



# Vintage Views

Dedicated to the Preservation of Stock Car Racing History  
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## If My El Camino could talk!

BY Rick Miller, Schnecksville, Pa

Hi, I was born in 1970 and have had a full life. Rick, my owner, bought me for \$2100 in 1973. I was green metallic with gray rockers, had high mileage and accident damage.

After fixing me, Rick welded a trailer hitch to my frame. He owned a '63 dart stock car-bad news for me! He made me tow it to these speedways- Bridgeport, Atlantic City, Wall Stadium and Harmony- hard work!

The stock car was wrecked at Bridgeport and I was hit by a car passing me and my trailer in Somers Point, N.J. In the mid 70's he made me tow a modified mini-stock (much lighter, thankfully!) to Wall, Dorney Park, and Flemington Speedways.

In '76 Rick painted me metallic brown and gold-corvette colors but more towing! This time Halloween floats in several P.A. Parades.

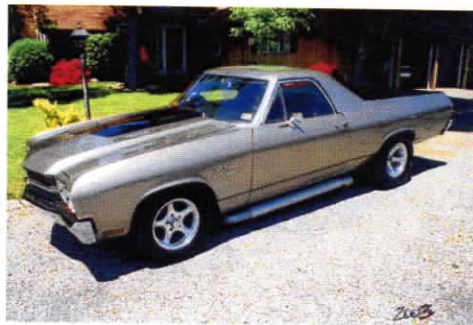
In the '90's I towed a jet ski.

In 2000-01 He rebuilt me again and gave me my 3rd paint job- light pewter metallic from a '99 corvette. He removed some of my chrome and no more two-tone.

For my 33rd birthday Rick gave me a new 350/330 HP Chevy Ho Deluxe Crate engine, clutch, and brake system.

Also, you might notice my trailer hitch is gone! No more towing! I'm retired!

Just Cruise nights and car shows for me!!!



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.



**March 21, 2007 Club Minutes**

The March 21, 2007 monthly meeting of Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order by President Ray Shea at 7:40PM

A Moment of Silence was held for Tom Comerford, a former race car driver who had passed away.

Member Mike Crispo house has burned down and Mike lost all possessions. Fortunately no one was injured.

Treasurers Report: Paul Hayes reported:

Total Cash Balance as of January 31, 2007	\$24,588.12
Collections totaled:	\$1,596.61
Disbursements totaled:	\$4,129.72
CD Ocean First Bank: 5 Months	\$10,154.95
Checking Commerce Bank:	\$11,900.06
Total Cash Balance: February 28, 2007	\$22,055.01

Banquet Report:

Banquet was held on March 17, 2007 at Branches, Rt. 71, West Long Branch, NJ.

Club Awards were presented to Robert and Richard Caramella, and Marty VanDruten for their first place showing at club events. Earl Krause announced that Ray Evernham is again sponsoring the club museum at Wall Township Speedway.

Awards were presented to Ken Pullen and Stan Hawk at the meeting for their showing at club events not in attendance were Butch Colosimo and Matt Bedessa, who also have been awarded trophies for their participation in club events.

Billy Pauch Driving School sent a letter offering a discount to any club member who wished to attend his driving school at either Bridgeport Speedway or Grandview Speedway.

Coastal 181 sent a postcard advising that a new book about Steady Eddie Flemke will be coming out shortly and if ordered by a certain date a free poster of the car that Eddie drove will be included.

The first reading in a change to the By-Laws Article XV, amending the eligibility of club cars, sponsored by Wayne Weaver, John Megill, and Marty VanDruten. Second and final reading will be at the April 18, 2007 meeting.

The Englishtown Raceway Park Swap Meet Car Show scheduled for April 28, 2007 anyone interested needs to sign up it is also a date were the club has a show at Bridgeport Speedway that night but the asphalt cars could make Englishtown show and the dirt cars could make Bridgeport.

Mr. Jeff Gravattt donated all the video tapes of his TV 34 show Let's go Racing to the club.

The Military Technology Museum of NJ is having its First Annual Antique and Classic Car Show at Camp Evans area of Fort Monmouth on June 16, 2007 any club member interested in showing his car will be admitted free of charge, no entry fee. Nels Warren a former racer at Wall is sponsoring the show.

A schedule of Club events will be mailed out shortly within the next week. Mahoning Valley on June 23, 2007 it is Fan Appreciation Night and will be featuring the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club, it is urged at all members with cars be there to make a good showing, bring your racing gear so you can have pictures taken with the fans on the track. Earl Megill requested that the club make a good showing at New Egypt Speedway for the new owner.

Being no future business a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Hawk and seconded by Charlie Larew. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
William T. Dietrich  
Secretary, GSVSCC

**ATTENTION OWNERS & DRIVERS.**

**IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR SUNDAY TRACK TIME WORK  
WE NEED AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE  
TO BE AT THE TRACK BY 8:30 AM TO HELP BOB  
MENSCHNER GET THE PITS AND TRACK READY. WE  
CANNOT COUNT ON ONE PERSON ALONE.  
WITHOUT HELP THE TRACK & PITS MAY NOT BE AS CLEAN  
AS THEY SHOULD BE.**

**April 18, 2007 Club Minutes**

The April meeting of the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ray Shea. The meeting started on an extremely sad note as Ray Shea made the members in attendance aware of the sudden passing of the club secretary BILL DIELRICH. Let it be known to the Dietrich family that their loss is shared by all. At this time a moment of silence was shared by the membership. It was also noted that a very close friend of club member Al Gehrum has also passed away.

The attending membership was made aware that members Bill Force and Bill Morsch have been hospitalized as well as Pete Frazee. The club wishes a speedy recovery to all

Treasurers Report: Paul Hayes reported:

Total Cash Balance as of February 28, 2007	\$ 22,055.01
Collections totaled	\$ 6,740.54
Disbursements Totaled	\$ 6,374.05
C.D. Ocean First Bank: 5 months	\$ 10,154.95
Total Cash Balance for Feb. 28,2007	\$ 22,421.50

Ray received notice that Joe McFarland would like some Club Cars on display at the Saturday events at NES. Anyone interested can make contact through the "3 Wides" web site.

Ray noted that the New Hampshire event is May 15th, 16th and 17th. Ken Pullen reported that fifteen club cars have signed up for this event. It was noted that any member who signed up and paid for last years New Hampshire trip but did not go due to the weather may be entitled to a refund. See Ray for contact phone number.

Thompson Speedway Vintage Race Car show scheduled for August 28, 2007. This is a running show of stock car, midgets, Sprint Cars. Entry for car and driver \$25.00, others \$10.00 at the gate. Sign in at 8:00AM Track time till 5 or 6 PM.

Club track time at Wall Township Speedway Sunday April 22nd. Sign in 10:00AM. Looking for good club turn out. Club cars will be inspected at this event for the 2007 season.

Change to By laws Article XV amending the eligibility of club cars. The final draft for the resolution is yet not complete as discussion for all members best interest has yet to be resolved. Ray Shea noted that the museum roof is in need of repair and this project may be contracted out.

Wall Township Speedway has requested the clubs help in race preparation. Last year the club and its members painted Victory Lane and assisted in painting the track lines.

It was decided their was no further business, a motion was made by Ed Isnardi and seconded by Ray Liss to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM.

John Malsbury:

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We would like to thank John Malsbury for stepping  
in as club secretary.  
Thank you to Linda Cooper for offering to take over the secretarial  
duties when needed.

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Our Deepest Sympathies go out to Al Gehrum on the loss of his friend and companion Suzie Truc, and to Robert & Rosa Caramella on the loss of Rosa's mother.  
To Pete and Arlene Frazee on their recent losses. And get better to Pete after suffering some broken bones. The club also extends their sympathy to Howard "Butch" Malsbury on the passing of his wife Frances at the end of April.

A belated get well goes out to Don Peak who spent the Christmas Holidays in the hospital. Bill Morsch spent several day in the hospital in mid April, Bill Force was back in the hospital but is home and doing fine. Bill Worth is in the hospital with pneumonia, hope you feel better soon. John Fitzgerald also spent a day or so in the hospital with a heart attack scare but is also feeling better. Ray Shea is now on the mend after spraining his knee and missing the May 5 & 6 weekend at Wall.





To all our members, as we mourn the tragic loss of our friend and secretary Bill Dietrich. Lets us take this opportunity to draw on our faith to see us through this difficult time. Let us hope his loss will bring us closer as a club and give us a stronger commitment to continue our work as Bill would want us to do.

We ask ourselves why this could happen and will many times in our life but nobody has the answers. Let me share with you some words I found that have helped me cope at this sad time. Ray Shea

*The plan of the Master Weaver*

*Our lives are but fine weavings  
That God and we prepare,  
Each life becomes a fabric planned  
And fashioned in His care.  
We may not always see just how  
The weavings intertwine,  
But we must trust the Master's hand  
And follow His design,  
For He can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side,  
While we must look from underneath  
And trust in Him to guide...*

*Sometimes a strand of sorrow  
Is added to His plan,  
And though it's difficult for us,  
We still must understand  
That it's He who fills the shuttle,  
It's He who know what's best  
So we must weave in patience  
And leave to him the rest...*

*Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why...*

*The dark threads are as needed  
In the Weaver's skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.*



Club member Walt Endy suffered a fatal heart attack while taking warm ups at Bridgeport Speedway on Saturday April 28th. Our hearts and payers go out to his family and friends. Rest in peace.



Leslie Spurlin Photos

**LOUDON 2007**

Wayne Weaver photos



Rainy day at Loudon on Wednesday.



The Jensen #44 car in the back stretch.



During a heavy rain storm all of the GSVSCC cars were crammed in one of the garages.



Marty VanDruten car.



Some of the Modifieds in the back stretch.



George Henshaw car.



Bill Morsch cars and the #11 owned by Frank & Alice Drogan.



L to R - Paul Weaver, Chris Hague and Ken Pullen



Woody Nyce



L to R - Marty VanDruten, Bob & Rich Caramella

**REWARD OFFERED!**

Family chicken lost at Loudon, N.H. on May 16th or 17th. Owner heartbroken! If found call 1-800-123-cluck



**WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS**  
 Mickey Adzina, Jackie Lyden, Burton Irwin,  
 Paul Ciemnecki, Les Smith and George Pocock.

My apologies to Earl Krause for not giving him the proper credit for writing the Bios for the Banquet honorees in the March/April newsletter.  
 Nancy Shea

**CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE JUNE 1ST**



**Up Coming Events**

**2007 schedule**

Sat 6-9	New Egypt	Track/Display
Sun 6-17	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track time
Sun 6-17	Cruise to the Jersey Shore	Display Only
Sat 6-23	Mahoning Valley Speedway Fan appreciation night. Cars will be on the track for fans to see	Track
Sat. 7-7	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track/Display
Sun 7-8	Wall Twp. Speedway	Track time
Wed 7-18	Grandview	Track
Sat. 7-21	Bridgeport Speedway	Track/display
Thur7-26	Monmouth Cty Motorsports	Display
Sat 7-28	New Egypt	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 Forward**



**NEW CLUB CARS**

Guy Vogt with his 55 Chevy late model.  
 Ken Pullen with his project, a former Mike Stevens Pinto.  
 Paul Weaver's Vintage Pinto Modified 6A and Ray Shea's Super Speedway Gremlin, as sister car to the 7 coupe.  
 #1, 37 Chevy Coupe owned by new club member George Pocock.



**The vote on the resolution to the by-laws on car eligibility that was postponed in April will take place at the June 20th meeting.**

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