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MOTORSPORTS 2012

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OAKS, PA -- Continuing a fine tradition, the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club (GSVSCC) had an informative display at the 27th edition of the Motorsports Show at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (Oaks, Pa.) the weekend of January 20-22.

But it was actually a four day event for the GSVSCC team! That's because the club, along with all of the other vintage groups and "current-day" racers and businesses, utilize Thursday as the set-up day to move cars and equipment into the show that comprises 225,000 square feet of auto racing displays.

The GSVSCC team on Thursday included club president Ray Shea, Ray Liss, Larry Housman, Ed Isnardi, Don Bruno, El Herbert and Jim Hall. They set up the GSVSCC booth, which highlighted the organization's 20th birthday. When the spectators began entering the show on Friday, and visited the GSVSCC exhibit, they saw the restored white No. 01 pavement Modified of El Herbert and the bright pink No. 74 Bobby Braxton dirt Modified Gremlin, now owned by Larry Housman. The backdrop of the booth showed pictures of the GSVSCC Hall of Fame inductees over the last 20 years.

On Sunday, the GSVSCC was honored as the recipient of the "Best Vintage Booth" award.

A special thanks goes out to club member Kevin Eyres who assisted us in making banners for our display. Kevin, who was the 2011 Wall Stadium (N.J.) Sportsman driving champion, also displayed his restored 1985-era Bob Toreky dirt Modified No. 14 in a separate booth. Club members Tom Holding and Wayne Weaver had a Dick "Toby" Tobias "Racing Tribute" that showcased their blue No. 17 Modifieds as a salute to the Tobias racing family. It featured the Ronnie Tobias Mustang and the newly-constructed Toby Tobias #17 Mustang along with original photos and memorabilia from the Tobias racing family. Richie Jr. was on hand for an autograph session featuring photos of both cars.

The GSVSCC was part of a strong group of vintage racing organizations at the show. Included were the Atlantic Coast Old Timers, Flemington Speedway Historical Society, Har-

mony Speedway Historical Society and the Reading Fairgrounds Historical Society.

There was also a large display honoring Pa.'s Nazareth Speedway. On Saturday of the show, some 40 former drivers that competed on that half-mile clay oval that closed in 1988 had a wonderful reunion at the show.

And, John Norcia, a member of the GSVSCC Hall of Fame as a winning Modified owner from the 1950s through the 80s, celebrated his 81st birthday with a party at Motorsports 2012. His family had an exhibit honoring their years in racing, with a replica of dad John's No. 81 Modified coupe No. 81 from the 1960s and 70s one of the cars on view. The Norcia family also had their brand new, "current-day" No. 81 dirt Modified on display.

Indeed, each year the Motorsports Show has something for everyone! There are displays of vintage and modern day open-cockpit and stock cars; local and national race-tracks, racing parts and apparel, collectibles and racing business and free technical seminars.

Our sincere thanks to show producer Lenny Sammons and his staff for having the GSVSCC at the show, and for putting together another great event. We'll see you there in January 2013!



GSVSCC meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month 7:30 p.m. at the West Long Branch Firehouse, Rt. 71 (Monmouth Road) and Cedar Ave. West Long Branch, NJ. For directions call 732-330-8349

DECEMBER 21, 2011 MINUTES

The December meeting of the Garden State Vintage Stock Car Club was called to order by President Ray Shea.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of club member Dick Disbrow.

Get well wishes were sent to Paul Hayes, who has undergone surgery.

The Officers and members in attendance would like to recognize Linda Cooper for her outstanding job with her first issue of our Vintage Views publication—"excellent job".

UPCOMING EVENTS: The car owners' meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 at the WLB firehouse. This is the opportunity for car owners to express their opinions and to offer ideas that may aid in the operation of our organization.

The Reading, PA car show is set for February 24—25.

The WLB Fire Company #1 will have a Fillimon Brothers racing movie show on March 3 at the WLB firehouse. Anyone who has ever attended these knows it's well worth the trip!

The Motorsports Race Car & Trade Show 2012 will be held on January 20-22. Our booth will highlight the club's 20th anniversary. We will have the #74 Gremlin of Larry Houseman and the #18 of Tom Herbert. Ray Liss and Kevin Eyres are heading up this project. Those wishing to help can contact Ray or Kevin to offer assistance.

The club's awards dinner will be held on Sunday, March 25 at Branches restaurant in West Long Branch. As in the past, Eleanor Hagerman is the contact person for this event, and she continues to do a fantastic job. Turn our and support this year's awards nominees.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012 at the West Long Branch firehouse.

Submitted by John Malsbury, Secretary



RACE CAR MODELS ON DISPLAY!

March 21 Club Meeting

Bring your models to show and chat



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COMING UP SOON!

Annual GSVSCC Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, March 25, 2012

2:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

See enclosed form for details.



PHILLIPSBURG MALL SHOW

The fifth annual IRCO Dirt Track Heroes Race Car Show is coming to the Phillipsburg Mall on March 4—10, 2012. The show highlights many of the local short tracks and will include a variety of cars, memorabilia, collectibles and photos on display. The mall is located on Route 22 Phillipsburg, NJ.



FILLIMON BROTHERS RACING MOVIE NIGHT!

Saturday, March 3

Doors Open 4:00 p.m.

Show Begins 5:00 p.m.

West Long Branch Fire Company #1
379 Monmouth Rd., W. Long Branch
\$10 Admission



Carl Kurtz

GSVSCC member Carl Kurtz sent in some photos of his racing experiences for us to enjoy. Carl is from New Jersey and currently lives in Leesburg, Florida. Thank you, Carl, for sharing these memories!

My name is Carl Kurtz and I grew up loving race cars. My brother Russ is seven years older than I, and as a kid, I learned to work on his race cars. Russ ran during the 1967 season at Flemington (NJ), East Windsor (NJ), and Nazareth (PA). At the end of the season, he was drafted.

I knew then that I wanted to be a "car guy". In 1972, at age 18, I bought a 1939 Chevy coupe - the old #44. I towed it home, tore it down, rebuilt everything, painted it silver, and renumbered it 66. I also ran the car at Flemington, East Windsor, and Nazareth.

Then I sold the old #66 and bought Doug Hoffman's #56H. Man! What a difference a good car can make! In 1974, I painted it yellow and blue and renumbered it 38. I had good runs on all the dirt tracks.

I sold the #38 in 1976 and started driving for Bill Huntley. The first car, a blue #90, suffered a bad wreck at Flemington. The next year, Bill came out with a new car, the "Flying H", which had a Vega body. It was a great running car. After I opened my own speed shop, I built several cars for my buddies.

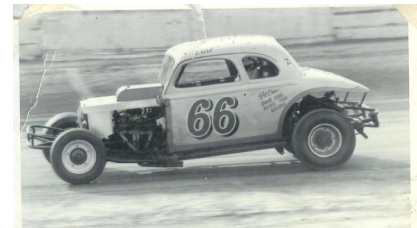
After my last wreck at Flemington, I had to make a decision. I was married with children, and had to hang up my firesuit.

I will never forget the great people and the great racing. Now my pride and joy is a 1935 Ford street rod, a 2-door sedan.

Here are some photos of cars I built and drove.



1972 -Paid \$50!



1973 Flemington at Speed



1974 Flemington
Side Trip (Steering Broke)



1975-1978 Bill Huntley-
Owned "Flying H"



1967-My Brother Russ
Kurtz's Setup



2011-My All-Steel Small Block
'35 Ford 5" Chop Pro-Street
(A Survivor Body)

2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

Here it is! Get out your calendars and save these dates so you don't miss any of the action this coming season. More dates may be added, so "stay tuned".

DATE	LOCATION	DISPLAY
April 14, 2012	Bridgeport Speedway	On Track
May 12, 2012	New Egypt Speedway	On Track
May 26, 2012	Wall Stadium Speedway	On Track
June 2, 2012	Bridgeport Speedway	On Track
June 30, 2012	New Jersey Motorsports Park	On Track
July 1, 2012	New Jersey Motorsports Park	On Track
July 7, 2012	New Egypt Speedway	On Track
July 14, 2012	Wall Stadium Speedway	On Track
August 4, 2012	New Egypt Speedway	On Track
August 18, 2012	Wall Stadium Speedway	On Track
September 15, 2012	New Egypt Speedway	On Track
October 21, 2012	South Jersey Racing Reunion	Static
October 27, 2012	New Egypt Speedway	On Track
November 10, 2012	Bridgeport Speedway	On Track
November 23, 2012	Wall Stadium Speedway	On Track

ATTENTION CLUB DRIVERS

All drivers participating in on-track events in New Jersey must wear helmets that are **minimum SNELL SA 2005** approved. Is yours?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

2012 SOUTH JERSEY RACING REUNION

Sunday, October 21, 2012

The Speedway Café at the
Ramada Inn

2216 West Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ

For more information, contact

Tom Holding (856) 364-1732

Wayne Weaver (856)982-3371

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PHOTO TRIVIA

(from our Fall 2011 issue)

ANSWER

The place was Reading Fairgrounds, PA. The year was 1966. The 21 was a Modified owned by Dick Moran from Old Bridge, NJ. Dick had several drivers during this era. The #97 was driven by Bill Altonen, a Wall Stadium (NJ) regular who also ran on dirt at East Windsor (NJ) Speedway.



***Our condolences** to Susan Disbrow on the passing of her husband Dick, to Larry Houseman on the passing of his father, and to Kevin Eyres and his wife Nan on the passing of her brother.*

**GET WELL WISHES**

Paul Hayes
Bill Erbe

**WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBER**

Dennis Drain – Linwood, PA

**RACING IN JANUARY?**

Yes! Wall Stadium hosted the NEETS-sanctioned "Beaters with Heaters" Enduro event on January 14. Congratulations to club members Lee Allen, Chris Felber and Marty Van Druten who were top finishers of the day!

PHOTO TRIVIA

Here we go again!

Can you name the place and the drivers?

Hint: read the sign backwards with a magnifying glass.

The car numbers are 16 and 13.



Photo courtesy Eddie Stone

If you have a photo you'd like to share for Photo Trivia, send it to Linda Cooper via e-mail at: lrttd07@aol.com or by mail to: 7 Thompson Street, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

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Be sure to provide the pertinent facts!

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