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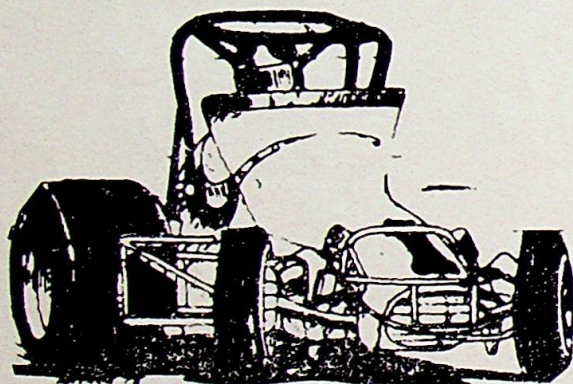
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TRI-CITY SPEEDWAY - Granite City, Illinois

April 30th	
June 18th	N.A.M.A.R. Championship Race
Aug. 17th	

I-70 SPEEDWAY - Odesa, Missouri

May 29th	
July 3rd	
Aug. 7th	
Sept. 4th	Skoal Dash

SPRINGFIELD SPEEDWAY - Springfield, Illinois

June 4th		
June 5th	State Fair	Skoal Dash
July 2nd	Skoal Dash	

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS - Davenport, Iowa

May 20th	
June 3rd	
July 1st	
July 29th	
Aug. 19th	
Sept. 16th	Skoal Dash

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - Olney, Illinois

July 16th	Skoal Dash
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EASTERN ILLINOIS RACEWAY - Danville, Illinois

Aug. 20th	Skoal Dash
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RIVERSIDE STADIUM - Kansas City, Missouri

July 23rd	Skoal Dash & Mike Hill Memorial Race
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SCOTLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUND - Memphis, Missouri

July 22nd	Skoal Dash
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CHRISTIAN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS - Taylorville, Illinois

July 15th	Skoal Dash
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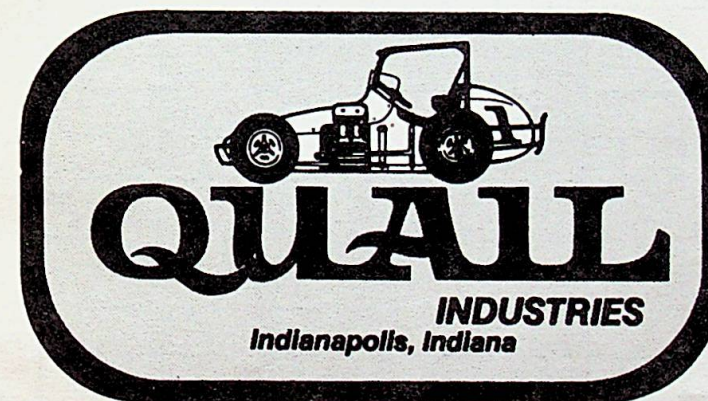
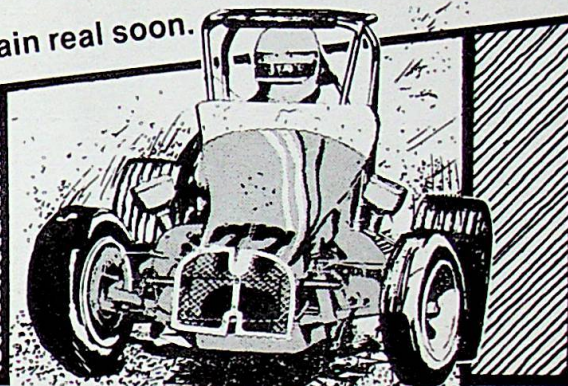
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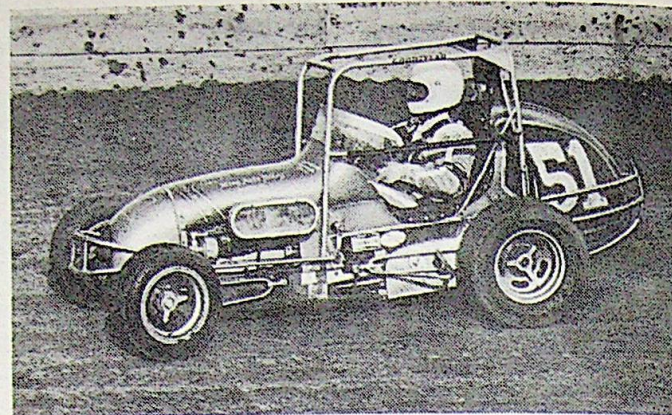
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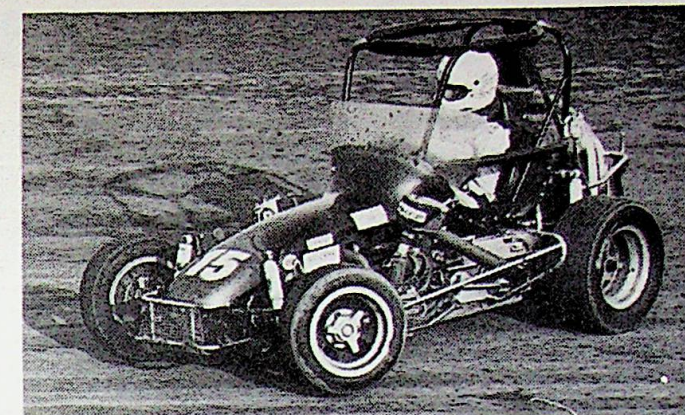


Wayne Webb, Jr., #51 Springfield Speedway

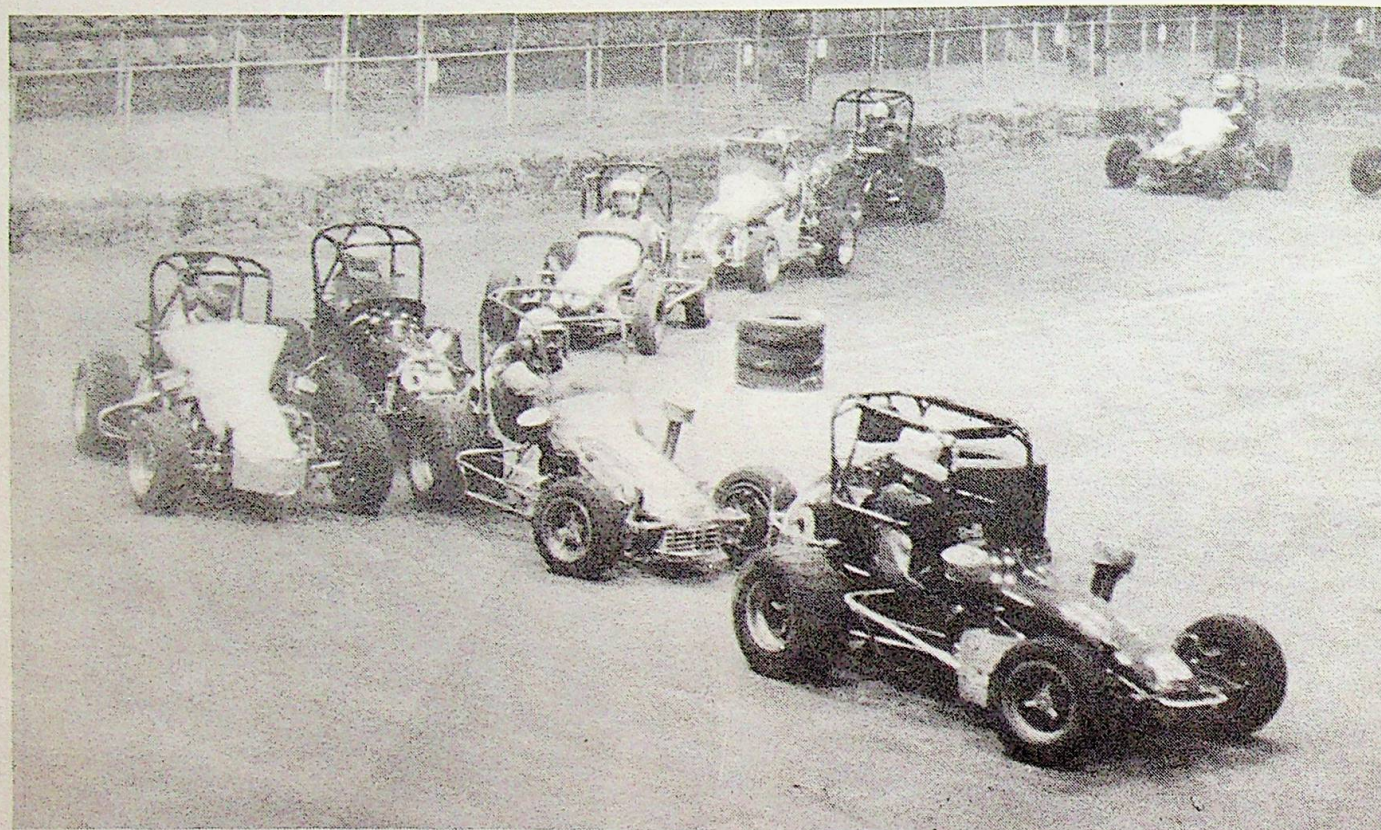
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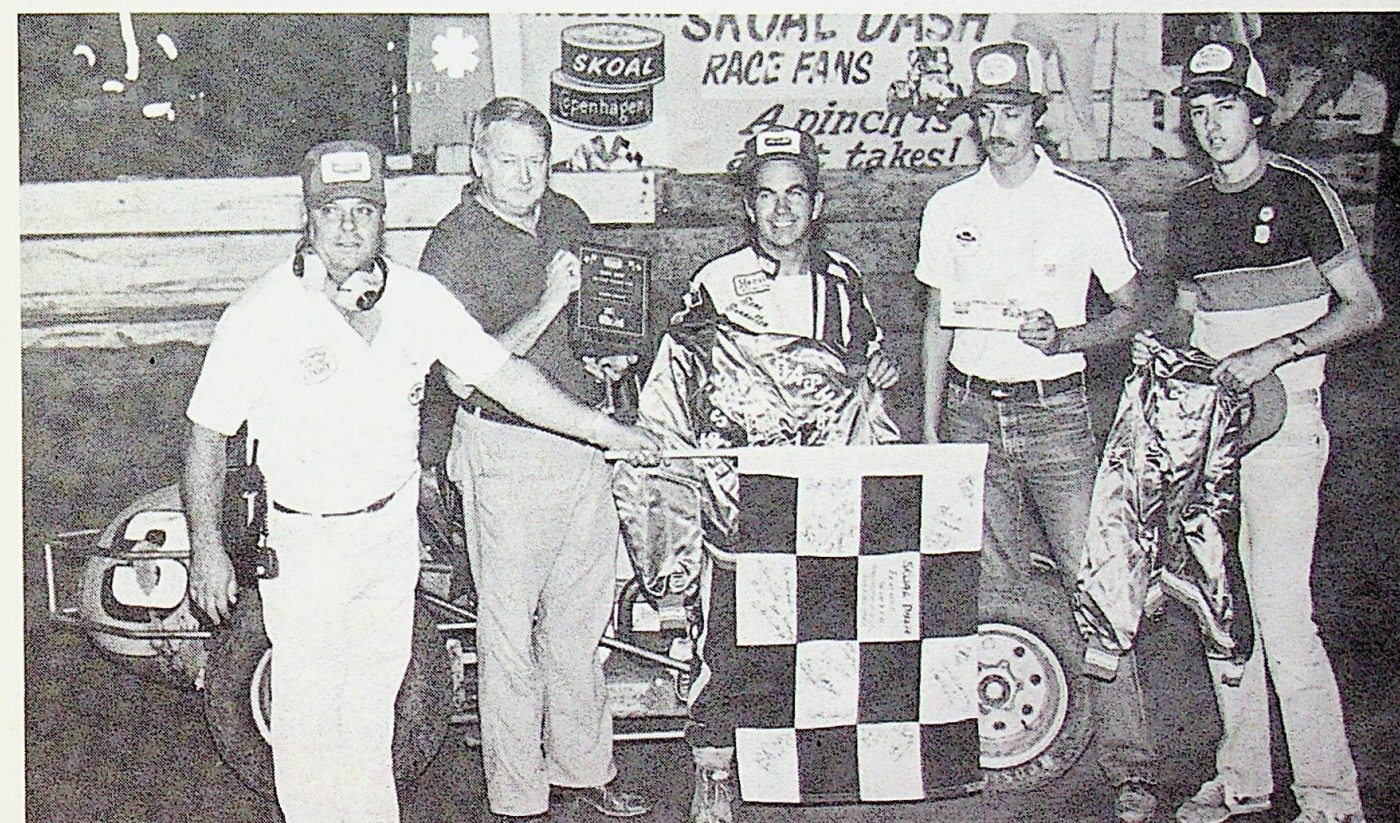
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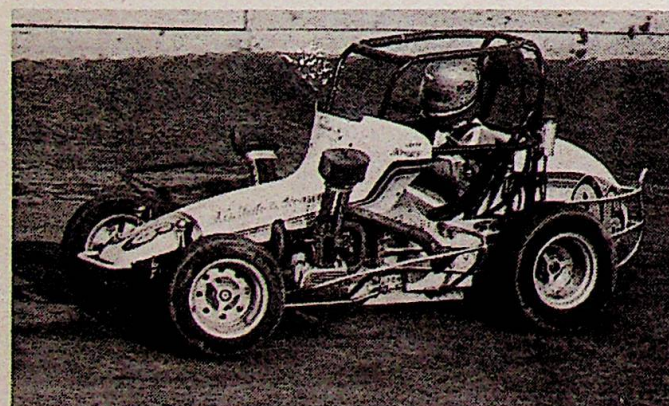
Scott Hatton #15, Springfield Speedway.



MARA first time indoors. Scott Hatton #15, Arnie Knepper #35, Dave Camfield #27, Mike Edwards #67A, Roger Branson #72, MARA Midgets, 1/10 mile dirt 2/19/83, Murray State Expo Center, Murray, KY.



Ken France, F.H. Karn, Gene Gennetten, John Mueller, Skoal Dash, Springfield, IL.

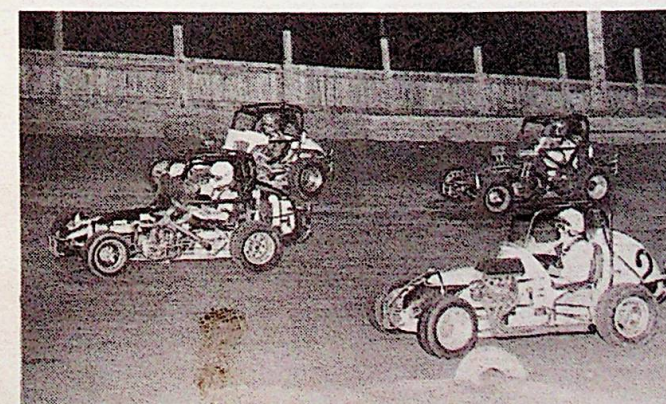


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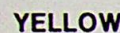
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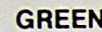
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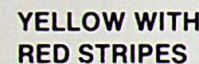
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SCCA - Service Vehicle
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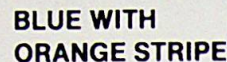
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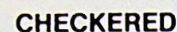
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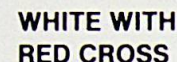
The race is halted



You are being overtaken



You are finished



USAC - Ambulance course




Half-way mark



John Mueller (left), Mel Denyon (center), Ken France (right) Skoal Dash, Danville, IL.

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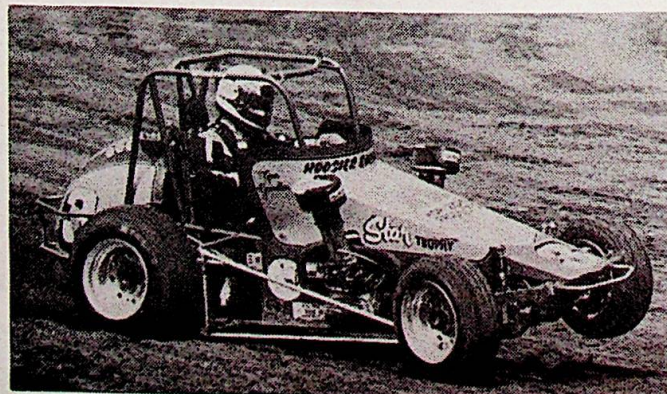
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M.A.R.A. History

The Midwest Auto Racing Association was formed in Springfield, Illinois in the summer of 1977. It sprang out from a group of Central Illinois midget owners and drivers who were dissatisfied with the club they were presently competing in. The two main purposes of this new club was to give owners and drivers some voice in the running of their midget races and also to promote the sport of midget auto racing in the Midwest.

During the first year, MARA had eighty-seven members. The first Board of Directors were Ron Castleman, Rusty Kunz, Howard Lehman, Jerry Meents, Mike Motz and Richard Rhodes. Its first slate of officers consisted of Dean Helmick, President; Joe Dooling, Vice-President; Ron Castleman, Secretary; and George Andruskevitch, Treasurer.

In its first year of operation, MARA held only two races. The first was held at the Champaign County Fair, Champaign, Illinois, and was promoted by Wayne Webb Promotions. A total of seventeen cars were on hand for that inaugural race. Duke DeRosa of Springfield, Illinois drove the Rusty Kunz Chevy II #31 to victory during the twenty-five lap feature event on the half mile dirt oval. The second race of '77 took place at the Farmer City Raceway, Farmer City, Illinois on the quarter field of forty-three race cars representing Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Iowa as well as Illinois.

Since that year, many changes have been made within the MARA organization. In 1979, advisory boards were set up to represent the owners and drivers at all Board of Directors meetings. Three owners and three drivers serve for one year terms on the advisory board. Also, 1979 saw the Midwest Auto Racing Association join the National Alliance of Midget Auto Racing (NAMAR) in quest of improving the Midwest club.

1981 saw MARA and United Auto Racing Association (UARA) combine for an eight race Challenge Cup series. Members competed for individual honors as well as club honors. Dave Ray won the Challenge Cup title as well as MARA championship for that year. Along with other MARA members Mark Ray, Terry Wente, and Kenny Haynes, Dave helped to ensure Midwest as the reigning club in the series.

1982 saw bigger and better things for the Midwest based organization as they teamed with the U.S. Tobacco Company for a 12 race series which placed midget auto racing in the limelight at many new tracks and before large number of crowds. Competing for a \$7000

point fund plus many extras, the SKOAL DASH races were attended by upward of forty cars. Of the eleven actual SKOAL DASH races which were run, there were seven different winners. Gene Gennetten, 1982 SKOAL DASH champion posted four victories, Steve Cannon, two; with single wins going to Richard Vogler, Duke DeRosa, Terry Wente, Randy Roberts, and Mel Kenyon. In addition to the eleven races of the SKOAL DASH series, seven other MARA races were held. Rain cancelled five races scheduled. First appearances by MARA were Tri-City Speedway, Granite City, IL; West Liberty Fairgrounds, West Liberty, IA; Paducah International Raceway, Paducah, KY; I-70 Speedway, Odessa, MO; Christian County Fairgrounds, Taylorville, IL; Eastern IL Raceway, Danville, IL; Scotland County Fairgrounds, Memphis, MO; and Riverside Stadium, Kansas City, MO.

With hard work and perseverance, MARA has risen to be one of the leading midget racing clubs. The members of Midwest Auto Racing Association can be proud of the accomplishments they have attained in only six short years. The look to the future is even more promising as Midwest will again be teamed with the U.S. Tobacco Company in 1983 to bring midget racing to more spectators at an increasing number of racetracks.

We owe a great deal of success to our promoters who have aided greatly in our endeavor to make midget auto racing one of the most thrilling of auto sports today. Also, the media for who without it, we would not be able to reach the thousands of midget fans across the Midwest. We are proud to honor these people, here, tonight, for their help in making the sixth season of the Midwest Auto Racing Association the best yet.

To our owners and drivers, we have had a great time in 1982. The season was exciting with large fields of cars on different types of racing surfaces. In eighteen different feature events, we had eleven different winners. This shows the extreme competition at all our events. We were fortunate with only one terrible accident involving our, then point leader - Gary Hayes. Fortunate, too, in the fact that Gary has made a complete recovery and will be competing again in 1983. It has been a truly FANTASTIC year for all of us.

We salute Gene Gennetten for battling all the competition and coming out on top. "Gene, it's been a very good year." Congratulations on your MARA Championship as well as the SKOAL DASH championship.

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May 21	SAT	Paducah, KY	Paducah International Raceway	N 3/8
July 2	SAT	Springfield, IL	Springfield Speedway	N 1/3
July 15	FRI	Taylorville, IL	Christian County Fair Grounds	N 1/5
July 16	SAT	Olney, IL	Richland County Fair Grounds	N 1/2
July 22	FRI	Memphis, MO	Scotland County Fair Grounds	N 1/2
July 23	SAT	Kansas City, MO	Riverside Stadium	N 1/4
August 17	WED	Granite City, IL	Tri-City Speedway	N 1/2
August 20	SAT	Danville, IL	Eastern Illinois Raceway	N 1/4
September 4	SUN	Odessa, MO	I-70 Speedway	N 1/2
September 16	FRI	Davenport, IA	Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds	N 1/2

1982 SKOAL DASH POINT STANDINGS Official Finish

DRIVERS	OWNERS
1. Gene Gennetten (3) 147	1. Gene Gennetten (3) 147
2. Steve Cannon (31) 141	2. Rusty Kunz (31) 141
3. Kevin Doty (50) 138	3. Bud Doty (50) 138
4. Duke DeRosa (34) 124	4. Peter Joncick 124
5. Bryan Holderfield (73) 109	5. Bryan Holderfield (73) 109
6. Terry Wente (6) 100	6. R.D. Mueller (6) 100
7. Scott Hatton (15) 93	7. Jerry Hatton (15) 93
8. Bob Wente, Jr. (5) 91	8. Bob Wente, Jr. (15) 93
9. Bob Shutz (31) 78	9. Joe Martinez (31) 78
10. Steve Enlow (3x) 67	10. Steve Enlow (3x) 67

1982 MARA FINAL POINT STANDINGS

DRIVERS	OWNERS
1. Gene Gennetten (3) 2420	1. Gene Gennetten (3) 2420
2. Kevin Doty (50) 2005	2. Bud Doty (50) 2005
3. Steve Cannon (31) 1770	3. Rusty Kunz, Jr. (31) 1975
4. Terry Wente (6) 1635	4. Richard Mueller (6) 1635
5. Duke DeRosa (34) 1580	5. Peter Joncick (34) 1580
6. Bryan Holderfield (73) 1235	6. Bryan Holderfield (73) 1235
7. Steve Knepper (55) 1220	7. Steve Knepper (55) 1220
8. Scott Hatton (15) 1170	8. Jerry Hatton (15) 1170
9. Todd Holderfield (74) 1110	9. Todd Holderfield (74) 1000
10. Bob Wente, Jr. (5) 810	10. Bob Wente, Jr. (5) 810
11. Richard Mueller (80) 745	11. Richard Mueller (80) 745
12. Scott Weyant (99, 4) 715	12. Gene Kunz (4) 730
13. Roger Branson (72, 93) 670	13. Jeff Flesher (72) 625
14. Bob Shutz (31, 27) 590	14. Joe Martinez, Jr. (81) 590
15. Bill Allen (63) 340	15. Bill Allen (63) 340
16. John Ritchie (56) 280	16. John Ritchie (56) 280
	17. Jerry Harris (27) 200

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