

# GOLDEN WHEELS

FRATERNITY  
*Auto Racing Pathfinders*



Issue #3 – 2018

**President's Column:** Hi folks. Boy it's hot as I try to write this column for the newsletter. Temps are reaching into the 90s in my non-airconditioned office. But trooper I am, I'll keep going.

The reason there are few newsletters in the summer months, is there is little to report, and it takes a lot of discipline to report very little. But this month there is much to report on so here goes: It all started at the Monroe swap meet on May 19th & 20th, where Dan Blair was showing his beautiful Solar midget, and would talk to several people about the club, a couple of them becoming important to Golden Wheels. More about that later.

On June 16th we kicked it off with a fine showing of our cars for the annual Shoreline Historical Museum-Warren Kindle Show and safety inspections. With cars ranging from midgets to Art Waller's track roadster and the Ranger Roadster sprint car we had a nice selection of cars which kept our car owners busy all day talking to the very interested public. Coupled with our show, the museum hosted a reunion of ex-Playland Amusement Park employees (myself included) and the grandson and other relatives of Carl Phare, Playland's owner. All in all, it was a great day.

On June 26th, Kay and I packed the motorhome, hooked up the trailer with the #14 HAL and were off to Stateline Speedway, Post Falls, Id. This to fulfill the invitation from promoter Matt Alexander for Golden Wheels to participate in the Sneeva Memorial. What a weekend, with Wesco sprinters, vintage modifieds, WMRA midgets, WCVR vintage sprinters, and yes, Golden Wheels. We had a nice showing, as along with our midget, we were joined by the Sky Valley modified of Loren Day, the Ranger Roadster of Dave Craver, The Sampco sprinter of Jim Edwards, and the Volkswagen midgets of Mike Munce and Kathy Gustafson. In addition, and here's where Dan Blair's work at the Monroe swap meet first paid off: The beautiful #16 V8/60 midget, formerly owned by the late Chuck Haring, joined us under its new owner Jim Booman from Spokane. We ran the traditional trophy dash, a heat race and a 12 lap main event. With the exception of the Ranger, which developed a problem, we put on good show, and hope it was enough to get us invited back next year, with an even bigger contingent. And I can't say enough about the upgrades to the speedway. From the new bathrooms that everybody raved about (you won't see bathrooms like these in any other track), to the new check-in facility. With more upgrades to come, Stateline is turning into a real showplace.

Last year, George Hespe and I talked to Paul Lemley of Deming Speedway about doing a static show for his track. This year, with George in the lead, we were invited to do this on July 6th., the day of their mid-season championships. Kay and I brought the #14 Solar, towed by the motorhome, and were joined by Loren Day with his Sky Valley modified, along with Dan Blair and Jim Edwards who towed Dan's Solar. And George Hespe joined us too. Having never been to Deming Speedway before, and just hearing reports of what a wonderful facility it is, we quickly learned that nothing we had been told lived up to the reality. First, Paul is the consummate host. He couldn't do enough to make us comfortable, placing our cars right at the entrance to the track, where he said he expected a crowd of 1000 people. I estimate the crowd as much bigger. He gave us VIP passes to the event, and extras to pass out to anyone we felt could use a freebee. What can I say about this little 1/5th mile dirt facility? Incredible crew, maintainance, incredible show!!! It is the training ground for the future Kasey Kane's of the world, where they start the kids off with the Kasey Kane Jr. Sprints, followed by the restricted 600's, open 600's and 1200 sprints. This show included all of these classes along with arguably the most successful class of cars in the N.W., the Focus Midgets. As good a show as you are likely to see in racing, I can't say enough about what they do at Deming. And if that wasn't enough, they celebrated our Nations' birthday with a fabulous fireworks display.

I mentioned that Kay and I towed to Deming with the motorhome, so after spending the night at a quiet corner of the track, we headed south a few miles to Skagit Speedway for another mid-season championship program. Spent most of the early part of the day watching the little kids compete on the quarter midget track. If you love racing, you've got to do this. In fact, I remembered a time several years ago where I watched a couple Hespes, yes, George's grandkids compete in quarter midgets at Skagit. Friday night at Deming, we saw Seth Hespe, the same former quarter midget kid, finish 2nd in the 1200 sprint A main, now all grown up. The Skagit show included 360 sprinters, sportsman sprinters, dirt modifieds and tuners. While it was a good program, I came away wondering why they had 21 sportsman sprinters in the main, and only 11 360's, those being the featured class. But after the racing, Steve Beitler in keeping with the tradition of celebrating our nation's birthday, put on the best fireworks show I've ever seen, and I've seen a couple.

A couple of other items that need covering: Back to Dan's promoting the club at the Monroe swap meet, his work has already gained us one new member, Steve Lilleistol from Lopez Island. Steve is restoring a flat tailed midget and is quite a car guy, that I will have George fill you in on later in this newsletter. Welcome aboard Steve. Along the same line, the afore mentioned Jim Booman from Spokane asked me for a GW membership application at Stateline Speedway. Hoping Jim decides to join add the #16 car to Golden Wheels. Another prospect that Dan and Dave Craver have been talking to is also restoring a midget and we hope he too decides to join our family.

For the rest of the year, the opportunities to display you race car, and amaze the spectators about your racing career are; July 29th is the date of the annual Blue Lake Park, Oregon Old Timers get together. Aug. 4th, the annual LaConner Classic Boat and Car Show. August 5th. is the Spanaway Park gathering for the Spanaway Racers Group, but it's not restricted to just them. The August 15th Burgermaster show has been cancelled. Celebrate Shoreline hosted by the Shoreline Historical Museum is scheduled for August 18th, and the Arlington Drag Strip Reunion & Car Show is still on for Sept. 8th.

In the last newsletter I mentioned that the club had voted to acquire a dedicated scanner and hard drive to scan and save all of the photo collections that have come to the club recently. I can report that Kay and I stumbled onto a great deal on a scanner that was on sale at Best Buy. The club now owns an Epson WorkForec WF-7710 scanner which we purchased for \$149.99, regularly \$249.99. It's a good one! We also purchased a 2TB hard drive for \$80.00 which should be plenty to take us into the future. We are just waiting for the museum to free up some time for us to begin our scanning sessions. We are asking any club members that wish to contribute to this project to let us know of your availability. We are scheduling these sessions for Tuesdays, to correspond to our weekly dinners at Shay's, so that it's convenient to travel just once. We are also hoping for some training that will help us add this historical material to our Web Site. As mentioned before, we have the laptop computer that Gary Berg donated to the club to run all the date through. That's all for now, Hal

P.S. As I was about to put this newsletter to bed, I checked the mail box and received a wonderful donation to Golden Wheels from well known racer Glen Walker. It is an Aurora Speedway program from the 1946 season, and one that I have never seen before. What a treasure Glen. We can't thank you enough. *Hal*

Thanks, Hal..... Before I go on I want to apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out. Major computer problems with the issue almost ready to go to the printers has had me scratching my head, improvising learning a few new words and rearranging the usage of those I already knew. If there is room at the end of the newsletter, I'll explain further. Again, apologies for the delay. George Hespe aka 'Editor'

In the last issue were several photos with no information from our collection. In the Roadster group on page 3, Art Waller has provided information on the following. Upper left - Kenny Baxter's car #46 at Aurora in 1946 (?) - '47. Middle left - Unidentified Oregon #22 car leading Chuck Cookson in his #22 car. Aurora 1948. Lower left - South turn Aurora in 1950. The #7 car was Pete Lovely (soon to be 55 car). Inside is Joe Smith in his his #18 car. Outside second row is Chuck Ceder in Doug Pearson's #38 car and Dick Brower in his #5 car. Jack Kuehn agreed and added the car in the middle left photo ran as both a sprint/big car and a roadster. Possibly as the Pink Lady. No info available on either top or bottom right photos.

Thanks to Dan Blair, three of the midget photos on page 4 were identified from information in Mel Anthony's Smoke, Sand & Rubber book. Row 2 left - The #79 Bob Roberts V-8 60 driven by Ernie Spalding in 1941. One of a fleet of identical "jeeps" built in the 1930's by Art Scovell & Promoter Bobby Rowe from Oregon. The car became the #50 Warren King owned car in 1946. Row 2 right - The #25 on trailer is Clarence Smith's V8-60 driven by Bill Gehlar. Row 4 right - Mel Anthony's first Kurtis ride. Dick Cowan owned Homer Norman managed #4 Kurtis V\*-60. Former Tom Carsten's #44 that Allen Heath won the 1946 & 47 Championships driving.

**New / Returning Members:** Hal asked me to fill in the info on new member Steve Lilleistol. Steve has a pre-war midget, with Model-T running gear, and Ford 60. Also, several model T's and Model T racing equipment. We hope to see Steve at some upcoming events. **Please add** Steve and his wife Karla to your roster: Steve & Karla Lilleistol, 252 Hummel Lake Road, Lopez, WA, 98261. Ph: 360-468-4480. Email - klilleistol@mac.com

Photos from the Annual Shoreline Historical Museum-Warren Kindle Show are posted below. Upper: (L) Jim Edwards SAMCO, The Ranger Roadster, Loren Day Modified. (R) Autos including Bob Scott's custom Mercury and Warren's 39 Ford. Lower: (L) A "Trio of Solars" with Dan Blair's #52 and Hal's #14 and #99 Solar Midgets. (R) Loren Day making sure all is perfect on his Modified.



A very interesting historical note and photo from Dan Blair:



Just thought I would send a photo from the Shoreline Historical Museum car show I attended today. I met the Son in law, Jeff McQuay, and Grandson, also Jeff, of Dick Fredell, an old friend and fellow member of the Golden Wheels Fraternity. They have two of the original Flying Lion checkered flags used at the old Aurora Speedway, '40's '50's era. Son in law, Jeff is holding the flag and Grandson Jeff took the photo. This is my latest restoration project, a 1946 Solar midget race car. Of the 25 or so Solar's that still exist we had three of them at this show. Da

**BIRTHDAYS!!** Celebrating Birthdays in July, were Teresa Craver, Gail McClure, Jerry Day, John Gregg, Delmar McClure, Daryl Hedman, Dave Laster, Curt Kern, Dave Imrie and Brian McMurtry. August will see Art Waller, Dan Blair, Jack Corley, Mike Adkins, L.D. 'Dud' Burnett, Alan Frame and Joe Winkler celebrating another year in the record book. A "Happy Birthday" to all and Best Wishes for many more!!! Celebrate!

As noted by Hal, both the Open Wheel Extravaganza at State Line Speedway and the GW display at the Deming Speedway Mid-Season Championship were a success in getting exposure for Golden Wheels. Thanks to Mike Adkins (aka Roger West) and Dan Blair we do have a couple of photos from each event.

Hal Schlegel' #14 HAL Midget and Loren Day's Modified and the Jim Edward's SAMCO Big Car at Stateline.



It's the Hal Schlegel #14 Solar, Loren Day CAE Modified and Dan Blair #52 Solar at Deming Speedway



Another interesting tidbit from Art Waller. Left photo from GW collection. Right photo from Art.



Fred Dickey with his "play toy Rolls" at the Aurora Speedway. 1947/48. (1925 Brewster bodied "Springfield" Rolls Royce Roadster. Assembled at Rolls Royce's facility at Springfield, Mass.) A few years later, after a traffic accident, Fred sold it to David Hill, my best friends older brother. We were automatically a part of a lengthy restoration project. After a few years more David sold the Rolls. The next time I saw it was 1954 at a multi-association Racing Jamboree at the Aurora Speedway which included vintage cars. (See attached photo.) Royal Brougham was the celebrity spokesman. He said that he liked the vintage cars best, a predictable answer since he was an employee of Hearst who hated racing. Not a word showed up in the paper that day.

With several recent event photos in this issue. I thought I'd pick something from a bit farther back in history to close out the newsletter with. Perhaps some of you may have been in attendance at one of these events?

**EVERGREEN SPEEDWAY**  
Presents  
Early-Late Stock Cars Super Modified Hardtops  
THE HARD RUNNING (SPORTSMEN)  
\$1,000.00  
**GUARANTEED PURSE**





SUNDAY-JUNE 30th  
THURSDAY JULY 4th  
TT 1:30 RACES 2:30

JULY 7 TT 1:30 RACES 2:30

MEMBER C.A.M.R.A. CANADIAN AMERICAN MODIFIED RACING ASSN.  
TOW MONEY FOR OUT OF TOWN CARS GUARANTEED

EVERGREEN SPEEDWAY MONROE, WASHINGTON FAIRGROUNDS

**MERIDIAN SPEEDWAY'S**  
8 MILES WEST OF BOISE ON HWY 30  
2nd Annual Tater Cup Classic  
OPEN TO ALL SUPER MODIFIEDS IN C.A.M.R.A.  
**JULY 12-13**

FOR ENTRIES MUST BE FILED BY JULY 12 FURTHER INFORMATION



WRITE: BILL CROW-PRES. M.R.A.  
ROUTE #1-BOX 590, BOISE, IDAHO  
Phone 375-3321

3rd Annual  
TIMBER CUP RACE  
STOCK HARDTOPS  
\$2,000 Guaranteed Purse  
PLUS YOUR \$10.00 ENTRY FEE WILL BE ADDED TO THE PURSE  
TOW MONEY? YES! \$5.00 FOR EVERY DAY YOU QUALIFY




TT SAT 5:30  
TT SUN 12:30

**JULY 13 & 14**

**EUGENE SPEEDWAY**  
DIVISION OF GOLDEN WEST ENTERPRISES, INC.  
P. O. BOX 5241 • PHONE DI 3-0929 • EUGENE, OREGON

THIS IS THE PLACE IN '63  
**EDMONTON** ALBERTA CANADA  
9th ANNUAL MATAN MEMORIAL RACE OPEN TO ALL SUPER MODIFIEDS IN C.A.M.R.A.  
**JULY 9-10** ENTRIES MUST BE FILED BEFORE JULY 1st



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WRITE  
**SPEEDWAY PARK**  
9205-127 AVENUE, EDMONTON Phone GR. 9-3804

Before I close, I want to apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out. Major computer problems with the issue almost ready to go to the printers has had me scratching my head, improvising learning a few new words and rearranging the usage of those I already knew. A couple of months ago I purchased a new computer with the plan being it would be my everyday use computer and I would use 'Old Reliable' for the newsletter as it contains all the past info and the programs in use are no longer compatible with the new computer. Programed obsolescence I believe they call it.

A week ago I turned 'Old Reliable' on, intending to put the finishing touches on the newsletter and send it off to the printer. Old Reliable was no longer reliable and I was greeted with a grey screen and a spinning disc.... That spun.... And spun... And spun. Although I had transferred Golden Wheels info up to the last newsletter onto this new computer, I had not transferred any of this issue, so it was back to step one. The latest Office 365 program is not fully compatible with the age old program I was using and the learning curve for my old brain is steeper than expected. Also, the new photo program lacks abilities needed so a new PhotoShop is next. However, I am finding as I look at all the things this new program will do I may be able to make the lay out more interesting and easier to read. Again, my apologies for the delay.  
George Hespe aka 'Editor'

Don't forget that just because **Sunday Morning Breakfasts** are on hold, **Tuesday Dinners** are still the place to be. Shay's on Old Hwy 99 & N 160<sup>th</sup> in Shoreline, is the place. Come and join us. Always Fun 'n' Big Stories!

Summer's here. It's hot and the highways are crowded so please be careful and always be sure to ...

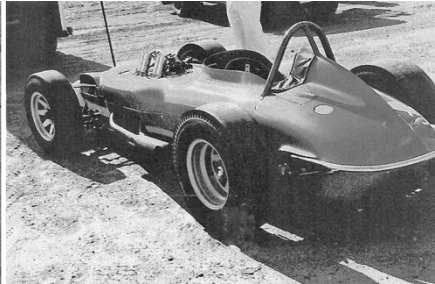
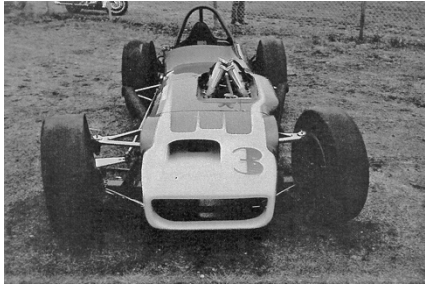
**Keep Your Wheels Down!!**



◆◆◆◆◆ == BUY=SELL=FIND=TRADE == ◆◆◆◆◆

Email - [fristurn@comcast.net](mailto:fristurn@comcast.net) Mail - PO Box33487, Seattle, WA 98133 Ph. - 425-334-5763  
ADS ARE FREE TO ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE NOTIFY EDITOR OF ANY CHANGES – ADS ARE  
SUBJECT TO REMOVAL AFTER THREE ISSUES IF SPACE IS NEEDED FOR NEWER ADS – THANK YOU

\*\*\* – For Sale - 1946 Solar midget race car. Fresh V8/60. in/out box. Halibrand Q/C. - \*\*\*  
About five or six times out. Call Dan 206-878-7242



\*\*\*\*\*FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\*

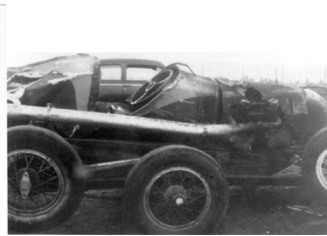
Off set roadster with 1954 Oldsmobile 324cu, bored out to 350, Hilborn fuel injection, Halibrand center section quick change rear end. The car weighs 1800 pounds. Runs great and very fast, Car is currently in storage in La Center, WA. Contact Mike at 509-430-7081.

FOR SALE: Edmonds Grill Shell – Fiberglass NOS – Never been altered. 16.5" wide x 20.5" tall  
Call Dan for more info. 206-878-7242

NOTE: Additions, Deletions, Corrections - Email – [fristurn@comcast.net](mailto:fristurn@comcast.net) or PO Box33487, Seattle, WA



98133



Need Parts?? Your Request could be here!

**Golden Wheels - 2018 Membership / Renewal - Golden Wheels**

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/SO Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member-\$25 Spouse/Significant Other-\$10 Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (US\$)

Brief profile (owner, driver, crew, fan, etc) or changes from last year. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Golden Wheels, P.O. Box 33487, Seattle, WA 98133

Please Patronize Those That Support Golden Wheels



Carla & Gaylon Stewart  
 (425) 327-7522  
 Carla4racing@comcast.net

Northwest Focus Midget Series L.L.C.  
 PO Box 14119 Mill Creek, WA 98082

[www.NorthwestFocusMidgets.com](http://www.NorthwestFocusMidgets.com)

# MCLEES

**DISTRIBUTING**  
 3311 29th Ave. NE  
 Olympia, WA 98506

**GERRY**      360-456-1445      **DONNA**

## Jack's Specialty Parts

---

**Antique Auto Parts**  
 Antique Race Car Parts

909 NE Cleveland Avenue  
 Gresham, OR 97030

503-667-1725

- FOR THE BEST IN NORTHWEST MOTORSPORTS -



Action  
 Excitement  
 Family Fun

Come Join Us In 2017

Skagit Speedway - 360-724-3567  
 4796 Old Highway 99 North, Alger, WA

Grays Harbor Raceway - 360-482-4374  
 32 Elma McCleary Road, Elma, WA



[www.stevebeitlermotorsports.com](http://www.stevebeitlermotorsports.com)

\*\*\*\*\* PRESENTED BY FUNTIME PROMOTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

## BURROWS DRAPERIES

Family Owned & Operated Since 1957  
 Custom & Commercial Draperies Woven Woods  
 Rods & Installation Yardage Decor Blinds

**JOHN WOOD**  
 "FREE ESTIMATES"

18904 HWY 99, SUITE Q      (425) 697-6504  
 LYNWOOD, WA 98036      Hm (425) 776-7222

## CENTURY MOTOR CAR CO.

In Memory Of

# Bob Gregg

# Shorty Templeman

# Len Sutton

# and the USAC

Hardwood Door Corp. Race Team

## PIED PIPER PUB

Serving the Kent area since 1950

Darts • Video Golf • Shuffle Board

# (253) 852-9914

Bobby Cell: (253) 929-9844

311 W. Meeker St. • Kent, Washington 98032

Your Ad Could Be Here

Contact us to find out how

**GOLDEN WHEELS**

Golden Wheels  
 P.O. Box 33487  
 Seattle, WA



<http://www.goldenwheelsautoracingpathfinders.com/>

Auto Racing Pathfinders



\*\*\*\*\*

