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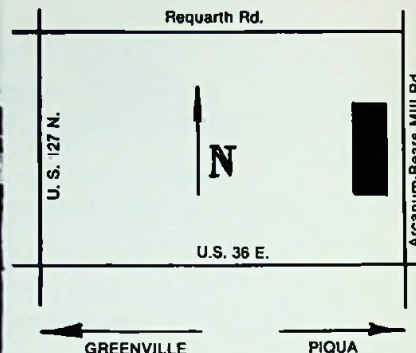
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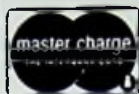
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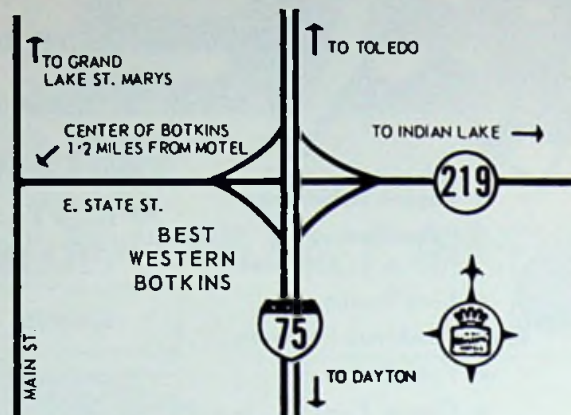
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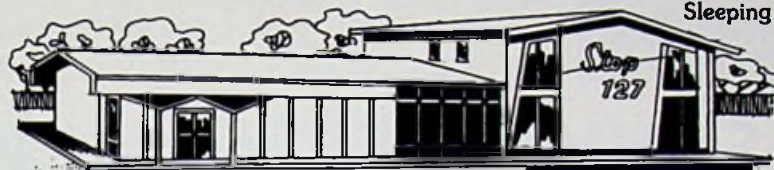
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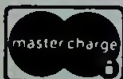
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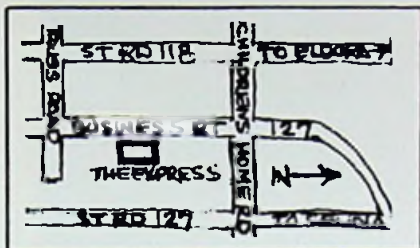
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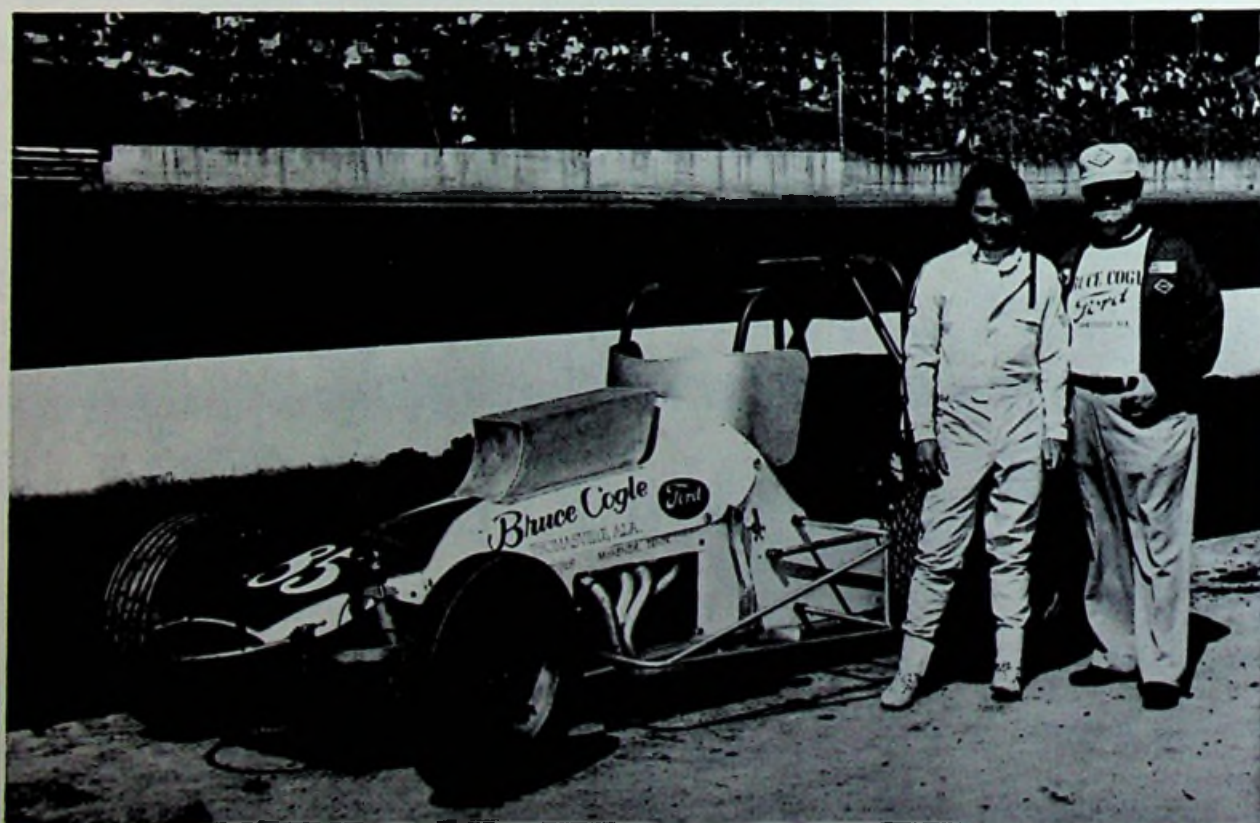
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TOM BIGELOW
1978 USAC National Sprint Car Champion

Tom Bigelow might have had some justification for thinking maybe he'd NEVER get a USAC championship when, after putting 14 feature wins into his pocket, he still had to settle for second place in the Sprint car division in 1977.

But the versatile veteran from Whitewater, Wis., has never expected anything to be handed to him, so he came back in 1978 with a renewed dedication to his goal. His perseverance and ability were duly rewarded when, in a year in which 22 different drivers were winners in a 39-race series, he walked off with the Sprint car championship after 12 years of competition.

"It really had me talking to myself," he said, referring to the frustrations of 1977. "My Champ car commitment really hurt, because we missed some Sprint races because of it. We really went after the Sprint title this year. We passed up the England deal and some other Champ races because we just didn't have the equipment to run that well. We decided to concentrate on the Sprint car this year and go after the Champ car title next year."

Bigelow, who began his career driving Stock cars in 1956 in Wisconsin and who in 1978 competed in five of USAC's six racing divisions—a total of 58 races, couldn't approach his 1977 records in terms of races won; but with the competition as keen as it was, he had no chance for that. But he did win five features, and he finished either second or third in 12 other events as he finished 223 points in front of runner-up Chuck Gurney in the championship battle.

The champion drove two different cars owned by Sherman Armstrong, who won the owners' title for the second consecutive year; and in the two years in which Bigelow and Armstrong have been a team, they have compiled an enviable record. Bigelow has won 19 races, finished second 10 times and been third nine times.

The success hasn't been limited to feature events, either. Bigelow set fast time a record 13 times during 1978, with six of those efforts resulting in track records—he lowered the mark at Winchester, Ind., three times and also broke the one-lap standards at Salem, Ind., Hartford, Ohio and Odessa, Mo. He has been fast qualifier 21 times in two years with Armstrong.

The five 1978 victories moved Bigelow into the No. 2 spot on the all-time list of Sprint car winners. The 39-year-old star has now run 308 USAC Sprint events and has won 41. Only Larry Dickson has won more—43. Pancho Carter, a two-time divisional champion, won three races in 1978; and Gary Bettenhausen, who started the season in second place on the all-time list won once. The two are now tied for third place with 39 features to their credit.

Bigelow was brought up on dirt tracks, but he's long since become comfortable with asphalt. "At first, I had a tendency to let the car drift," he said. "But I think it's easier for a dirt-track driver to adjust to asphalt than it is for the pavement driver to adjust to dirt."

He said his asphalt car was "really super" during 1978, and the results certainly bear that out. Every one of his fast-time performances came on a paved track, and four of his five wins were on asphalt—the only exception was at Flemington, N.J.

The Flemington program provided the season's most tragic moment when Dick (Toby) Tobias was killed during a heat race. The veteran driver from Lebanon, Pa., who also was well-known in the East as a modified stock car driver and race promoter, was having a good USAC year. He had won two Sprint features, including the prestigious Hulman Classic at Terre Haute.

Chuck Gurney and Dana Carter finished second and third, respectively, in the standings; but both improved their positions after Billy Cassella suffered a broken arm in a flip during a race at Winchester. Cassella and Bigelow had traded the points lead, and "after he got hurt, I knew that if I could be consistent I almost had it wrapped up. But I knew too, that it doesn't pay to get too excited, because when you do, that's when things go kaput," Bigelow said.

Gurney won only one main event, but he was in the top five in 13 other races while finishing the season with 764 points as compared to Bigelow's 987; and Carter, who won two races, was in the top five in 10 other starts and wound up with 708. Cassella ran just 28 races as compared to Bigelow's 38. He won three and was second in eight others, and he wound up fourth in points.

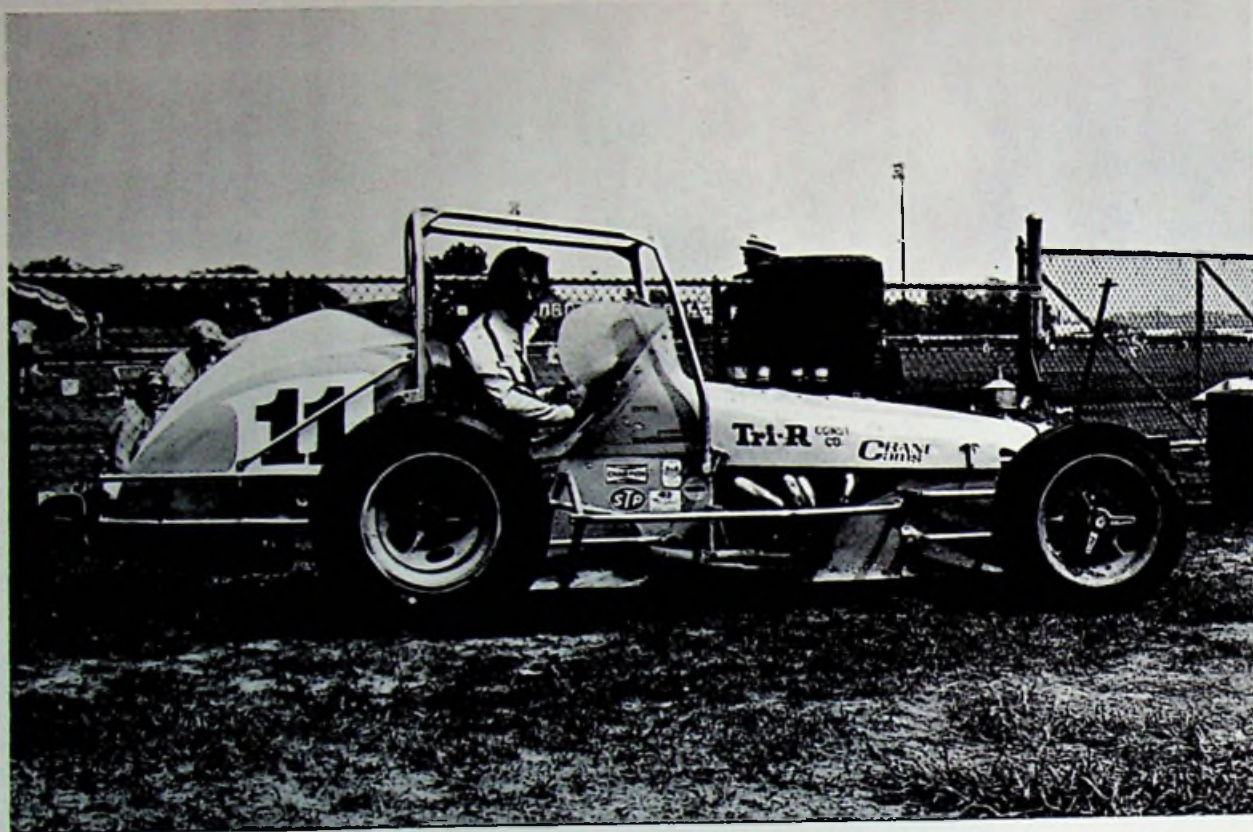
Fifth place went to Rich Vogler, and the youngster from Indianapolis, Ind., had to be considered among the most improved drivers in the division. Vogler, who won the USAC Midget division title and 11 races in that division, hadn't won in 47 Sprint features prior to 1978. But he changed all that as he tied with Bigelow for the most feature wins with five—four of them after teaming with car owner Walter Knepper. He had 10 other finishes in the top five to collect 623 points.

Tim Richmond, who came out of the super-modified ranks in Ohio and who won the first Mini-Indy division race of the 1978 campaign, was named the Sprint Car Division Rookie of the Year. He competed in just 12 races and was 30th in the point standings with three top-10 finishes. His best effort was a fourth.

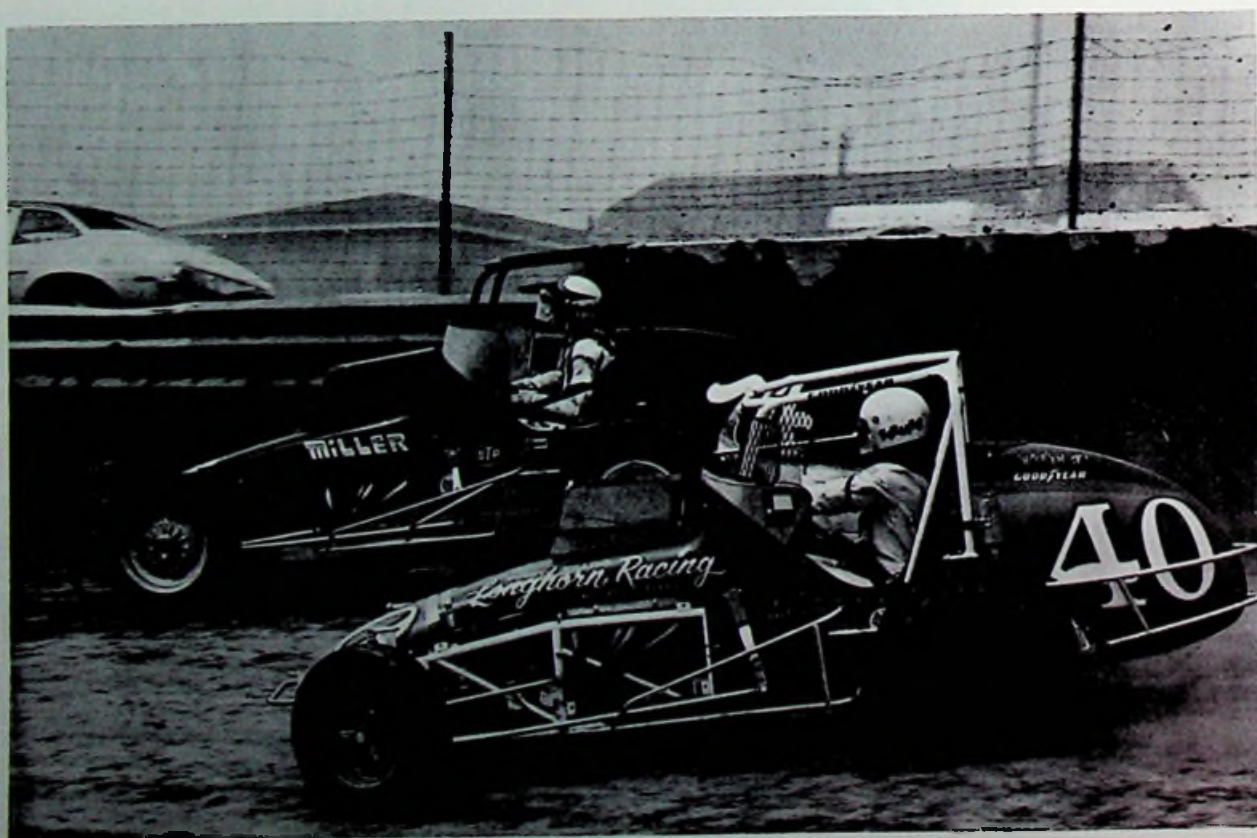
Greg Leffler, who was a three-time winner in the division, was sixth in points; Bill Engelhart, who didn't win but was in the top five 12 times, was seventh, Ron Shuman, who was in the top three in eight events, was eighth; defending Champion Sheldon Kinser, who had two wins, was ninth, and Joe Saldana placed 10th.

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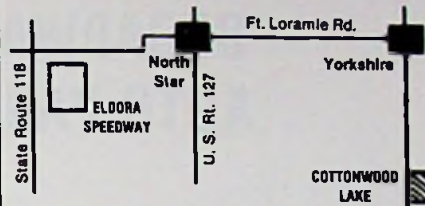
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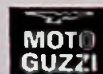
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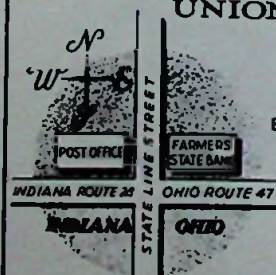
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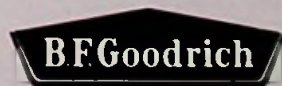
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5 wc	Tom Bland			
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8	Rich Vogler	Indianapolis, Ind.		
10	Les Scott	Ossian, Ind.		
12	Tracy Potter	Indianapolis, Ind.		
15	Bobby Grim Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.		
15 ec	Terry Wente	Normandy, Mo.		
17 wc				
20	Tom Bigelow	Whitewater, Wisc.		
21 nz	Barry Butterworth			
24	Bobby Wente Jr.	Ferguson, Mo.		
25	Bob Wente Sr.	Normandy, Mo.		
26	Sleppy Tripp	Costa Mesa, Ca.		
28 a	Steve Chassey	Sunland, Ca.		
29				
30	Butch Wilkerson			
30 ec	Bob Bennett			
31	Duke DeRosa			
34	Len Baras			
38	Dennis Dorsey	Lombard, Ill.		
38 ec	Butch Turnquist			
40	Robin Miller			
42	Bob Carey			
43	Gregg Leffler	St. Paul, Ind.		
44	Bryan Holderfield			
46	Jeff Nuckles	Columbus, O.		
47	Warren Mockler	Indianapolis, Ind.		
48	Steve Cannon	Danville, Ill.		
50	Roger West			
51	Joe Corrigan			
54	Larry Rice	Linden, Ind.		
54 ec	Gary Lynch			
56	Alan Brown	West Lafayette, Ind.		
57	Jeff Nuckles	Columbus, O.		
58	Nick Gojmeric			
61	Mel Kenyon	Lebanon, Ind.		
64	Danny Williams			
67	Johnny Parsons	Speedway, Ind.		
68 wc	Jerry Weeks	Anaheim, Ca.		
69				
73	Chris Cumberworth	Santa Ana, Cal.		
76 wc	Marty Davis			
78	Lonnie Caruthers	Corona DeMar, Ca.		
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85				
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