

Vintage Views

*The Official Newsletter of the
Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club*

MARCH 1994

VOL 3 NO 5

NAZARETH OPENER 1964



Jackie McLaughlin with
Lucky Jordon's #2 coupe.
(Woody Johnson collection)

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 16, 1994,
7:30pm, West Long Branch Firehouse,
Rt. 71 (Monmouth Rd) and Cedar Ave,
West Long Branch, N.J. For Information
call 908-223-9388 or 908-840-6307.

DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF STOCK CAR RACING HISTORY

SECRETARY'S

Rich Browning

REPORT



MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 1994 MEETING

The Slide show (Bob & Earl V) had to be "red flagged" due to technical difficulties, it will now be part of the March meeting. Come out and enjoy a trip down memory lane.

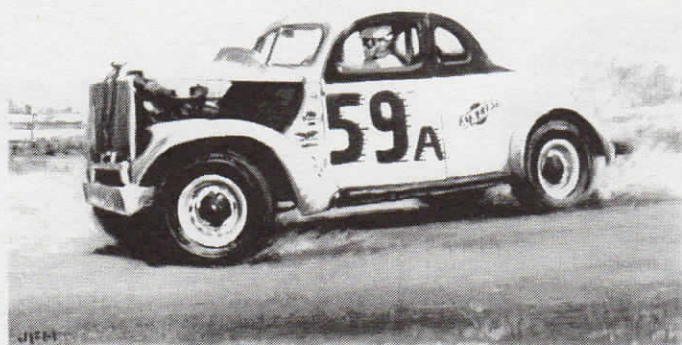
Invitations from various sources continue to come in to our club. Great Adventure is having a show sponsored by "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers", the date is May 8th a Sunday. Another show is the East Windsor "30th Anniversary" on June 12th. Also a new track in Snyder'sville, PA has contacted us about bringing out some cars.

Earl Krause informed us that "Miller Motor Sports 95" will have its 10th anniversary show January 13, 14, 15 a week earlier than previous. The show is being moved to a new location, the Fort Washington, PA Convention Center.

The club received a nice "thank you" card from Winston Cup driver Stan Smith. This is in return for the get well wishes we sent to him for his Talladega crash. Also Mike Bell a club member from Decatur, GA sent a very complimentary letter.

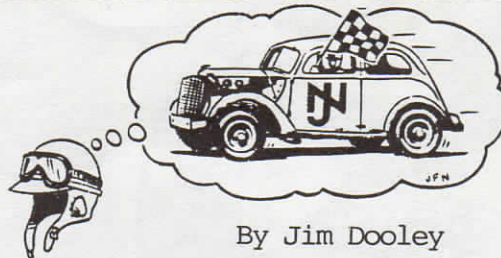
The winner of the Sony Watchman Color TV was JCP&L employee, Art Deegan. Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who sold tickets, thus making the raffle a big success.

****BE READY FOR THE UPCOMING RACING AND SHOW SEASON - ORDER YOUR JACKETS AND HATS NOW****



Drawing by Joel Naprestek of Steve Maciaq's sportsman coupe from the mid '50's.

"MEMORIES IN MOTION"



By Jim Dooley

John "Jake" Goodski of Elizabeth, N.J. lost a battle with cancer on Friday, February 25th, 1994, just two days prior to his seventy-first birthday.

Jake was one of the early pioneers of stock car racing in the Garden State, racing as many as four night a week at such tracks as Ruppert Stadium in Newark and Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey city. Jake ran virtually every track in New Jersey and did, in fact, campaign his own purple and white #114 in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York. Goodski called the historical Weissglass Speedway on Staten Island his home track and finally retires from active competition in 1962.

Goodski started his racing career in 1951 at Ruppert Stadium. During an interview in 1976 Jake reminisced about his early days racing with the likes of Wally Campbell, George Horvath, Tommie Elliott and Frankie Schnieder. Jake had quite a following at the Weissglass Speedway where the records that were set by Jake will never be broken because the track is no longer in existence. Goodski recorded over sixty feature wins and was the track representative at the Race of Champions at Langhorne three times. He accumulated very respectable finishing positions in the race, taking fourth, sixth and ninth at the one mile oval.

Jake's wife, Sandy, a popular figure herself for many years at Weissglass Speedway, passed away in 1982. She was the chief scorer for the track for several years. The Goodski name will forever be associated with stock car racing. Portions of Jake's personal collection will be donated to the new Rutgers Library in New Brunswick, N.J. for the new section dedicated to auto racing history in the Garden State.

Jake has left us his legacy as well as the collection of his accomplishments in the form of photos, news prints and trophies. This will insure that he will never be forgotten. Jake will be greatly missed!



NED JARRETT

DON STUMPF

Ned

Jarrett

Enterprises, Inc.

Radio Syndications
Public Relations
Consultants
FAX (704) 464-8136

June 2, 1992

Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club
55 Hilliard Road
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Dear Members:

After finishing second to Ralph Earnhardt (Dale's dad) in 1956 I decided to "go all out" to try to win the NASCAR Sportsman National Championship in 1957. My thoughts were Earnhardt would be the man I would have to beat to reach my goal.

AS it turned out Earnhardt was not in the hunt in 1957, instead I found myself in a tremendous battle with Don Stumpf from New Jersey. Bob Malzahn was also in the thick of the battle until near the end of the season. But at the end it was Don Stumpf who gave me more than I wanted, the title was not settled until the last race of the year. Only 26 points separated us in the final standings, 3916 to 3890.

Most of the races we ran in awarded 50 points to the winner with a decrease of 2 points per position. Each race track which ran on a regular basis were permitted two "double point" races per year. We looked for all of those we could find. We had to run in approximately 75 races to accumulate the number of points we did.

Don ran primarily in the northeast, I ran in the southeast, we didn't race against each other many times, but we did keep up with his performance each week. Near the end of the season I did make a trip to New Jersey to run at Old Bridge and Flemington to try to keep up with Don. We didn't have any races in the south that particular weekend.

I'm proud to have raced Don Stumpf for the title, he was a tremendous competitor. It's too bad he had to finish second. He gave it his all.

Here is wishing Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club the very best. Thank you for remembering.

Sincerely,

Ned Jarrett
Ned Jarrett

1957 & 1958 NASCAR Sportsman Champion

From the GSVSCC Archives - This letter was sent to the club after Corresponding Secretary Rich Browning sent a letter to Ned Jarrett on behalf of the club to inform him of Stumpy's passing.



Don 'Stumpy' Stumpf with the #2 sedan he raced in 1957. (Don Stumpf collection)



Ned Jarrett

Checkered Past



NEW JERSEY LEGEND JACKIE McLAUGHLIN WON THE NAZARETH MODIFIED OPENER ON MARCH 22, 1964

By **EARL KRAUSE**

NAZARETH, PA -- For many years, until its final event was held in 1988, the half-mile clay Nazareth Raceway was recognized as one of the premier tracks running modifieds in the east. And, because it was so close to New Jersey -- just across the Delaware River and a few miles from Phillipsburg, N. J. off of Route 22 -- many of the drivers and fans that attended the races there each Sunday were from right here in the Garden State.

In fact, GSVSCC member Frankie Schneider of Flemington was the track's all-time modified stock car division winner with 64 triumphs.

From the early 1950s right on into the latter 1980s, Jerry Fried was the "producer" of racing at Nazareth. Jerry disliked being called a "promoter." Truly, he was a showman, and to him, stock car racing was an exciting form of entertainment on a Sunday night. And, traditionally, Jerry would schedule his season opener for an early Sunday afternoon date, such as mid-March. Despite the fact that snow often still covered the region, Jerry would succeed more often than not in getting those early races in.

Such was the case some thirty years ago -- on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 1964, as Nazareth began its new season. The night before, snow had fallen -- but Jerry's dedicated track and grounds crew took care of getting the three inches of "white stuff" cleared. Soon, some of the finest drivers in the east began arriving for the inaugural. At the same time, the fans were filing in and finding seats in the historic covered grandstand. All were ready -- because this was opening day 1964!

For readers who perhaps did not attend races at Nazareth until the 1970s or 80s, the track layout prior to that era was "reversed." What was the backstretch from the 1970s until the track closed in 1988 was actually the front straightaway in 1964 -- which is where the nearly century-old covered grandstand was located. In 1966, new, high-rise grandstands were built on the opposite side of the grounds -- and the original backstretch then became the

homestretch! And, of course the old turn 3 then became turn 1 and so on.

The first heat on opening day '64 went to the one and only Elton "Wildman" Hildreth out of Bridgeton, N. J. in his famed orange and black No. 16-J coupe, over Frankie Schneider, running his No. 2 sedan this day, and local

favorite Harry Charles from nearby Easton. Jackie McLaughlin, who lived in Thorofare in South Jersey, won the second heat. McLaughlin started off 1964 as the driver of the white coupe No. 2, a potent car built and entered by the famous Lucky Jordan. He had also driven for Jordan in 1962 and 63. But, several weeks into 1964, Jackie began driving the white coupe No. 83, which was owned by his brother-in-law and fellow driver, Budd Olsen. The Jordan No. 2 was taken over by young Bobby Pickell.

The third heat on March 22, 1964 went to Al Tasnady, with Bob Malzahn as runnerup.

The smaller-motored Limited Sportsman division was also in action with their own set of races, and Bill Buehrle and Jim Kemmerer won qualifiers in that division.

The stage was now set for the features of the day, with the modifieds set to go 25-laps.



Jackie McLaughlin and Brother-in-law Bud Olsen in a post race photo in 1964. (Woody Johnson collection)

McLaughlin wasted no time in going for the win, as he moved into the lead by lap 5. But, Olsen and Tasnady soon were in contention as well. While McLaughlin maintained a slight edge, Olsen and Tasnady constantly challenged him -- and at the same time dueled each other for runnerup honors. With one lap remaining, Tasnady passed Olsen for second -- but was unable to challenge leader McLaughlin. As the checkered came out, McLaughlin took the victory, with Tas, Olsen, Charles, and New York State invader Lou Lazzaro completing the top five. Sixth through tenth were Hildreth, New Jersey's Augie Lieber, Schneider, New York's Mike Zopf, and Malzahn.

In the Limited feature, Bill Buehrle also scored a clean sweep for the day as he won, with Dave Rees second.

Ironically, that opening day victory would be McLaughlin's only win at Nazareth that year -- but it was his 24th career triumph on that track. However, by mid-summer 1964, Jackie was essentially one of the "hottest" drivers in the east with the Olsen No. 83. On the weekend of August 21, McLaughlin won on Friday night at Reading,



Al Tasnady in the #707 'Big Donkey'. (Bill Erbe collection)



Jackie McLaughlin wins one in the Lucky Jordon #2. (John Reilly photo)

Pa., which was his sixth victory of the campaign at that famed track. Then, on Saturday the 22nd, Mac took his seventh win of '64 at Middletown, where he was the point leader. He had also twice been a winner of special modified events at the Allentown, Pa. Fairgrounds in August. At Nazareth, McLaughlin had surprisingly not won since opening day -- but most all of his fellow competitors and the fans felt that it was only a matter of time before he again pulled into victory lane. Sadly, it was not to be.

For on that Sunday night, August 23, 1964, at Nazareth, Jackie McLaughlin was involved in a crash on lap 15. The mishap, occurring on what was then the second turn, caused the No. 83 to flip into the concrete wall and up the embankment that was behind it, before rolling back down. Jackie sustained serious head injuries -- and passed away the following day. He was only 30-years-old.

Old Iron Trader



For Sale:

Former Gil Hearne mod. pinto body car, complete, race ready with trailer, \$3700, Tom, 908-206-1260.

2 alum. flywheels, sm. blk. Chevy; complete dirt chassis, front and rear; Vega dirt body Johnny Owens car, Dick, 914-496-6333, after 6pm. B/O or trade.

Wanted:

Sm. blk Chevy heads 1:94 or 2:02 valve size. Dick, 914-496-6333, after 6pm.

Cast iron Fenton headers for '51 Ford flathead V8, 239ci, also left hand manifold for dual exhaust, Guy, 201-818-1558.

Photos of club members car for the Vintage car profiles. Send to Guy Vogt, 39 Skytop Dr. Mahwah, N.J. 07430, or bring to next meeting. Please include name and telephone number!

GRANDSTAND GAB...



Collected by Eleanor Hagerman, call by the 25th with news items, 908-222-4408.

Dennis O'Rourke, son of Marian and Tom O'Rourke was recently honored at a dinner dance by the West Long Branch Fire Dept. Dennis served as Chief of the department during 1993. Dennis is also driver of the PMS #35 at Wall Stadium.

Shelli and Walt Ritchie, Jr. recently adopted Zachary. Their little boy is two and one half years old. Congratulations to the whole Ritchie family.

Sorry to hear about Wally Weaver's house fire.

Thanks to all of the car owners who braved the bad weather to get their cars to the shows at Seaview and Freehold Malls.



Bob Malzahn in the 'Fireball 99' at Old Bridge in the late '50's. (Dan Rhein collection)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - MARCH WILL BE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR NON-RENEWALS.

....VINTAGE VIEWS....

The official publication of the G.S.V.S.C.C. Evalina Erbe, Editor, Send info to: P.O. Box 228, Allenwood, N.J. 08720 or call 908-223-9388.



Ray Shea (r) congratulates Dean Applegate (c) at the Seaview Mall Show on his trophy for Best Vintage Stock Car. Clark Sutton (l) looks on. Other GSVSCC members displaying cars at Seaview Mall were Craig Sutphin (#9), Chuck Weinberger (#50), Ray Shea (#7), and Sam Riggelman (#84).

VINTAGE CAR PROFILE

by Guy Vogt



Car # 80 "Sportsman"

Owner & Drivers

Then: Owner - Pappy Hough

Driver - Charlie Dyer

Now: Charlie's son Jack of Fairlawn, NJ

History: This car was built to resemble Charlie Dyer's Sportsman/Modified that ran at Wall Stadium in 1950 and 1951. Charlie was Sportsman champ and NASCAR Modified champion in 1950 at Wall.

Where did you find it? Jack found this car in Deposit NY. It was rotting away on a hillside when Jack bought her for \$500.

Any special stuff? The original car ran a flathead Ford power plant. Now it sports a Chevy 250 cu. in. 6 cyl. and automatic transmission. Jack also races drag cars and is a mechanic by trade.





G.S.V.S.C.C. THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET

Honoring: Parker Bohn, Tom Skinner, Dick Barney Sr.,
Dick Barney Jr., Tom & Marian O'Rourke
and Al "Peanut" Wardell.

Awards, Door Prizes, Displays and Fun Looking Back!

DATE: MARCH 26, 1994 (SAT.)

TIME: 6:00 COCKTAIL HOUR- 6:30 DINNER

PLACE: THE CASTLE RTE. 9 LAKEWOOD, N.J.

PRICE: \$25.00 CASH BAR

CHOICE OF: YANKEE POT ROAST
CHICKEN PARMIGAN
BROILED SOLE

DEADLINE FOR TICKET ORDERS: MARCH 18th.

Please fill out the form below and mail it with check
payable to "GARDEN STATE VINTAGE STOCKS" to the BANQUET
COORDINATOR- Mrs. Nancy Shea, 438 3rd Ave, Brick, N.J. 08724.
908-840-6307.

-YOUR TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR-

TO Mrs. Nancy Shea
438 3rd Ave.
Brick, N.J. 08724
908-840-6307

GARDEN STATE VINTAGE STOCK CAR CLUB BANQUET

I would like to order _____ tickets for the banquet.

_____ Yankee Pot Roast

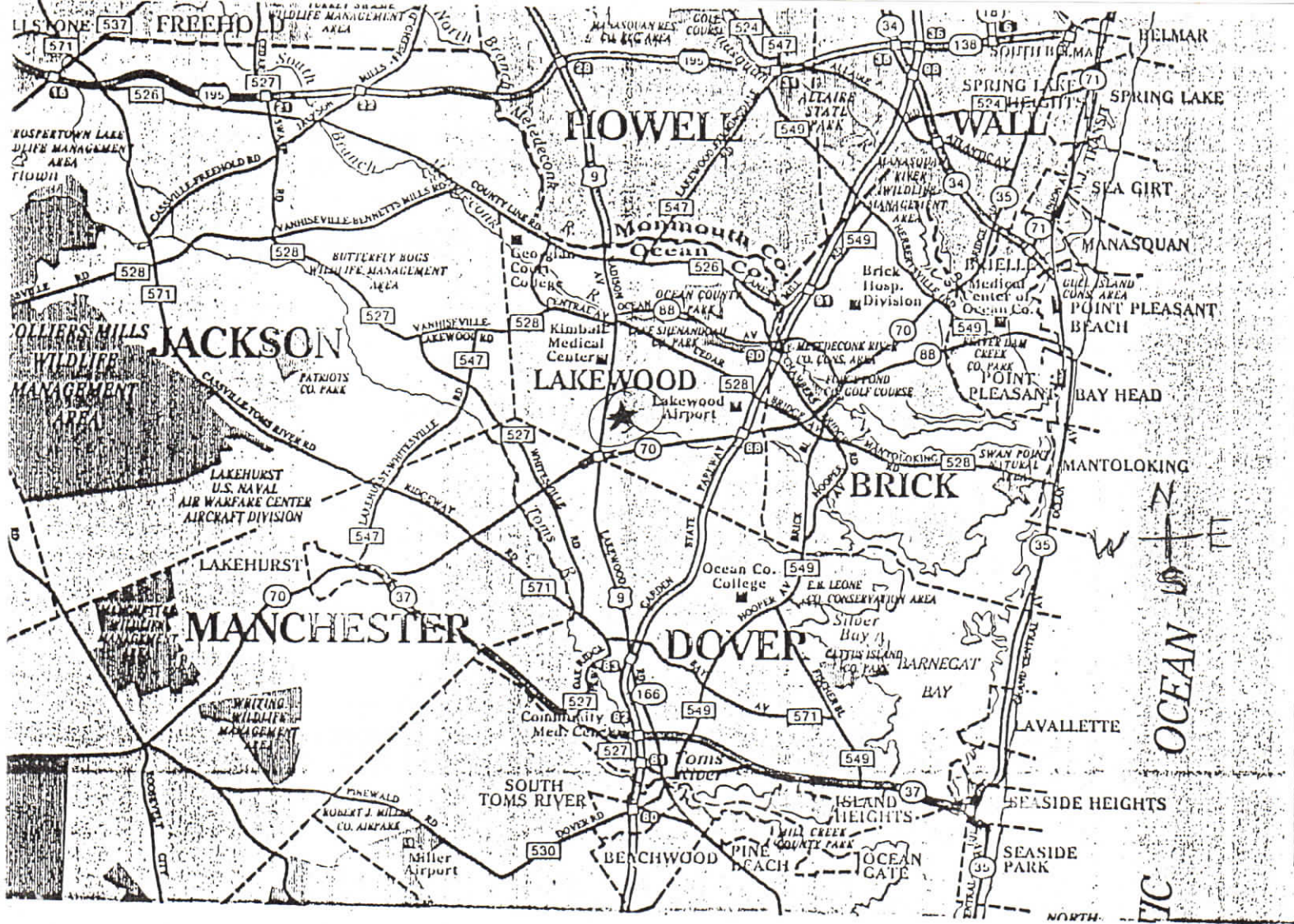
_____ Chicken Parmigan

_____ Broiled Sole

Please hold tickets in the name of

Address _____

Phone# () _____



"THE CASTLE" (formerly Winkleman's) Restaurant is located just off RT.9 in Lakewood, N.J.

Heading South on RT.9:

"CASTLE" is just past Paul Kimbel Hospital on the LEFTHAND SIDE of RT.9.

Heading North on RT.9:

"CASTLE" is before Paul Kimbel Hospital on the RIGHTHAND SIDE of RT.9.