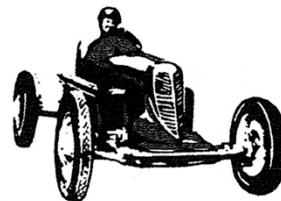


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Museum Pieces In Action

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The Spooks 'n' Goblins have exited the track and the Thanksgiving after race parties should be getting under way soon. Hope you all had a great summer season and are ready for some down time. However, with the Holiday Season soon upon us 'down time' may not be on the schedule for some of us.

I'll take some of that 'down time' while Hal fills us in with his monthly column.

President's Column: Well, with the recently completed event at Shasta, the on track exhibition and static show season has ended. Golden Wheels annual awards banquet is history, and now we look forward to the Holiday Season.

Speaking of the banquet, in spite of losing several members to the Shasta event, we had another really fun and relaxing evening at Robb's 125th. St. Grill. Approximately 45 attendees enjoyed a great meal, and each other's company. A limited number of awards were given out this year, with Bud Smola, Laura Churchill, Kathy Gustafson and Alan Frame each honored with Rookie of the Year awards. Man of the Year was very special this year, as long time member, treasurer, board member, and contributor to our club's well-being in so many ways was given to Gary Berg. This award was a long time coming, and oh so deserving.

And what words can I use to describe the "Jerry and Frankie Show"? While I don't have the exact number as I write this, I understand that they made the membership's ride home lighter to the tune of over \$900. Much thanks goes out to those whose generous donations, and even more generous bidding helped our treasury support our mission of charity and helping those members of the racing community who are injured or in need.

The annual WARPA promoter's meeting will be held in the next couple weeks, and we should have a good idea of next year's on track exhibition schedule soon.

In the recent Fall edition of the West Coast Vintage Racers newsletter, it was pointed out that the race radio transmitters were stolen from the back of Tom Hanna's station wagon in a "smash and grab". They are working on a deal to replace them (at a discount) with what sounds like better ones. Those of us who carry dual memberships will be helping WCVR with the replacement of these radios. And remember how they rebounded after the theft of the club trailer that was so instrumental in carrying all the supplies that are so essential, and so taken for granted, at our on-track events. Most of the replacements were an upgrade. Mention is also made in the WCVR newsletter that they are working with American Racing on a tire deal and the annual group methanol buy. Stay tuned!

Just a reminder that it's dues renewal time again, and there will be a renewal form included in this newsletter.

In closing, it is with much sadness that I inform the membership of the passing of Christy Sutton, daughter of HOF member Len Sutton. No details are available at this time. This may explain the recent sighting of Len's beautiful #27 street legal track-t roadster for sale in Portland. RIP Christy.

Hal

Thanks, Mr. Prez. As Hal stated, we were down on our annual Golden Wheels Banquet due to the Shasta event but those there had an enjoyable evening. Unfortunately, the usual photos that accompany the report aren't available this year. And yes, you can point your finger at the newsletter editor.

For the first time in I can't remember how many years, I arrived on the scene without a camera. I'll use the excuse that it was some events that put me out the door without my wife there to ask, "Do you have everything?". Truth is it was probably that old age memory thing.

I did manage to find a shot of our "Man of the Year", and Vicki Westberg provided a shot of some of the auction items. If anyone else has photos from the banquet that they would like to forward to me, I'll be happy to include them, with credits, in the next newsletter. Send to – firsturn@comcast.net

It was nice to see Canadian members Woody & Josie Wellwood, with another box of goodies, again. Also, new members Dave and Claudia Laster and old timer Glenn Nicholl.

While Glenn may be using a white cane, his memory still sees everything as sharp as ever, as he provided everyone with a couple of great stories of his days as an owner.



2012 Man of the Year - Gary Berg Just a small part of the goodies available. \$900+ Raised

Thanks to Bud Smola and Tom Hanna for this report and photos on the Hermiston outing the first part of September. Always appreciated.

Golden Wheels – WCVR - Columbia Speedway - Hermiston, OR – Sept. 7 and 8, 2012

The weather was quite warm up into the 90's but the drivers and crews did not seem to mind. At least it was not raining. We are at the 3/8 asphalt track in Hermiston OR. It is a banked track which has different banking at both ends and bank front straight and flat back strait. The turns have different radius which makes driving very interesting. Friday practice went well with ten sprint cars and modifies and six midgets. We had people from California, Arizona and Canada. The track was fairly slick in the hot sun which made getting grip difficult. Everyone got thru practice with out problems. Friday night was a hot dog cook out with all the trimmings. Lots of bench racing. On Saturday it was hot again and we shared the track with Legends, Youth Hornets, Super Minis. There where about 20 Legends as it was their regional qualifying race. The racing Saturday night was close and gave the crowd a good show. I do not have all the finishing but will include the entrants. The midgets had a dash, heat, and main. The sprints had a A dash, B dash, heat and main.

Sprint and Modified Entries: #33 Super Modified - Ralph Monhay, Spokane, WA; #9 Sprint - Al Slinker, Enterprise, OR; #28 Sprint - Dick Nelson, Lafayette, OR; #1A Sprint - Allen Frame, Tygh, OR; #00 Sprint - Bob Pike, Spokane, WA; #12 Sprint - Al Levien, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada; #4J Sprint - Jim Williams, Georgetown, CA; #8 Ball Sprint -Marvin Price, Portland, OR; #59 Super Modified - Milt Foster; #94 Sprint - Bud Smola, Washougal, WA.

Midgets: #4Kathy Gustafson, The Dalles, OR; #98 - Jim Calhoun, Brownsville, OR; #66 - Don Dalgarno, Longview, WA; #86 - Marty Munce, Tacoma, WA; #62 - Bud Smola, Washougal, WA; #1 - Dale Quine, Havasu, AZ.

Engines in the Midget range from VW, Pinto, Chevy II and Pontiac. I believe the engines in Sprints and Modifieds where Chevy.

Most everyone had a good time. Next race at Shasta Speedway in Anderson Cal. Hope some more of you can join us. Thanks again to Tom Hanna for the pictures. Bud Smola



Laura Churchill's #4 VW Midget Hey!... I don't hear any Vrooooo! Alan Frame's 1972 Sprint #1a

No word on the Shasta outing, but thanks to Tom Hanna, a couple of shots from there during the time the fans were allowed on the front straight to look at the lined up cars.



"Methanol" Mel Anthony's #12 midget



The #11 midget of Lenora McMurtry

Sunday Morning Breakfast!

Even though it fell on the morning after the Annual Golden Wheels Banquet, our first Sunday Breakfast after the exhibition season was well attended with several items brought up for discussion. One of those items was on expanding our list of recipients of donations/grants, etc. that fall into our guidelines.

Several in attendance mentioned possible recipients, ranging from local to national, with most being racing related.

Time for a racing "Blast From The Past", Direct from the Aurora Stadium Friday, June 6, 1947 Program. A Review by Jack "Scooter" Allan.

Jack Allan Reviews the 75 Lapper

How did you like it? Believe it or not, almost 8,000 people were at the Aurora Stadium on Memorial Day to see as fine an evening of racing as anyone could hope for. Every race was well matched and all went well—until the “B” Main Event, and then everything happened. The No. 14, 16 and 18 cars got all tangled up when the No. 14 spun on the south curve. **Billie DeRango** went over top of the No. 14 and landed righ-side up; **Zeke Ziegler** hit the other two and turned three times in the air. It looked bad for Zeke but after a night’s rest in Waldo Hospital he was up and around again. The track is especially hard on that southeast side. (I know!) Then on the 13th lap **Mark Sullivan** went into the north turn and when he came out of the corner the steering wheel came off in his hands—a very embarrassing situation! Mark rolled once and hit the crash wall. Result, a badly bent-up car and a trip to Waldo for Mark. He was released the same night. That hospital surely does a good job!

The No. 34 car was about ready to run again by Sunday nite and it is believed the other three cars will be at the track Friday nite.

I guess we’ll have to call **Gordon Livingston** “Long Ways Livingston” or something like that. He takes to the big races like a duck to water. Last year “Gordie” won the 100-lapper at Aurora and this year he has won quite a few Main Events. Last Friday he won the 75-lap Main. Nice pay-off, eh, Gordie?

Howard Shelly was really in there for at least 15 laps and **Allen** and **Gordie** couldn’t seem to work out any combination to get by Howard until the fuel pump on the No. 42 started to go bad. **Tom Close** in the No. 3 car from Spokane held the lead for about 20 laps and it looked like the swell little job would be out in front at the end of the race but bad luck finally hit Tom when the motor blew a head gasket and one of the heads split open. It was Tom’s first appearance here since the war. He was quite a favorite in ’41 and ’42. We are glad to see the Spokane cars here again

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and hope Tommy and some of the other Spokane drivers will come back again soon. We heard a lot of people remarking on what a good-looking car the No. 3 was. Nice work, **Bill Scully**.

We understand **Allen Heath** now owns the No. 44 car and that **Harvey Johnson** of Yakima now has the No. 4. Good luck to the new owners of both cars! The No. 16 car is also looking for a new owner! The line forms to the right. The No. 12 and No. 46 are also for sale, I hear.

Tacoma got another set-back by the weather man Saturday as rain which was threatening for the last few days finally hit.

Jerome Hacker had the No. 52 car at Tacoma Saturday. The No. 52 had spilled at Spokane on the 26th and was pretty badly bent up.

Frank Cooper had the new No. 82 out for the Memorial Day race at Aurora and the car did o.k. for its first appearance. “**Digger**” **Caldwell** was the driver and the combination seems to work out pretty well. Now for Spokane—and I hope it doesn’t rain! See you next week.

Jack “Scooter” Allan.

Flag Meanings

Now for a short resume of the flag meanings:

The green flag is the starting flag and is used to start all events.

The white flag means “Leave the track on your next lap; something wrong with your car” or “Clear the track.”

The yellow flag is used in case of a minor accident or obstructed track and means “Slow down and hold your position.” (No passing is allowed under the yellow flag.)

The orange flag with the blue center is used to let a slow car know he is being lapped. It is called the “move over” flag. However, it is never given a car running the same competitive lap as the car passing him.

The red flag, of course, means “Danger on the track; stop at once.”

The blue flag means one more lap to go. The last flag is the checkered flag meaning “The race is over; that’s all, brother!”

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BIRTHDAYS!! -----Yes, for some it was, or is, time to cut another notch on the tree of life. Those in October were; Brian Pratt, Bob Jarret, Paul Day, John Moser, Chuck Rude, Richard Phillips, Neil McLeod and last but not necessarily the scariest, Bob Scott.

Taking on another year in November while all the turkeys are hiding are; Donna Read, Barbara Nelson, Vicki Westberg, Lyn Toombs, Ross Fontes, Al Slinker, Marvin Price, Chuck Haring, and Don Shervey

Happy Birthday wishes to all! May there be many, many more!!

Heard at the Banquet that Erick Leider is suffering from some health problems. Here's hoping you **Get Better Soon** Erick. Also, continuing **Get Well** wishes to Donna Read. Missed you & Jim at the banquet also.

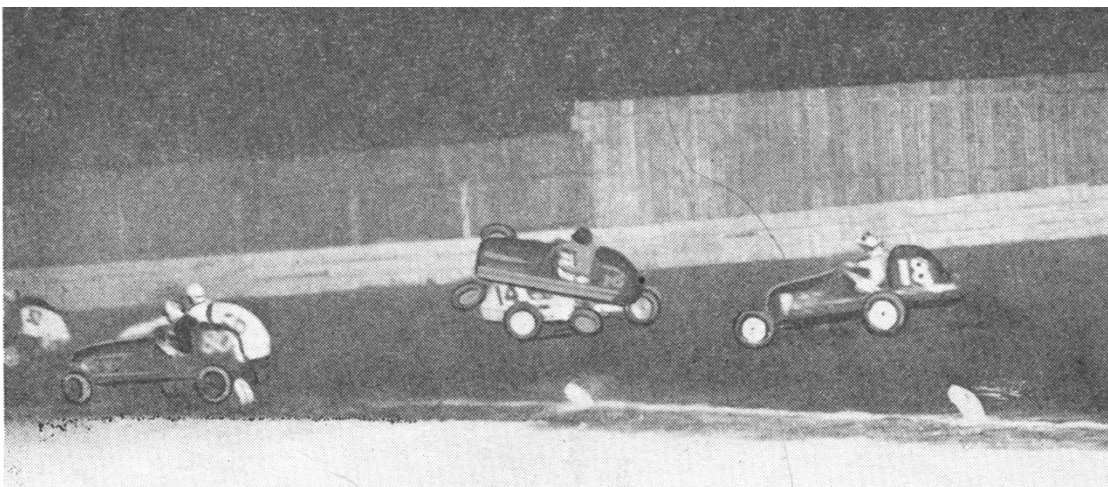
Additional information on Christy SuttonChristy passed away peacefully but unexpectedly in her sleep on Oct. 24, 2012. She was a self-taught graphic artist and had her own business for many years. As a child she lovingly followed her father, Len Sutton's, Indy 500 racing career and was instrumental in putting Len's book together. Christy is survived by her daughters, Coryn Wallen and Lindsay Scheu; granddaughter, Cristel; mother, Anita Sutton; sister, Hollie Barton (Hank); a nephew and niece. A Celebration of Life was held Nov. 6th. Donations may be made to Loaves and Fishes.

REMINDER – As mentioned by Hal, we are coming up on Membership Renewal time. Don't wait till the last minute. Renew now. Just use the 2013 form on the bottom of page 7. Thank You!!!

Sunday Morning Breakfast! It's at Shay's Restaurant on Old Hwy 99 & 160th Street in Shoreline. Second Sunday of the month. Around 9:00 AM, or earlier if you wish some extra bench racing time.

Tuesday Dinner! Same place. Every Tuesday around 5:00PM. More bench racing and who knows what!!

OK, closing out with this Ray Mann photo of the 6/6/1947 race review by Jack Allan.



Ray Mann took this remarkable action shot at Aurora Stadium last week. This picture was taken from a distance of 500 feet. Note Bill DeRango hurdling car No. 14.

Over the hills, or through the woods, Grandma says on the way to her house it's always smart to**Keep Your Wheels Down!!!**

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NOTE ! Many of these ads are over 9 months old. We will start with a clean slate with the first 2013 issue. Please contact if you wish to continue having your ad listed.

Email – fristurn@comcast.net or PO Box33487, Seattle, WA 98113

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



NEW PHOTO

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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 – Pike Green's Li'L Stinker! I have original "stinker" jacket and hats and quite a bit of history.
Car is a roller, brakes work, halibrand 201 V-8 QC rear, radiator, Upholstery, ect. \$6,500
Contact: Gordon Menzie wgmenzie@gmail.com phone 1-619-468-3565 Thank You

For Sale – The late Ron Dalgarno cars. **#1** - This is the No. 11 car that was driven by Kelly Conner in the 1980s. It's the one he wrecked at Cottage Grove where it was necessary to remove the cage. It is an Edmunds chassis with a Chevy 2/Mercury motor. \$5500 including the trailer. **#2** - This is the #66 car that was driven by Ron Dalgarno in the 1980s. It is a Kurtis copy, Chevy 2 powered (engine is out of the car). Has a bolt-on cage. No trailer. asking \$5500. For additional info on equipment available and photos, contact: **Don Dalgarno** at 360-423-1561 (home), 360-355-2354 (cell) or email - dedalgarno@comcast.net

REDUCED PRICE

FOR SALE - 1960 style Sprint Car #16. Runs GW and WCVR. 350 Chev engine, Quick change rear, disc brakes on front axel. Also unfinished 1950's Sprint Car & Trailer. Now - \$11,500 takes all. **Howard White** Email; blackoak@wildmail.com.

For Sale: Rail Frame Midget. Early 97c.i. Offy #213. Franklin Steering, Hilborn Injection, Halibrand rear end,
New Price 12" Halibrand Wheels. \$22,500 **Brian McMurtry** 425 350-0999 **New Price**

Wanted: Wing to fit Mid-60's super modified, just like those shown in the photos in issue #3. Any help appreciated! Thanks.
Ralph - (604) 733-4955 (Vancouver BC) email: zedeng@shaw.ca

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

Smoke, Sand and Rubber – Still a few copies left of 'Methanol' Mel Anthony's Midget & Big Car History in the Northwest. Soft Cover, 288 pages, 7"x10", 250 B&W Photos. Priced @ \$29.95 + \$4.00 domestic shipping. \$8.00 foreign.
Order from Mel at: 206-363-3583

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