Hardly a year passes that Hedger doesn't take home a motorsports journalism prize for his informative and often humorous writing. He is also the recipient of the Frank Blunk Memorial Award for outstanding journalistic efforts and support of the sport of auto racing. This award, presented by the Eastern Motorsports Press Association, is one of the most coveted in the field of motorsports journalism.

Hedger has covered and written about all forms of auto racing from tractor pulls to Indy cars to NASCAR Nextel Cup, but his life-long passion are the dirt track Modifieds prevalent in New York and neighboring states and Canadian provinces. Most weeks he can be found prowling the pits at Albany-Saratoga Speedway, Lebanon Valley Speedway, or Fonda Speedway, where he seemingly knows and talks to everyone.

This results in a steady stream of race reports, personality profiles, technical articles, and commentaries on the general state of racing for the weekly **National Speed Sport News** trade paper and **Speedway Illustrated** monthly magazine. "Ron understands the nuances of the sport. He speaks the same language as the drivers and mechanics. So they know and trust him to report their stories honestly and accurately," says John Snyder, Hedger's longtime friend and fellow auto racing journalist. "I marvel at the way Ron cuts through the baloney and gets to the important aspects of a story. He has a great way of telling his readers what's happening in a clear, concise way."

Modest to a fault, Hedger is most proud of the Racing in New York gallery at the Saratoga Automobile Museum. This past year, he was instrumental in bringing the permanent New York State Stock Car Association Hall of Fame to the museum. Many of the historic race cars and related memorabilia on the display in the racing gallery are due to Hedger's tireless effort to commemorate important aspects of the sport. His latest project to honor long gone racetracks and forgotten racers titled "Lost Speedways" debuted in April and will have its second public program on Saturday, November 24. A number of speakers will make presentations and share memorabilia recalling their glory days.

When not working on museum projects, Hedger throws off his racing helmet, and discards his reporter's notebook to take his wife Lynne out to enjoy traveling, particularly to Ireland, and spoiling their grandchildren. Sometimes the racer in all of us slows down to enjoy the world around him.

Annual Yearbook Ad Form

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A new opportunity is available this year. Now you may advertise on our video presentation as well before the awards ceremony begins at our banquet on 1/21/08.

Please circle advertisement size:

Full Page (inside the cover) \$250 Yearbook only \$350 Yearbook and Video

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Camera Ready _____ Layout/Typeset _____ Photo _____

Special Instructions: _____

Advertisers of \$50 or more will receive a free copy of the Yearbook.
Please attach ad copy and send with check or money order payable to NYSSCA to:

John Keegan c/o Bishop Print Shop
9 East St.
Edmeston, NY 13335
Questions? Call John at (607) 965-8155

"LOST SPEEDWAYS TWO" GETTING BIGGER EVERY DAY

When the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Lost Speedways Two gets the green flag at 1 pm on Saturday, November 24th, the program will expand on April's extremely popular Lost Speedways presentation.

Ken Gypson will return to discuss the Pine Bowl, Burden Lake and Rt. 66 Speedways and will add Shippey's Speedway, a favorite haunt of the immortal Lee Wallard, to his presentation. Les King, whose talk on the Altamont Fairgrounds was an April hit, will also relate tales of the Empire Raceway in Menands. And those who remember the Warrensburg Speedway will enjoy Tom Remington's recollections of the North Country speedplant.

Vermont's Bill Ladabouche will show photos and discuss the Stateline, Fair Haven, Rutland and Catamount speedways, while Ed Biittig will tell

the story of Richmondville's Sky High Speedway. Noted publisher and racer Lew Boyd will travel from Boston to recall the glory days of the Midstate Speedway in Morris and the Cairo Speedway.

National Speed Sport News columnist Gary London will tow in from Long Island to recall the glory days of Islip and Freeport Stadium, with a few more speakers currently making arrangements to participate.

Besides the speakers and their illustrations, collectors Dan Ody, Gypson, John Grady, King, Ladabouche, Otto Graham, Marty Himes and Rick Perry, among others, will be on hand to share their photo and memorabilia collections. Tables will also be available for visitors to display their treasures to fellow fans, all under the watchful eye of a crew of museum volunteers. Other highlights will include old movies

by Syracuse's Don Bartlett that will bring the Waterloo, Watertown and other long-gone tracks back to life for the day, audience participation segments and a video camera set-up to record everyone's recollections of their favorite speedways for posterity.

Pack your car with your treasures, polish up your favorite stories and recruit a friend to share the fun. We'll be there until the last tale has been told and all your old friendships renewed.

The Saratoga Automobile Museum is located on the Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park.

More information on the museum, the Racing in New York gallery and the current Golub Gallery exhibit, Barn Finds, is available online at www.saratogaautomuseum.org.

MODIFIED RACERS REUNION SUBMITTED BY JERRY BINNER, ORGANIZER

We are pleased to announce Florida's first of its kind event to honor the pioneers of Modified racing. We are hosting a Northeast Modified drivers Reunion, to be held at New Smyrna Speedway on Friday, February 15th, 2008. This is the date of the annual Richie Evans Memorial 100, during Speedweeks. It will be an afternoon event, so as not to conflict with the racing programs being held at New Smyrna Speedway, Volusia Speedway Park and Daytona International Speedway.

Initial response has been tremendous, with participation by both Asphalt and Dirt racers. In only one month of preparations, we have received entries from Dutch Hoag, Bugs Stevens, Bill Wimble, Pete Hamilton, Doug Heveron, and dozens more.

There will be an Antique/Vintage racecar display, with many types of

cars entered. There will be Sprints, Midgets, Modifieds, Stock Cars, and Supermodifieds coming. The owners of these cars would love to share the history of these machines and the stories behind them.

Some other exciting things planned include a Live radio broadcast by Real-RacinUSA, a Slot Car Speedway featuring Coupe-bodied cars, and an original Richie Evans Pinto which will also be pacing the field for the 100 lap feature.

Some fans and drivers are bringing scrapbooks, old photos, and other memorabilia which should bring back some memories, and stir up an old story or two. There will also be a Souvenir Program available to collect autographs from your heroes from days gone by.

This event is free to all that are interested in attending. It is being hosted by lifelong fans, as a way to honor those drivers who have shaped our

lives into being the racing fanatics that we are. We don't care if you've won a hundred Features, or never won a Heat race, you're all equally important to the race fans. Without you as drivers, we wouldn't be fans in the first place. We want to give all of them our personal Thanks!

Please visit our web-site for all details, updates, and current Drivers List. It is being updated regularly, so check back often. It is also the place for drivers and cars to enter and be included in our Souvenir Program. Make your plans now to attend, and we hope to see you all there in February. If you'd like to enter, have any questions, or would like to be informed of the latest news, please sign our guest book, or feel free to contact me personally.

Jerry Binner, 407-702-3311 or visit our reunion site at modifiedreunion.homestead.com

NYSSCA
39TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
JANUARY 19th 2008
DINNER RESERVATION FORM
Polish Community Center – Washington Ave. Ext. Albany

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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

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

PLEASE INDICATE DINNER CHOICES
TICKETS ARE \$40.00 PER PERSON

PRIME RIB: _____

CHICKEN PARMESAN: _____

BROILED HADDOCK: _____

Cocktail Hour - 5pm to 6pm
Hall of Fame Induction - 6:15pm
Dinner Served Immediately After Hall of Fame Program
Awards - 8pm
Dancing Immediately following Awards Ceremony
"PHIL & STU"

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel at 1228 Western Avenue, Albany.
If you'd like to reserve a room please contact them directly at 518-489-2981.
At press time, we were unable to get a rate quote, but it will be published on our website at www.nyssca.com.
Please ask for the **NYS STOCK CAR ASSOCIATION (NYSSCA) BLOCK**. Rate will include a full hot breakfast.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY **12/30/07** TO RECEIVE RATE.
(There is no Flexibility with Room Deadline Reservations)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DINNER CHOICES AND CHECK
NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4TH as Seating is Limited
ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO **NYSSCA** AND RETURNED TO:

Kelley Keefe
193 Saratoga Road
Scotia, NY 12302
(518) 399-0937

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED DIRECTLY BACK TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF THIS FORM.
THERE WILL BE A **\$35.00** FEE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS

NYSSCA AWARDS BANQUET

Make plans now to join us for our awards banquet on January 19th at the Polish Community Center in Albany.

Often heralded as one of the nicest banquets around, our banquet is usually attended by about 500 people and this year should be no exception.

Once again we will offer our video presentation as a special treat to accompany the

award presentations.

Phil and Stu will be on hand to spin the records as we celebrate with dancing after the presentations are complete.

Meal choices are prime rib, chicken parmesan, or broiled haddock.

Tickets will be \$40 per person. Seating is limited and

will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

The next issue of our newsletter will have information on the new inductees into the NYSSCA Hall of Fame.

Check out our website for the latest information on the Hall of Fame, the banquet, and NYSSCA in general at www.nyssca.com.

VIDEO PRESENTATION & YEARBOOK ADS

New this year is a special fundraising opportunity to accompany the yearbook advertisements.

We will be offering spots on the big screen of our video presentation for ads.

For an extra \$100 you can not only have your ad in the

yearbook, but also shown on the screen before the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony and during dinner.

Please see the Ad Form on page 4 for the detailed pricing.

These yearbooks are sold at the banquet and make a great collector's item. They

are also sold at the car shows and are given to the Safety Award winners on NYSSCA Night at the Track.

Please consider taking out a "Thank you" ad or asking one of your sponsors if they would be interested in this opportunity.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK

We would love some member photos for the book!

Do you have any that you'd like to share? If so, forward them to:

John Keegan
c/o Bishop Printshop
9 East St.
Edmeston, NY 13335

When submitting photos, please include a caption on the back of it. Although we all love a good mystery, at crunch time, it sure is easier if you provide us with the information.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Mini Stock Race Car For Sale

Mini Stock 4 cyl. 95 Neon Car #20 2007 Points Champ car Everything goes. Complete Package Car ,Trailer, Parts too numerous to mention . Car is all fresh from last tear down. 6 parts cars also included \$3500.00 serious inquires only. Call, 518- 383- 7823 or email Belair5799@aol.com

2007 DEVIL'S BOWL CHAMPION CAR FOR SALE

1992 Ford Probe, V6 5speed. (#77 Tim Anagnos) 2007 Points Champion with 11 wins at Devils Bowl.
Fast car, built very well, good shape, a winning car built safe, this car will win at any track you take it to . Oil changed every 3 races. Denzo spark plugs, performance cap and rotor. All belts, seat, transponder are going with the car. Comes complete, could be bought and raced the same day!

Car comes with extra radiators, fans, belts, rotors, brakes, hoods, bumpers, alternators, starters, struts, springs wheels, tires and more. Car is race ready with transponder and all. \$1,500 Call 518-638-6940

1999 BICKNELL DOWNTUBE

Great for the budget sportman division. It is a complete car minus the transmission, bell housing, steering box/pump/lines and tires and wheels. It is a 4 coil car with not much use. Body is in excellent condition. \$2,000.00 contact John Kollar (518) 725-6938.

For more, check our website at www.nyssca.com. To list your items for sale, drop us a line at nyssca@aol.com or mail it to Kelley Keefe at 193 Saratoga Road Scotia, NY 12302.

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.

When deciding awards, the committee reviews track points, feature wins, finishes, exemplary performance, sportsmanship, etc.

Membership is not required for track awards, however it is for the special awards such as:

Lifetime Achievement
Car Owner of the Year
Dedication to Racing in Memory of Harry Peek
Lifetime Contribution to Racing
in Memory of Harry Shoemaker
Overall Outstanding Performance
Outstanding Contribution to NYSSCA

Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Nominations

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 28 to :

NYSSCA

PO Box 1136

Clifton Park, NY 12065. You can also email the information to

nyssca@aol.com.