



# Vintage Views

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**This is the last newsletter for anyone  
who has not yet paid their yearly dues.**

**Hall of Fame Nominations enclosed.**

This car was owned by Lou Dombroski  
and driven on dirt and asphalt.  
Ace Lane Sr. Photo, Hightstown 1972  
Photo taken when Ace first started using  
color film.  
Bottom photo-Wall Stadium 1971.  
Dick Ivins photo



I grew up in Port Monmouth, NJ. My father had a general store on the corner of Highway 36 and Main Street. There were a lot of racers in the area: Ralph Carlson, Joe Severage, "Dotty's Bluebird 127", Bob and Jackie Howard, Ed Sigler, Chubby Hower, Richie Bernardino, Ed Watson, Sr., Walt Rogers, Gary Rogers, Sr., Neil Rutt, and John Vetrall. Often on a Saturday or Sunday, they would stop by the store on their way to Wall Stadium (NJ) or Old Bridge Stadium (NJ). That's when I would get to go out and see their cars up close. Then they would be off to the races! That's when I knew I wanted to go racing.

I was in high school when I went to work for Tommy Comerford in Red Bank. Tommy would take me with him to the races at Wall. One night I met Johnny Smith. He asked me, "Do you want to take my car for a ride?" He gave me his helmet and off I went! I can still remember rolling down that ramp. The track looked great from the pits, but when I got on it in a car, well, it was just awesome! I got to the first turn, started to turn the steering wheel, but it bound up! I gave a crank and it turned. I ran a couple of laps and went back into the pits. John asked me how I liked it. I said, "I loved it. But the steering kept hanging up." He said, "That's when you know to give her a crank and she'll go right around the corner for you."

The next week I found a Novice car, race-ready with two slicks on the right and two snow tires on the left. It was a '52 Ford. I paid \$50 for it and raced it for the rest of the summer at Wall Stadium and Hightstown/East Windsor Speedway (NJ).

Speaking of Hightstown – funny story: I was running in my heat race when I ran over a gas tank. I hit it again in the next lap. Then the engine quit running. They pushed me to the pits. Tommy and Ron Comerford came running over, along with Rob Taylor. "What happened?" they said. "It quit running. Hey, did you see the gas tank I ran over?" They were laughing themselves silly and said, "Yeah, it was YOURS!"

I flat-towed that car with a '53 Chevy. One night, we were going to Wall Stadium. Little Eddie Crotchfelt used to ride in the race car. When we would get to Highway 34, I would stick my arm out the window and Eddie would pop the clutch and warm up the engine. One time Eddie left a soda bottle on the floor of the car. While I was out on the track during warm-ups, the bottle fell through a hole in the floor and smashed on the track. It scared the heck out of me!

After I got out of high school, I joined the Navy. When I got out of the Navy, I started racing again. I got a ride in the 06 of Bill Jetter, from Staten Island (NY). It was my first heat race win.

Sometimes he would bring a second car and I would drive it in the Sportsman division.

I bought a Dick "Kirby" Owen coupe #2 and ran it at Hightstown and Wall Stadium. Later, I drove a few URC races in the #37 for a friend, Bob Bingle. We raced once at Wall, but the car just didn't handle right on asphalt. Still, I missed the stock cars. I was lucky in that I always seemed to get a ride. Lou Dombroski bought the #5 coupe, which we ran at Wall and Hightstown, my first dirt car win.

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GSVSCC meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the West Long Branch Firehouse, 7:30 pm, Rt. 71 (Monmouth Road) and Cedar Ave. West Long Branch, NJ. For directions call 732-330-8349



### APRIL 20, 2011 CLUB MINUTES

The April 20th meeting of the GSVSCC was called to order by President Ray Shea at 7:45 PM with twenty members in attendance.

Ray noted that we received a letter from Eleanor Lanzaro thanking the club for its kindness in the passing of her husband and club member Joe.

Ray reported on this years club banquet, as many people commented that this may have been the best awards event. Thanks go out to Eleanor Hagerman for the effort she put forth for this years banquet as she has for our many banquets past.

Ray also reported a thank you letter that the club received from Debbie Gastelu. She thanked our organization for inducting her late husband Ray into our drivers Hall of Fame recognizing his racing achievements.

Bob Caramella announced that 9 year old Daniel Zawaski was making good progress with his therapy. He also asked that the club members would help out by supporting the May 15th car show and fund raiser at the Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Ray made the membership aware that club T and sweat shirts are now available. Call Bill Erbe for prices, sizes and shipping fees. Available in white and gray.



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With further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

John Malsbury, Secretary

### MAY 18, 2011 CLUB MINUTES

The May 18th meeting of the GSVSCC was called to order at 7:45 PM with 18 members present.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the passing of Bruce Roslin's mother.

Ray noted that this year the club will honor past Wall Stadium champions. This event to be held July 9th and anyone knowing of past champions out of state please notify Ray Shea.

The club expressed congratulations to Danny Bohn for his modified win at Boman Gray Stadium in NC.

It was noted that the New Egypt show on May 14th went well with a great turn out. It was also noted that membership renewals are due June 1st.

With no further business a motion was made by Bruce Roslin and seconded by Charlie Larew and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Following the meet the "Bob & Earl" slide show took place. Those in attendance witnessed a great show of the 1940's & 50's stock car racing at many different tracks.

John Malsbury, Secretary

### JUNE 15, 2011 CLUB MINUTES

The June meeting of the GSVSCC was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Ray Shea.

The meeting started out with Ray noting the passing of Jim Dooly who was residing in Tennessee. He and his late wife Debbie were the first editors of our club newsletter. Harry Megill passed away suddenly at home in the shop of MEG WHEELS operated by Harry and his brother John. Also passing away was the son of Mary Craparotta. A moment of silence was observed for their passing.

Get well wishes go out to the Roslin Family as Bruce's brother Vinny underwent heart surgery. Unfortunately complications left him in a coma.

Ray wanted to thank the Caramella family, Bob, Rich & Rosie for the efforts they put forth with the Daniel Zawaski fund raiser. He also thanked the club members who participated and donated to this worthy cause.

Ray also announced that the "Salute to past Champions" will take place at Wall Stadium on Saturday July 9th.

It was announced that modified driver the late Richie Evans has been inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

Cruise to the Jersey Shore car show in Long Branch is scheduled for June 19th.

As a safety up-date, it was noted that all car owners should carefully inspect their cars after our on track event. This is to assure there were no mishaps while performing our on track club exhibitions.

With no further business a motion was made by George Klien and seconded by Jim Hall for an 8:15 PM adjournment.

John Malsbury, Secretary



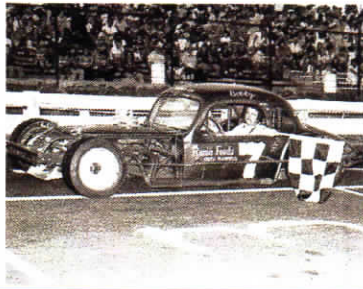
Ivan Voorhees owned the #44 car and asked me to drive it one night (he said I was lighter than him!). I guess he was right – I got a heat race win that night. The next year, I got a ride for Dave Benton in the old Bob Schultz car. We renumbered it 76. We had lots of success with that car. I remember one time when I was welding in the trunk – the battery blew up! Not fun. We sold the car to John Blewett, Sr. I told him, “if the kid don’t make it, I’ll drive it for you.” I never got the chance. That season I worked for Danny McLaughlin at M.A.E. Those were some crazy times.

I got married in 1974 and was running my own #7 coupe. The last race of the year, I totaled it out. So I built a second #7 coupe. It was very advanced for its time. I remember that I had the coil spring steering that came on a Pinto rack. The officials looked at it and said, “That’s never going to work.” But it did. The car had a 2x4 tubing offset chassis, as well as tubular A-frames, rack and pinion steering, and a three link rear. The car was light and low. Eventually I sold that car to Ted Alt.



1976 Wall Stadium—C.H. Taylor photo

I concentrated on opening my own business and started racing again in the Pro-Four Modified division in 1989. I drove for George Schiabor. That season we finished third in points at Wall Stadium. In 1991, we raced at New Egypt Speedway (NJ) while I was undergoing cancer treatment. I got my best award that year – the Courage Award. In 1992, we raced at Flemington (NJ) and won the Pro-Four championship. During the next couple of years we ran the New England Pro-Four Tour. We ran great tracks such as Thompson (CT), Riverside Park (MA), and the “Concrete Palace” Seekonk (MA). We raced from Vermont to Florida. Then it was back to Flemington and the Tar Car Division, which we ran until I retired in 1999.



Wall Stadium circa 1970's, C.H. Taylor Photo

I have met many people throughout my racing days and many have become lifetime friends. It was a nice ride!

**Bob Capestro**

**SALUTE TO CHAMPIONS NIGHT AT WALL STADIUM. JULY 9, 2011  
BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
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1. Brian Scisco, Glenn Osborn and Bob Haberstick.
2. Tony Ferrante Sr. and Bob Punzi
3. Ray Shea
4. Dave Michel
5. Tony Siscone and Kevin Eyres
6. Robert Schlechtweg, Jerry Cranmer and Dave Michel
7. Keith Mullineux Chas Okerson , Rob Longo
8. Bob Rossell and Jack Buck.

Jim Smith Photos







Up Coming  
Events  
Dirt, Asphalt, Other

Saturday	July 23	New Egypt	In by 3	Display/ Track
Saturday	July 30	Wall Stadium	In by 3	Display/ Track
Saturday	Aug. 13	Bridgeport	In by 4:30	Display/ Track
Saturday	Aug 27	Mountain <b>CANCELED</b>	In by 2	Display Track
Saturday	Sep. 3	New Egypt	In by 3	Display Track
Saturday	Sep 10	Wall Stadium	In by 3	Display/ Track
Saturday	Sep 24	Linda Speedway		Display Track
Saturday	Oct. 15	Grandview	In by 4	Display/ Track
Sunday	Oct 16	South Jersey Reunion	10 AM	Display only
Saturday	Oct 29	New Egypt	In by 3	Display/ Track
Saturday	Nov 20	Bridgeport	In by 4:30	Display/ Track
Friday	Nov 27	Wall Stadium	In by 9	Display/ Track

**ARTICLES NEEDED!!!!!!**

**WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS**

Bill Moffett, Matt Kurtz  
Debbie Gastelu, Richie Pratt Sr. Ed Drake, Rick Green,  
Cornelius Joyner, John McGarvey, Raymond Beagan,  
Frank Antonides, Vincent Gagliardo Jr., Brian Gagliardo and  
Vincent Gagliardo Sr.



New club car owned by Bill Moffett.



**Looking Back**



Bob Vaughn raced many of the New Jersey tracks.  
Shown here at Langhorne



Howard Harvey, Limited Sportsman 1969 Wall Stadium.  
Howard Harvey was a long time sponsor of Jamie Tomaino  
Les Mitchell Photo.

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