

Vintage American Race Cars Traveling Museum

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Notes from our President Jim McDermott



The VARC Board of Directors held their fall meeting in Fremont, Ohio on October 28th, 2017. The Board addressed several items for the upcoming year. This included changes to the organization's bylaws and rules. Changes to the bylaws and rules that were approved will be posted on the website soon. A new position was proposed for a Director of Marketing. Bill Layton was elected for this very important job. That left the Vice President's position open. John Morton was nominated and approved with a unanimous vote to fill this spot. Congratulations to the new appointees!

If you have any ideas on how we can get additional sponsorship give Bill Layton a call. In order for VARC to grow and attract new members we need funding to carry out our mission.

There was also discussion of next year's schedule. The number of events was discussed and a proposal was

made to limit the VARC sanctioned events to 12 shows, for which points will be awarded. Other optional shows can be listed on the schedule as open events or events sponsored by other vintage racing groups where VARC members are invited to participate. We are looking for your input on this. We must remember that our goal is to present our "Traveling Museum" of vintage racing cars to the fans. In order to accomplish this mission we need an adequate car count.

We are also looking to work with promoters and when possible split our cars into groups by type. This will make our on track "exhibition races" more representative of the type of racing that was carried on in the past. This however requires a sufficient number of the various car types to commit to our shows. If we can get a commitment from you as to which shows you would like to see and how many you will be able to make we can work with the various promoters and try to arrange this. The life blood of this organization is your participation, which was very good last season and we hope to even better in 2018.

We need your feedback so give this some thought and let us know how you feel about these proposals. What are your favorite tracks? How many shows do you plan on attending? What will make it more likely that you will attend more shows? Send your thoughts to us so we can have the best information when we start our scheduling. We have members scattered over a wide area and that is taken into consideration when working out our schedule.

The Board of Directors approved a new sponsorship/membership structure for 2018. VARC has to grow and expand our traveling museum. Unfortunately, this is not always a low-cost endeavor. There are a number of revenue-generating projects being planned, but we need your help as well. One main contributor to our operating funds is membership dues. See the note from Dori in this newsletter for more information

The annual banquet -awards presentation was held that evening after the meeting. I can't say enough about the hard work that was put into making this a great night. If you have not attended one of our banquets you owe it to yourself to put it on your list of fun things to do. We have already scheduled the hall for next year and look to make it bigger and better.

Stay tuned for additional information on scheduling and other issues that we are working on. A revised point system was discussed and work is being done to make it more fair to all members with the thought that it will encourage additional participation. Any ideas are welcome. The Board of Directors will

review any suggestions and determine if it will help our mission. So once again get back to us with your thoughts. If you have any proposal write them out and send it to me. I will present them to the directors for their action. I am already looking forward to next season and have one track promoter offering us dates to pick from. I think our program is worthwhile and entertaining as well as educational. Hope to see you at a track in 2018. Thank You.

Sincerely Jim McDermott

Notes from out Vice-President John Morton



I want to thank everyone for the vote of confidence in electing me Vice - President. I hope I can be a benefit to the organization in the future. I look forward to service alongside everyone and again, Thanks.

Notes from our Secretary Dori Ordos

In order to support our mission of educating the public on the history of automobile racing, VARC has to grow and expand our traveling museum. Unfortunately, this is not always a low-cost endeavor. There are a number of revenue-generating projects being planned, but we need your help as well.

One main contributor to our operating funds is membership dues. For years, all members have paid a \$25 membership fee, with a \$5 penalty if received after the first of the year. In following with our current tax exempt status, VARC is now offering two levels of sponsorship (membership). We have a number of dedicated members who do not have vintage race cars. These members provide both financial and moral support to the club and they are greatly appreciated. These members are our associate sponsors. Dues for an associate sponsorship will remain at \$25 if paid before January 1, \$30 if paid after that. All associate sponsors will receive a VARC decal, so they can show their support for VARC. Members who run / exhibit their vintage race cars are known as full sponsors. Full sponsors are eligible to receive two free pit passes at every VARC-sponsored event. Dues for full sponsorship are \$50 if paid before January 1, \$55 if paid after that.

If an associate sponsor acquires a vintage race car during the season, they can start participating in VARC-

sponsored events by upgrading to a full sponsorship, for an additional \$25.

VARC always welcomes new members! We will accept either associate sponsor (\$25) or full sponsor (\$50) members at any time during the year. Just remember that sponsorships are not pro-rated. All sponsorships run for one year, from November 1 through October 31, regardless of when they are paid.

Membership forms and payment should be mailed to the treasurer.

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Donations

Continental Services

Sandusky
Speedway -
Shirts

Jellico Creek
Crafts -
Birdhouse



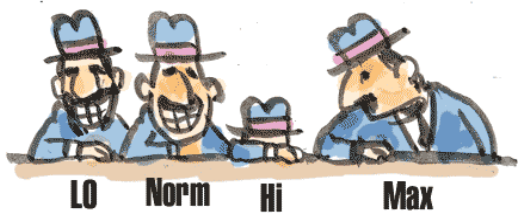
Shirley Morton – Kitchen Towel

Melinda Ahleman – Avon

Speedway Motors

ThorSports – Hat/ Sheet Metal





The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees. The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner and cooled the car off immediately. The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million dollars for the patent. The brothers refused, saying that they would settle for \$2 million but they wanted the recognition by having a label "The Goldberg Air Conditioner" on the dashboard of each car that it was installed in.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little opposed to this, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Ford cars. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million dollars and that their first names would be shown.

And so, even to this day, all Ford air conditioners show the names "Norm, Hi, Lo, Max" on the controls.

Pizza Party





Angola Motorsport
Speedway
Sept. 2 & 3



Fremont Speedway
Johnny Auxter Days

Sept. 9 & 10

Angola Speedway was once again a top quality event made possible by the management team at the track. This is one of the places to put on your list of things to do.

We had a really good car count for our show. The members of both Michiana and VARC are to be complimented for their efforts making this a positive and fun event. It appeared that our efforts were truly appreciated by the fans. On Saturday we were part of a great racing program.

We had a great cook out and special thanks goes out to everyone that made that possible. We even had fresh corn on the cob which was just wonderful. Thanks all.

The help of the members that assisted in getting the cars from the display area to the pits and back was invaluable. It takes a great deal of coordination and timing to get this accomplished and I want to be sure that it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks to everyone that was involved with a special thanks to Dori who spent a great deal of time running back and forth to inform all the drivers of the last minute changes.



North Coast Racers hosted Johnny Auxter Days at Fremont Speedway. VARC is ever so grateful for their invitation to participate in this special vintage show. Saturday night the vintage cars were included in the regular racing program.

Sunday was a car show and vintage racing. There were over 20 vintage race cars and at least that many classic street cars on display. There was a 69 Z-28 that stole Jim McDermott's heart as it looked just like the one he bought as a young fellow. There were a number of outstanding street cars that were beautifully restored as well. After the judging and awards were given out we took the race cars back to the pits and got ready for our racing. Congratulations to Gene Steele and his #126 as it won Best of Class (race cars with roofs).

The cars were split up by types of cars and went out on the track to enjoy the afternoon of showing off how our cars looked in their racing days. Gene Steele chased Dave Harrison for 10 laps or so in the feature but Dave got the win by about a 10 foot margin. Word was the fans loved it as the red Gremlin and the blue '38 Chevy coupe fought for the lead.

A special Thanks goes to Randy Mapus and Rich Farmer for organizing this event. It is truly a pleasure to run at this track.



Atomic Speedway

Sept. 16

VARC would like to thank all the members that made it to Atomic Speedway this past Saturday. It was a good night for racing and we got in a lively heat race and an outstanding feature event. There were a variety of cars of different types which made for a good show for the fans. The VARC Traveling Museum was well received by the fans based on the many upbeat comments. We had 12 cars on display and raced on the track. It was a good time and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Atomic speedway staff was helpful in getting us on the track and we thank them for the opportunity to participate in their very busy program. They put on a very good racing program with some very fast racing in all the divisions. This is a track to put on your "must do" list. You won't be disappointed if you like fast, close action.

Atomic is always a fun track to race on and a challenge to get off the track. Jim messed up and didn't carry enough speed exiting the heat race so of course he stalled causing a back-up at the exit. For the feature he was sure to keep up the speed which got him slightly airborne but he kept it going. It was good to see John Lawhorn make it to the track as he had a blown engine at Fremont. He was able to get an engine installed and running by the time of the show. It was also good to see Bill Layton make this show as he traveled over 300 miles to get there. It was good seeing all the members that made it.



Eldora Speedway

Sept. 23 & 24

The event at Eldora was well represented by VARC members with over 20 cars on display. The parking arrangements and voucher system worked very well as we were able to park close to the display area. Thanks to Dori Ordos our Secretary on the excellent job she did over the weekend.

The high temperatures did not dampen the enthusiasm of the fans. They were definitely interested in our display of museum quality cars. The large number of race fans that were seen around the cars was refreshing and indicates that they are interested in vintage car racing. Many were disappointed that we were not going to be on the track but they did enjoy the static display.

We want to thank the Eldora management for their support and hospitality. Their program was very well organized and the racing action on both days was fast and furious. The fireworks display for each race winner is unequalled by any race track that we go to. Well done Eldora!



Lawrencebug Speedway

Sept. 30



No Report

2017 Points



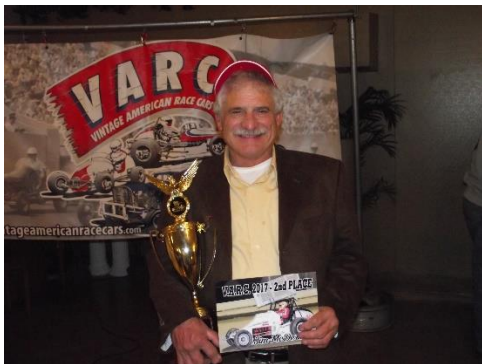
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Terry Wells
&
John Lawhorn



5th Place
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Evans

2nd Place

Jim
McDermott

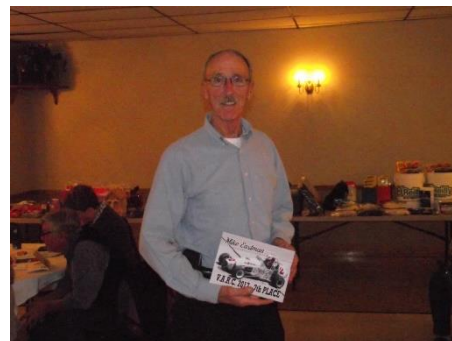


6th Place

John Morton

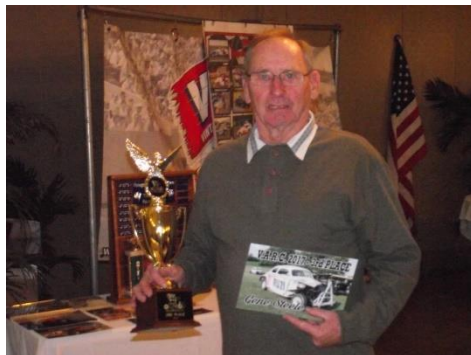


3rd Place
Bill Layton



7th Place
Mike
Eastman

3rd Place
Gene Steele

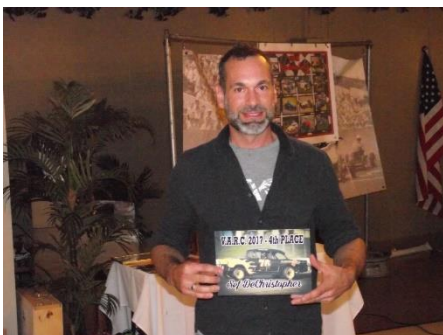


7th Place

Dick Slagle



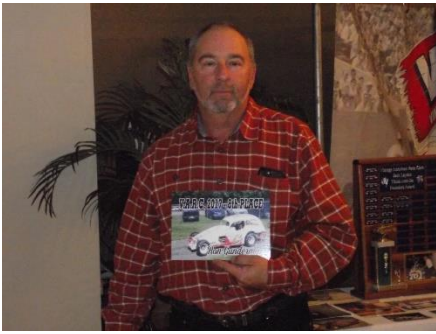
4th Place



Sef DeChristopher

8th Place

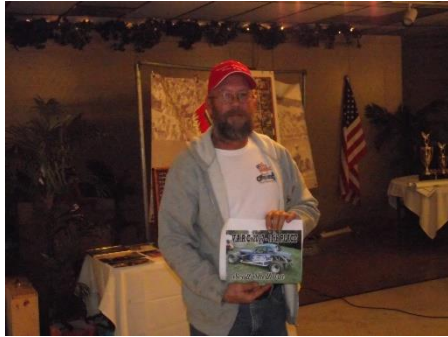
Mike Mason
&
John Fork



9th Place
Ron Gunderman



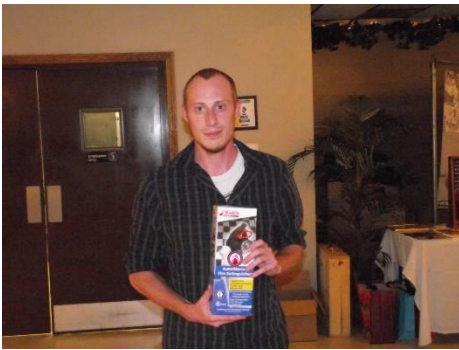
Women of the Year
Dori Ordos



10th Place
Scott Shelhorn



Jack Layton Award



Rookie of the Year
Brandon Bebout



Jim McDermott



Kenny Berends Award
John Morton



Track of the Year

Fremont Speedway

