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Diverse Foursome Elected to NYSSCA Hall of Fame

Clifton Park, NY A trio of terrific drivers with diverse backgrounds and an outstanding starter have been elected to the Association's Hall of Fame, with induction set for NYSSCA's annual banquet on January 20th at the Turf Inn in Albany, NY.

Western New York superstar Merv Treichler actually had two Hall of Fame careers, one on asphalt and the other as a DIRT kingpin. On asphalt, he won the Race of Champions on the treacherous Langhorne, PA mile in 1970 and later took his unique Monza to Victory Lane at Daytona Int' Speedway and Watkins Glen. Along the way, he claimed countless short track wins and track championships, including four at Lancaster Speedway. Equally fast on the dirt, Treichler topped a great short track career with three New York State Fair wins and back-to-back Super DIRT Week triumphs on the treacherous Syracuse mile in 1981 and '82.

Dirt bullring specialist Chuck Akulis dominated the competition at Southern Tier tracks such as Five Mile Point, where he notched nine straight modified championships ('77-'85) on his way to a career total of fourteen. In one eight-year span late in his career, 1989 to 1996, Akulis claimed an amazing 51 wins at Five Mile Point alone.

At nearby Penn-Can, he added another ten titles, with two more in the record book at Afton. Akulis ventured to central New York, where he tied another DIRT legend, Alan Johnson, for the '88 Canandaigua championship and won numerous events at Cayuga County and Rolling Wheels.

Ageless Jim Langenback becomes the first NYSSCA Hall of Fame member from the Pro-Stock ranks as he winds down an incomparable career on the high banks of the Lebanon Valley Speedway, where he recently completed his 45th season of competition. Langenback's resume shows over 130 wins, three Pro-Stock titles at the Valley and one at Accord. He was also the first winner of his division at Syracuse ('97) and despite staying close to home in recent seasons, still ranks in the top ten in DIRT Pro-Stock wins.

Langenback is also held in high regard for his mechanical and fabrication skills, as he is one of the few racers today who builds rather than buys his equipment.

John Tallini, known to many as "The NASCAR starter" for his years atop the flag stand at Utica-Rome, Albany-Saratoga and Riverside Park during asphalt modified racing's "golden years", completes the class of 2006.

Tallini started his 25-year career as assistant starter at Hudson, NH but moved to New York when Joe Lesik opened the Utica-Rome Speedway in 1961 and flagged there for 18 years as well as ten seasons at Lesik's second venture, the Albany-Saratoga Speedway. Tallini was the Riverside Park starter from '76 to '84 and also flagged for NASCAR at such diverse facilities as St. Eustache, Quebec, Wasilla, Alaska, Rochester's Monroe County Fairgrounds and with the legendary Johnny Bruner at Fonda and Daytona.

Tallini cites "the Champ", Rene Charland, as the biggest "character" he dealt with while lauding the Richie Evans/Geoff Bodine "crash at the checkers" at Martinsville, VA as his greatest racing memory.

After induction at the NYSSCA banquet, the four new Hall of Fame members will be added to the permanent Hall of Fame display in the Racing in New York gallery at the Saratoga Automobile Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Safety Equipment Program

While NYSSCA can't endorse any particular safety program, we encourage every team to research and implement ways to keep their driver safe. One such means getting much recognition today is the HANS device. Motorsports Safety Systems is offering a layaway program to purchase one of these devices which have been known to prevent injury in many crashes. Please contact Dennis Botindari at (315) 246-0595 for more information. The benefits far outweigh the cost and the layaway program makes it that much easier. Look for more safety information in each upcoming issue of our newsletter.

NYSSCA
DINNER RESERVATION FORM
38TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET
JANUARY 20th 2007

HOLIDAY INN TURF ON WOLF ROAD

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

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

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

PLEASE NOTE* SEATING THIS YEAR WILL BE 10 TO A TABLE *PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE INDICATE DINNER CHOICES

TICKETS ARE \$35.00 PER PERSON

PRIME RIB: _____

STUFFED CHICKEN: _____

VEGETARIAN DISH: _____

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 with "PHIL & STU"

IF YOU NEED ROOM RESERVATIONS, THEY CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE "HOLIDAY INN TURF ON WOLF ROAD. 518-533-1792 MONDAY THRU FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30AM And 5:00PM OR 1-800-HOLIDAY 24 HOURS A DAY. PLEASE ASK FOR **NYS STOCK CAR ASSOCIATION (NYSSCA) BLOCK**. RATES ARE \$119 FOR SINGLE & DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. ALL ROOMS MUST BE MADE BY 12/30/06 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 10TH
Seating is Limited and there is no Flexibility with Ticket Deadline

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

Please note: The new venue for our Awards Banquet eliminates our ability to take last minute reservations as we have in the past. Please help us by sending in your information early. Also, if you receive a letter indicating that you're getting an award, and are unable to attend, please call Gail and let her know. Then we won't need to call and find out if you're attending, but haven't sent in your reservations and can make arrangements to get you your award. Thank you.

Safety Night Award Winners

Afton Speedway

Tony Pepicelli Modified
 Jeff Leslie Sportsman
 Denny Smith Pro Stock
 E. VanAlstyne Pure Stock
 David Finch 4-Cylinder
 Skip Pickwick Wild Card

Albany Saratoga Speedway

Ronnie Johnson Modified
 Joe Budka Sportsman
 Kim Duell Pro Stock
 Tom Conroy Limited
 Ken Hollenbeck 4-Cylinder
 Pete Willis 6-Cylinder
 Adam Tranka Wild Card

Devil's Bowl Speedway

Kenny Tremont Modified
 Lori Cary Pro Stock
 Bill Duprey Limited
 Brette Osgood 4-Cylinder
 Mike Duclos 6-Cylinder
 Adam Piper Wild Card

Fonda Speedway

Jimmy Davis Modified
 Mark Mortensen Sportsman
 Jim Burton Pro Stock
 Dave Horning Sr. Street Stock
 Jeremy Cramer MCA
 Dave Horning Jr. Wild Card

Glen Ridge Motorsports Park

Derrick McGrew Sportsman
 Chuck Knowlton Budget Sport
 Duke McSpirit Street Stock
 Brian Davis Open Cruiser
 Martin Poole 4-Cyl. Amer.

Lebanon Valley Speedway

Eddie Marshall Modified
 Andy Bachetti 358-Modified
 Ed Harkins Sportsman
 Paul LaRochelle Pro Stock
 Nick Hilt Limited Pro
 Steve Kahler Jr. Pure Stock
 Dave Stickles Pure Stock
 Pete Weigand Pure Stock
 Chrissy Hilt Pure Stock
 Rob Yetman Wild Card

Utica Rome Speedway

Willy Decker Modified
 Steve Way Sportsman
 Jerry Holmes Pro Stock
 Russ Marsden Pure Stock
 Jim Roberts IMCA
 Chris Mackey Wild Card



Next Meetings:

Nov. 14, 2006 7pm
 Snyder's Rest. Clifton Park
 Officer Nominations

Dec. 12, 2006 7pm
 Snyder's Rest. Clifton Park
 Election of Officers

N.Y.S.S.C.A. Annual Yearbook Ad Form

Name/Business _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

Please circle advertisement size:

Full Page \$250
 (inside front or back cover)

Full Page \$200 Half Page \$100
 Qtr. Page \$50 Business Card \$25

Camera Ready _____ Layout/Typeset _____

Photo attached _____

Special Instructions: _____

Ads of \$50 or more will give the advertiser a free copy of the Yearbook.

Attach ad copy and send with a check of money order payable to N.Y.S.S.C.A. to

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

Questions? Call John at (607) 965-8155

PARTS PEDDLER TRADE SHOW

For the first time in many years, NYSSCA will be making the rounds of the racing trade shows. First on the calendar is the Parts Peddler show held on November 17-19 at the New York State Fairgrounds.

Make sure you bring your shopping list as there will be tons of vendors available, plus the Racer's Auction. NYSSCA Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the organization, as well as enrolling new members and renewing previous ones.

Stop by and see us and enter your name and e-mail address in our drawing for some great prizes!

CLASSIFIED ADS

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 \$7,200.

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, and Fonda Speedways.
Call (518) 399-0937

89 Chevy Dually - 454 Fuel injected, 4 Speed, 4 Door. Runs and drives good; set up to attach 5th wheel hitch if needed.
Call Tony at (607) 962-7526 or (607) 346-3288

2000 X & 2004 X Bicknell - Priced to sell! Call for more info and a great deal!
Call Tony at (607) 962-7526 or (607) 346-3288

Do you have stuff to sell?

E-mail at classifieds@nyssca.com or send it to Kelley Keefe at 193 Saratoga Road Scotia, NY 12302. We'll see that it gets in the next issue of the newsletter as well as on our website.

As always, we'd appreciate it if you'd let us know when you sell your item so we can add new ones.

E-mail Addresses

How about providing us with your email address? E-mail us at nyssca@aol.com.

This is a great tool to communicate with our members more efficiently and effectively as well as saving the association money.

Great Gift Idea!

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