

Vintage American Race Cars Traveling Museum

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Notes from our President

John Morton

Racing season has started and Angola was a big hit. We participated in their racing program on Saturday and they also let us have the track on Sunday. The promoters, owners and staff are such great people to work with. Our new rule to lead only 2 laps and fallback led to 3 cars swapping the lead and running close enough to cover them with a blanket. The crowd was on their feet cheering for the leader as they came out of turn four three-wide. The two-lap rule is self-policed and when used it does make a close race and entertainment for the fans. Thanks, guys, for a real show. Thanks Michiana Vintage Racers for a great lunch at the track. Those that fixed and brought food go out of their way to provide a good time. Be sure to thank them.

On to Winchester Speedway and what a turnout of cars. 57 cars in total with VARC members numbering 12. The Old-Timers were the only show for the 2 day event.

A great shout out to Larry Boos for allowing this event to happen. The Guest of Honor was Tom Bigelow. What a class act. I got to talk racing with Tom and he is very friendly and knowledgeable. He



was my nephew's hero when he drove the Elden Cadillac sponsored sprint car in the St. Louis area.

Our season is going better than a lot of clubs as fuel costs and inflation take its toll. I have a project for everyone, can you think of any improvements we can make that would help control the cost of Vintage Racing? As fuel costs are up and inflation stays high are there any changes or ideas you may have to help keep this affordable for the masses. You can email me at jmorton3233@gmail.com or text me at 517-404-5524. I sure will be respectful to all ideas.

A big shout out to all who have supported and kept things rolling. This is your organization and your help is needed.

Boy you cannot know how much I have appreciated your help with scheduling and being a pit steward at your assigned track. That has taken such a load off the President and has helped grow a stronger team. Thanks-Thanks-Thanks. I can't begin to mention names because I would leave someone out. But you know who you are and a big slap on the back from us all.

Time to close and get this in print. Remember the challenge from the Apostle Paul "to do your best in all you do".

Angola Speedway

What a gorgeous day for racing. The sky was blue and the weather perfect. There were 13 cars from both Michiana Vintage Racers and Vintage American Race Cars. Drivers attended from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

There were enough cars to run 2 Heat races. First out were the Stock cars, six in total.

Four cars finished with Lou Caposy taking the



checked flag followed by Tom Wiedman, Jim Pitchford and Dan Wiedman. The Open-Wheel class had seven cars in the field. All seven finished with Dave Ordos taking the checkered followed by Hank Lower, Seth Smith, King Kramer, Ron Gunderman, John Lawhorn and John Morton.



Next up was the feature. Racing was fast and tight. The lead was swapped several times with Tom Wiedman coming across the line first. There was a close battle for second with Hank Lower and Dave Ordos crossing the line side-by-side.



Sunday was a fun day with five cars hot lapping. Ron Gunderman, John Lawhorn, Dave Ordos, Todd Tower and Jim Pitchford all enjoyed some track time.

By Melinda Ahleman



Winchester Speedway

There were 11 VARC cars on hand for the Winchester Old-Timers Reunion Show. Among those who traveled to this remarkable, historic track were Johnny Lawhorn, Ron Gunderman, Dave Ordos, Seth Smith, Bob DeBolt, Butch Evans, Walt Campbell, Hank Lower, Mike Eastman, Brad DeBolt, and John Morton.

There were more than 50 very interesting old vintage cars running around the fast high-banks of Winchester. It's so cool to see these cars up close. If you have never been to Winchester you MUST go. You will not be disappointed.

By Melinda Ahleman



Shadybowl Speedway

Shadybowl is one of my favorite asphalt tracks. They love us there and are usually one of the first track to reconnect for the following year. There was a descent car count with eight on the track. We got some good practice but then mother nation stepped in and won for the night.

On hand were Johnny Lawhorn, Bob DeBolt, Walt Campbell, Butch Evans, Mickey Thompson, Curt Peterson, Ed Stevenson and Gene Steele.

By John Morton

Oakshade Raceway

This race postponed until August 13.



35 Raceway Park

Four cars were on hand. Johnny Lawhorn, Walt Campbell, Butch Evans and Mark Bott.

No further information at press time.

Moler Raceway Park

It was a perfect day for racing, a little warm but nice breeze. We had seven cars (not good) make the trip...Butch Evans, John Lawhorn, Ed Stevenson, Curt Peterson, Clark Moore, Randy Clark and Walt Campbell.

Jeremy Lawhorn was kind enough to do the legwork for me in arranging the race schedule and announcer information with management. The management are great people to work with and do an excellent job of preparing the track.

We had a lot of back-and-forth action in the heat race with John Lawhorn taking the checkered.



In the feature the shuffling continued on a dry, slick and dusty track. As the dust settled it was the Red #2 Car of Butch Evans winning the feature!



Great Night of Racing!

By Walt Campbell

What a night at Butler Speedway. Rain threatened all day but the evening was pleasant. The first heat was won by Tom Wiedman in his beautiful Mustang stock car second was won by Dave Limberger in his #36 midget. Great close racing. The second heat looked like it was going to be either Hank Lower or Jim Slade but Dan Wiedman slid between them on the front stretch and stole the win in his Blue #37



Pontiac Sedan.

Feature time saw 11 cars take to the track. Johnny Lawhorn shot into the lead on the first lap with Ron Gunderman on his heels. In the meantime, Jim Slade and Hank Lower started on the tail and began to maneuver through traffic towards the front. Half way through the race the #74 of Slade began to sputter on the back stretch and it looked like a "popcorn". Hank might have had it sewed up but the #74 sprang back to life and caught the #37 of Lower. The #2 of Gunderman was closing in fast but unfortunately ran out of laps. He came in third with Hank passing Slade coming out of turn 4 for the win. What a crowd pleaser and a big thanks to all the drivers for a good show.

What great people the new owners are. With all the fuss of running a nightly show the Wilber Family is a class act and treated us greatly. Thanks

By John Morton

Butler Speedway

What You learn from the Fans

When you put the story of your car on display you never know what you will find out. As John Morton discovered while displaying the #4 midget at Winchester. A great vintage racing fan, Carl Prall from Toledo, read John's storyboard and asked if the car described was the car on display? Carl said he watched this car race in the east and shared the history he knew with John.

Bill "Red" Rigel drove this car to eight feature wins in a row. Rigel was so good (phenomenal in Carl's words) in this car that is led to him earning a ride in a USAC sprint car. Sadly, in June of 1966 Rigel came together with Jud Larson at Reading, PA and they both lost their lives.

When you mingle with fans you create a great opportunity for them to share their knowledge and love of true vintage racing.



Board Meeting

When: August 27
Time: 3:00 pm
Where: Sandusky Speedway

RSVP to Melinda

Motel Information For Banquet

Comfort Inn
840 Sean St
Fremont, Ohio
1-419-355-9300



Ask for VARC Discount

You have until Oct. 10 to RSVP

Pizza Party - October 28

Board Meeting - October 29

Banquet -- October 29

2022 SCHEDULE

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| August 5 | Hilltop Speedway |
| August 6 | Wayne Co. Speedway |
| August 13 & 14 | Oakshade Raceway |
| August 19 | Corrigan Oil Speedway |
| August 20 | Portsmouth Speedway |
| August 20 | Springport Speedway |
| August 27 | Sandusky Speedway |
| September 3 & 4 | Angola Speedway |
| September 25 | Johnny Auxter Day Fremont Speedway |
| October 1 | Atomic Speedway |

FOR SALE

1967 Ron Ward Sprint Car

Mild 350 SBC with 650 cfm carburetor, Bert Transmission, Halibrand QC rear end. Frame was powder coated 2 years ago, Body was painted 2 years ago, New Saldana Radiator, New KSE Power Steering Pump, New Battery, Bert Transmission was rebuilt last year.

Complete set of Hoosier Dirt Tires mounted on Gold Center Magnum Weld Wheels and a complete set of Hoosier Pavement Tires mounted on Gold Center Magnum Weld Wheels, Extra complete set of Dirt and Pavement Tires un-mounted in great condition.

Comes with a 2017 V-Nosed Legends 8.5 x 20 ft trailer. Completely Finished Inside with Lighting (12V & 110V), Electric brakes, 46" Attached Toolbox and Mag Wheels.

All Sprint Car Tools and 4 sets of QC gears included.

Currently running with Vintage American Race Cars (VARC).

\$18,000.00 FIRMWill Not separate

Walt Campbell at 513-702-3613



Lindblad Badger midget 1975

Badger midget with fuel injected 160 ci Chevy II engine on alcohol -- Hilborn Fuel Injection -- 12 wheels and tires (5 New Sanders wheels with new American Racer slicks) (3 vintage Anson wheels) (4 Duralite wheels with Hoosier tires) -- Car has independent front suspension with new coil over Pro shocks -- Coil over rear -- Halibrand shifter rear-end -- Extra Chevy II block -- 14 gear changes Many spare parts 2022 Freedom Enclosed 14 x 7 trailer



1975 Lindblad Badger series 1 owned by Bob Lockard. Was driven by Johnny Parsons Jr, Joe Saldana and many more great drivers. Car ran with USAC until it was outlawed due to the independent front suspension, and engine and driveline offset to the left side. Car sat for about 30 years before the first rebuild. The car then sat hidden away in the JAB collection for many years until Ken Davidson purchased the car. I bought the car after searching for the car for years. I felt that the car needed to be seen in running condition for everyone to remember its fascinating past history. It has a complete written and picture history of past drivers and rebuilds.

Rebuild of car was done by Butch Evans of Speedway Classics and the engine was rebuilt by Butch McCall Motorsports.

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