

Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club

Car Construction and Finishing

Information List

A) Picking a project:

1) Research-

- Find as much information as possible to help do a particular.
- Sometimes second or third choices may be the answer.
- This is all based on finding the car body you'll need.

2) Photographs-

- Probably the most important part.

3) Programs-

- With some help and research, they are around.

4) Written-

- Newspaper and magazine articles that might have photos, but more important, a story base for a history of the car and driver, as well as the owner and crew. These may lead to more photos than you can use and people who might have parts from the car.

5) Parts-

- To match your project, consult other club members for insight on leads and sources.

B) Construction:

1) Make a list of required parts you will need and potential availability.

2) Compile a list of suppliers, racing and otherwise.

3) Acquired parts: repair, and restore as well as fabricate.

4) Support list of people that you can get to help, go outside the club as well.

Some things can cost alot if you shoot from the hip on decisions.

5) Take into consideration the older cars didn't use pop-rivets, braided hose, or other materials used later on. For safety you can use braided hose and enclose it in rubber hose. Fenders and cut edges were bent over and creased (rolled). Arc welding and gas welding were the means of joining parts.

6) Paint - there are a lot of original paint chips available, as well as custom formulas to paint your project.

7) Sponsors - Some of the original sponsors that appear on the car in photos are still around. In many cases, they will be eager to help.

C) Finishing:

1) This is the key top the success of the project.

2) Color - it is possible today to get pretty close to the original car.

3) Type of paint - This is your choice, but remember the old cars were not show pieces. As you get into newer cars the finishes are more like show pieces. Some of the old cars were well done, but not like today's standards.

- The old coupes and sedans and their parts are getting harder to find, let's use them wisely and preserve this part of racing history and make your project personally rewarding to you, representative of what our club stands for and a piece of history recognizable to the people we project our image to.