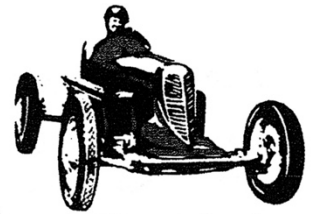


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**Welcome to Spring!!** While we are yet to hit the tracks, we do have our annual Golden Wheels Inspection and Car Show on tap for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to the generosity of Warren Kindle and Sandblasters, Inc. we will again be meeting at The Plant Farm for a Sunday of Cars, Friends and Fun.

It is always a great day with many of our racecars and a diverse selection of vehicles showing up.

For those that have never attended, The Plant Farm is just west of I-5. Exit #206, then south on Twin Lakes Ave. past Gissberg Twin Lakes Park. It's a nice grassy area with concessions available.

**President's Column:** President's Column: Hi everybody, and a belated happy Easter for those of you that had Easter related activities which caused you to miss our April Sunday breakfast. In spite of the calendar playing a trick on us by having Easter fall on the second Sunday this year, a hearty group of fourteen GW'ers did make breakfast. And as fate would have it, our May breakfast falls on Mother's Day. As I told the assembled multitude, I can't think of a better way to celebrate Easter and Mother's Day than to take your wife, your mother, girlfriend or significant other to breakfast at Shay's and do some bench racing.

Well, it's the lull before the storm. You can almost hear it; the sound of Offy's, V8/60s, Chevy 11s, Sescos, 350 Chevs, and maybe even a HAL, as racing season is just around the corner. But first, and to kick off the season, is the annual Golden Wheels inspection and car show extravaganza. Warren Kindle of Sandblasters Inc. has arranged another spectacular outing for us, with all manner of race cars, hot rods, classics, and show cars etc., held again this year at The Plant Farm in Arlington. The food as always will be provided by the Jubies, with the proceeds benefiting the Gail Jubie Memorial Fund. So save Sunday, April 29, from 10am-3pm, and join us for our biggest static show of the year. And remember, your car needs to pass this annual inspection if you plan to participate in our on track exhibitions.

As far as car activity goes, I found out last night that Bob Scott has purchased still another midget, the former Brenda Jarrett Edmunds. This is the second car in less than a month that Bob has added to his stable, having also purchased the roadster midget that at one time carried a Corvair power plant from the Lorenz family. Bob has also brought the former Gary Berg Edmunds down from Gary's Marysville shop, added a cage, and is talking about exercising the Cosworth on track this year. I've lost track of how many cars Bob has, but I suggested he paint them all the same, get a car carrier, and go as a team. And while we're talking about new cars, if you go on the NWRacechat site, there is coverage of the progress of Paul and Janis Day's new Edmunds modified, just being finished up in Spokane. And boy, it's a beauty!!

I made a trip down to Jerry Day's shop last week, and was introduced to the plastic plumbing pipe special. There on a new table built just for the project, was a gigantic Ranger aircraft engine, with the beginnings of a roadster chassis being mocked up using plastic pipe. This car is being built for Dave Craver and Daryl Hedman, and is a very interesting project. And you can follow along, as Jerry is writing a monthly progress story about the build that will appear in Vintage Oval Racing Magazine.

Hope you all are looking forward to spring's better weather, car shows and on track exhibitions as I am. See you at Sandblasters inspections, Mother's Day breakfast, and off to the racing season. *Hal*

**BIRTHDAYS!!** ----- Our March Birthday Celebrants (with a spring in their step) were; Marileen Moser, John Beilke, Ed Williams, Ronald 'Bud' Melby, Tim Halliday, Don Menard, Donald Kane, Jr., Richard Nelson and Ralph Hunt.

Hoping the April Showers won't dampen their Birthday Party are; Sue Wood, Kay Schlegel, Sylvia Robinson, Marge Beilke. Tom Hanna, Richard Aduddell, Clyde Sullivan, Terry Robertson and Joe McIntosh.

A **Happy Birthday** to all and best wishes for many, many more!!

**Welcome New Members** – Give a Golden Wheels welcome to Bill Zupan of Seattle, WA and Nicholas Munce of Spanaway, WA. Bill is a good friend and crew member of Jim Edwards and Nicholas is the son of Marty and Joann Munce. Welcome, and enjoy the ride!

Treasurer Gary Berg announced at breakfast that current membership stands at 155.

Sorry to hear that long time Northwest racer Donald Lorenz passed away March 20<sup>th</sup>. Don was 200p Port Angeles Midget Champion and raced stock cars for many years. Our condolences to Don's family and friends. Rest In Peace, Don.

A question arose at the April breakfast..... How many race cars are currently owned by Golden Wheels members? The answer is ??? depending on how many members will provide cars owned info. If we can get you to send a listing of cars currently in your racing stable, be it one or a dozen, it will be greatly appreciated. It will also help us up date our information which is probably badly outdated. Use the form below, mail a list if the form's too small or email info to [firstturn@comcast.net](mailto:firstturn@comcast.net). Thanks!!!!

Since there is very little to report on since the last newsletter I decided to do something different. I dug into my archives and came up with the Golden Wheels Vol.II Issue #2, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1977 newsletter. Since that is almost exactly 35 years ago I am sure that the majority of our current members didn't get a chance to read it. To make room, I have dropped the Buy-Sell-Find-Trade page, as there were no new ads for this month.

# RACING THROUGH THE YEARS

The Vintage Race clubs put much effort and care into restoring the racecars of the past. We at Sandblasters, Inc. are honored to be hosting the annual inspection for...

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### Golden Wheels Car Ownership Roster Questionnaire

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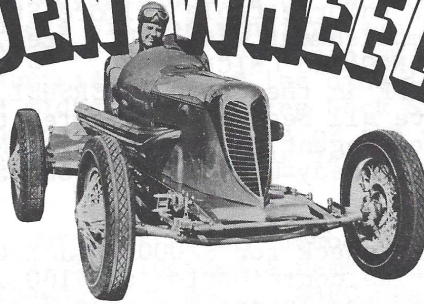
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# GOLDEN WHEELS



March 31, 1977  
Vol. II, Issue No. 2

Dear Members:

It has become obvious that many of you are not reading these newsletters. In an effort to direct your attention to at least this first page, we have purposely buried this issue's photo caption here. And we know that everyone among you takes time to look at the photo. (Many are even saving them).

We have new members galore, but for some reason or other, have failed to attract renewals from approximately 50% of our original subscribers. The indication on this end is that either our newsletters are not being followed, or some have simply forgotten to mail in a renewal. We are busting our meager budget in the mailing of this newsletter without cutting anyone from the list, but we'll have to bring out the axe and start chopping soon. In fact, our long awaited Club roster is now ready for printing and will be in the mail as soon as we can get an accurate count of our 1977 members. Now for the photo caption....It shows a 1936 main event lineup on the parade lap at Seattle's old Aurora Speed Bowl; a 5/8 high banked dirt track. The Speed Bowl was located near the junction of Hwy. 99 and the Edmonds cutoff road. Sorry that I can't identify everyone in the photo. Member JACK SPALDING is outside, front row, wearing his chrome plated steel helmet, looks like Jimmy Wilkeson on the inside, 2nd row and the unmistakable lines of Mario Bianchi's single overhead cam McDowell can be seen outside 3rd row with Adolph Dans driving.

BANQUET: Our 1977 Awards Banquet, ably M.C'd by member "Cactus" JACK TURNER, turned out well despite an intermittent malfunction in the PA system. Award winners ROGER STEEVES, PAUL POLD, JIM MCGUIRE, JOHNNY WRIGHT, CLARENCE SMITH, SANDRA CORBIN, ED JENSEN, BOB STONECIPHER, JUD TAYLOR, ERIC FOSTER and BILL RAMEY carted off all the hardware....except one. And I'd like to thank the members responsible who presented me with the unexpected (and best) trophy of all. Another surprise award of the evening came when JAN OPPERMAN presented BOB COCHRAN with the traditional JERRY DAY RAM RACE CAR Champion's jacket, awarded each year to the sprint car champion. Congratulations, BOB. Other cities represented were...Spokane, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., Portland, and PAUL POLD TRAVELLED the furthest distance, coming from his home in Lawndale, CA., a suburb of Los Angeles. PAUL enjoys the distinction

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of being among the elite corps of only 50 drivers who ever won a main event in Hollywood's unforgettable Gilmore Stadium. Our other members who share this accomplishment with PAUL, are...ALLEN HEATH and silent members, SWEDE LINDSKOG and CHICK BARBO. We were also pleased to see member HERSHEL McGRIFF in the crowd. HERSHEL, BILLY FOSTER, PAT VIDAN and FRANK KURTIS have all been newly elected to our Hall of Fame. Here with the Portland contingent, newer member LEN SUTTON seemed to be enjoying himself and has already been put in nomination for the next Hall of Fame balloting.

Our presentation of a check for \$2000 to JAN OPPERMAN'S US CRY ranch was augmented by a surprise contribution of \$160 collected by member RON HOUSE at a reunion of the Tacoma Torquers Hot Rod Club. Many thanks and a tip of the hat to RON and the TACOMA TORQUERS. JAN, whose mental and physical condition is rapidly improving, told us that he will use the money to complete some much needed plumbing and a sleeping loft in his church at the ranch. And JAN has never even remotely ever given us any cause to doubt his word. The physical evidence at the ranch certainly bears this out. However, it seems that some folks expect the man to work miracles. As JAN expresses it himself, he's only a tool in the hands of the Great Miracle Worker. From my point of view; miracles are created as the result of a hell of a lot of hard work and JAN OPPERMAN is doing just that at his ranch. So let's not look for miracles right now. Everyone has to walk before they can run.

CHECKERED FLAG: With much regret, I must report the loss of two members recently, BUD TURNER and MAC McINTIRE. BUD TURNER was for many years a frame and front end specialist who could always be counted on to 'make 'em handle'. His handling know-how was in turn reflected in several sprint cars he owned at various times and they always gave his drivers a good ride. Take it from the horse's mouth, as I was one of his drivers. BUD'S last few years were spent in company with a terminal illness which kept him constantly round tripping the hospital. MAC McINTIRE, who placed auto racing and his old cronies above all else, died of a heart attack shortly after being released from the hospital where he had undergone an operation on his neck. In fact, MAC had scheduled the operation for the Tuesday following the Golden Wheels banquet, in order that he might be present for the party. In the early 30's, he worked on GLEN SHAW'S Dreyer in JIMMY WILBURN'S pit. Later, and for many following years, MAC was on the clocks for WMRA and was the official PLAYLAND STADIUM timer. Both BUD and MAC counted their friends by hundreds.

RACE CLUBS: Contrary to the opinions of some, Golden Wheels is not hung up on open wheel racing. We try to represent all types of auto racing and have asked for input from the stock classes as well. The reason we have for little reporting on the stocks is simple....We seldom hear from your Clubs. A great deal of good can come from the co-mingling of various racing groups at banquets etc. Since it happens that I was personally associated more closely with the sprints in the past, it only follows that my collection of photos and memorabilia would be largely of that type. However, I ran some stocks, midgets and hydroplanes too and am keenly interested in all speed sports. Just let us know about any past, present or future item of interest to your Club and we'll be happy to oblige. As WRA has done in this issue, we will be pleased to get your flyers out to our membership in the future. Nuff sed.

GOLDEN WHEELS DAY AT PORTLAND? WMRA president, John Wood, Jr., has informed me that Portland promoter, member RON AIL, will do a real number

in advertising for a Golden Wheels Day at Portland Speedway on June 5, PROVIDED we give him enough advance notice of who among us he can expect to be there. The midgets will be running, and for those among you who haven't seen their shows recently, I can only say that you'll be treated to a pleasant surprise. Under the dynamic leadership of member JOHN WOOD, Jr., the midgets are coming back STRONG. There is also a better-than-even chance that a couple of the vintage replicas will be on hand and running by then. PLEASE let us know if you intend to be there.

VINTAGE PARTS AND PIECES: Our most active member in the vintage race car department, MARC JOHNSON, has located a remarkable quantity of vintage parts and is on the lookout for more. MARC has volunteered to assist anyone in the buying, selling or trading of these parts. He has also found some patterns for original engine parts. One of his most recent finds, a S.O. McDowell engine, complete and in running condition, was purchased by member JACK BENSON. For more information on this, contact MARC JOHNSON - USCG Housing - #13 - Redmond, WA. - 98052.

SUPPORT THE SPONSOR WHO SUPPORTS YOUR SPORT: Two of our members have recently invested heavily in sponsorships.....and neither of them did it with much thought of personal gain. MICKEY VERGILLO, owner of the Village Square Motor Car Co., 143rd & Lake City Way, Seattle, has donated a 1 year lease of a crew cab pickup truck to JAN OPPERMAN for use at the ranch. MICKEY will treat you right on any new or used car purchase or lease plan. Just tell him you're with Golden Wheels. The other, BILL RAMEY, owns the I.H.O.P. restaurant in Seattle's University District. BILL sponsored BOBBY OLIVERO'S USAC midget for the Kingdome show and provided meals for several of the USAC crews while they were in town, not to mention some of the stuff that went on at the Edgewater Inn. BILL loves to talk racing, so drop in to see him at the University International House of Pancakes.

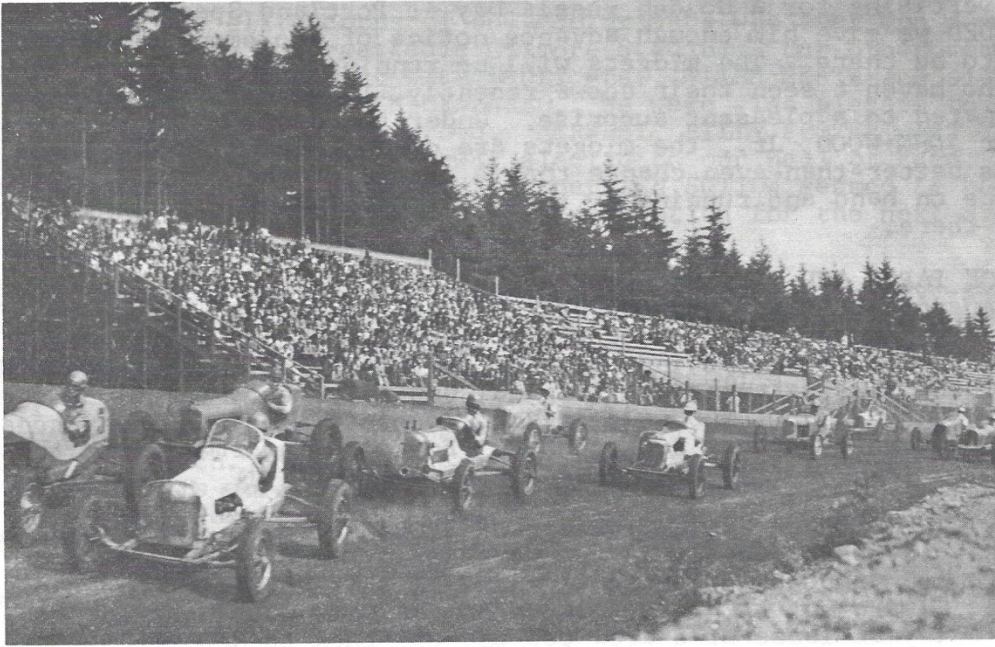
NAME TAGS: We have a good supply of name plates with the Golden Wheels emblem silk screened on them. They measure 1 3/4 X 3" and are on gold plated aluminum. You may order them with your name and club number engraved on the face at \$4 each, including mailing cost. Please print your name and number clearly and specify your preference of pinned back or sticky back for permanent mounting. Also, we have shoulder patches at \$1 each, including mailing cost.

VICTORIA: Victoria's Chapter enjoyed an attendance of 70+ at their February breakfast and have scheduled one more Sunday social breakfast before their season opener, but haven't advised us yet of when it will be. Victoria members should contact ERIC FOSTER for this information and for renewals.

MARGE SANDLIN is doing a terrific job as our new Sec'y/Treas. and is relieving a lot of the pressure for us to get on with bigger and better things. Send new applications, renewals etc. to her at 9907 118th St. E. Puyallup, WA. 98371.

Member GEORGE C. BELL, of Freeport, N.Y., tells us that he plans to run his restored midget, the famous "DOC SHANE BROOK" car in the coming year. Also on our list of new members, we have the 1941 Indy winner, FLOYD DAVIS AND EMIL ANDRES, a household name at Indy for many years.

Your next newsletter is due around the end of May, till then, KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP.



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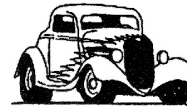
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