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Here's an interesting combination of driver and car. To say more would be giving it away, so good luck.

Well, this photo turned out to be more of a mystery than originally thought. Yes, this is the celebrated asphalt Modified driver Richie Evans in the cockpit, but obviously that's not his iconic orange #61. This car was owned by Bruce "Pee Wee" Griffin, himself a popular racer and general rascal. If you look closely, you'll notice that this is a short track car with a dry sump oil system (the tank is Evan's "passenger"). Although the car has a NASCAR Winston Modified Tour inspection sticker, that may not be relevant here. This photo has been dated October 29, 1978, but there are seemingly no records that show where Evans could have raced it. That weekend, the NASCAR Winston Modified Tour appeared at Martinsville (VA) Speedway, where Evans ran his own car. Was this car raced as a Late Model at Martinsville that weekend? We could speculate that Evans took Griffin's car out for practice, but this photo was taken at night – nobody practices that late in the show.

Research turned up some photos of Griffin's superspeedway car, which had a similar paint scheme. Daytona International Speedway held 200-lap Modified races during Speedweek each year in 1979 and 1980. Griffin's car competed in those races, but not with Evans behind the wheel. He ran his own car, and won both years' events. By the way, the legendary Neil Bonnett ran Griffin's #72, finishing second to – guess who? – Evans.

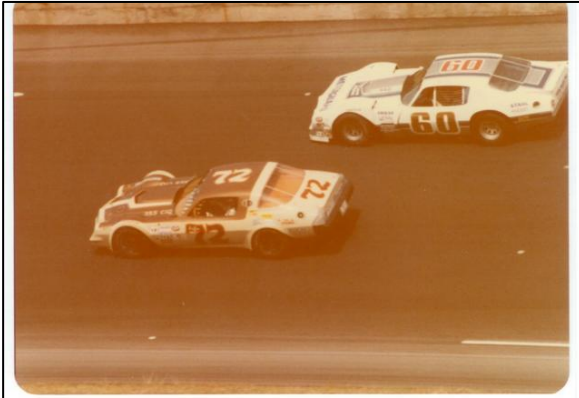
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Thanks to Earl Krause and Gil Hearne for trying to help straighten this thing out.

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Richie Evans at Daytona 1979



Neil Bonnett (72) and Bob Riley (60)
at Daytona 1979



Richie Evans? Photo date: January, 1979

