



Vintage Views

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JULY/AUGUST 2007

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

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OFFICER AND HALL OF FAME BALLOTS ENCLOSED.

THE JULY 28TH SHOW AT NEW EGYPT HAS BEEN CANCELED!!!!



A VISIT WITH JAMIE FRANKLAND

By Ray Shea;

Balm, Florida: While on a recent vacation in southwest Florida, I took the opportunity to visit with Jamie Frankland, the son of James Frankland Jr. the founder of the "Frankland Engineering Company", a name they were later forced to changed to Frankland Racing Equipment.

On Wednesday June 20th I rolled out of Englewood Florida onto Hwy. 776 west about 8:30 am. It was already in the low 80's heading into the 90's for the day. I needed to pick up Rt. 41 North to I-75 but I kinda got messed up, but then again I knew that would probably happen, but I did find my way and headed toward Tampa. Just past St. Pete, I picked up 674 thru Wimauma a largely Mexican town and out into the plantations. As I turned onto Balm Road and arrived at the gate to Frankland Welding, I saw Jamie walking toward the machine shop.

This was my second visit to Frankland Welding. Last year I forgot my camera but not this time. My digital and video cam was ready to go so I could share this really neat place with you.

His shop consists of a large pole barn open on two sides with a ton of history and many cool things to look at. Out back was another pole barn with more vintage cars and many-many old parts. I asked Jamie if I could do a story on his father and he was more than glad to share his memories with me.

His father was born James Frankland Jr. in Detroit. As Jamie put it, his father made the mistake of going to the races in the late 20's or early 30's. He had enough parts and a stock chassis to build his first race car. It was a sprint car, they called them "Big Cars" then and raced under AAA sanction. The car started out as the #7 and then #68. It's driver at the time was Herb Mangus. Herb was killed while racing the #68 and the number was changed to #69 until 1954.

In February 1946 Jim Frankland and his father brought two sprint cars to Florida to race with drivers Harry King driving one and Frank Luptow driving the other. When you leave Detroit in February and arrive in Florida as Jamie said, they were ruined after that and did not want to go back to the cold winters of Detroit. They did return to Florida the next year and both families moved south. In 1954 the car did not make any money at the fairgrounds in Tampa and was parked outside on the trailer for about 15 years. It sat so long the trailer rusted right into the ground.

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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.

MAY 16,2007 CLUB MINUTES

The meeting of the GSVSCC was called to order by President Ray Shea at 7:40 PM. Due to the clubs New Hampshire event only 17 members were in attendance.

Ray asked for a moment of silence for club member Walt Endy who passed away at the clubs Bridgeport event, and also for club member Howard "Butch" Malsbury's wife Frances who passed away on April 24th. Also noted was the loss of Rich Torusso, owner of the T-2 that was driven by Tony Siscione. Get well cards was sent to Bill Worth who has pneumonia.

Paul Hayes presented the club Treasurers report.

Total cash balances as of March 31, 2007	\$ 22,055.01
Collection Total	\$ 2,713.56
Disbursements	\$ 1,575.96
Total Cash balance	\$ 22,559.10

By-law amendment for car eligibility will be at the June meeting.

Ray noted that we had a good showing Saturday night at Wall Township show with 11 cars displayed and 9 cars on track which made a good show. It was also noted that our Sunday track time show in May was disappointing with only 4 cars present.

UP COMING EVENTS:

June 9th New Egypt for Garden State only

Car shows not on our schedule.

June 9- River Head Speedway, Long Island, NY Vintage cars NY vs. NJ

June 16- Camp Evens 1st annual antiques and classic car show.

July 21-Seaside Heights municipal dock and Ball Park.

Ray noted that when we have Sunday track time at Wall Township we need 2 members to come early to help Bob Menschner clean and prepare track for our use. Membership participation is strongly urged. It was also brought to the members attention that Mahoning Valley track is said to be up for sale and this to be monitored.

Fan appreciation day at Mahoney Valley is Saturday June 23rd. We would like a good club turn out for this event.

With no further business a motion was mad by Charlie Larew and seconded by Bruce Roslin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Acting secretary, John Malsbury

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TO 438 3RD AVE. BRICK, NJ 08624**

ATTN: NANCY SHEA...

**IF YOU ARE AT A CLUB SHOW AT A DIRT TRACK
YOU CAN SEE WAYNE WEAVER**

THERE ARE NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS!

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
CARD YOU CANNOT GO ON TRACK.**

RENEWALS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

**IF YOU HAVE A NEW OR CHANGED E-MAIL/PHONE #
PLEASE E-MAIL ME WITH THE CORRECT ONE. MANY
OF OUR CURRENT E MAILS COME BACK AS
UNDELIVERABLE OR WRONG #'S
GSVSCC@COMCAST.NET/732-840-6307**

THANK YOUR TO CHARLIE LINDMAR FOR SENDING US
SOME NEW SKETCHES. AS ALWAYS THEY ARE
BEAUTIFUL.

JUNE 20,2007 CLUB MINUTES

The June meeting of the GSVSCC was called to order at 7:40 PM by the Vice President Bill Erbe with 39 members in attendance.

Paul Hayes presented the club treasures report:

Total cash balance as of April 30,2007	\$ 23,559.10
Total collections	1,944.54
Disbursements	1,310.05
Total cash balance	\$ 24,193.59

Old business--The membership was once again reminded that cars are to be inspected by the club and have a sticker of inspection to participate, cars must meet with specific guide lines set forth by the state of New Jersey.

It was also noted that Nancy Shea could use some new articles for the news letter

Once again it is June and time for membership renewal. The club noted that Kevin Eyres had constructed and donated a new sign for use at the Museum. Many thanks from our organization to Kevin for his generosity. The show at New Egypt Speedway went very well and the club had a good turn out and a very nice car count. The scheduled upcoming show of July 28th at New Egypt has been changed, new date is yet unknown. At this time Bill made it known that any member wishing to go to Stafford Speedway Ct. will have to let Ray Shea know before August 10th. This is the night before the Thompson Speedway show of August 25th.

Bill brought to the attention of the members that Dan McLaughlin is up from Fla. for the summer as well as Don Stives who came up for the July 7th Legends Hall of Fame at New Egypt which is a static display.

Bill Erbe presented Wayne Weaver to introduce to the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club Compliance standards motion for resolution. All members in attendance were given a copy of the resolution as written and presented by Wayne Weaver/ Marty Van Druten and John Megill. This was presented for the memberships review and was open for discussion. After much discussion it was decided that this would be tabled until the July meeting and reintroduced with new clerical changes.

It was decided there was no further business, meeting and was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Acting secretary John Malsbury

Vice President Bill Erbe will under go surgery on his shoulder this month. The injury was caused when he was involved in a car accident earlier this year.

Club member John Megill injured his arm quite severely at work last week. Hope you are on the mend soon.

Club member John Blewett, Jr. will undergo surgery in late July or early August.

We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Photographer John "ACE" Lane suffered a heart attack on Friday, June 29th. He is home and doing well.

Ace would like to thank everyone for their get well cards and prayers.

Club member Jack Stetser underwent a heart by-pass in mid June. He is home and feeling better.

Club member Jack Capor and long time Wall Speedway Official suffered a stroke last month.

Wife Carol says he is doing much better.

Looking for 60's/early 70's 35-36-37 Small Block

Chevy Coupe, dirt or asphalt. Please call

Charles Randall 1-394-229-2057

To their surprise the car rolled off the trailer and they took what was left of the trailer to the dump. About 5 or 6 years later his father started to restore the car. It was the mid 70's and the last engine he installed was a HAL motor 269 cu.in. They ran that engine in the early 50's and it was very competitive until Offy's came about.

When they moved to Florida in 1947 they move all their equipment into a shop shared with Jack Sheppard in Tampa, Florida. They did small fabrication, welding and repair work. Eventually they rented a shop in Ruskin, Florida from Jack Richardson. About that time stock cars were taking over. The stock car guys needed quick change rears, hubs and other parts, so they started to fabricate the Ford V-8 3 piece rears into quick change as a lot of other people across the country were doing. They built about 200 of these rears in the late 40's to the late 50's, the last one about 1964 or 65. It was a 6 spline rear and when the 327 Chevy V-8 and big GMC 6 cylinder came out they were tearing up the pinion. They then started making a 10 spline all steel rear that was very heavy.

The first aluminum center was made using two steel left side bells from a Ford truck that bolted to the center section. Eventually they ran out of the stock housings and had to make aluminum side bells. Soon they were making brake drums, hubs, disc brakes and many other parts for the racing industry.

In 1985 his father sold the business to 2 ex employees. In 1990 they sold Frankland Racing to Ed Ferree in Pennsylvania.

Jamie now runs Frankland Welding in Balm, Florida where he has a complete machine shop and does custom rear end narrowing, axel cutting, resplicing and repairs quick change rears and just about anything you need.

While on a visit to Jamie's, Don Garlits noticed an old M&H Racemaster tire in a pile of "stuff". He asked Jamie, "do you know what that is?" Jamie replied, an old Racemaster. Not just an old Racemaster said Don, that's a Racemaster Cruiser.

Early in his career when Don first saw the Cruiser, he called Marvin at M&H tire and said he wanted to try them. He did and set a National Record, Marvin then changed the name of the tire to Racemaster Dragster.

Jamie has several vintage stock cars and runs with Florida Old Time Modified Club. They are Flathead and 6 cylinder cars no newer than 1948. Jamie runs a 1934 Ford sedan with a flathead Ford engine, it is a white #1 and was built in Tampa in the 60's by Billy Mexico. He also has a twin 6 cyl. Chevy engine dragster that he built to run at the local drags.

In August 2001 James Frankland Jr. passed away at the age of 88.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Jamie for his hospitality and sharing his memories with us. Jamie can be reached at Frankland Welding 1-813-634-9556.



Photo's

By Ray Shea

Front cover- This #11 "37" Ford sedan rest quietly in a field but in it's day saw action on the sands of Daytona Beach in 1956 as a #3 driven by Tampa driver Phil Diaz.

1. Jamie standing in his "Office."
2. #69 midget sits waiting for action.
3. #24- All original 37 Ford coupe from Slingerlands, N.Y. driven by Howie Westervelt.
4. Jamie's #1 "34" Ford sedan.
5. This "37" Ford sedan awaits it's rescue.
6. Jamie stands next to one of his 6 cyl Chevy engines.
7. Jamie's twin engine dragster.
8. "37" Chevy sedan sits and waits it's chance.
9. Jamie's Grandfather James Frankland Sr. and father James Frankland Jr.

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WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Ron Sasiak, Dennis Keenan, Terry High,
Joe Puliacik and Jeff Scott.

New club cars, #56 of Paul Naperstek and the #4 of Tim Pitts.



Friday evening August 24th Stafford Speedway, display only.
Saturday August 25th, track time at Thompson International
Speedway, Pit & Paddock opens at 8am, track time 9:30am to
3:30pm. Call 732-840-6307 if interested in going
as we need a list for Stafford Speedway.
Motel info will follow for interested club members.



Up Coming Events

Thur 7-26	Monmouth Cty Motorsports	Display
Sat 7-28	NEW EGYPT CANCELLED	Track/Display
Sat 8-4	Mahoning Valley Speedway	Track
Sun 8-12	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track time
Sat 8-25	New Egypt	Track/Display
Sat. 9-22	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track/Display
Sun 9-23	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track time
Sat 9-29	Mahoning Valley Speedway	Track
Sat 10-20	Grandview Speedway	Track
Sun 10-21	So. Jersey Racing Reunion	Display Only
Sun 10-28	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track time
Sat 11-3	Flemings Pumpkin Run	Display only
Sat 11-10	Bridgeport Speedway	Track/Display
Fri 11-23	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track/ Display



Looking Back



Sandy Riddle's Modified rocketed out of the track
between turns 1 and 2. He was not seriously hurt.
June 3, 1972.



Kevin Eyres winner of the 25 lap Modern
Stock feature
September 26.1981.

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