

GOLDEN WHEELS

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Happy Summer!! Yes, I do believe that summer has finally arrived in the Northwest. With some welcome information enclosed, we will start off with a message from The Prez.

President's Column: It's called "Writers Block". At least that's my story, and I'm sticking to it. That's right folks, you haven't seen a newsletter for quite some time, and that is mostly the fault of your humble servant being distracted, away, working at the museum, building a wall, fighting a balky race car, working at the museum, tired, busy, asleep, working at the museum, well you get the picture. By the time you receive this issue, most of the on track racing season will be complete, with only Wenatchee, and South Sound Speedways yet to go. By any measure, it's been one of the best seasons we've ever had. We started with the traditional opener at Stateline, Idaho where we met the new promoter. Some moved on to Meridian, Idaho (some never got there, although they tried). Next was our annual visit to Ephrata Raceway Park and the always great hospitality of the Witte family. At Ephrata, a new tradition was started, as the local powers that be decided to cancel the annual parade, which was the center piece of their "Sun and Sage" festival. So the Wittes decided to continue the tradition of hooking up all our midgets and towing them through the parade, only they did it at the race track. It was neat, and I guess that'll teach you, Ephrata, to cancel our parade. June 24th and 25th, found us at Cottage Grove Speedway for our first dirt show of the year. The following week was our second dirt show at Coos Bay, Oregon. Back to back dirt shows meant you didn't have to tow home for the asphalt tires. Those that were able to, stayed in the Oregon area for the week between the shows. Unfortunately, Kay and I were not able to stay for Coos Bay (see my opening excuses---or statement).

Our next scheduled event, for caged sprints only, at Meridian, Id. was cancelled due to an agreement by the clubs with the Meridian management. July 22nd and 23rd, saw us at one of the premier events of the year, the Art Pollard Memorial at Douglas County Speedway, Roseburg, Oregon. Another great show by Golden Wheels and WCVR, this time with the ASA/NSRA sprinters. What a show on the 3/8 mile track. When we'd visited Cottage Grove in June, we were invited back for a non-scheduled visit the week following Roseburg. This time, Kay and I were able to stay in Oregon, spending a very rewarding week on the beautiful Oregon coast. No laptop, and another lost opportunity to write this column. Sorry! At both Cottage Grove shows, we were given our usual Friday play day, but track prep is more an issue on a dirt track. My understanding is that an "Angel" stepped up and footed the bill for our fun in both cases. I don't know who that "Angel" was, but he or she should know how grateful we are for their generosity.

And that brings us up to the present. Last weekend we ran our second all "open wheel" show at the 1/2 mile track at Yakima, Wa. GW and WCVR were joined by the WMRA midgets, vintage modifieds, and the cast iron 360 winged sprint nationals. Another fabulous show for all. In a couple weeks, we will return to the Wenatchee Super Oval after a hiatus of some 10 to 12 years. It's been a long time since either club has visited Wenatchee, and we are all really looking forward to returning. Following Wenatchee is our annual trek to Banks Lake, and a few relaxing days of visiting Grand Coulee Dam, breakfast at the R&A, the dam light show, golf, (yes golf), and if you've never seen golf played by a bunch of racers, well, you get the picture. And this year's added bonus, target

practice, as we're all going to play cowboy and take our guns. And as an extra, extra, added bonus, maybe I'll show everybody the famous Schlegel Bay, named for an old retired bass fisherman, who decided to go racin'. This would be on the day we rent the party barge, and yours truly shows off one of the truly beautiful lakes in America. You shouldn't miss this event. Our season wraps up at everyone's favorite track, South Sound Speedway, Tenino, Wa. on September 16th and 17th. This has been a super year for Golden Wheels, but not so super for Kay and I, as our car has not run well, if at all. While it has finished a couple events, it's only as a field filler at best. But the year has not been a total loss, as Lenora McMurtry put me in her beautiful #11 Kurtis/Offy for the heat race at our second visit to Cottage Grove, and I had the honor of doing the hot lap session on the ½ mile at Yakima in the equally beautiful "8 Ball" sprinter of Hannah-Price. My first time on a ½ mile in a sprinter, and a real thrill. My thanks goes out to Lenora, Tom and Marv for a couple great rides.

Burn out! It's a condition we all experience at some point. And those of you who have enjoyed our in depth, on track reports either through this newsletter or Vintage Oval Racing Magazine will note that we haven't had any this year. That is because "burn out" has claimed another victim. So if you miss the follow-up reports of who attended, and how they finished, you're in luck, because there is a job opening. We need someone to list attendees and their placement in events, and pictures to support these reports are needed too. Frankly, I miss the recognition we get in VOR, so if you are detail oriented, and fancy yourself as the next great writer, get in touch with me, or a board member.

News Flash!!!! Mark your calendars: The 36th. Annual Golden Wheels awards banquet and auction will again be held at Robb's 125th. Street Grill in Seattle, on Saturday, October 22nd. Menu choices and details to follow. Don't miss this opportunity to find out who wins the hard luck trophy for the year, as it's a close race, going right down to the wire. And if you've never had the Jerry and Frankie show extract money from you at the auction, it's not to be missed. That's all for now folks, hope to see you at Wenatchee, Banks, Tenino, and the banquet. *Hal*

While waiting for exhibition event results I received the following message from Nita.....
Hi All - I am sending this email to advise you that I will no longer be sending event reports to VOR nor will I be doing any annuals after the one I currently have for sale that covers the 2008-2010 years. I will continue to keep the announcer spreadsheet up-to-date and will be glad to give "race" results to someone willing to take over for me on the event reports. Without good action shots or human interest shots, the reports are not published. I no longer have the energy for these projects. After over 40 years "working" at each of our racing events, I'm retiring.

The annuals are \$45.00 for soft-bound and \$55.00 for Hard cover. Add an additional \$5.00 if you need the annual mailed to you. I will be sending another order this week. Also, I can order the 2006 or 2007 annuals if you missed out on them. I would like to thank you all for the great pictures you've provided to me in the past. I hope you continue to get these to whomever takes over this responsibility.
Nita Volz mtlady96@yahoo.com

A big "THANK YOU" to Nita for all of her help and input over the years. Believe me, it has been GREATLY appreciated.

With the subject of the newsletter status still fresh in mind, I'd like to add a few words. Getting the message of what is going on in Golden Wheels out to our members is important and plays a big part in holding us together in all aspects of the group. Like in all clubs and groups, it is usually a small group of volunteers that takes this task on with a smile and enthusiasm. Over a period of time however, waning enthusiasm, life style changes and many other things can make the need for changes in the volunteer group. We are now at one of those periods where we need some new volunteers to step up and add their talents to the job of keeping Golden Wheels the class act it has become through these many years. As a charter member of Golden Wheels I wish to see this continue.

Along with Nita, I have reached a point where there will need to be some changes in my part of the process. Having been editor of the newsletter since 1995, I am going to be looking strongly for a replacement in the not too far future. Having been actively involved with Skagit Speedway PR for over 15 years before a 12 year stint with Brownfield Promotions, the enthusiasm to put out a monthly or bi-monthly newsletter has progressed from 'Let me at it!' to "Is it that time again?" I know that we have the talent in house to do the job, we just need you to step forward. Feel free to contact me if you're even interested and I'd be happy to let you know what's involved. firsturn@hotmail.com or 425-334-5763

BIRTHDAYS!! ----- Being a bit behind we have a lot of them to pass along. Our 'May Flower' celebrants were; Joyce Turner, Jeanne Norman, Carl Alleman, Don Hancock, Harry O. Whitman, Lee Elwell, Al Book, Gordon Rivenburg, Bob McLees, Loren Day, Dennis Anthony, Gary West, Jack Choate, Don McKeehen, Les Randall, Clark Geffe and George Hespe.

'Summer Ushers' for us were June honorees; Anita Volz, Geri Lieder, Shirley Curry, Margie Kane, William B. Cammarano, Jr., Jerry Robertson, Russell Duffield, Michael Allan, Dick Fredell, Carl Larson, E. Jarvis Erickson, Donald Dalgarno and Frank Volz.

Our 'Bang Up Group' in July consisted of; Janie Choate, Lenora McMurtry, Teresa Craver, Gail McClure, Deanna Dalgarno, John Gregg, Delmar McClure, Don Cook, Jr., Don Henry, Thomas Welch, Perry Ashworth, Randy DuBois, Glenn Nickell, Stu Donaldson, Brian McMurtry, Jerry Day, Daryl Hedman, Dave Imrie, Murray Ferris and Sanford Bray, Jr.

They say August is the month with 'No Holidays'. Don't tell that to; Barbara Belala, Brenda Jarrett, Mel Anthony, Joe Winkler, Jack Corley, John Ross, L. D. 'Dud'Burnett, George Todd, Dan Blair, Harold Kammerzell, Jr., Butch Dennison, Jack Goffette and Arthur Waller.

Best Wishes to All and may you have many more!

Sorry to hear Warren Kindle has had damages to his beautiful 1939 Ford Deluxe Sedan. It seems some lady chopped him off in traffic and then hit the brakes. Luckily, insurance should cover the expense, but we all know it will never be 'the same'.

Good news to hear that Carolyn Blair, wife of Dan Blair, has had positive results with treatment for some health issues. Best Wishes for a full recovery.

As many of you may know, WCVR member Kenny VanBlargen was injured earlier in the year. Recovery is taking a long time and he can currently be reached at VA Medical Center- Palo Alto, 3801 Miranda Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304 Attn: Kenny Van Blargen - Ward 7F. Phone number is 650-493-5000 or 800-455-0057. They have a head set he can use to talk on the phone. A fund to help with expenses has been set up at: FBO Kenny VanBlargen, Cente Lucia Bank, PO Box 1947, Paso Robles CA 93447. Our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our condolences to Janis and Paul Day. Janis' father passed away last March and her mother passed away just recently. May they Rest in Peace.

By the time you read this, the 3rd Annual Elma Auto Racing Hall Induction Ceremony will be history. Many from the Northwest will recognize some of the inductees that raced this track west of Olympia, WA. The 2011 inductees are Fred Brownfield, Jack Davidson, Vic Wright, Neil Seljestad, Tom Denny and Rollie Lielke. Past inductees include George Wixon, Larry Spoon, Glen Walker, Jim Sutherby, Rich Leighty, Ed, Kvistad, Nick Zvono, Vergil 'Spider' Parker, Dave Ehlers, Albert 'Barney' Peetz, Jason Longwith, Doug Goble, Harold Clevenger and Howard Carter. It is great to see racers like these remembered.

Since I have no exhibition results or shots to print, I thought I'd stick in something from the 1975 Sky Valley Speedway Annual. Not sure if the first page has been in a prior newsletter or not, but it does include two of our members, Loren and Paul Day. The second page includes one of our Hall of Fame members, Ross Fontes. And, I stuck a shot of Charles 'Chuck' Harring on the Buy - Sell - Find - Trade page.

Hoping to have more and better in the next newsletter. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend, be it at the WWSO outing in Wenatchee, WA or elsewhere, mark down the Golden Wheels 2011 Banquet on Saturday, October 22nd and whenever you're in a wheeled vehicle always remember to.....*Keep Your Wheels Down!!!*

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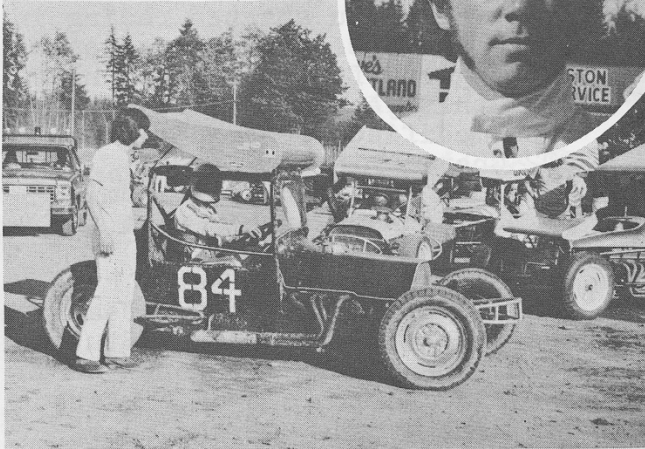
C - Division

Car 84

LOREN DAY...Owner & Driver

Sponsor:

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The black and white #84 modified is owned and driven each week by rookie Loren Day. Since his early teens, his only dream was to have a race car. His chance came at the end of the '74 season, when his brother bought a new modified. Loren bought the car from his brother Paul, which ran the #14 in 1974.

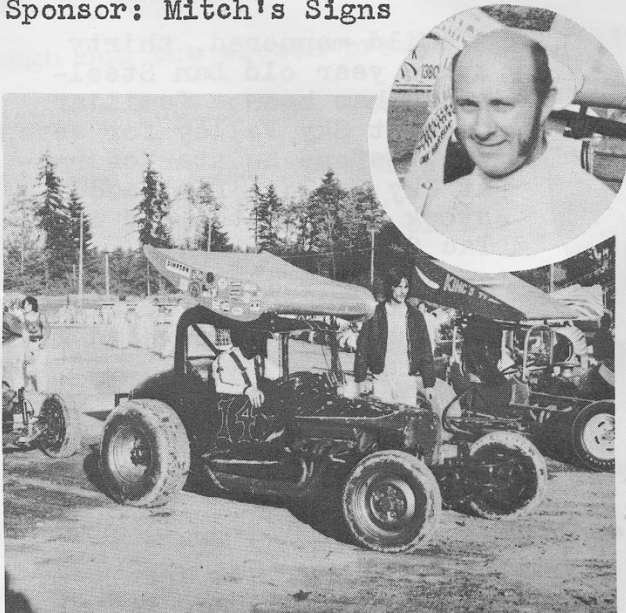
Running the C division, Loren before the end of the season was running his 283 Chev in the B's. He says his best times so far is when he's able to race with his brother. As Loren put it, "That's the greatest when both of us are out there trying to beat each other."

Working for the Bothell school district, the thirty three year old bachelor resides in Seattle. Helping Loren in the pits is his nephew Steve Roberts and the crew from the 85 car.

Car 14

PAUL DAY...Owner & Driver

Sponsor: Mitch's Signs



Starting his fifth season at Sky Valley, is thirty one year old Paul Day. The black and gold #14 modified is a 292 cubic inch Chev, with a Don Edmonds body. After buying the car from Greg Barnheart last year, Paul spent the winter months getting the car ready for the '75 season.

Due to his job with the Bothell school district, Paul has not been able to race near as often this year as he would like.

During the winter, and when theres time, he likes to take in a little hunting and fishing.

Among his fans at Sky Valley, theres no doubt his biggest is a gal named Janis Boone.

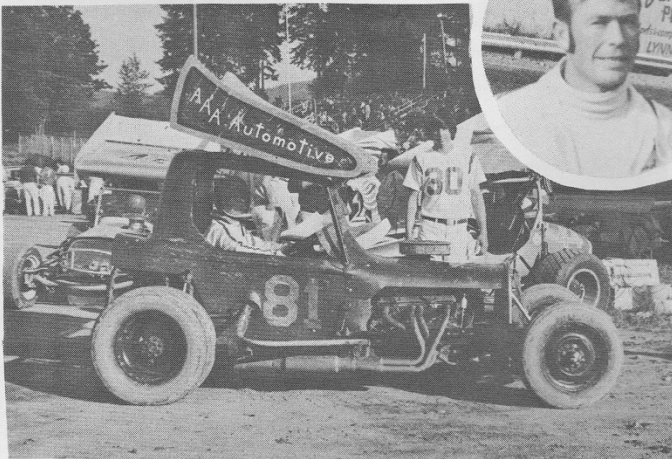
Helping Paul in the pits is Steve Roberts, and his brother Loren.

Car 81

BOYD RAYFIELD...Owner & Driver

Sponsor:

A.A.A. Automotive



A brick layer by trade, Boyd Rayfield has been driven under the #81 since his rookie year in 1970.

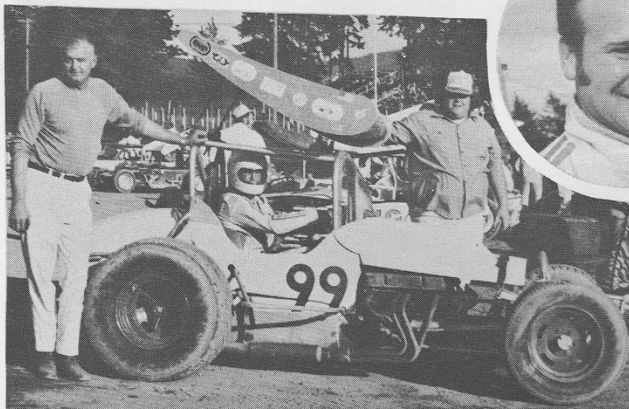
In 1974, Boyd bought the San Jose modified he now drives from Mike Stowell. Powered by a 292 Chev, the metallic blue modified is cheered on each week by his wife Sharon, son David and daughters Renee and Annette.

The 1971 season Boyd placed second in the B-division.

Residing in Bothell, Boyd enjoys hunting and fishing, when he and his son David, are not working on the race car.

Car 99

ROSS FONTES...Owner & Driver



Ross Fontes is a veteran driver of modifieds and sprint cars of eight years. He is currently the driver of his own car, just purchased from Jim Neild.

Ross is 38 years old, and in the eight years of driving has held many championships. Among them are three time champion at Skagit, twice W.R.A. champion, and North West Dirt Track champion. He has broken many track records on of which still stands at Ephrata.

Ross is a brick mason by trade, and lives in Bothell.

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For Sale: 1953 Kurtis Copy Midget. Powered by New "Drake" Water-cooled Harley, Spring front, cross-torsion rear. New HD orange paint, lots of chrome. 4- New pavement 12" tires. 1- 5.50X12 on 6" wide wheel. 1- 5.00X12 on 5" wide wheel. 3- 4.50X4 1/2 wide wheels. 2 wheel rear Halibrand Brakes. \$25,000.00

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For Sale: New Bell Helmet - K1 2010 Never worn - Black Size SMALL = \$350.00

For Sale: 2002 Chev Silverado Extend-cab Pick-up w/Canopy. 2 wheel-drive. 348 V-8 eng. Removable Push-board. \$10,000.00
For more info on car, helmet & truck call **John @ 360 668 9785 or 206-499-1986**

For Sale: Rail Frame Midget. Early 97c.i. Offy #213. Franklin Steering, Hilborn Injection, Halibrand rear end, 12" Halibrand Wheels. 25K **Brian McMurtry** 425 350-0999

For Sale: Midget offset Bennett quick change housing w / side plate & rear covers. 4.44 to 1 Ford ring & pinion. Used Franklin 10 spline gear sets #7-8-9-23 special-35-41. **Also:** Midget Race Car - 1930's vintage. Looks like a Solar. Lots of LA Calif. history. No Engine or gear box. Contact: **Jack Corley** 360 NE 20th Dr., Gresham, OR 97030 Phone: 503-667-1725

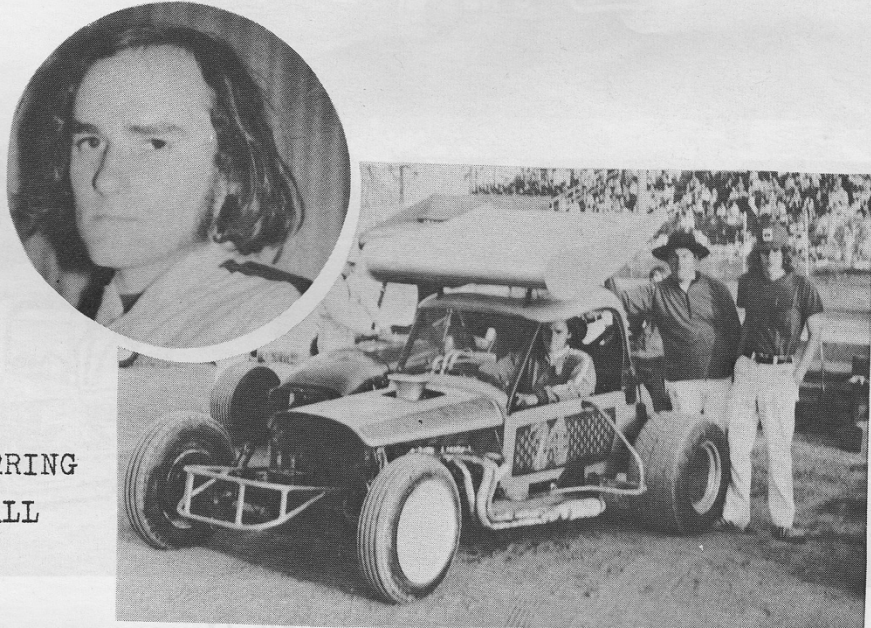
For Sale: 1971 Bob Trostle midget. Very rare as only three (3) were built. Has new Chevy II engine, new tail & nose and chrome plating. Torsion rear, leaf spring front suspension. Car was in process of restoration. Death in family forces sale. \$11,000.
Contact: **Sam** at 480-830-8883.

For Sale: '74 Edmunds-Kane Midget. 6 sets gears, 12 wheels, Chevy II, Halibrand & spare parts. \$16,000 w / open trailer or \$20,000 w / 2008 14' enclosed trailer. Call: 360-387-4696

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Car 74
CHUCK HERRING
BILL McCALL

OK, so they spelled his name wrong. We all know it's member Chuck Harring.
But on the bright side the phonetic part was correct.