



Vintage Views

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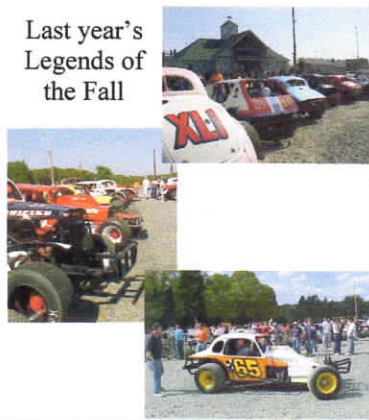
Banquet

Don't forget to mark your calendars !!!
12th Annual Club Banquet
March 15, 2003 at
Branches
In West Long Branch, NJ
Formally Squire's Pub
(Court).
Order forms will be sent
out with the Jan/Feb news-
letter. \$38.00 per person.

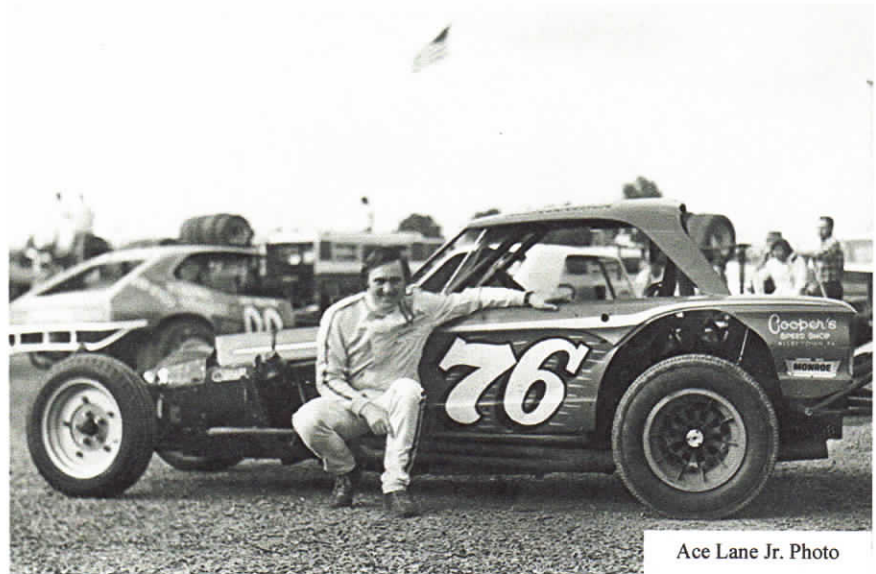
We still have 3 50/50's
left this year at
Wall Township Speedway.
We are asking for
volunteers to help out on
Sunday Oct. 20th
Friday November 29th
Saturday November 30th.
Call Ray or Nancy Shea
732-840-6307

Come one come all
Legends of the Fall.
New Egypt Speedway
October 19th.
A must see for Vintage Race fans.
Display, Track, Autographs

Last year's
Legends of
the Fall



Gerald Chamberlain



Ace Lane Jr. Photo

By Earl Krause

Gerald Chamberlain drove one of dirt Modified racing's most-recognizable cars in the era of the mid-1970's—the red Ford Falcon No. 76, owned by Joe Bullock of Warrington, Pa. The No. 76, which the team campaigned with great success at tracks such as N.J.s Flemington, Reading, Pa. and Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, N.Y., had top mechanic Gus Frear turning the wrenches.

Joe Bullock retired from the sport in 1976, in victory lane at Orange County, after Chamberlain won the Eastern States 200 for the second time. Joe passed away in 1998 at age 79.

The Falcon No. 76 was one of many winning cars entered by Joe Bullock in a long career.

Joe's Modifieds, most-always No 76 but numbered 85 and 86 when he began as a car owner in the 1950's, were steered by drivers such as George Sleight, Dick Havens and Freddy Adam prior to Gerald Chamberlain.

Adam became Bullock's wheelman in the early-1960s, and drove the No. 76 coupe to victory in the 1964 Modified Race of Champions on the dirt mile circle at Langhorne, Pa. Freddy also won at Reading, and captured mile long-distance races for the Bullock team at Flemington and the 1-1/8-mile Nazareth National Speedway.

Following Adam's successful stint with the No.76, Gerald Chamberlain from the Western Pennsylvania town of Everett took over the wheel of Joe Bullock's already-established Modified.

From 1971 through 1976, the Bullock-Frear-Chamberlain team won well over a hundred features and numerous track championships. Their always-red car was initially a coupe No. 76 , followed by a Ford Pinto bodied mount and then the now-legendary Ford Falcon.

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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 732-840-6307 or 732-223-9388.



July 2002 Club Minutes

By Loretta Tymko

President Ray Shea called the July meeting of the GSVSCC to order at 7:45 pm. Ray welcomed those in attendance.

Bob Farlee gave the Treasurer's report for July: Bob Farlee announced that we had a very quiet month. We had \$8,161.00 at the end of last month, income was \$942.00 and expenditures were \$514.00 leaving a balance of \$8,589.00.

Ray Liss announced that the picnic would be on September 8th at Windward Beach and that members could bring their cars if they wanted. We are planning on having a great picnic and a good time. The beach area and surroundings are excellent for children also, with a lot of things for them to do.

Ray announced that Saturday, July 20th, Wall Township Speedway will be hosting the Garden State Classic Reunion. 40 former drivers and car owners will be attending and many of them will be coming from out of state, Pete Frazee, Danny McLaughlin Sr. just to name a few, will be there for the festivities.

Friday, July 12th we had a show at East Windsor, 15 cars were on display and Ray thanked everyone who attended.

New Hampshire- lots of cars will be heading up to Loudon July 30th, which should be a very enjoyable few days. Contact Ray Shea, Bill Force or Bill Morsch to get a convoy going to the event. The show is the biggest gathering of vintage cars in the United States and is on for 5 days.

GSVSCC Museum- lots of new displays have been put up and anyone getting a chance should stop by and see it. A few weeks ago Jim Hoffman stopped by to pace the field and also visited the museum.

Bill Erbe announced that the black hats were in if anyone is interested.

Insurance liability issues were discussed.



Jim Hall Photo

Garden State Classic Reunion July 20,2002



N. Shea Photo's



J.Lauren Photo



N.Shea Photo

More Classic Reunion Pictures
 Top Row left-Gil Hearne, Jim Bennett & Tom Green. Center-Don Stives & Duke DiBrizzi. Right-Ray & Nancy Shea
 Bottom .Left- Bob Boudinot. Right- John Blewett Jr.



N.Shea Photo

August 2002 Club Minutes

By Loretta Tymko

President Ray Shea called the meeting of the GSVSCC to order on August 21,2002 at 7:45 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Ray thanked Pete & Doris LaVance for bringing the refreshments.

Bob Farlee gave the Treasurer's Report for August. Bob announced that we had a balance of \$8,589.00. Expenditures were \$1,739.00 of which a large portion went for the Ocean/Monmouth Self Storage. A full year was paid up front as the saving is approximately one month free rent. The other large expenditure was for the handicap ramp for the Museum, which was \$627.00. We took in \$311.00 leaving a balance of \$7,160.00

Ray made an announcement to remind our members that dues should have been paid in June and if anyone has not sent their money they should contact Joyce Peak.

September 18,2002 meeting will be held at IROC. Ray will contact members and possibly get 2 cars to be shown.

Anyone having pictures of New Jersey Dirt tracks to loan the club to scan to put in the museum would be appreciated. We would like to stay diversified and most of the articles we have are of blacktop.

Pete Frazee sent a copy of a poster of Old Bridge which is from 1956 with Ed Flemke, Pete Frazee, Joe Kelly, Parker Bohn, Elton Hildreth, Bill Slater, Jim Hoffman, Wally Dallenbach, Bob Rossell, Al DeAngelo, Richie Massing and Bill Chevalier.

Wall Township Speedway 50/50 raised \$869.00.

Quite a few members went to Loudon and Jim Hall announced that everyone had a great time and the fried turkey was delicious and thanked all the girls for the work they did with lunches and dinner.

Election time is coming up. The Nomination committee will be getting together to mail out nomination forms for the Hall of Fame and Officers.

Our picnic was canceled due to no insurance coverage at the present time.

Bill Dietrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Butch Colosimo seconded the motion.

Loudon New Hampshire August 2002



Ralph Richards Photo



Ralph Richards Photo



Loretta Tymko Photo



Ralph Richards Photo

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The Bullock cars captured numerous track titles, going back to the mid-60's when Freddy Adam drove the No. 76 to the championship at the old Hatfield Speedway in Pennsylvania. Chamberlain earned four Modified crowns with the No. 76 at Reading; and two at Flemington, in 1974 and 1976.

And, between Freddy Adam and Gerald Chamberlain, Joe Bullock's No. 76 Modifieds won 92 times at Reading—making Joe the tracks all-time feature winning car owner.

And, although never winning the actual Super DIRT Week event at Syracuse, N.Y., Chamberlain did triumph in the 1974 Labor Day Modified event at the fabled mile oval.

Chamberlain, a member of the DIRT and National Old Timers Hall of Fame, was also named to the Area Auto Racing News "Top 25 Modified Drivers of the 20th Century" list by the vote of a select panel in 1999.

This is a letter received by Earl Krause at Area Auto Racing News pertaining to the Garden State Classic event at Wall Township Speedway.

Dear Earl:

As an early modified fan and collector of material from that era, I wanted to drop you a note about the recent Garden State Classic at Wall Township Speedway. My work schedule and the fact that my wife is not a fan limits my race attendance to a few shows at nearby Bridgeport and an occasional special show at New Egypt.

Having read in Area Auto Racing that the Classic would also be Legends Night, a buddy of mine Joe Leman from Delaware, also a modified collector headed for Wall. It was Joe's first visit there and my first race since my Dad and I attended the 1958 Classic won by Budd Olsen. I confess I am stuck in the 50's & 60's. It was great to see how the new owner's have polished what I remember as a gem of a racetrack and to make a first time visit to the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club Museum Trailer. Congratulations to that group for putting together a fine exhibit of all related material. Highlights for me were Don Stumpf's checkered board helmet.

Enjoyed as well chatting with the legends invited by management and visiting Garden State cars with Wall history. As luck would have it we sat with Pete Frazee and his gracious wife during the show. When they found I knew about Pete and his early days, we spent the evening swapping tales of what I still regard as the Golden Age of Modifieds. I saw Pete race countless times and remember him as very talented and successful. He spoke a little of his success and unless prodded, he is generally modest. They both told hilarious stories about hanging out with Frankie Schneider, Red Farmer, Tommie Elliott and Bobby Allison, etc. during the winter racing in Florida.

I had brought a 1958 Wall Program and showed the inside photo of Pete with the big trophy from the 1957 Classic to his wife. While Pete was being introduced to the crowd, she told us the story of the strange fate of that trophy.

I know of your strong ties with early racing and it is one of the reasons I read your column. If you don't know the trophy story ask Pete's wife the next time you see her.

This letter was from James Crawford, Collingswood, NJ as a note to the track and about enjoying the museum and the night of the Living Legends.

Robert Thomas - Broken Snake Racing

While I was at the Open Wheel Vintage Celebration in Loudon, NH with the GSVSCC I noticed a #005 white and blue 1965 Mustang circling the track. I thought that it was too nice a car to be racing but didn't think much more about it. It was garaged in the same garage as our vintage club and club member Alice Drogan suggested that I go talk to the driver. I met the driver, Robert Thomas and his crewmember Dion Chezick. I sat down with Rob and thought you might enjoy his story.

The Mustang has a complete roll cage and is built for racing. It was used as a drag car and a sports car before Rob bought it five years ago. It has a 289c.i. engine with 525 h.p. This is a real nice racing machine and he should be proud of his efforts in building this car.

Rob attended the Skip Barber Driving School and the Richard Petty Experience where Kyle Petty drove with him. He got into racing while sponsoring engines on a Hobby Stock car at Lee Speedway in New Hampshire. He has driven the Mustang at Lime Rock, CT and at New Hampshire International Speedway (N.H.I.S.) in Loudon, NH in vintage shows. He would really like to race the car. However, the cost to replace it, should he wreck, would be too much.

He has modified the steering and brakes on the Mustang. The Mustang has an electric backup for the hydraulic brakes and steering should the engine quit. He also has built and modified a motor home and a van for his trips across America. All this was done by trial and error by him, as he wanted everything in the vehicles to suit him. The car has two seats so he can take the instructors with him out on the track. The passenger seat also has a kill switch and brake pedal in case the instructor wants to stop the vehicle. This has never been used by any of Rob's instructors.

Rob now takes his Mustang to schools and uses it as a tool to encourage children to strive to be the very best they can be no matter what life hands them. He is also an inspirational speaker for the adults as well. With the interest in his car drawing the people he uses his speaking skills and racing knowledge to convey his important message. Rob said there are two words he never uses "can't do".

You see Robert was injured in a construction accident fifteen years ago and left paralyzed and wheelchair bound. The doctors said he would be on a ventilator, have brain damage, never be able to move his head and be unable to talk the rest of his life. He has the use of his arms, has no brain damage, needs no respirator and speaks very well. His courage and love of racing makes him a very special individual who should be an inspiration for all of us.

All of his vehicles are handicap accessible and were modified by Rob. He has crossed the country more than once. He really enjoyed running with the stock cars and planned on staying at N.H.I.S. at Loudon, NH and running the road course with the sports cars. He is truly a remarkable person and I am glad I had the chance to speak to him and get his story.



Ralph Richards, Jr.

Ralph Richards Photo



Old Iron Trader



For Sale...Parts for project car. REM 6 spline quick change rear. Wide 5 hubs w/Buick for Frankland drums, military surplus seat belts and harness. Military surplus flat bottom bucket seat. Hurst mount for Y-block. All good stuff. Marty Little (954) 584-2814 eves. Or racehistry@aol.com



Up Coming Events

Sat. Oct 19	New Egypt Speedway	Display/Track
Sun. Oct 20	Wall Twp.Speedway	Display/Track
Sun. Nov 3	So. Jersey Speedway Reunion	DISPLAY ONLY
Fri. Nov 29	Wall Twp.Speedway	Display/Track
Sat. Nov 30	Wall Twp. Speedway	Display/Track



Services

Meg-wheels-all types of racing wheels repaired. Also new wheels. John Megill 732-681-4378

Blast Masters- Sand blasting. Bill Force 609-296-2269



Club member Charlie Lindmar recently sent a letter along with some pictures and sketches he did from Florida. Here Charlie visits with Bob Malzahn.
C.Lindmar Collection



Pictures needed

Vintage Views needs pictures for future issues of our newsletter. If you have any photos or 35 mm negatives you would like to share with the club, send them to me and I will scan them and return them to you within one week.

Thank you, Nancy Shea
Editor

Dirt...Asphalt...Cars...Drivers...Tracks...Fans...

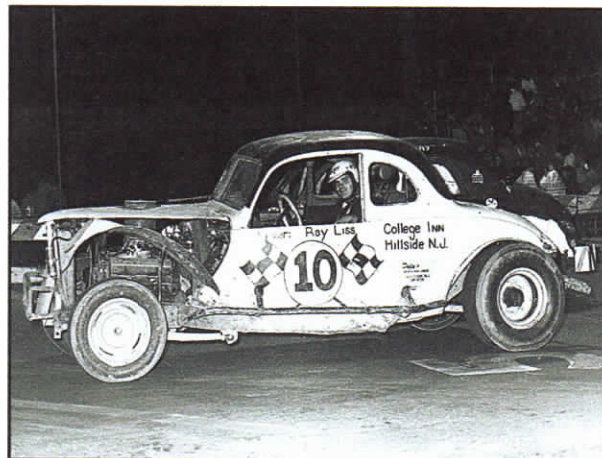


Looking Back



Ray Liss
Weissglass Stadium 1968

Dave Innes Photo



Club Member Ray Liss in one of his many #10 Sportsman cars. Ray started his racing career on asphalt but then went on to dirt where he had a very successful career Ray is also a very active member of the GSVSCC.



AND HE WALKED AWAY
Busch drive Mike Harmon's crash at Bristol Speedway on Thursday Aug. 22nd. YES, THERE WAS A FULL MOON.
NASCAR Photo

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