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2003 Honorees

Drivers:

Bob Malzahn, Bob Rossell and
Tony Siscone



Owner:

Dick 'Kirby' Owen



Writer/Announcer
Nat Kleinfeld



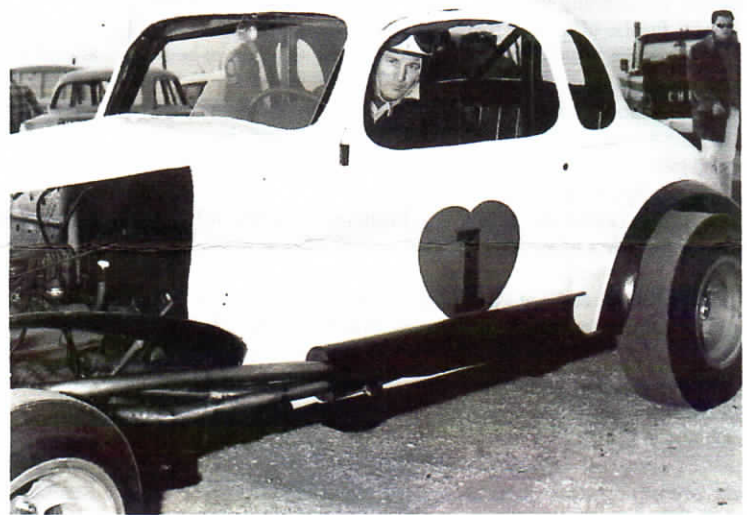
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Jim Delaney Award:
Lee Greenwood



Jack Hart

This is a reprint from Area Auto Racing News November 26, 1980
By Walter Chernokal

Retired former New Jersey NASCAR state sportsman stock car champion Jack Hart of Chester, Pa., passed away in his sleep Wednesday night. He was 56.

During his racing career Hart campaigned in the sportsman division and was one of the most consistent top finishers during the 1950's and 60's. He raced on every track in the Delaware Valley including Langhorne and Wilmington Speedways. Among his many accomplishments were 27 individual track championships and five New Jersey state titles. He was a nationally ranked NASCAR driver and came within one position of winning the 1958 national sportsman stock car title.

Teaming with Walt Lyons in 1953 the two-Boothwyn residents at the time—began their joint venture at such places as the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium and Alcyon Speedway, Pitman, NJ. After running independent for two years, they joined the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) in 1955.

Concentrating on Wall Stadium (Belmar, NJ) and New Egypt, NJ., Hart drove his red and black #580 (a 1937 Ford) to a second place in the final season point standing at both tracks.

Although failing to win a track title, he amassed enough points to win the 1955 NASCAR New Jersey state sportsman stock car championship. En-route to the title Hart posted 5 wins, 17 seconds and 19 third place finishes.

The following year Hart and Lyons decided to go after the NASCAR National Sportsman title. It was a gallant effort. Three championships—New Jersey state (second time), Old Bridge and Wall Stadium track titles. Competing against the best in the business Hart pulled a major upset by finishing third nationally behind Ralph Earnhardt and Ned Jarrett.

The third year—1957—was a let-down. Locally, a second place at Pitman and third at Wall were the high spots. Old Bridge brought a disappointing 18th place finish.

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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

November 20, 2002 Minutes By Loretta Tymko

President Ray Shea called the meeting of the GSVSCC to order on November 20, 2002 at 7:45 PM. Ray welcomed those in attendance.

Bob Farlee gave the Treasurer's Report for November. Balance at the end of October, 2002 was \$8,647.00; Income was \$288.00; Expenditures \$449.00, leaving a balance of \$8,486.00

Ray announced that tonight would be our Annual Meeting where we hold our elections. Ray asked Ken Thompson, Nominations Committee to explain what has been done. Ken explained that Don Bruno received all ballots and they will be opened at the meeting to check to see if there were any write-ins other than incumbents for the offices. If there were not a large amount of write-ins for any office, we will then have the same officers as we have had for the past year.

Earl Krause made an announcement that we had three good friends of the sport pass away in recent weeks. Chief Flagger, East Windsor Speedway, Jim Phillips, Sr., Retired New Jersey Flagger, Joe McGowan and Ernie Fisko, very active in California Speed & Sport.

Earl announced Saturday, February 1, 2003; the Fillimon Brothers will be having their annual auto racing video show, which will be held at Milltown Senior Citizens Center, Milltown, NJ. The Motorsports Show, Fort Washington will be held January 10, 11 & 12 at Fort Washington Expo Center. Wall Township Speedway has practice for Turkey Derby, Saturday Nov. 23rd.

Good to see Kenny Thompson back on his feet after surgery and welcome back to Nancy Shea after her hospital stay.

Club copier had to be replaced and we purchased a 3 year warranty, which will give us a total of 4 years under warranty.

Earl Megill thanked everyone for making this year a great year, even though some rough roads, everything worked out well. Earl asked if anyone had any suggestions for 2003 to please let him know.

Ralph Richards had a South Jersey Speedway Reunion. Ralph has some shirts for sale from the reunion. The reunion was held at the old Alcyon Park, site of the old racetrack and a good time was had by all. Ralph had hoped more members would have shown up and hopes that everyone will get the chance to come down some day and see what a great job was done to incorporate the old race track into a ball field for the kids. They have a stock car weathervane and 7 plaques along the wall with different racing scenes. He thanked the people who did attend.

Ray thanked Ralph Richards for all his work with Vintage Oval Track Magazine. During the year Ralph gives us exposure throughout the country and around the world in Vintage Oval Track and we would all like to thank you for your hard work.

Ray tallied up to date car owner points for the year, keep in mind we have 2 shows to go.

Top Car Owners in 15 Events

Butch Colosimo	13
Bob Worth	11
Ken Pullen	10
Don Stives	8

Anyone interested in seeing the list, see Ray Shea. 45 different car owners attended with a total of 49 different cars.

Nancy Shea announced that she has created a new web site on MSNUSERS.COM. It will be for any news, upcoming events for anything we would like club members to see. You will be able to log on and join and see info, pictures, etc. You will be able to link directly to the gsvscc.org.

Ray Liss, Al Gehrum, Loretta Tymko and Cheryl Bayrooty went to the Moonshine Run In Dawsonville, Ga., and there is a nice album to look at.

Ken Thompson read the ballot write-ins. 1 Bill Force President-1 Ray Liss, Vice President-4 Bill Force Vice President- 1 Paul Voight Trustee—73 Loretta Tymko Miss Congeniality.

All officers will remain the same. Ray Shea President, Bill Erbe Vice President, Loretta Tymko, Secretary, Bob Farlee Treasurer.

Ray announced that the results were official and thanked everyone on behalf of the officers for their support.

Steve Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Clark Sutton seconded the motion.

December 18, 2002 Minutes By Loretta Tymko

President Ray Shea welcomed everyone and extended his wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Great New Year for 2003. He expressed that he appreciated the support of all the members for the past year and also the past 12 years.

Ray welcomed Nick Cottone.

Gary Lafetra, was hospitalized for triple bypass and is out of the hospital and doing well. Best wishes go out to Gary.

Loretta Tymko announced that Paul and Mary Ann Hayes were selected as Citizens of the Year In Brick Twp for 2003. Congratulations to Paul and Mary Ann. Ray Liss and Cheryl Bayrooty were not able to attend the meeting tonight as they were at the Award's Banquet and Ray asked Loretta to tell everyone that he proposed to Cheryl and they will be married in April. Congratulation and best wishes to them both.

Bob Farlee gave the Treasurer's report for December: Balance at the end of November, 2002 was \$8,486.00, income was \$1,047.00 of which a large amount was from Turkey Derby 50/50 and expenditures were \$665.00 leaving a balance of \$8,867.00.

Ray gave a report on income from Wall Township Speedway 50/50's and Museum as follows:

Ray Shea thanked the Club Members for their nominations and Earl Krause announced the Hall of Fame Inductees as follows:

Drivers:	Bob Malzahn, Bob Rossell and Tony Siscone
Owner:	Dick Kirby Owen
Writer/Announcer	Nat Kleinfeld
Pioneer Award	Bob Boudinot
Lifetime Achievement	Chris Economaki
Jim Delaney Award	Lee Greenwood
Trustee	Earl Krause

Ray announced that Bob Worth would be representing the club at Motorsports and Don Stives will let us know if someone will take his car as that is the date he is getting married. If Don cannot make it the next qualified car will go. There are 2 cars that would be next in order of shows made in 2002 and would be picked out of a hat. They are Paul Hayes and John Mondelli.

We need volunteers to repack memorabilia in our storage shed and put them in our new containers.

Ray handed out forms for Loudon, NH 2003.

Discussion on tips to winterize the vintage stock cars.

Best wishes go out to Joe Pratt.

Earl Megill thanked everyone for coming out and making our events successful. Everyone applauded Earl for the great job he did. Earl also spoke about our tentative schedule for 2003.

Joyce and Don Peak have donated 2 display cases for the museum and Ray needs a work crew this weekend to pick them up.

Earl Krause announced that Russ Dodge, Danny Rhein, Bob Byrd and Ed Isnardi will salute Flemington Speedway at Motorsports. They will create a replica of the covered grandstands in a two booth area. Danny Rhein is creating one of his famous dioramas and will represent Flemington Speedway from 1961.

Gil Hearne, Ray Neary and Elton Hildreth will be signing for our club at Motorsport 2003.

Butch Colosimo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Shea seconded the motion.

The club wishes Cheryl Bayrooty and Ray Liss love and happiness. An April 12th wedding is planned.

Congratulation to Mr. and Mrs. Don Stives. Their wedding took place on January 12th.

Jack Hart cont...

On the state level he placed 5th in New Jersey. Nationally he was "down" to 8th spot. The fact that seven cars were demolished within five years did not help the statistics. Bodily he was more fortunate suffering only a split lip and broken nose (his worst racing injury) in more than 300 races entered.

A final attempt to grab the elusive brass ring of sportsman stock car racing was made in 1958. The State of Delaware was added to the weekly schedule. It resulted in a final rating of third place both statewide and at the old Delmar, Del. Speedway.

At the same time the Garden State NASCAR ovals became a fulltime occupation as the Hart Racing Team traveled back and forth across the Delaware River five and six times a week. The New Jersey tally for 1958 included second place at New Egypt, fourth at Pitman, fifth at Wall and seventh at Old Bridge.

This crisscrossing was good only for fourth place in New Jersey but nationally it marked Hart's best and final attempt to gain a NASCAR national title. When the final national points were announced in Daytona Beach, Fla., only top-rated Grand National driver Ned Jarrett had accumulated more points than Hart.

The following year saw the end of the Hart-Lyon partnership as marriage left Hart a "loner". It also saw Hart devoting most of his racing time to nearby tracks.

During the 1960's the Islip 500 and Wall 300 were added to the victory list. A spectacular come from behind second place in the Bowman Gray 400 classic, Winston-Salem, N.C. was another plus He piled up track titles and was the top sportsman driver during a five year period at the Vineland, NJ Speedway.

In the twilight of his career, Hart tried driving a modified stock car. The year was 1968. The experiment was not to his liking. That's when Jack Hart the racing driver became Jack Hart the total businessman. His vast auto racing knowledge proved a most valuable asset during his 25 years in the auto repair business. He was highly respected by the Chester Business and Professional Association and his ability in his chosen field resulted in clientele that read like a Who's Who of Delaware County.

Hart is survived by his wife Lois, a son John H. of Everett, Wash., his mother Mrs. Anna Sipe of Englewood, Fla., and one grandchild. Services were held Saturday and funeral arrangements were private.

From the Star Ledger November 26, 1980

The cremated remains of auto racing driver John Hart Sr., were scattered around the Wall Stadium track and pit yesterday, in accordance with the former state champ's final wishes.

In a noon ceremony, Hart's wife, Lois accompanied by their son, John, Jr., and friend, Bill Murray, drove one lap in the family car, stopping at the start-finish line.

Mrs. Hart sprinkled ashes at the starting line, then walked around the track tossing ashes into the infield area, track spokesman Charlie Robert said. The group drove another lap around the track and into the pit area, where Mrs. Hart spread the remaining ashes.

Wall Stadium was hart's home track, where he won four local crowns in his blue Chevy Coupe. After his retirement from racing in the mid-1960's, Hart became a land developer in his hometown.



Jack Hart action shot
Jack Fitzpatrick Photo



1964 J. Fitzpatrick Photo

Turkey Derby 2002



N.Shea Photos



Motorsports 2003



Row 1. #61 Owned by Bob Worth > #20 Paul Hayes owner, representing the GSVSCC.
 Row 2. Eleanor Hagerman, Ray Shea and Chet Thompson. > Mushroom Special representing NOTRC, "Best Vintage Car".
 Row. 3. Diorama of Flemington circa 1961 from Grandstands by Bob Byrd, Russ Dodge, Ed Isnardi and Dan Rhein, "Best Vintage Display". > Book Author, Bones Bourcier, Ray Shea and Bugsy Stevens.
 Row 4. Red Coffin and Ray Neary > Bob Rossell, Gil Hearne and Donny Allison at autograph session.
 N. Shea Photos



Thank you to Joyce and Don Peak for donating display cases for our Museum.

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Up Coming Events

March 15, 2003 12th Annual West Long Branch
 banquet

Watch for updated list in the April newsletter

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Club Member Honored

Club Member Paul Hayes, Sr. and his wife Mary Anne were recently honored at the Brick Chamber of Commerce Annual Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner at the Crystal Point Yacht Club.

Paul is the successful founder of Hayes Management Company, a crack real estate management firm. While married only 8 years, Mrs. Hayes has long been associated with the business before that.

Their achievements span nearly 3 pages.

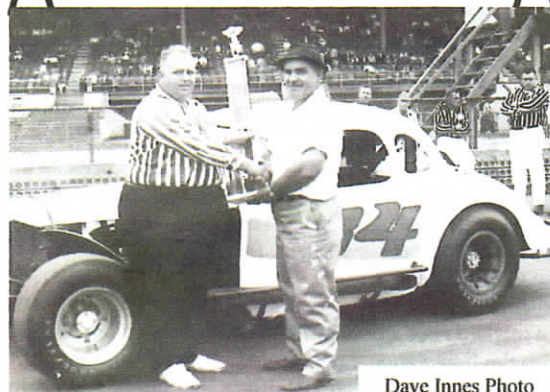
Paul, a native of Monmouth County and moved to Brick in 1968.

Paul says he's now into driving a stock car. After quadruple by-pass surgery in 1997, why not take a chance.

Paul is the owner of vintage stock cars #10, 20 & 100.



Looking Back



Dave Innes Photo

Frank Myroncuk, with Bob O'Rourke. at Trenton Speedway 1967.



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