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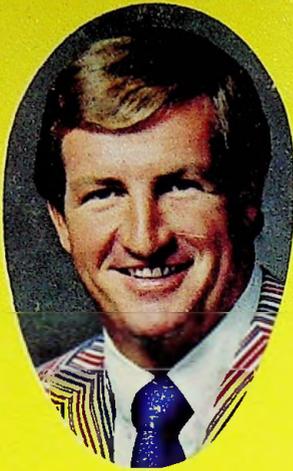
SIXTH ANNUAL

\$30,000

WESTERN UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

"The World Series of Auto Racing"

OCTOBER 13, 1973



PRESENTS



TOP THREE WESTERN STATES FINISHERS ARE SHOWN HERE WITH KEITH HALL AT TROPHY PRESENTATIONS CHAMPION, JAN OPPERMAN (CENTER), SECOND PLACE BUDDY TAYLOR (RIGHT) AND THIRD PLACE IS KENNY WELD (LEFT). LOVELY TROPHY GIRLS ARE BRENNIA & BRENDA BAILEY Photo By Karl

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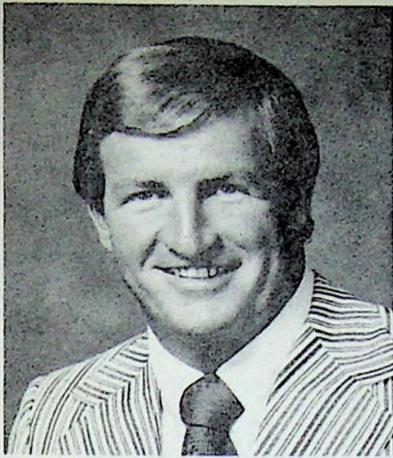
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From
The
Racing
Director

Many of you here tonight were here in 1968, when this baby of ours, The Western United States Sprint Car Championship was born.

You've probably watched each year as our baby has grown stronger and larger. From a healthy baby, he has grown into a very famous young man. People throughout the nation have heard of him. He is respected and admired as one of the very finest.

Together we've shared happiness and sadness, sorrow and success, watching our baby grow. Each year he has given us great pride and satisfaction in his growth.

Tonight he truly becomes a man. He has become the biggest, finest sprint car race in the nation. Over one hundred cars with the largest field of national, state and local champions ever assembled.

Many people have come to celebrate with us tonight. They've come from almost every state in the Union. To them, we say welcome, and extend an invitation to join our Western States family.

From one proud parent to another, I say 'thank you' for helping to make our baby into the tremendous success he is tonight. You've worked hard to bring recognition, and success, to the Western States Race, and the State of Arizona. Enjoy yourselves at our party.

Keith Hall

Keith Hall



JACK WILLIAMS
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE HOUSE
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

IN REPLY
REFER TO:

September 11, 1973

Mr. Keith Hall:

I extend a cordial and friendly 'Arizona Welcome' to both participants and spectators during the Western United States Championship Races on October 11, 12, and 13 at Manzanita Speedway.

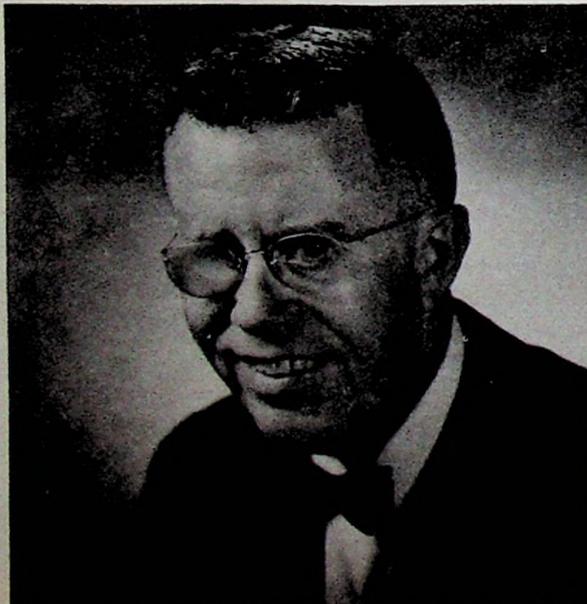
Arizona can be justly proud of the National Recognition achieved by this event. The dedication and hard work by you and your staff have truly reaped tremendous results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Williams".

Jack Williams

JW:bku





CITY OF PHOENIX
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JOHN D. DRIGGS
Mayor

September 19, 1973

Mr. Keith Hall
Manzanita Speedway
3417 West Broadway
Phoenix, Arizona 85041

Dear Mr. Hall:

I take great pleasure in once again wishing you every success in the Western United States Championship races scheduled for October 11, 12, and 13 at Manzanita Speedway. Each year, Phoenix racing fans are assured of a great racing program through the efforts of your organization.

The World Championship race for sprint cars has placed Phoenix within the ranks of major racing centers and has assured Phoenix racing buffs of thrills and spectacles second to none.

On behalf of the City Council and metropolitan Phoenix, I congratulate you and your associates for sponsoring this great event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Driggs".

John D. Driggs
Mayor



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hopefully, by the time this sixth annual Western United States Championships are over, all the drivers and fans at Manzanita Speedway will get the full impact of the word "Welcome". Believe me, the Arizona Racing Association in its entirety will go to every extreme possible to show all of you how much we appreciate your participation in this biggest of all sprint car races.

We realize that the success of the Western United States Championships depend so much on how each and every one of you are welcomed. Out here in the desert, we have a lot of pride and our No. 1 goal is for all of you to leave this race and tell your friends that the ARA is the best racing organization in the country.

Frankly, we have a burning desire to beat the pants off of the out of staters, but that is a tribute to the competition, because we feel that if an Arizona driver should be fortunate enough to win, then he would have won out over the very best in the world.

Every year after the Western, we read in the national auto racing newspapers that our race truly is the "World Series of Sprint Car Racing." We appreciate that label, but we promise you we will never become complacent. We know the Western is the No. 1 race, insofar as competition and prize money is concerned, but we also know that we must work harder each year to keep on top.

Competition is the key word. We thrive on it, but we also will maintain a high level of sportsmanship. In closing, we have so many people to thank for so many things --things that have made the Arizona Racing Association the success that it is.

We feel that Keith Hall is one of the top promoters in the country and we also feel that our fans are No. 1 also. Somewhere in between you, whether you are a race driver, a car owner, a mechanic, or what have you, fit in very deeply in our appreciative mood.

It seems unfortunante that there can be only one winner. But it also seems so fitting that there will be another winner next year,, and his victory will be even bigger than this year because the Western will be even bigger than the one before.

Hopefully, we will make that same statement every year.

Again, thanks to all for your help in making my year as persident of the Arizona Racing Association brimmed with pride, honor and pleasure.

Ron Goering
President, Arizona Racing Association

FROM

THE

EDITOR



Take over a million dollars worth of race cars and over 100 of the finest race drivers in the country add a \$30,000.00 purse and put them all on the finest half mile dirt track in the Southwest and you have the Sixth Annual Western United States Championship Race.

A race that started with a purse of around \$10,000.00, and a dream by a man to have the richest sprint car race in the country and you have a promoter by the name of Keith Hall. A man who has worked very hard to bring you this sprint car race.

This race is the results of loyal race fans such as yourself and if your not a regular fan it's almost certain you will be after you have seen a Western United States Sprint Car Race.

Auto racing is exciting like no other sport can be with driver matching wits with other drivers and mechanics building machines that are gleaming with chrome and beautiful paint.

Tonight when those machines roar around the fourth turn eagerly awaiting the flagman to drop the green, give those guys a little extra shout or cheer and let them know you are cheering for them. Let them know you appreciate the long hours they have put in to ready their cars for tonight and the long miles they drove just to put on a show for you the fans.

One driver will win and be crowned the Western States Champion. He will be respected on race tracks in the future where ever he drives. Join with me now in wishing these drivers God's safety and the very best of luck.

Now sit back (if you can) or sit on the edge of your seat and enjoy the finest racing in the country the Western United States Championships.

Sincerely

Art Abbott, Editor-Manzy Mag

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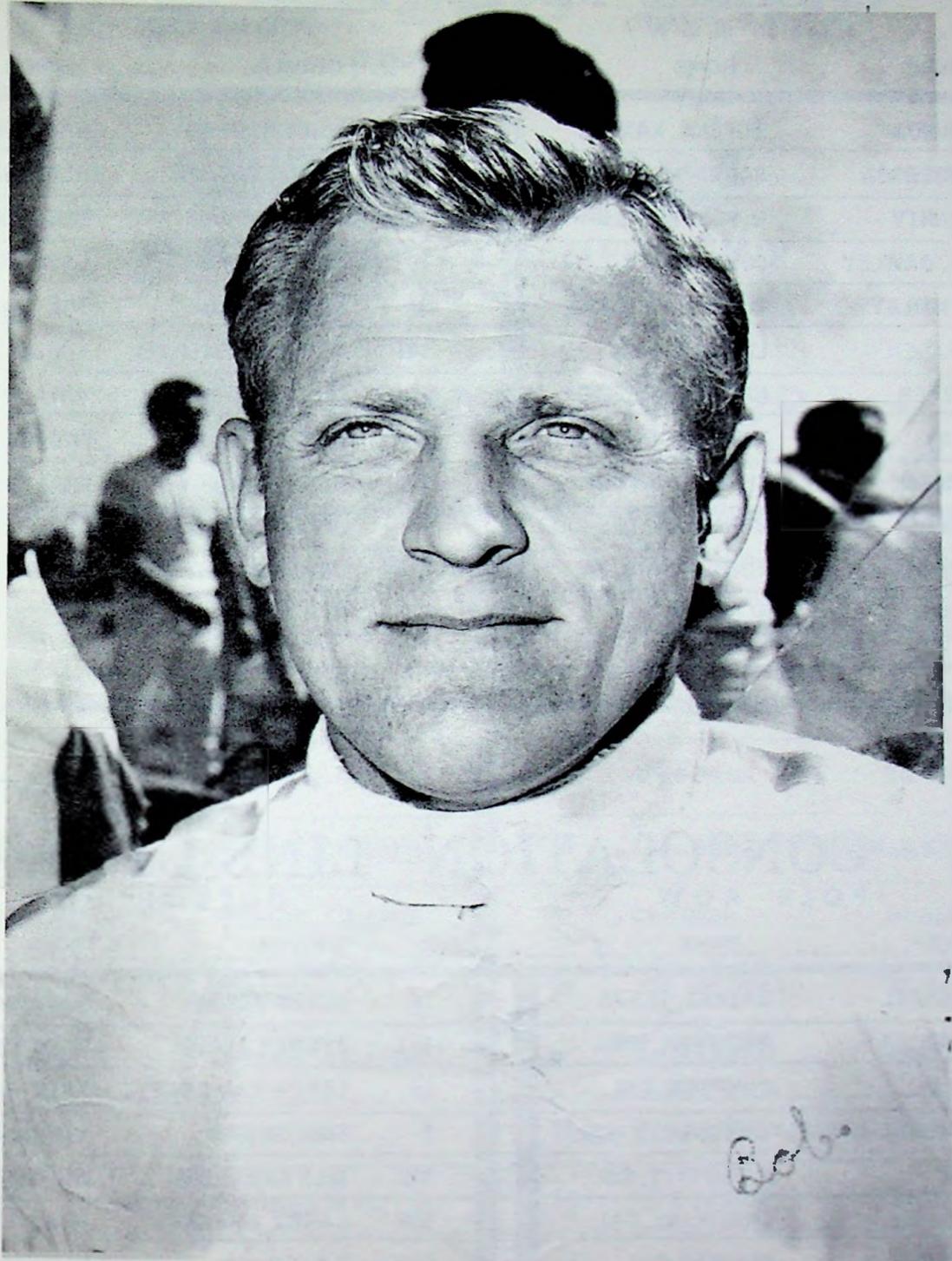
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FIRST WESTERN UNITED STATES CHAMPION

BOB CLEBERG

1968

AL'S COLUMN

BY AL NICHOLS



Keith Hall's "Dream Come True", the Western United States Championships, is entering its sixth year, and to judge from the number of entries and advance ticket sales, most successful year.

This year, in this "East meets West" duel for supremacy in what has come to be known as the "World Series of Sprint Car Racing", Arizona drivers will not only be striving for their own personal victory, but also to bring the coveted Championship back home to Arizona. Until 1971, Arizona racers had a monopoly on the Western States title, capturing the majority of the prizes and glory over some of the best "dirt-trackers" the nation had to offer.

In 1968, only one Arizona driver finished in the top ten, but it was undeniably the right spot. This was Tucson's Bob Cleberg who sped to a wire to wire victory and was crowned the first Western United States Champion. 1969 saw only six Arizona drivers make the starting field of twenty-six, but three of these, Bob Huebner, Bob Cleberg, and Jerry McClung, finished 1-2-3. 1970 was a repeat of the 69 race as Arizona Chauffeurs Jerry McClung, Gene Brown and Billy Shuman were the first three across the finish line. But in 1971 it was a horse of a different color. Nine of the top ten finishers in that classic were local talent. But Jan Opperman, the self styled "hippie preacher" from Pennsylvania, showed fans and drivers alike, the consistent hard charging driving style which had already won him the National Championship as he took an early lead and held on for 50 hard grueling laps to take the checkered flag first in this star-studded field of racing greats. In 1972 Opperman became the first driver to win two consecutive Western United States Championships as he methodically worked his way up from a mid-field starting position to take the win.

This year something new has been added to the W.U.S.C. It is the final and decisive race in the World Dirt Track Championships Series. Manzanita Speedway was chosen to be one of the eleven dirt tracks in the nation to determine a true World Champion. Since it is the last race of the series, it was decided to award double points to the winners with 2000 points going to the winner, six drivers have a mathematical chance at the World Dirt Track Crown. Five of the six are entered here this week-end. They are Jan Opperman, Bobby Allen, Ralph Parkinson Jr., Rick Ferkel and Kenny Weld.

Opperman, of course, is the favorite to take this prestigious victory considering his past two wins here at Manzanita.

Kenny Weld, in my opinion, will be the man to beat this year. He has just completed one of the most fantastic seasons ever-recorded in the annals of dirt track racing. He has won every big championship sprint racing had to offer. He only needs the W.U.S.C. and the Pacific Coast Championship to make a clean sweep. Kenny definitely has it all together this season and anyone who beats him will know they have been in a car race.

This year, Arizona has five drivers who I feel will be right there when the checkered flag drops. Jerry McClung could quite easily become the second man to be a two-time winner. Ronnie Shuman, the one lap record track holder, is definitely a young man on his way to the top. Two veterans of the dirt track ovals, Buddy Taylor and Gene Brown, are always tough competition where-ever they race, and last but not least, Leland McSpadden who virtually flies when everything is right.

With 144 entries in from 26 states, it is impossible for me, because of time and space, to mention each and everyone of these driving greats who are all champions in their own right. They are all capable of becoming the 1973 Western United States Champions.

With nearly \$50,000.00 in money and prizes up for grabs this weekend, there is one of the largest groups of past and present sprint car champions ever assembled in one place, all hoping to take home the "Goodies".

They bring with them some of the finest racing equipment to be seen anywhere in the United States. With these ingredients we can expect nothing less than a super-spectacular evening of racing thrills and excitement.

This race has put both Phoenix and Manzanita Speedway into the vocabulary of all sprint car racing enthusiasts, where-ever race car fans and drivers gather, there are two races that are inevitably mentioned, one is the National Championships at Knoxville, Iowa and the other is our own Western States Championships. A win at either of these for a sprint car driver is comparable to a win at Indy for the Champ Car Driver.

For the 26 men who earned themselves a starting berth in this year's classic, the "Moment of Truth" will come shortly after 10 P.M. tonight. With an entry list that reads like the "Who's Who" of Sprint Car Racing, anything can happen.

We are very happy that all of you are here to see and enjoy it, for without you, the devoted racing fan, none of this would have ever been possible.

AL NICHOLS

AL'S SPEED SHOP

PRESENTS

WESTERN UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP (CAGED SPRINTS & SUPER-MODIFIED)

50 Laps

MAIN EVENT LINE-UP

TIME _____

POLE ROW

OUTSIDE ROW

NO	DRIVER	HOME	NO.	DRIVER	HOME
44	BUBBY JONES	DANVILLE, ILLINOIS	40	THAD DOSHER	TOPEKA, KANSAS
92	RICK GOUDY	NORWALK, CAL.	1M	EDDIE LEAVITT	KEARNEY, MO.
43	RICK HOOD	MEMPHIS, TENN.	5I	EARL WAGNER	PLEASANTVILLE, IOWA
1A	BUDDY TAYLOR	ALBQ. N.M.	11C	MIKE SHAW	NORTHRIDGE, CAL.
7A	GENE BROWN	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	3A	LEALAND MC SPADDEN	PHOENIX, ARIZONA
44A	LARRY MYERS	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	20	TED WISE	HUBBARD, OHIO
94	KENNY WELD	YORK, PA.	99	JAN OPPERMAN	BEAVER SPRINGS PA.
2A	BOB MOORE	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	0	RICK FERKEL	FOSTORIA, OHIO
6C	JIMMIE OSKIE	DOWNEY, CAL.	2C	CLARK TEMPLEMAN	RESEDA, CAL.
61N	ROY HICKS	SOCORRO, N.M.	7C	BOB EVANS	SEAL BEACH, CAL.
98	RALPH PARKINSON JR.	KANSAS CITY, MO.	4A	JERRY Mc CLUNG	PHOENIX, ARIZONA
0A	JIM DARLEY	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	56P	MIKE LLOYD	HARRISBURG, PA.

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Laps

SEMI MAIN LINE-UP

TIME _____

POLE ROW

OUTSIDE

ROW

NO.	DRIVER	HOME	NO.	DRIVER	HOME
65K	BILL ROBISON	TOPEKA, KANSAS	3C	WALT KENNEDY	HACIENDA HTS., CAL.
27	JOHN ANDERSON	SACRAMENTO, CAL	6N	DUANE TAYLOR	ALBQ. N.M.
11	KEN McCARTY	N. PLATTE, NEB.	40A	JERRY MILLER	PHOENIX, ARIZONA
42	DARRELL DAWLEY	SOUIX FALLS, S.D.	1C	DON HAWLEY	GARDENIA, CAL.
12A	MARION SMILEY	TUCSON, ARIZONA	9A	LARRY CLARK	TOLLESON, ARIZONA
7	ROGER RAGER	LINCOLN, NEB.	14T	JIM McELREATH JR.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS
13	DONNIE BYER	LAS CRUCES, N.M.	56	BILL UTZ	SEDALIA, MO.
7-11	JIM MC VAY	INDEPENDENCE, MO.	62A	DICK KENNEY	PHOENIX, ARIZONA
57	RON SHUMAN	TEMPE, ARIZONA	31T	DAVID RAMSEY	DALLAS, TEXAS
26C	LEE ROBISON	SPRING VALLEY CAL.	95	STEVE TROXELL	DENVER, COL.
461	JIM EDWARDS	YORK SPRING, PA.	72	DALE MC CARTY	INDEPENDENCE, MO.
7N	BUTCH CAPO	ALBQ, N.M.	42P	ROD ALBRIGHT	HANOVER, P.A.

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CONSOLATION LINE-UP

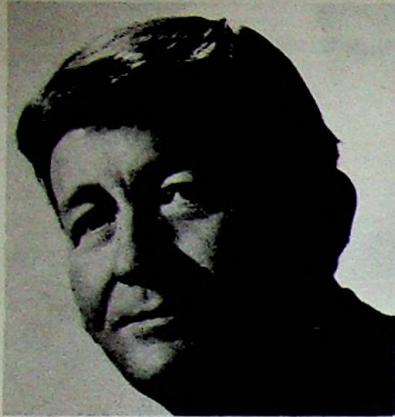
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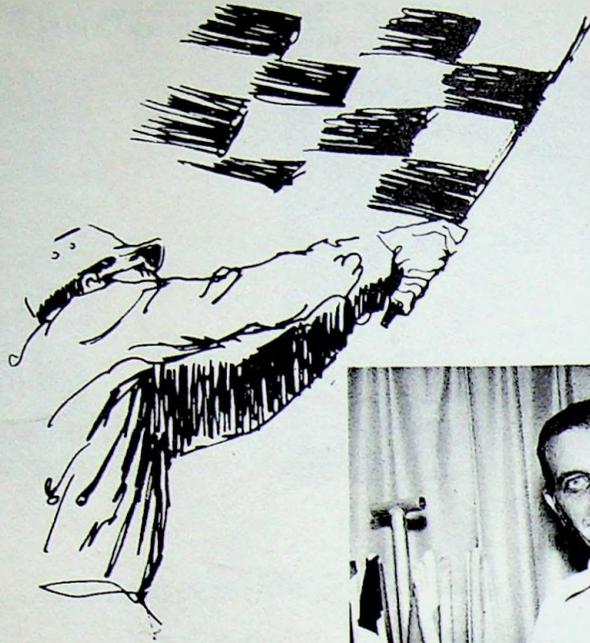
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NO.	DRIVER	HOME	NO.	DRIVER	HOME
19T	BOB MARSHALL	DALLAS, TEXAS	1A	BOBBY ALLAN	McSHERRYTOWN, PA.
55	TOMMY NOBLIN	MERIDIAN, MISS.	22T	SYDNEY CLARK	GARLAND, TEXAS
19C	TOM ROA JR.	COMPTON, CAL.	56	LEROY VAN CONETT	GALT, CAL.
5N	HANK ELMENDORF	LAS CRUCES, N.M.	8	SAM LIEBIG	RAPID CITY, S.D.
65	JIM OLSON	RAPID CITY, S.D.	88C	BILL ANDERSON	SACRAMENTO, CAL.
12C	TERRY KAWELL	CRESTLINE, CAL	65N	LARRY DEMAREE	ALBQ. N.M.
1J	JERRY CECIL	SALINAS, CAL.	99A	DAVE CULP	PHOENIX, ARIZONA
26	GARY CRADDOCK	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	10A	DAN APPEL	ALBQ. N.M.
33A	TOMMY MC COY	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	3	DON SNOW	PINOLE, CAL.
4T	ORAN HUDSPETH	EL PASO, TEXAS	9	BILLY WILKERSON	ROSEMEAD, CAL.
66M	RALPH PARKINSON SR.	KANSAS CITY MO.	15P	JERRY MATUS	WAMPUM, PA.
33C	PHIL PEDLAR	VALLIEJO, CAL.	16	MAX SWEENY,	CARSON, CAL.



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SCOTTY BROWN

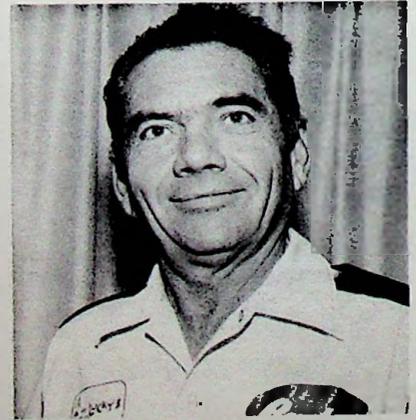
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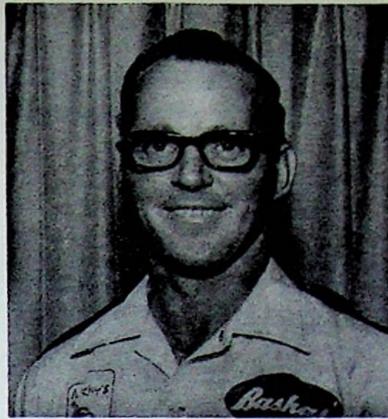
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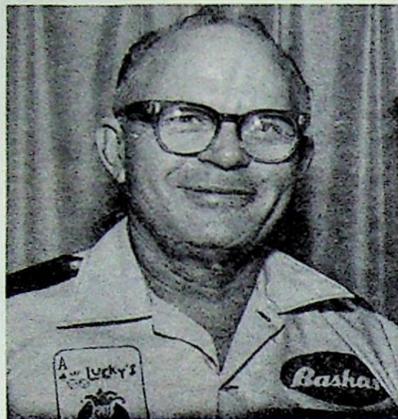
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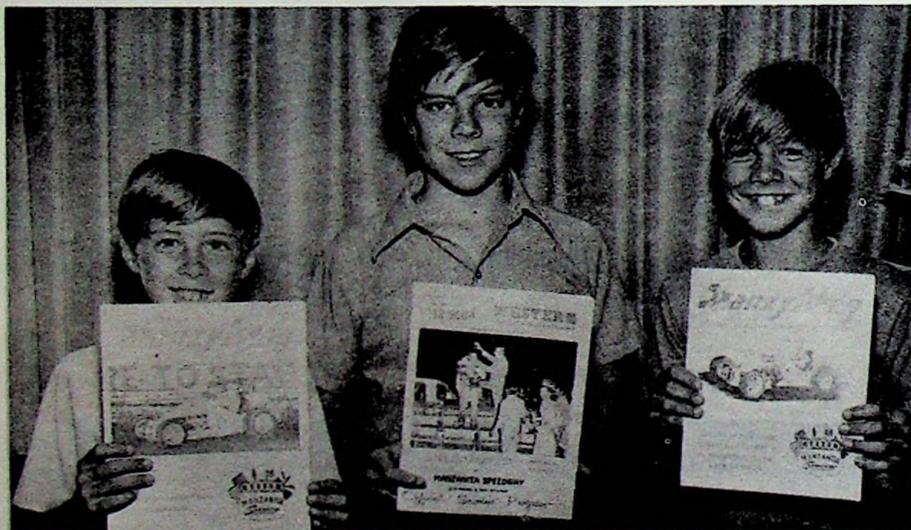
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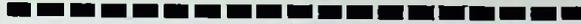


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TONIGHTS SCORING SHEET

FINISH OF

Semi-Main

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Western U.S. Championship

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The above Western U.S. Championship is for 50 laps. Fill in each car as it drops out of race, starting at the 26th position.

**SCORING INFORMATION ON
WESTERN UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP**

The following is an illustration of how the positions for the heat races will be determined from qualifying times on Thursday and Friday nights. The numbers below represent the position in which the driver timed in. For example: the 1st and 5th fastest qualifiers will start in the front row of the first heat, the 2nd and 6th place qualifiers will start in the front row of the second heat, etc.

1st HEAT	2nd HEAT	3rd HEAT	4th HEAT
1 - 5	2 - 6	3 - 7	4 - 8
9 - 13	10 - 14	11 - 15	12 - 16
17 - 21	18 - 22	19 - 23	20 - 24
25 - 29	26 - 30	27 - 31	28 - 32

The winners of the 1st heat race on Thursday and Friday will start in the front row in the main event. The driver who timed in fastest will have his choice of inside or outside starting position. The winners of the 2nd heat race on Thursday and Friday will start in the 2nd row of the main event, etc. The first three finishers in each of the eight heat races will be in Saturday night's main event.

Illustration of starting positions for Saturday Night's Main Event

	pole positions	outside positions	Drivers position in qualifying heat race
			heat race:
1st row	X	X	1st in 1st heat on Thursday and Friday
2nd	X	X	1st in 2nd heat " "
3rd	X	X	1st in 3rd heat " "
4th	X	X	1st in 4th heat " "
5th	X	X	2nd in 1st heat " "
6th	X	X	2nd in 2nd heat " "
7th	X	X	2nd in 3rd heat " "
8th	X	X	2nd in 4th heat " "
9th	X	X	3rd in 1st heat " "
10th	X	X	3rd in 2nd heat " "
11th	X	X	3rd in 3rd heat " "
12th	X	X	3rd in 4th heat " "
13th	X	X	1st two finishers in semi Saturday

Finishers 4, 5, and 6 in the heats will progress to the semi-main.

The drivers who finish 7 and 8 in the heats will start in the consolation race. The 15-lap consolation will start at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, the first two finishers will move to the semi. The semi-main will begin at 9:00 p.m. Saturday and run for 25 laps. The first two finishers will progress to the main. The 50-lap Western States Championship main event will get the green flag at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, with the winner receiving \$2000.00

DRIVER FEATURES



HOT OFF THE TICKER!

Mini biographies on all the drivers that entered before the October 9 th deadline.

BOBBY ALLEN

Miami Springs, Florida

Bobby was a national Go-Kart Champion in his home state of Florida before migrating to the Pennsylvania area where Sprint races are a frequent and popular pastime and the purses are high enough so a driver can make a living at racing. Bob did a brief stint with the U.S.A.C. Sprints before returning to his favorite tracks in Pennsylvania where he could make more money. 1973 has been his best season to date with the Sprints. He is consistently among the top finishers wherever he races. He is currently running a close second to Jan Opperman in the World Dirt Track Championship Series. Bobby drives a car which he designed and built himself. Bobby is sponsored locally by Romney's Chilton Inn and the T-Bone Steak House.

JON BACKLUND

Kansas City, Kansas

Jon is one of many track champions who have entered our speedfest again this year. This personable young racer is the 1969 Champion at I-70 Raceway in Odessa, Missouri. He will compete in a midwestern car. Jon's big victories were at Belleville, Kansas, and Denver, Colorado, which sewed up the 1970 B.C.R.A. Championship for him. Jon showed himself quite competitive on the Manzy 1/2 when he visited the Phoenix area in previous years. Jon has been quite active with both the Sprints and the midgets this season, doing well in both divisions.

GENE BROWN

Phoenix, Arizona

The "Tiger", as he is called by his many fans, is fast approaching the 100th Feature win in his racing career. The Western United States Championship is one of the few races in which Gene has been unsuccessful at winning, his best finish coming in 1970 when he was second. In 1972 he was the first winner of the Pacific Coast Championship at Ascot Park in Los Angeles against most of the same drivers who competed in the W.U.S.C. Gene has been absent from the Manzanita scene for a couple of months due to a disagreement with the Arizona Racing Association, but will return to action in the Ron Goeringer Chevy for the Westerns since it is an open competition race.

LARRY CLARK

Tolleson, Arizona

1973 has been somewhat of a frustrating year for this promising young driver. But with much help and encouragement from his family, Larry keeps coming back and trying. Larry travels to many out of town races and does well against the tough midwestern competition. Despite his many difficulties Larry is still holding down 10th place in

the A.R.A. point race. Larry will be driving a Roger Beck built Sprinter for this year's W.U.S.C. Don't underestimate this personable young man because he is quite capable of running with the best of them.

DAVE CULP

Phoenix, Arizona

Dave's new bright red #99 is a familiar sight here at Manzanita. He has several Semi's and many heat race wins to his credit. Dave is the younger member of the C & C Racing Team. His father, Bill Culp, provides experience, encouragement, and plenty of just plain hard work to keep Dave racing. The women in the Culp family are also active in racing with work in the auxiliary. This is Dave's fifth year at Manzanita.

EDD FRENCH

El Paso, Texas

Edd left his home state of Texas and moved his family to Lincoln, Nebraska for the racing season. This just could have been the best move he ever made. Although he previously had three Stock Car and two Sprint Car Championships to his credit, Edd really out-did himself this year. Racing over a five-state area and competing in over 70 races, he won both the B.C.R.A. Championship and the N.M.R.A. Championship. Edd has raced here at Manzanita quite frequently and could be a "dark horse" entry in this year's race.

GENE GENNETTEN

Kansas City, Missouri

This is Gene's third try at the Western United States Championship. Two years ago he qualified for the feature and despite trouble, finished 21st. Kansas City produces many top drivers and Gene is one of the best to come out of the city in recent years. He was National Short Track Champion in 1966, 1967, and 1970. He was the National Quarter Mile Champion in 1968. Gene made a fine showing with the I.M.C.A., running 2nd in their standings. Although Gene really shines on a shorter track, he will be plenty tough on the 1/2 mile for this year's Western United States Championship.

ROY HICKS

Socorro, New Mexico

Roy entered his third year of Sprint Car competition with the idea that a good driver must be versatile enough to run on many different tracks. With this in mind, Roy has done a tremendous amount of traveling. Besides Phoenix, El Paso, and Albuquerque, where at once he was in the top ten at each, he ventured to Knoxville, Lincoln, and Denver, to name a few. Roy's theory of versatility, combined with

experience, has helped him come up with his best season yet. He has the New Mexico State Championship pretty well cinched at this time. In previous W.U.S.C. action, he has run in the Consy and Semi. This year should find him in the Main Event as he always goes well on the Manzy 1/2 mile.

LONNIE JENSEN

Lincoln, Nebraska

Seldom does a week go by that Jensen's name is not listed among the winners on some Midwestern track. He is a past Nebraska Super Modified Champion and also a B.C.R.A. Champ. He was also the National 1/3 Mile Champion in 1970. He races throughout Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, and Kansas. Lonnie finished 8th in the National Championships in Knoxville, Iowa. This year he has been driving the Smith Brothers Chevy out of Lincoln. He has been consistently in the money wherever he raced. He made his wife Shirley very happy here last year when he won the big diamond ring Kieth awarded. Lonnie is definitely a threat in this year's W.U.S.C.

EDDIE LEAVITT

Kearney, Missouri

Eddie has entered every W.U.S.C. race so far and qualified for the Feature each time. He has numerous Feature wins to his credit throughout the United States. He holds the track record at many of the nation's tracks. He had a real good chance to win the Knoxville Nationals a couple of years ago as he qualified on the front row of the Feature, but left the night of the race to be with his wife who was having a baby. Eddie is really running strong this season and with no wings to give the East-West racers the advantage. This just could be his year! Eddie is sponsored locally this year by the Sun Dancer Motel.

DENNIS MATOUSEK

Phoenix, Arizona

Dennis has been racing with the Sprints here at Manzanita for several seasons now. He has earned the respect of both the drivers and the car owners as proved by his election to the position of President of the Arizona Racing Association. Dennis is currently having his best season ever with the Sprints. He shows up frequently in the Trophy Dash, and won his feature last month. He has won more than his share of Heat races. He is currently 3rd in the A.R.A. Championship Point standings, his highest finish to date. Last year he qualified his way into the seventh row of the W.U.S.C. Feature. I look for Dennis to be even closer to the front this year.

JERRY MC CLUNG

Phoenix, Arizona

Jerry really needs no introduction to the majority of the fans here at Manzanita as he has been around for quite a while, first in the Late Model Division and later with the Sprints and Modifieds. Jerry joined the U.S.A.C. Midget Division for a while and ended up fourth in their Championship standings. He has won the A.R.A. Championship twice in the past and is a previous W.U.S.C. winner. This year Jerry has competed in Arizona, California, and at several tracks in the midwest during a trip back to the Knoxville Nationals. He won the Feature at Webster City, Iowa. This year Jerry is at the wheel of Ed McNeely's Mickey Mouse Special. With "Mickey" as his co-pilot, Jerry will be tough to beat in his attempt to capture his second Western United States Championship crown. An extra advantage of McClung's is that he is currently in the middle of a hot winning streak with the A.R.A. He was the winner of the last two features here at Manzanita.

JERRY MILLER

Phoenix, Arizona

Jerry started 1971 off with a bang, winning his first Sprint feature. He has been in the top ten in A.R.A. point standings and also races on the drag strip, on the road courses with a Formula V and in the Limited Modified division. In past years he raced motorcycles. This will be Jerry's fifth W.U.S.C. 1969 saw him finish 7th in the Semi and in 1970 he finished 4th in the Semi. Last year Jerry spent most of the season racing in Lincoln, Nebraska. About midway through the 1973 season, Jerry had his revolutionary new Jan Opperman built sprinter ready to race. He started out right away turning in some rapid times, but had some trouble at first getting the bugs out, but now Jerry is beginning to live up to his potential. Jerry was one of the few Arizonans to qualify for the Feature at this year's Knoxville Nationals.

LARRY MYERS

Phoenix, Arizona

Larry is in his fourth year of Sprint Car competition after diversified experience with the Sportsman Cars, Figure 8's, Limited Modifieds, and Late Model Stocks. He races with A.R.A. both in Phoenix and Casa Grande, usually qualifying for feature event action. He showed much potential in last year's Pacific Coast Championship winning the Consy. He has driven several different cars this season and done well in all of them. He is a strong contender for this year's "most improved driver."

WILLIE NUNEZ

El Paso, Texas

Nunez made his racing start in Go-Karts and switched to Sprinters six years ago. He won the National Go-Kart Championship three successive years, 1964-1966. Willie finished 3rd in points in El Paso. He raced the 1/2 mile here at Manzy on many occasions and has competed in previous W.U.S.C.'s. The last half of this season, Willie has competed regularly here at Manzanita, so he should be quite familiar with our tricky 1/2 mile. This will give him a bit of an edge on the other out-of-staters.

JAN OPPERMAN

Beaver Crossing, Nebraska

Once again Manzanita welcomes "the Hippie Racer." Jan is a five year veteran of the W.U.S.C. and has become a popular favorite of all the fans. Jan is the only driver ever to win the W.U.S.C. two years in a row. This year he will be back trying for a record-breaking third win. Despite the handicap of driving the last two months of the season with broken ribs and an injured arm, Jan has been able to maintain his lead in the All Star World Dirt Track Championship. Jan has also beaten the best of the U.S.A.C. Sprint drivers at several eastern tracks, setting new U.S.A.C. track records as he did so. Jan announced his retirement from full-time racing at the end of this season. He bought a potato farm in Idaho and wants to spend more time with his family. With his retirement, dirt track racing fans will lose a true champion. Jan is sponsored locally by the Bali-Hi Motel, KRIZ Radio and Clayworth Wheelcovers.

RAYMOND KEIL

Aztec, New Mexico

Ray has over ten years of racing experience to his credit in and around the Aztec, New Mexico area. He is the 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972 Aztec Speedway Champion. Ray has the tough job of being owner, driver and chief mechanic on his sprinter, but seems to have everything under control as evidenced by his previous racing record. This will be Ray's first attempt to qualify for the W.U.S.C.

RICHE BARNES

Albuquerque, New Mexico

This youngster is rated as one of New Mexico's top up and coming new drivers. He competes regularly in Albuquerque and frequently visits other tracks such as El Paso and Phoenix. He is currently in the point standings with B.C.R.A. and N.M.M.R.A. This is his third attempt at the W.U.S.C. Two years ago he held his own against a tough field in the Semi and finished sixth. This year promises even better things for this bright young racer. His car is owned and sponsored by Chet's Wheel Alignment.

JACK COMER

Rapid City, South Dakota

Jack holds the track record at his home track in South Dakota. He also won the track Championship there for three consecutive years. In 1972 he won the South Dakota State Championship. This will not be his first trip to the "Valley of the Sun" and our W.U.S.C. In 1971 he was leading the Consolation Race before dropping out of competition. Jack will be driving the Mike Von Collins' 360 Chevy in this year's W.U.S.C.

JOHNNY SUGGS

Mesquite, Texas

Johnny is one of the few drivers in the nation who has won more than one hundred Feature events. In his fourteen years of racing, he has competed on over forty different race tracks in thirteen states. He holds several track records around the nation and was the 1967 Arkansas State Champion. Suggs will be driving a four-bar chassis like those used by the majority of the Pennsylvania drivers. With all this experience behind him, Johnny should prove very competitive in this year's W.U.S.C.

LEROY VAN CONETT

Galt, California

Leroy has been around racing for the past sixteen years. Most of his racing has been on tracks in northern California, but he has raced occasionally with the A.R.A. here at Manzanita and with the C.R.A. at Ascot. He had his best seasons in racing during 1968 and 1969. He was the N.A.R.C. Champion both those years. This year he will be driving a sprinter owned by Ted Hunting and sponsored by Bailey Brothers Speed Shop.

WAYNE VOWELL

Phoenix, Arizona

Wayne is in his second year of competition with the Sprint cars here at Manzanita. Last year he only ran four races before he demolished his car in a spectacular series of flips in the #1 turn. This year he is back with us in a brand-new car he built himself and his driving is steadily improving with each race. He also has competed Central Arizona Raceway and Ascot Park in Gardena, California. He also is a former motorcycle racer. He has several Heat race victories to his credit.

BAHEEJ HINDI

Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Baheej is one of two brothers in still another New Mexico racing family. He has raced before here at Manzanita, both in A.R.A. competition and in previous W.U.S.C. Although he does not compete as regularly as his brother Shawkeet, he always provides top-notch competition when he is in a race. He and his brother are notorious for the duels they stage when both are in the same race. His car is owned jointly by still another brother, Fecel Hindi and Butch Box.

RON SHUMAN

Tempe, Arizona

Ronnie is the fastest rising young star here at Manzanita, giving proof to its claim of being "The Training Track of Champions." Ronnie started his racing career on two wheels, winning most of the motorcycle events in this area. But he really shines on four wheels as proved by his first year of racing with the Super-Modifieds. He won two track Championships. This year, his first full season with the Sprints, he has already set a new record for the number of times he has set fast time. He has several Trophy Dash and Heat Race wins to his credit and one Feature victory. He has raced at Ascot and back at several tracks in the midwest. He came within one car of qualifying for the Knoxville Nationals. With Ronnie's knack of turning in speedy qualifying, he easily could make the W.U.S.C. field on his first try. Ronnie is the younger brother of U.S.A.C. racer Billy Shuman and many fans predict that Ronnie, with his natural talent for racing, will soon overtake his brother in the world of big time racing. He drives the Lowell Carstens Chevy. Ronnie is the current track record holder here at Manzanita with a 21.21 clocking on the half.

DICK SUTCLIFF

Kansas City, Missouri

Dick needs no introduction to regular race fans here at Manzanita. His abrupt exit over the fence and on to 35th Avenue during 1968 W.U.S.C. gave him the nickname "Mr. Excitement" here at Manzy. Dick has always qualified near the top during the Westerns, only to have fate step in for one reason or another; he has not finished the Main. He has been one of the top Midwestern drivers for the past six years. This year he won the Knoxville Point Championship in a super-close race against Roger Larson. Curiously enough, he cinched the Championship in the last race of the season behind the wheel of Bob Moore's 2A car which Bob loaned to him after Sutcliff blew his own engine. He may be in a different car this year but his unique, breathtaking style is still the same . . . riding the rim, tail to fence, lap after lap. Perhaps this year Lady Luck will smile on this hard-charging Kansas City ace and the elusive W.U.S.C. victory will be his, for no other Midwestern driver has worked harder for it. Dick is sponsored locally by the Desert Sun Motel and Complete Auto Body.

BUDDY TAYLOR

Albuquerque, New Mexico

What can you say about a man who has been racing for over 20 years, a man who put Al and Bobby Unser in their first race cars, a man whose children (a son and a daughter) are racers in their own right, a man who was THIRTEEN times New Mexico State Champion, a man who has raced and won with some of the best associations and on the fastest tracks in the country, from U.S.A.C. on down the line? This and much more tell the story of Taylor's racing career. Buddy finished a heart-breakingly close second in last year's A.R.A. Point Championship. This year Buddy is more determined than ever to win the A.R.A. Point race. All season he has been engaged in an extremely thrilling and close duel with Lealand McSpadden. At this writing, he holds a slight edge in the Point chase. Nothing would please the "Wild Child" more than to win both the A.R.A. Championship and the W.U.S.C. He will be driving the Leo Ruggles Twister II, the same car which carried Jan Opperman to his first W.U.S.C. victory.

KENNY WELD**York, Pennsylvania**

Kenny has more than fulfilled the legacy of his racing family. Some racers dream of winning forty Feature races in a lifetime. Weld managed it in one season. He has raced against the best in the nation, including the U.S.A.C. boys and beaten them all at one time or another. His closest rival and toughest competition is Jan Opperman. He is a full-time racer, traveling from coast to coast most of the year. Even with all this traveling, he has won track Championships at several tracks in the past few seasons. His greatest accomplishment in the racing world is winning the National Super-Sprint Championship in Knoxville, Iowa four times, 1964, 1965, 1972 and 1973. Last month he set a record in U.S.A.C.; he joined on Wednesday and won his first feature two days later on Friday. The next night he totally destroyed his sprinter. He was uninjured and since he has an identical and equally fast back-up car, the accident didn't slow him down any. Kenny has won every Super-Sprint Championship of importance this season and he will really be gunning for both the W.U.S.C. and the Pacific Coast Championship the following week at Ascot. Kenny will be sponsored locally by the Kon-Tiki Motel, KRDS Radio and Basha's.

DUANE TAYLOR**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Duane, like his father Buddy, divides his time between racing at tracks in Arizona and tracks in New Mexico. The old saying "like father, like son," really holds true in this case. Buddy won the New Mexico State Racing Championship so many times people were sure he had a monopoly on it. Last year when he decided to concentrate his racing efforts in Arizona, guess who won the Championship? None other than his son Duane. Early this season, Duane sustained an injury which side-lined him for almost eight weeks, but he is back in full stride now. He made the W.U.S.C. Feature on his first try last season and I'm sure we'll be seeing both Taylors, father and son, make the Feature again this year.

BOBBY MOONEY**North Little Rock, Arkansas**

Bobby has been involved in racing for the past seven years. Most of his racing was confined to Arkansas and Mississippi. He is quite well known at the tracks in both these states. He holds the track record at several tracks and is the winner of various championships throughout the South. Racing keeps Bobby plenty busy since he is owner, driver and chief mechanic. Bobby doesn't get out west to race very often, but he is a very consistent driver wherever he races and should be quite at home on Manzy's half-mile clay oval. And his talent at speedy qualifying should assure him of a good starting berth in this year's W.U.S.C.

JIM EDWARDS**York Springs, Pennsylvania**

Jim Edwards is originally from the West Coast and started his Sprint racing career with the C.R.A. He has raced here at Manzanita several times in the past. This year Jim comes to Manzanita with some very impressive credentials. He has spent the last two seasons in Pennsylvania learning the ropes on their highly competitive Super-Sprint circuit. He has developed into quite a competent and consistent chauffeur, holding his own against the likes of Opperman, Weld and Allen. Jim should definitely be considered a factor in this year's W.U.S.C. Jim is sponsored locally by the Western Village Motel.

ROGER RAGER**Lincoln, Nebraska**

Roger is no stranger to many race fans here at Manzanita. He has competed in the previous W.U.S.C.'s and at one time raced regularly with the A.R.A. for part of a season. Roger cut his teeth in Sprint car competition at tracks throughout the Midwest. He has more than one Feature win to his credit at such highly competitive tracks as Knoxville, Eagle and Topeka. He has been among the top point leaders with both the I.M.C.A. and B.C.R.A. Roger has become noted for his hard-charging, high groove style of driving. This year, Roger joined some of his fellow midwestern racers on the double-tough Super Sprint circuit of Eastern Pennsylvania. This was the best move he ever made as he is presently enjoying his best season ever. He has several Feature wins to his credit against the likes of Opperman and Weld. Roger has always qualified well in previous W.U.S.C. only to be sidelined with mechanical problems. This year he brings with him the experience gained from a summer of racing in Pennsylvania. This fact alone guarantees Rager to be out there among the front runners.

BILL ANDERSON**Sacramento, California**

Bill has a long and varied career in racing spanning sixteen years. While most of Bill's racing has been confined to the Northern California area, he did take time out in both 1969 and 1970 to win the Australian Championship. This alone says a lot for this driver's capability. In 1971 he won the 1971 N.A.R.C. Championship. He has numerous feature wins to his credit throughout the northern California area. Bill is a relative stranger to Manzanita, but his adaptability should make it easy for him to qualify for a berth in this year's W.U.S.C. His car is owned by Dick Bauer and is powered by a 350 Chevy.

MARK HIGH**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

This is Mark's rookie year with the Sprint Cars. Mark had no previous racing experience whatever before taking over the driving chores for the C & H Racing Corporation. Mark shows a definite natural talent for driving. The majority of his racing was done in the Albuquerque area. He was the highest place rookie in the N.M.M.R.A. point standings, finishing 19th out of sixty cars. Mark has raced with A.R.A. once during the season at our weekly Saturday night show. At 19 years of age, he will more than likely be our youngest entry.

STEVE TROXELL**Denver, Colorado**

Steve is a veteran racer with the Midgets. In 1966 he was the Champion of the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association. 1967 saw him finish fifth with the I.M.C.A. Midgets. He joined up with the professionals in 1968 and finished 25th in the U.S.A.C. standings. This year he divided his time between the midgets and the sprints, doing quite well in both divisions. He once again won the R.M.M.R.A. Championship and finished among the top ten with the B.C.R.A. Steve has raced here at Manzanita several times during the season, so he will be well-prepared for his first attempt to qualify for the W.U.S.C. He drives one of the few self-starting sprinters in this area. This is quite beneficial in case of a spin out, being able to get under power again without the aid of a push truck.

JIMMY OSKIE

Downey, California

Jimmy listed his accomplishments as, "installing 11 car windshields in one day!" Keith Hall mentioned that Jimmy accomplished this feat "barefooted." Seriously, Jimmy has an excellent record during his racing career. Besides C.R.A., he has raced with U.S.A.C. and also in South Africa. Jimmy has qualified for the W.U.S.C. in the past and is quite capable of doing it again. He is one of the few entries who will be driving an Offy powered Sprinter.

BOB MOORE

Phoenix, Arizona

Bob has been racing cars for the past ten years, starting first as an owner and quickly taking over as the driver. Bob is the former short-track record holder here at Manzanita. He always manages to finish in the top ten with A.R.A. despite many instances of bad luck. Bob qualified his way onto the pole of the 1971 W.U.S.C. Bob does a lot of out-of-state racing from California to the Midwest and is quite successful on these journeys. 1973 has not been one of Bob's best years, but he has the ability to jump in there and win it all at any time.

DICK WILSKEY

Seattle, Washington

Dick is *the* man to beat in the Pacific Northwest. He was the 1973 Washington Dirt Track Champion and winner of the first leg of the Northwest Dirt Cup Series. He has driven with six different associations in that area and never finished lower than fifth place. There have never been many entries to the W.U.S.C. from the Oregon and Washington area so Dick will be a pioneer in this area. He told Keith Hall he figured to go plenty fast on the dirt half here at Manzy. He is sponsored by KUPD Radio. Welcome to the "Valley of the Sun" and "Good Luck" in your first W.U.S.C.

EARL WAGNER

Pleasantville, Iowa

This is Earl's second trip to the "Valley of the Sun" for our W.U.S.C. Last year he earned a starting berth in the Feature by virtue of his Semi-Main finish. Earl has run every National Championship at Knoxville since its beginning. His best finish was second. He has driven with U.S.A.C. in the Stock Car Division. Earl has captured Feature wins at tracks throughout the Midwest. He is sponsored locally this year by the Phoenix Doubletree Inn and KJJJ Radio.

PAT ANDERSON

El Paso, Texas

Pat has been a frequent visitor to Manzanita in the past couple of years, giving him a slight advantage over some of the other out-of-staters. He has much varied experience in the realm of racing, dividing his time between the Sprints, Stockers and motorcycles. He has one Stock Car Championship to his credit. Most of his racing is done in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and even occasionally in Mexico. He qualified for the Semi-Main in last year's W.U.S.C.

BILL ROBISON

Topeka, Kansas

Bill is a fine up and coming young racer. He just finished up the best season of his career. He was second in the B.C.R.A. Championship point standings, ran third at Topeka in the Mid-Season Championship and finished fourth in the all-around standings at Topeka. Bill should prove quite competitive in his attempt to land a starting berth in this year's W.U.S.C.

DAVID RAMSEY

Dallas, Texas

David is a newcomer to our W.U.S.C., but is no newcomer to auto racing itself. He started his career out taking "rookie of the year" honors in the Modified Stock division in his home state of Texas. He remained among the top five in the point standings from 1965 to 1970. 1971 was his first year with the Sprints and he once again took "rookie of the year" honors. He finished 11th in 1972 and 2nd in 1973 in the T.C.R.A. point standings. He has one clean sweep and three Feature wins to his credit this season. Most of his racing is done on the tricky Devil's Bowl track. He should do well on his first try here at Manzanita.

RALPH PARKINSON, SR.

Kansas City, Missouri

Parkinson's career highlights include an I.M.C.A. Sprint Car Championship and a Devil's Bowl Championship. Probably the biggest single win in a career studded with victories, came in the National Super Modified Championship Race at Knoxville, Iowa in 1966. He is a veteran of the racing circuit that produced Indy drivers Jim McElreath and Lloyd Ruby, Parkinson has beat many of the nation's top drivers through the years. Ralph qualified for the Feature on his last visit to Phoenix and the W.U.S.C.

RALPH PARKINSON, JR.

Pennsylvania

Junior is the son of a great Mid-western Sprint racer and this season has really come into a successful racing career for himself. Formerly a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, Junior joined the migration to Pennsylvania. It was the best move he could have made. Pennsylvania produces some of the nation's best dirt-trackers and Junior wasted no time in learning everything he could from them. He is currently in third place in the World Dirt Track Championship Series behind Jan Opperman and Bobby Allen. With his record this past season, Junior can be counted on to provide some really tough competition in this year's W.U.S.C. He is sponsored locally by the Highway Inn.

THAD DOSHER

Topeka, Kansas

Thad is a long-time veteran of the Midwest's dirt tracks and his credentials are impressive. He is a former Knoxville Nationals winner, two-time winner of the Jay Hawk Nationals and is the current 1973 I.M.C.A. Sprint car champion. Last year, qualifying difficulties relegated him to the Semi-Main. This year Thad really has a hot streak going and is a good bet to make the Feature. He will drive the R & H Farms Chevy which has carried him to many feature victories. Thad is sponsored locally by the Airport Rode-way Inn and KTUF Radio.

BOBBY ADAMSON

York, Pennsylvania

Bobby goes fast on both dirt and pavement. He has won every major title in racing on the East coast. He averages twenty feature wins per season. He was the 1972 Selins grove Champion and was the runner-up at Williams Grove. Bobby qualified his way onto the front row of the W.U.S.C. once before and he is more than capable of doing it again.

CLARK TEMPLEMAN

Reseda, California

Clark is ranked 3rd in 1973 C.R.A. points, he has won three C.R.A. main events in 1973. He also won an A.R.A. Silver Cup main event at Ascot on April 14. Clark drives the #2 Jack Kendall J.F.K. Co. Chevy — a C.A.E. built car. Clark is 29 years old. He was C.R.A.'s 1970 Rookie of the Year.

LEE ROBISON

Spring Valley, California

Lee is the 10th ranked C.R.A. driver and drives the #26 Gary Sokola Chevy. Lee was the first driver to win an A.R.A. main event on the new Central Arizona Raceway track at Casa Grande on March 24th, 1973. Lee likes driving at Manzanita Speedway and should do well.

WALT KENNEDY

Hacienda Heights, California

Walt is rated 9th in C.R.A. points and drives the #3 Doug Francis Chevy. He has 1 C.R.A. fast time this year and 5 total quick times. Walt is 36 years old and the father of 5 children. He works as a body and fender repairman. He has two C.R.A. feature wins to his credit.

NED SPATH

Ojai, California

Ned is ranked 8th in C.R.A. 1973 points and has 3 C.R.A. feature wins. Ned has a career total of 20 feature wins. He drives the #17 Carl Alleman Chevy. He has driven on the U.S.A.C. Championship trail for Carl Alleman 1968-1971 and was voted C.R.A.'s most improved driver for 1963.

DON HAWLEY

Gardena, California

Don has won 1 C.R.A. 1973 feature at Ascot on July 14 in the Glenn Rea Chevy. He presently is driving the #1 Bill Pratt Chevy, the 1972 Championship C.R.A. car. Don is currently rated 7th in C.R.A. points. He has been an A.M.A. motorcycle star, a U.S.A.C. Midget, Sprint and dirt track champ driver. He was also ranked 5th in dirt track 1971 U.S.A.C. series.

RON REA

Sepulveda, California

Nicknamed "The California Cowboy" Ron has won 4 C.R.A. feature wins in 1973 plus one A.R.A. Silver Cup Race, all at Ascot. He has won 4 out of the last 5 Ascot main events. He has set Fast Time 5 times in 1973 C.R.A. races and has two 1973 Trophy Dash wins to his credit. He drives the #4 Glenn Rea Chevy. Ron set an all time track record at Ascot on August 18, 1973 with a blistering 21.18. He is 26 years old.

BILLY WILKERSON

Rosemead, California

Billy is the 5th ranked driver in C.R.A.'s points. He has two 1973 C.R.A. feature wins — the May 26th 100 lapper and the August 3 Clovis 30. He is the 1967 and 1970 C.R.A. Champion and has four 1973 C.R.A. Trophy Dash wins. Billy drives the #7 Ruth Kasenberg Chevy. He won the 1970 season Jimmy Miller Memorial Trophy. Billy has 21 C.R.A. career main event wins.

RICK GOUDY

Norwalk, California

Rick is the 4th ranked driver in C.R.A. points, he has won two 1973 C.R.A. main events. He has four 1973 C.R.A. Trophy dash wins. Rick drives the #92 Len Fass King O' Fawn Chevy — a Don Edmunds built car, and is 27 years old. Rick has a B.S. degree in Engineering, is a former TQ and full midget driver, and finished 2nd in the 1972 Thanksgiving U.S.A.C. Grand Prix. He has driven for Faas team on 1972 U.S.A.C. Dirt Championship Trail and was C.R.A.'s 1967 Rookie of the Year. He came back from a fiery flip and a two month stay in the hospital in 1968 that curtailed his rise in racing.

JIMMIE OSKIE

Downey, California

Jimmie is ranked second in C.R.A. points for 1973 and has exchanged the 1973 C.R.A. point lead with Don Hamilton eight times this year (four each). He has won two 1973 C.R.A. main events both at Ascot (in his own #5 J-Ram Chevy on May 5 and in #44 Lester Robertson Chevy on June 2). He now drives his own #5 J-Ram Chevy built by Hank Henry in 1968. He has a total of 14 C.R.A. career feature wins. He was the 2nd ranked driver in 1973 Silver Cup Points. Jimmie was the 1969 C.R.A. champion. He is 27 years old and was voted C.R.A.'s most improved driver in 1968.

DON HAMILTON

El Cajon, California

Don is the 1973 C.R.A. point leader (by eight points over Jimmie Oskie) going into the W.U.S.C. He has exchanged the 1973 point lead eight times this year (four times each) with Oskie. He has won three C.R.A. main events this year — one at Ascot (dirt) and two at Irwindale (paved). He drives the #14 Jim Cowan and Danny Riggs Chevy, a two year old Roger Beck built car. He has won three 1973 C.R.A. Trophy dashes and has a total of 15 C.R.A. victories on feature wins. He has done very well at Manzy in the past and likes Manzanita. Don is 28 years old and was voted C.R.A.'s Most Improved Driver in 1969.

MIKE SHAW

Northridge

Mike is ranked 18th in C.R.A. points and drives the Don Blair Chevy #11. He is having his best C.R.A. season set fast time at C.R.A.'s Ascot race track on September 22nd. He has also raced for 2 months in South Africa this winter and won several features. He also won a trophy dash at Manzanita Speedway during C.R.A.'s August 25th race. Mike is 25 years old.

STAN MC ELRATH

North Hollywood, California

Stan was the 1972 C.R.A. Champion and is rated 17th in 1973 C.R.A. points. He drives the #18 Elaine Hertzberg Chevy. Stan started the year in the #11 Blair Chevy and has two fast times in 1973. He won one C.R.A. Trophy Dash. Stan is 43 years old.

EDDIE ELDER

El Monte, California

Eddie is rated 12th in 1973 C.R.A. points and drives the #9 Yankes & Elder Chevy. The 1970 Championship car he drives is a Don Edmunds chassis. He has one C.R.A. feature win this year at Ascot. He is having his best season ever with C.R.A. Eddie is the son of Edgar Elder Senior.

DANNY MC KNIGHT

La Verne, California

Danny is one of the outstanding C.R.A. rookies of 1973. He has 2 C.R.A. feature wins this year at Chula Vista and Iswindal, one being dirt and the other paved. He drives the #63 Roy Battersby Chevy, the 1971 Championship car, a CAE car. Danny is the 1972 U.S.R.C. Midget Champion and a former N.M.R.A. 3/4 Midget Champion. He has 12 feature wins this year — 2 in C.R.A. Sprints, 3 in U.S.R.C. Midgets and 7 in N.M.R.A. TQ's. He has 1 C.R.A. fast time this year and 2 C.R.A. Trophy Dash wins. Danny is the first C.R.A. rookie who has ever won more than one feature in his rookie year. He is the 11th ranked C.R.A. driver in points and is 24 years old.

RALPH QUARTERSON

Sharon, Pennsylvania

Ralph was crowned North American Dirt Track Champion when he won the All Star Circuit of Champions Series. Ralph entered the 1968 W.U.S.C. and won his qualifying race; he was running a strong second in the feature until overheating forced him to slow his pace. He still managed to place seventh. Ralph has feature wins to his credit on every prominent track on the East Coast. He is certain to be a factor in this year's W.U.S.C. He is sponsored locally by the Highway Inn and Reliable Drywall.

LELAND MC SPADDEN

Tempe, Arizona

This hard-charging young driver divides his time between the Sprints, Midgets and Modifieds. His racing career has really come on strong this season. He has several Features, Heat Race and Trophy Dash wins to his credit in all three divisions. He is currently rated a close second in the A.R.A. Point Championship. He qualified for the Feature at this year's Knoxville Nationals. Last year he ran the Consolation Race in the W.U.S.C., but this year, I'm sure will find him among the top qualifiers for the Feature.

FRANK MC DANIELS

Tucson, Arizona

Frank is one heck of a tough race driver whenever he isn't retired. He is a former A.R.A. Champion and has scored feature victories with both A.R.A. and C.R.A. He has qualified for the Feature every year he entered the W.U.S.C. and this year shouldn't be any different. Frank stayed retired for almost two-thirds of the 1973 season. Skeet Gibson finally persuaded him to pilot the Twister III and Frank was once again out there turning left. His lay-off didn't seem to slow him any as he went right out and chalked up two consecutive Trophy Dash victories. Glad to see you back *again*, Frank.

BILL THRASHER

Bedford, Texas

Bill's name appears on the record books throughout the United States. He holds track records with many associations including I.M.C.A. and U.S.A.C. He is a former one lap record holder here at Manzanita. With his talent at qualifying, he is practically assured of a good starting position in this year's W.U.S.C. Last year he finished ninth in the Feature. He is sponsored locally by the Sandman Motel.

SHAWKEET HINDI

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Shawkeet is a veteran driver in the Southwest. He has competed on tracks in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. He has been a competitor in previous W.U.S.C. He was the New Mexico State Champion in 1971 and has been runner-up several other years. Shawkeet has raced many times in the past here at Manzanita and this experience should give him an edge over the newcomers. The W.U.S.C. is a family venture for Shawkeet because his brother, Baheej, is also entered.

ROY FIELDS

Phoenix, Arizona

This is Roy's rookie year with the Sprint cars. What better place for a youngster to begin his racing career than Manzanita, the Training Track of Champions. Roy shows continuing improvement with each race. This is the first of what we hope will be many W.U.S.C. for this promising young racer.

JIMMY SCHRUM

Phoenix, Arizona

Jimmy is no stranger to racing even though this is his rookie year with the A.R.A. Sprints. He spent 1971 and 1972 driving Modifieds on the 1/4 mile. He won a Feature during his rookie year with the Modifieds and holds the 4-lap 1/4 mile track record here at Manzanita. He was voted "most improved driver" in 1972. Jimmy is looking forward to participating in this year's W.U.S.C.

MIKE THOMAS

Des Moines, Iowa

Mike first came to Phoenix and the W.U.S.C. in his rookie year. He fell victim to all sorts of bad luck from losing all his money out of his clothes while taking a shower to mechanical problems. But he keeps coming back. Mike spends most of his time racing on the tough tracks of the Midwest like Knoxville. This year he was crowned the Midwest Short Track Champion at Burlington, Iowa. This year Mike anticipates better things in the W.U.S.C. He is another one of the fellows who races the hard way, as owner, driver and chief mechanic of his sprinter.

DAN APPEL

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dan is yet another fast rising young racer from the state of New Mexico. Dan has raced with A.R.A. here at Manzanita on several occasions in the past, but most of his racing is confined to the tracks in and around the Albuquerque area. He finished second in points for the State Championship in 1970 and third in 1973. In this year's W.U.S.C. he will be driving a Phoenix-based car, the Jim Marker Chevy.

LARRY DEMAREE

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Larry has been quite a frequent visitor to Manzanita these past few years. This is not his first W.U.S.C. Larry is a really consistent driver wherever he races. This fact is proved by his current "hot-streak" of finishing either 1st or 2nd in his last fifteen Main Events. He finished 2nd overall in the New Mexico State Championship Points this year. He has qualified for the Semi-Main in previous years, but the way he has been going this season, he's a very likely candidate for the Feature. He will be driving the Wayne Miller Chevy this year.

SHADY MC WHORTER

Ft. Worth, Texas

McWhorter has been racing for twenty-five years and most of his fellow racers at the Devil's Bowl are hoping that one of these years he will announce his retirement. Shady has proved almost unbeatable at times as he has racked up numerous championships throughout the years. On his last appearance here at Manzanita, he qualified his way into the W.U.S.C. feature.

CURT WATERS

Santee, California

Curt started racing bikes in 1961 and switched to roadsters the following year. In his first year with the roadsters at Tucson, he finished fourth in points. He joined the A.R.A. in 1963 and finished 13th. In 1964 he was tenth and in 1965 he moved up to seventh. Curt has raced in Arizona, New Mexico and California. We will be looking forward to seeing how he fares in this year's W.U.S.C.

GARY HORTON**Phoenix, Arizona**

Gary is one of our hardest working sprint drivers here at Manzanita. Being owner, driver, and chief mechanic of number 59A keeps him quite busy. This is his second year in the sprints and already he has racked up several heat race and semi main wins. Gary will be giving it his all in this years Western United States Championships.

SONNY IRWIN**Tucson, Arizona**

Sonny is one of our regulars here at Manzy so he is quite familiar with the track. Sonny will be trying to get it together in the Gene Irwin owned Chevy. He will be competing with many top-notch drivers here in The Western United States Championships and will pilot his 327 to the best of his ability.

MARION SMILEY**Tucson, Arizona**

Marion, an Arizona driver, will be qualifying the 12a Bill Boat owned car. He will have a 350 Chevy carrying him around the track. Smiley has been involved in racing for a number of years with several stock car championships to his name. He's no stranger to the sprints or Manzanita and is quite capable of getting in the running for a win at our W.U.S.C.

TOM ROA, JR.**Compton, California**

Tom is a frequent visitor to Manzanita for the W.U.S.C. He will be trying for the fourth time to get into the winner's circle here at Manzy. Tom is a fast-rising C.R.A. product who has become a strong contender in main event action in his career with C.R.A. He has earned himself a reputation as a good sportsman and a clean driver. He is currently ranked 15th with the C.R.A.

R. D. LIEBIG**Rapid City, South Dakota**

R. D. Liebig is an 11 year veteran racer from Rapid City, South Dakota. Liebig was first place sprint winner at Black Hills Speedway National Championship. He will be piloting the number 5, R. D. Racing Enterprises owned, Chevy. R. D. has a 400 horsepower engine to get him where he's going.

DON SNOW**Pinole, California**

Don has been a consistent top qualifier in California, and qualifying means everything here at W.U.S.C. Snow has been in every trophy dash at Calistoga and has won three. Don is going to be tough to beat.

BOBBY VARGA**Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Although this is only Bobby's second year on the track he has accomplished many good things. Bobby finished tenth overall for N.M.M.R.A. this season. Last year's W.U.S.C. consolation saw Bobby finishing 11th. Bobby will be hard charging this year and will be bringing it in.

MAX SWEENEY**Carson, California**

Max won most improved driver for C.R.A. in '72 and has been going ever since. Max holds the 10 lap track record at Ascot this year. Sweeney will be driving the number 16 car owned by the Sweeney Brothers, John and Max. The last 3

years have been Max's best so far and this year promises to be his brightest yet.

TED WISE**Hubbard, Ohio**

Ted races throughout the Ohio-Indiana area, with side trips to other states when there happens to be a really big race. He has won just about everything there is to win at one time or another in his long racing career. He has competed at the Knoxville Nationals on several occasions. His best year there was 1971 when he had third fast qualifying time. Currently he is listed 9th in the World Dirt Track Championship Series. This will be his first attempt to make the star-studded W.U.S.C. field.

JERRY MATUS**Wampum, Pennsylvania**

Jerry won the 1968 Pennsylvania Championship which says a lot in itself. He is consistently among the front-runners wherever he races. He has qualified his way into the W.U.S.C. Feature in the past and is a good bet to do so again this year.

MIKE LLOYD**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

Mike is well on his way to making a name for himself on the super-tough Pennsylvania Sprint Circuit. He won this year's Summer Nationals and five other features. He also set three track records this season. This is his first visit to Manzanita and the W.U.S.C. But anyone who can hold their own with Opperman and Weld is sure to do well here. He is sponsored locally by the Highway Inn and Joplin Trailer Sales.

BUBBY JONES**Danville, Illinois**

Jones is the fastest rising Sprint racing star in the state of Illinois. His high-flying, hard-charging style of driving has made him a favorite of the fans wherever he races. This will be Bubby's first trip to Manzanita. He will be driving a car from Memphis, Tennessee owned by the M. A. Brown Ford Dealership. Jones is no stranger to Victory Lane and thinks he will find the Manzy half-mile to his liking. He is sponsored locally by Morman Lake Lodge and Motel 6.

DONNIE BEYER**Las Cruces, New Mexico**

In addition to sprints, Donnie competes in many off-road races. Winning first in class in the Mint 400 at Las Vegas, and second in class in the Baja 1000 Donnie proves his versatility. Beyer also held the track record in Albuquerque in '72, and won stock and modified championships in New Mexico and Texas.

KENNY SLAYBAUGH**Hanover, Pennsylvania**

This will be Kenny's second trip to Arizona for the W.U.S.C. Last year he had third fast time and won his qualifying Heat. He has been running quite consistently all season on the East coast and feels he will be quite competitive this year here at Manzanita. He is sponsored locally by the Western Village Motel and KRDS Radio.

RICK FIRKLE**Bowling Green, Ohio**

Rick's greatest accomplishment is the fact that he holds the all-time world's record for the half-mile. He turned in a 17 second lap at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. Rick is

having one of his best seasons ever campaigning throughout the United States. He is currently rated fourth in the World Dirt Track Championship. He will be a definite threat in this year's W.U.S.C. since his driving has greatly improved since last year when he qualified for the Semi-Main.

JOHN MORTON

Torrance, California

John began his racing career with the sports cars and his talent became quickly evident as he won the S.C.C.A. National Championship in 1971. He moved up to Trans Am competition and won the 1972 Championship in that division. This year he is trying his luck with Sprinters. He may find the change from pavement and rear engines to dirt and front engines takes a lot of adjustment. But with his natural driving talent he should fare well in this his first W.U.S.C.

FRED JORDON

Phoenix, Arizona

Fred Jordan is a regular competitor here at Manzy. He started his career in Limited Modifieds in 1967 and moved up to the Sprint ranks in 1968. Fred will be out with the best of them vying for a position in the W.U.S.C.

DICK KENNEY

Phoenix, Arizona

Dick has been a regular competitor with the A.R.A. for the past few seasons here at Manzanita. He is presently enjoying his best season ever, despite the fact he has changed rides. He has many Heat race and several Semi-Main victories to his credit. The way he has been running lately, he should qualify better than ever before.

HANK ELMENDORF

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Hank has raced in five states including Arizona so he is no stranger to our state. This will be his first try in the W.U.S.C. race here at Manzy. Hank is one of many representatives from New Mexico, where he finished 19th in N.M.M.R.A. in 1972. His experience at different types of tracks should help him to adjust to the surface here at Manzanita. Hank, as most of the other drivers, has a Chevy under the hood of his Hank and Linda Elmendorf owned sprinter.

JIM WOOD

Ramona, California

Jimmy Wood is one of Manzanita's all time favorites. Wood was the first driver ever at Manzanita to use the wing and immediately became a winner. Many of you may remember Jimmy and his "Flying Ford." Wood has won 12 features with A.R.A. here at Manzanita and many more in Tucson. Jimmy has also won the San Diego Championship in past years. He has finished 12th in the feature and 9th in the Semi in previous W.U.S.C. competition.

DARRELL DOCKERY

Phoenix, Arizona

"Daring" Darrell, as he is called by his many fans, creates a sensation wherever he races due to his hard-charging, dare devil style of racing. Darrell has raced throughout the United States, even doing a stint with the U.S.A.C. Champ Car Division. In the Midwest, he is better known as "Charlie Sidebite." Whatever name he uses, he adds color and excitement wherever he races. Darrell has the knack of

finding room to pass when other drivers are satisfied to play follow the leader. Darrell's qualifying ability earned him the outside front row of last year's W.U.S.C.

LLOYD WITTENBURG

Denver, Colorado

Lloyd flies whether he is on the ground or in the air. He divides his time between race driving and piloting a commercial airliner. This is his second full year with the Sprints and his second year of competition in the W.U.S.C. Last year he moved into the Semi-Main by virtue of his Consolation Race finish. This year we anticipate even better things for him since he has been a frequent visitor to Manzanita this season. He finished 2nd this season in the Colorado Championship and 10th in B.C.R.A.

DANA CARTER

Huntington Beach, California

Dana has quite a reputation to live up to, coming from a family deeply involved in all facets of the sport of auto racing. He is off to a good start already making a name for himself in Midget racing where he has several feature wins to his credit. Even though he is relatively new in the Sprint car division, he handles himself quite well. We will be hearing a lot more from this youngster in the future. This is his first W.U.S.C.

JAMES MC ELREATH, JR.

Arlington, Texas

James McElreath, Jr. was way ahead from the very beginning, being the son of the famous U.S.A.C. Champ Jim McElreath, Sr. This will be Jim, Jr.'s third visit to the W.U.S.C. Jim is a bright up-coming driver. He finished third in points in T.C.R.A. for 1972 and fourth in points in the Houston Modified Association. Jim is a very capable driver and could easily be one of the top finishers here at Manzanita.

BOB MARSHALL

Dallas, Texas

Texan Bob Marshall will be rounding the track for the W.U.S.C. for the first time this year. Bob has raced in six different states so he's no stranger to the tracks! Bob is placed in the top 10 in T.C.R.A. and in the Houston Modifieds. Marshall will be driving his 350 Chevy here for the W.U.S.C.

DALE ROSS LOOPER

Irving, Texas

Looper made the Semi Main in '72's W.U.S.C. and will be a strong contender in this year's race. Dale is now sitting on fifth place in T.C.R.A. with his 350 Chevy owned by Reuben Brunson and sponsored by Brunson Motors Inc. Looper also racked up a second in the Liberty Bell "300". This year, as always, Looper promises to be tough!

MIKE LA NEAR

Albuquerque, New Mexico

La Near was N.M.M.R.A. rookie of the year in 1970. Mike drives a 301 Chevy, owned by D. A. La Near, one of the smallest engines in the field. Well you know what they say, "Big things come in small packages." We will be looking forward to seeing Mike in this year's W.U.S.C., driving hard and fast for big things!

CHARLIE YEATMAN**El Paso, Texas**

We will be looking forward to seeing "hard competition" Charlie Yeatman at this year's W.U.S.C. The Texan will be driving his 350 Chevy in our speedfest as number 7. Being a Texan, we know there will be a lot of driving from this fella.

TONY FARR**Chino, California**

Tony Farr is certainly a true veteran to auto racing, having 25 years of accomplishments to back him up. Tony is a regular competitor with C.R.A. Besides the sprints, Tony has also raced Midgets. He's been on the U.S.A.C. trail and raced a number of years with I.M.C.A. Tony will be relying on the horsepower produced by a 327 Chevy, owned by Mike Dunagan, to secure a place in this year's W.U.S.C.

BOB EVANS**Seal Beach, California**

Bob will be driving a 350 Chevy, owned by Ruth I. Kasenbery, in this year's race. Bob has been here several times but has run into some bad luck. Evans is rated as one of the top drivers from C.R.A., having some very good years. Bob likes the number 7 and she likes him. So watch out, because they're going to be doing it to you fellas.

BUD GILBERT**Santa Ana, California**

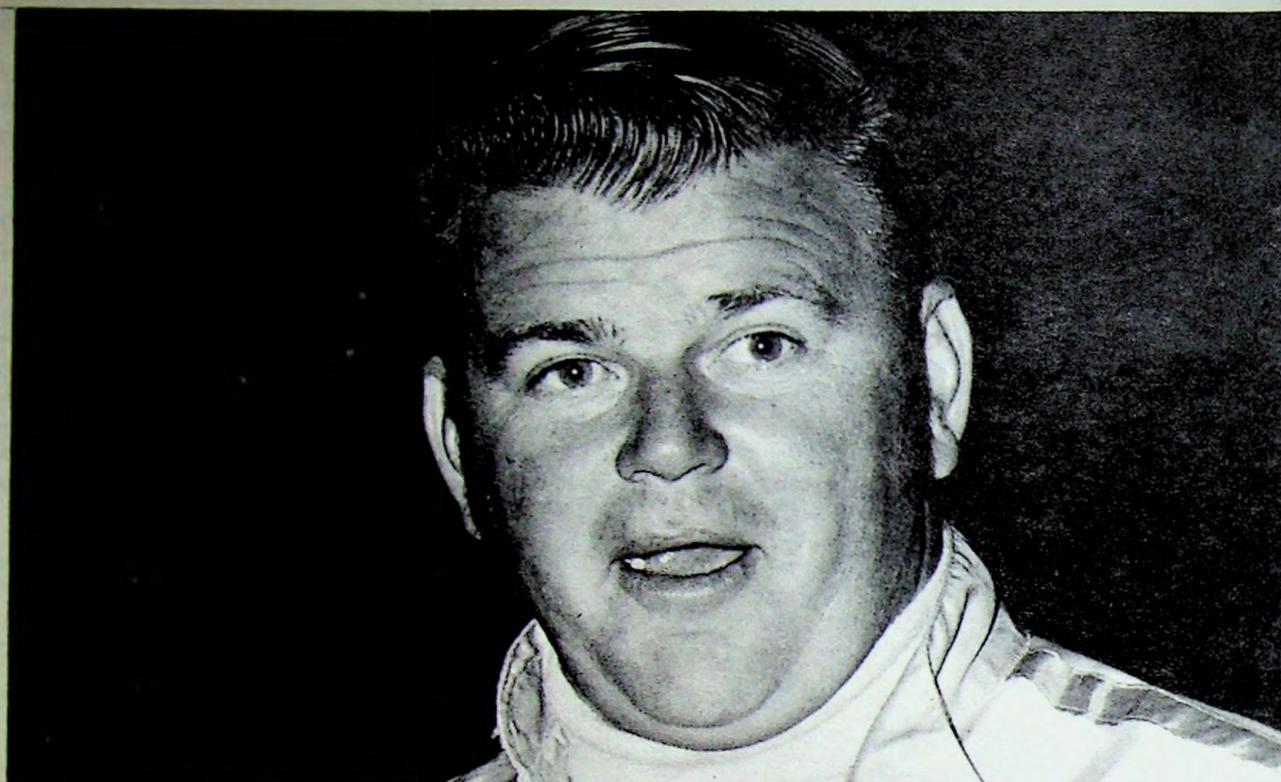
Bud is a long time C.R.A. competitor. Driving 90C, owned by Perine Bros. (Gilbert and Hubert), Bud promises to make a showing in '73's W.U.S.C. Gilbert made a strong showing in last year's race by placing high in the consolation race. Bud will be someone to watch out for this year also.

PHILLIP H. PEDLAR**Vallejo, California**

This will be Phillip's second visit to Manzanita and the W.U.S.C. He will be piloting the LaVerne Nachreiner Sprinter. Pedlar is quite a successful driver and equally talented. In a series of 9 races at Calistoga, California, the car was damaged and it had to be parked for two races. Even so, this versatile driver brought the car back for two thirds, a second and four out of seven main event wins. Pedlar's last three wins were back to back. Phillip looks like a prime candidate to take home the money in this year's W.U.S.C.

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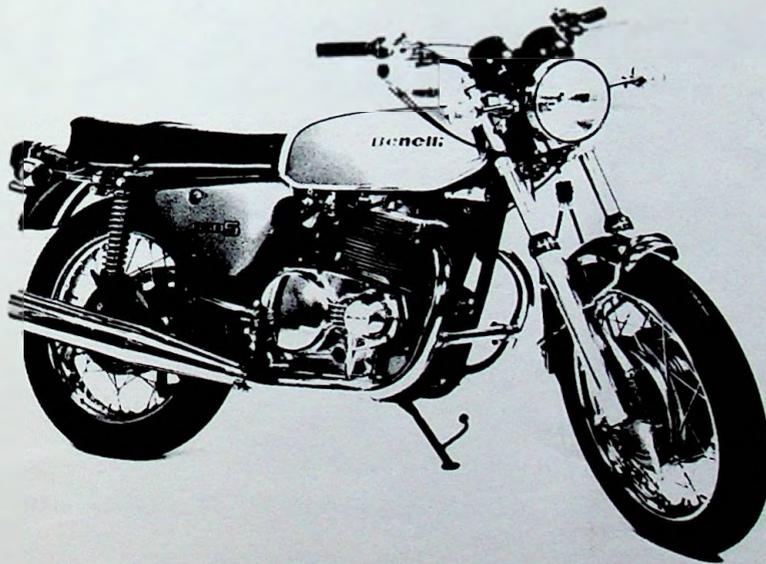
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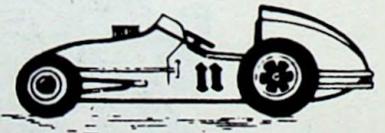
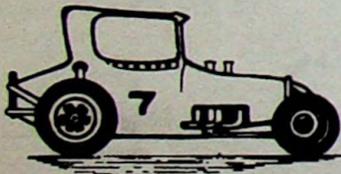


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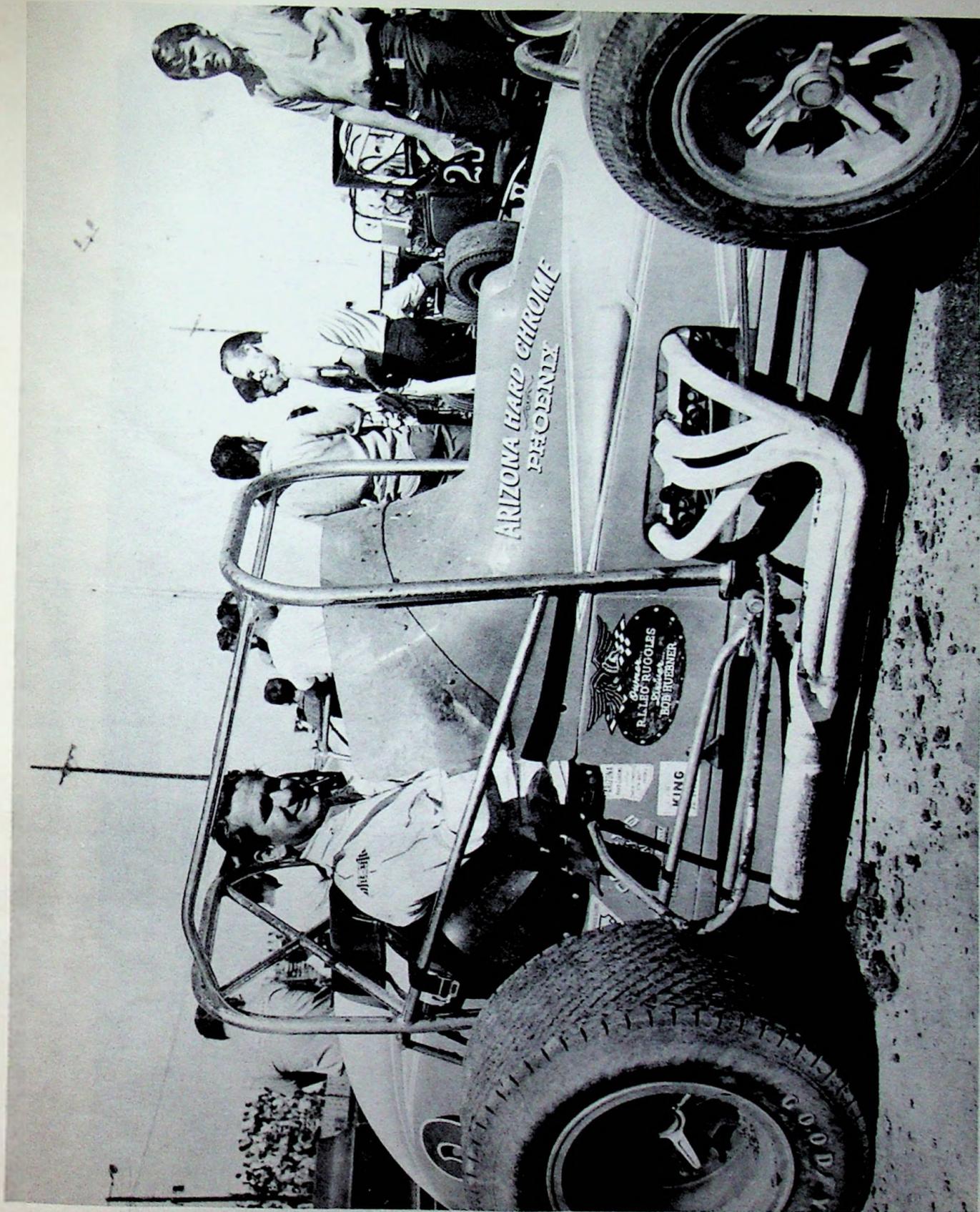
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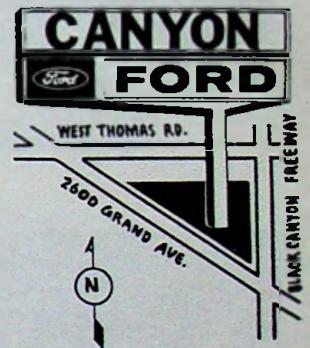
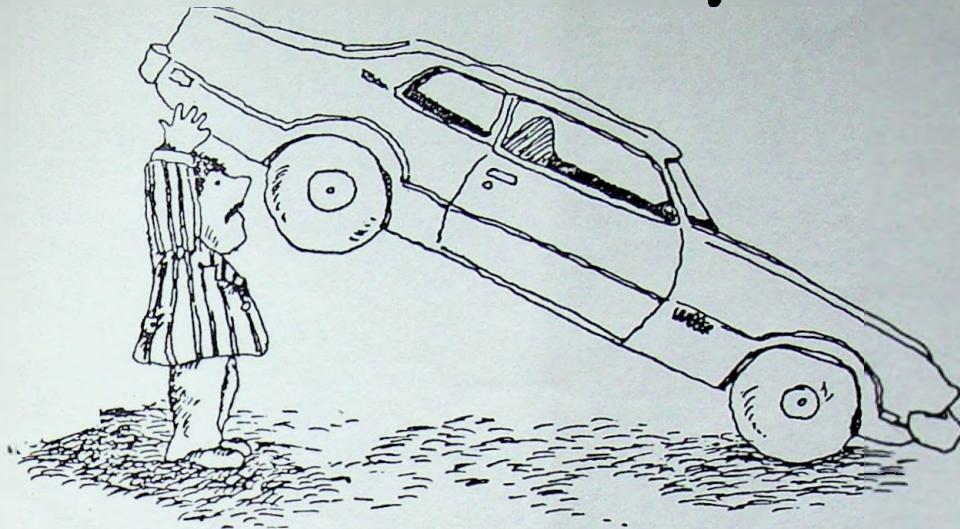
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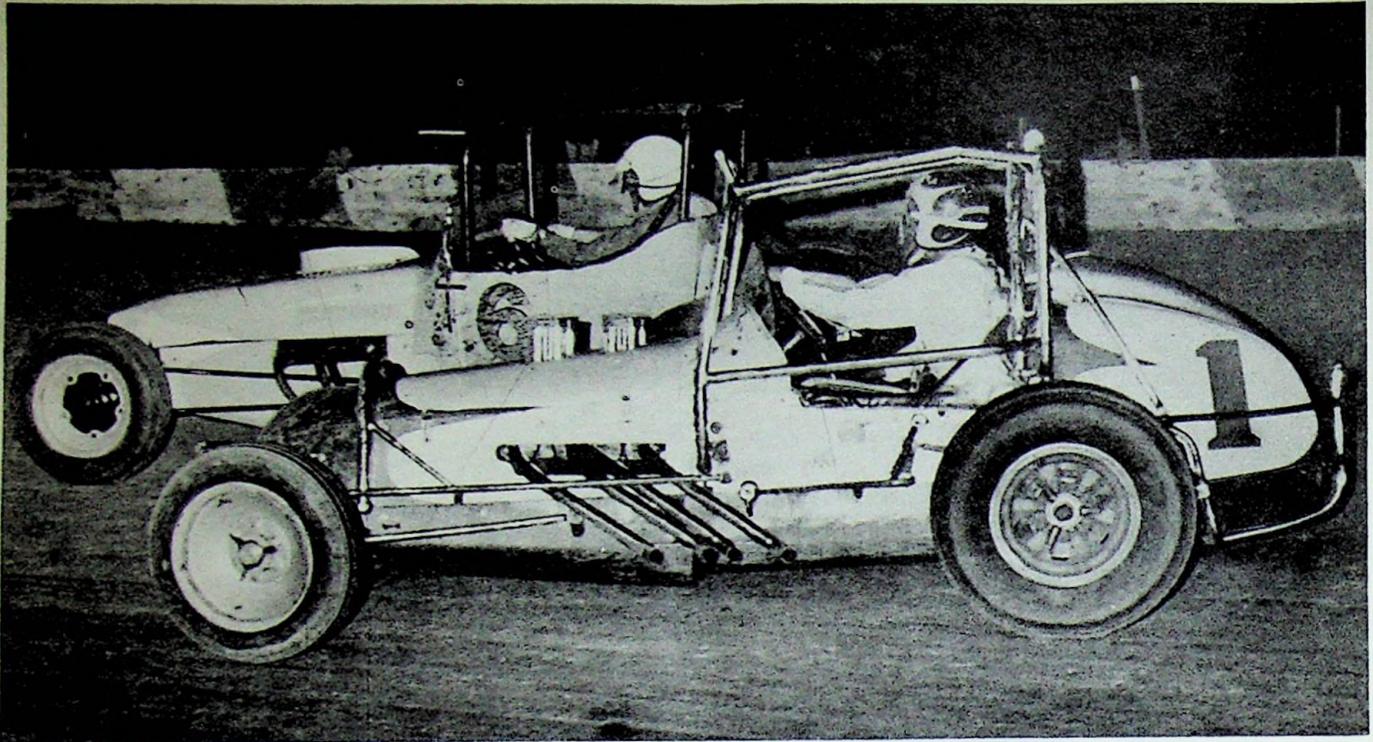


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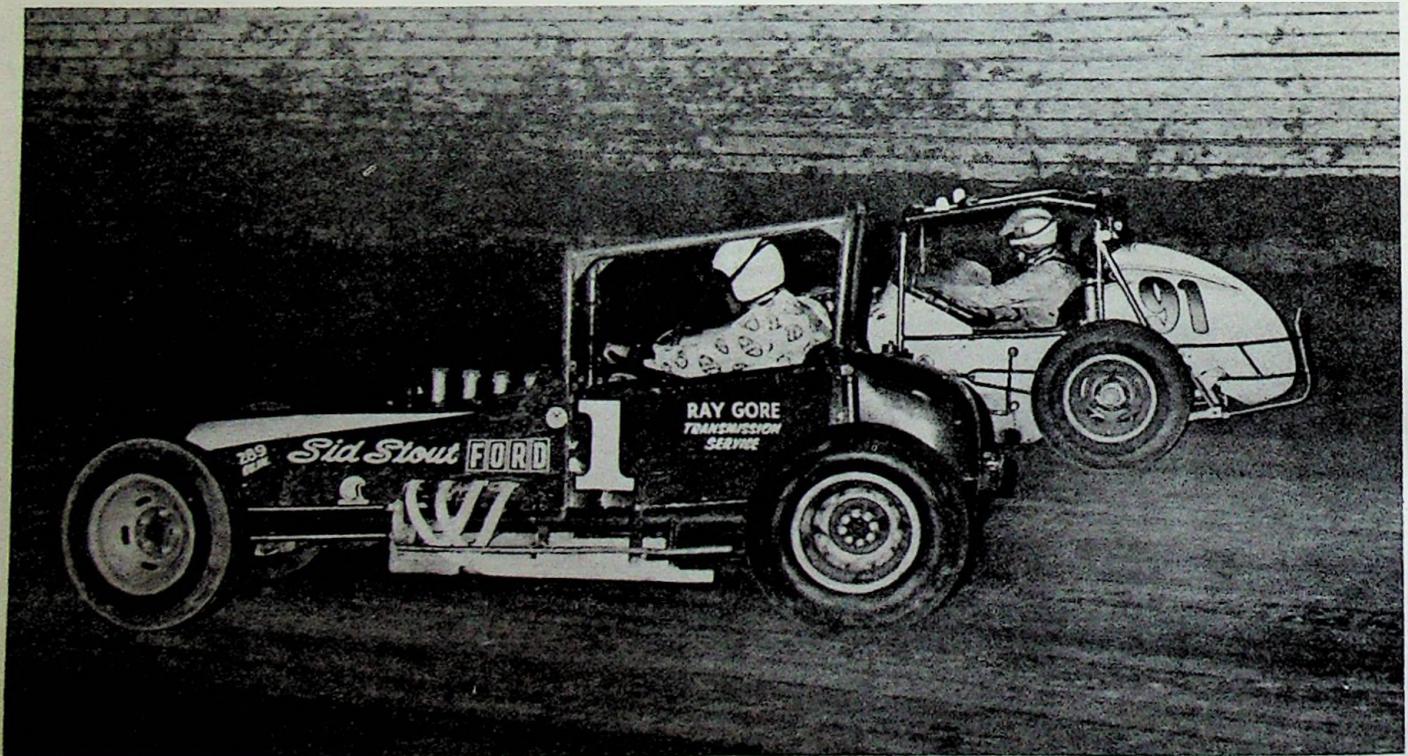


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1968 ACTION

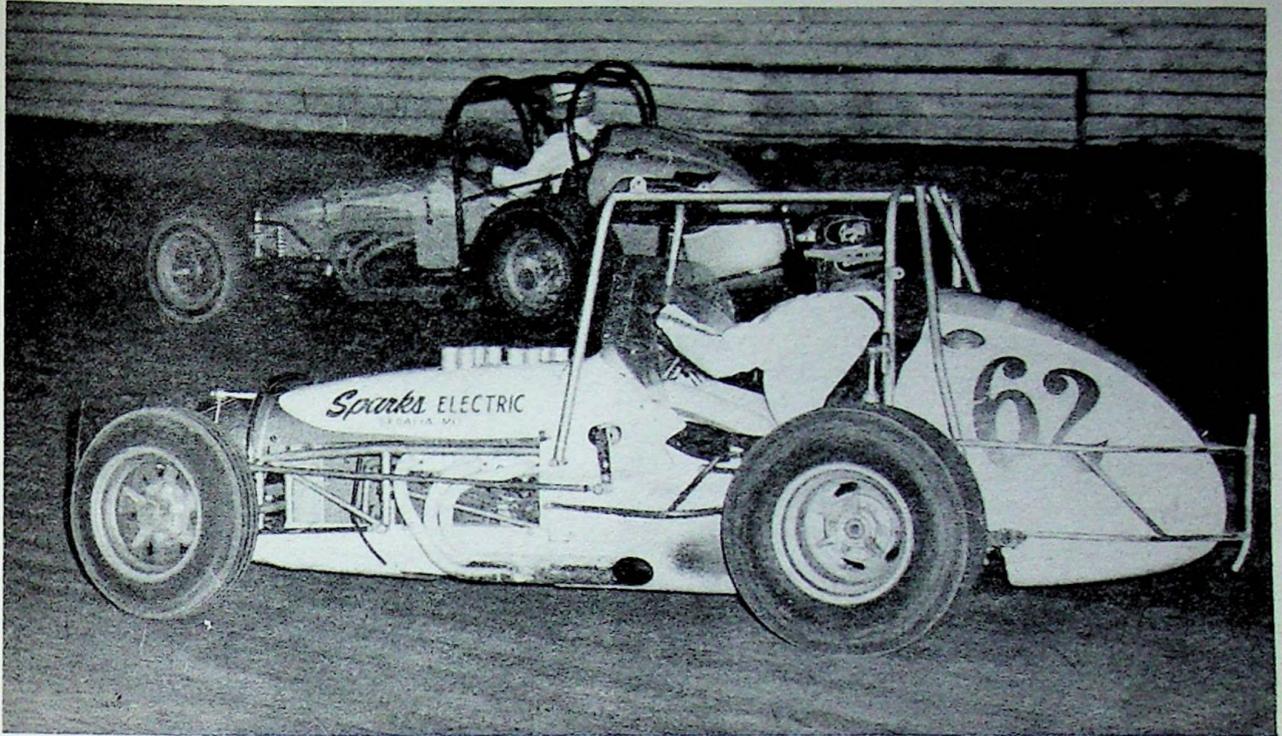


Billy Powell #1 from Albuquerque New Mexico, tries to get under Jack Estes #6 from Amarillo, Texas in the first Western United States Championship in 1968.
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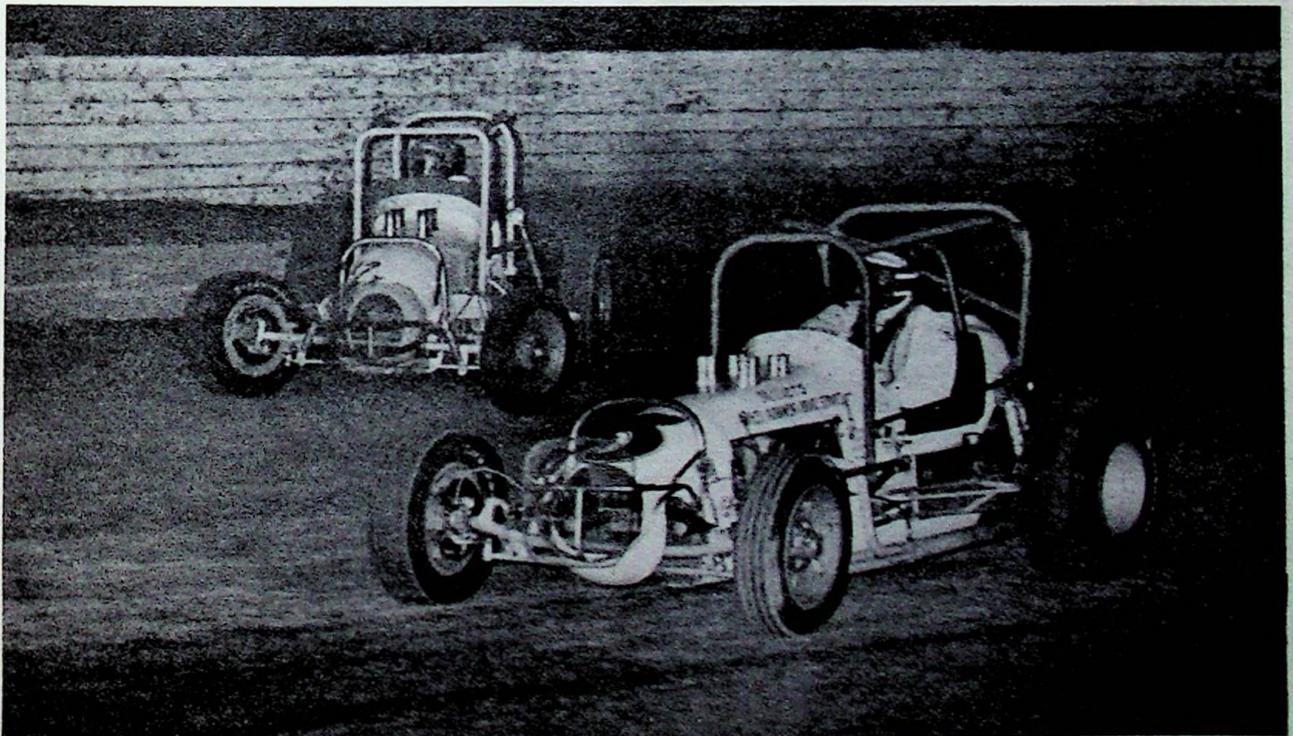
R.V. Funderbunk #1 goes to the inside of Buddy Taylor #91 in the Carstens & Brown Chevy in exciting Western United States Championship action in 1968.

1969 ACTION



Jay Woodside #62, Kansas City, Missouri tries to catch the "Flying Florists" Mr. Highgrove himself Benton Burns #5, Tucson, Arizona in the 1969 Western States Championships.

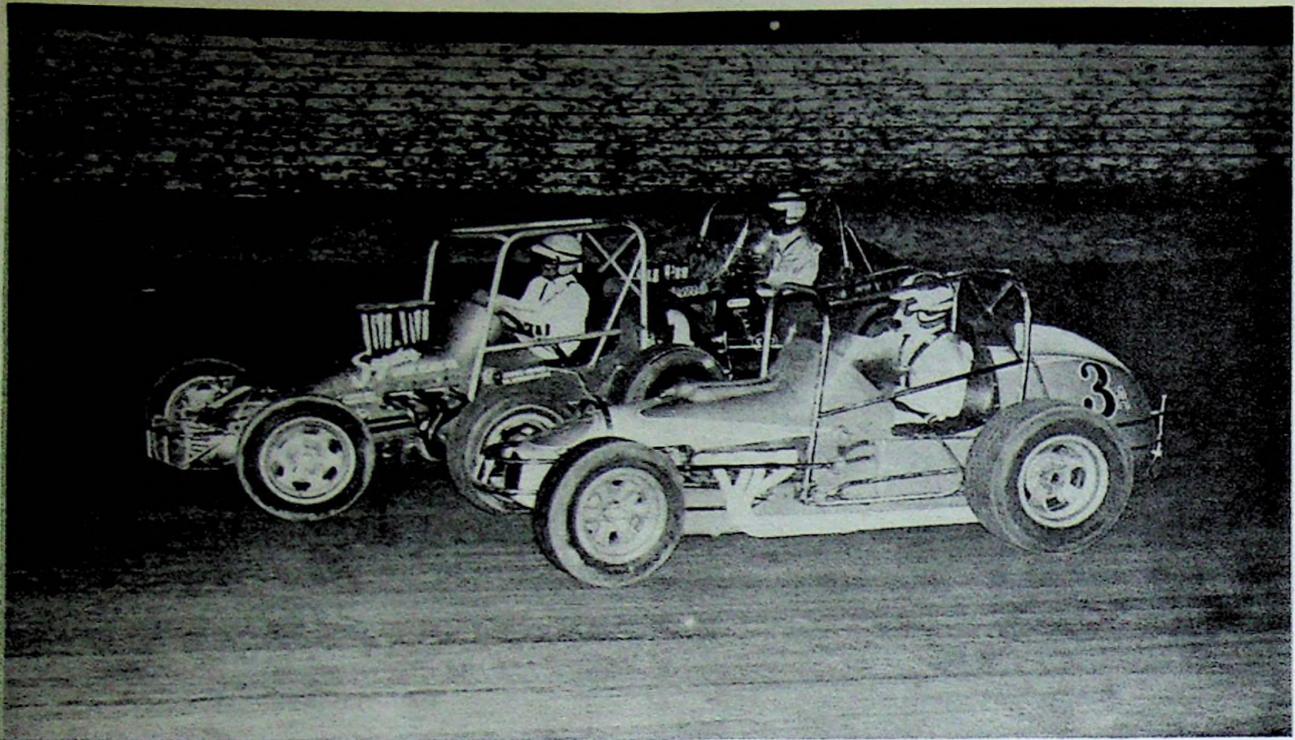
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Jan Opperman #12X gets right up there next to the wall as Buzz Rose #5C tries the inside of him in the 1969 Western States.

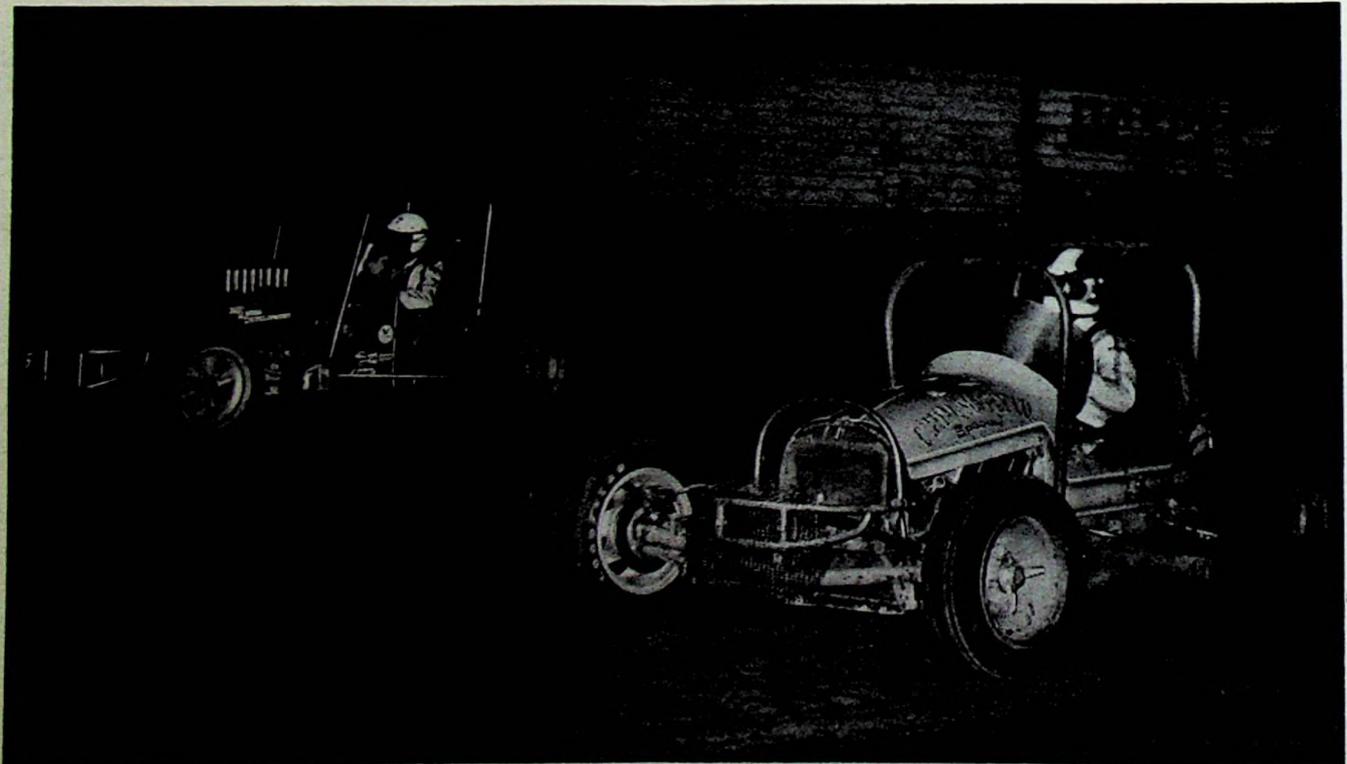
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1970 ACTION



Talk about close that's the way the action was in the 1970 Western States in this picture Roger Rager #1 leads Bob Heubner #3A and Dick Sutcliff #40

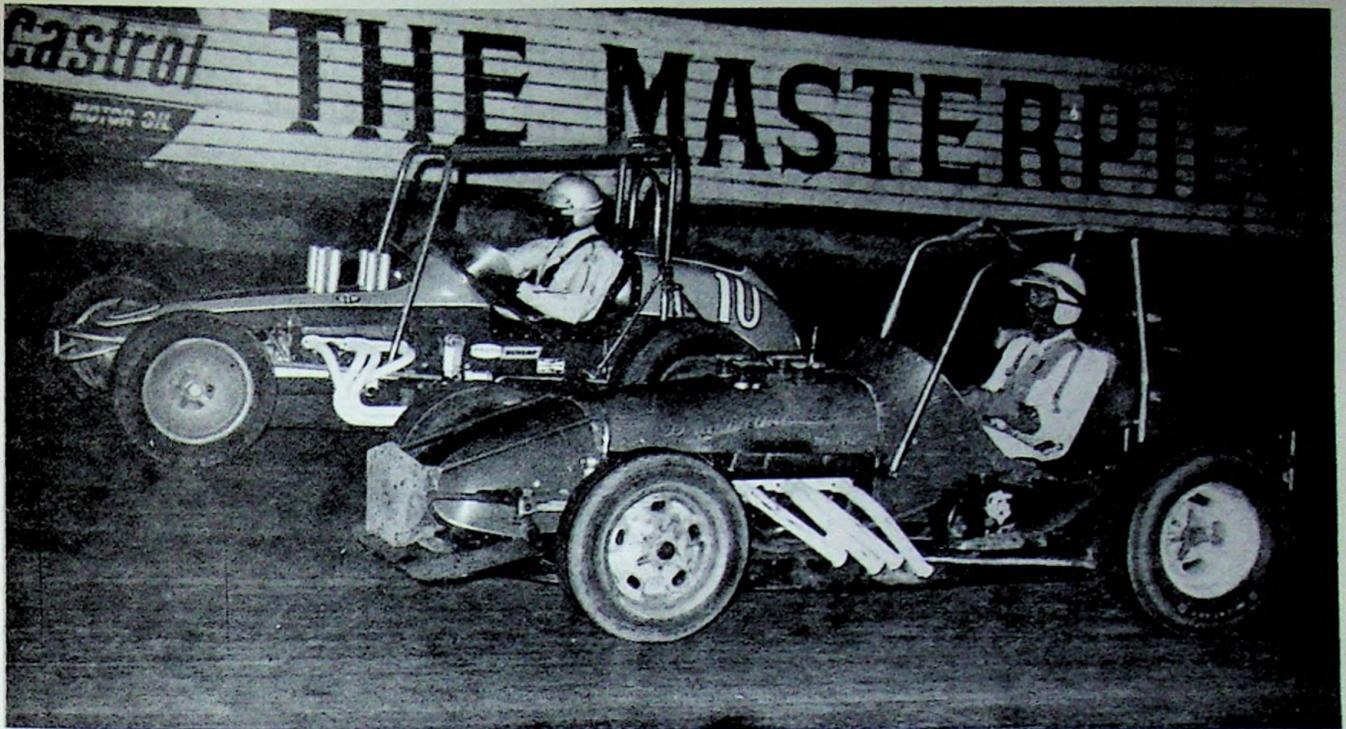
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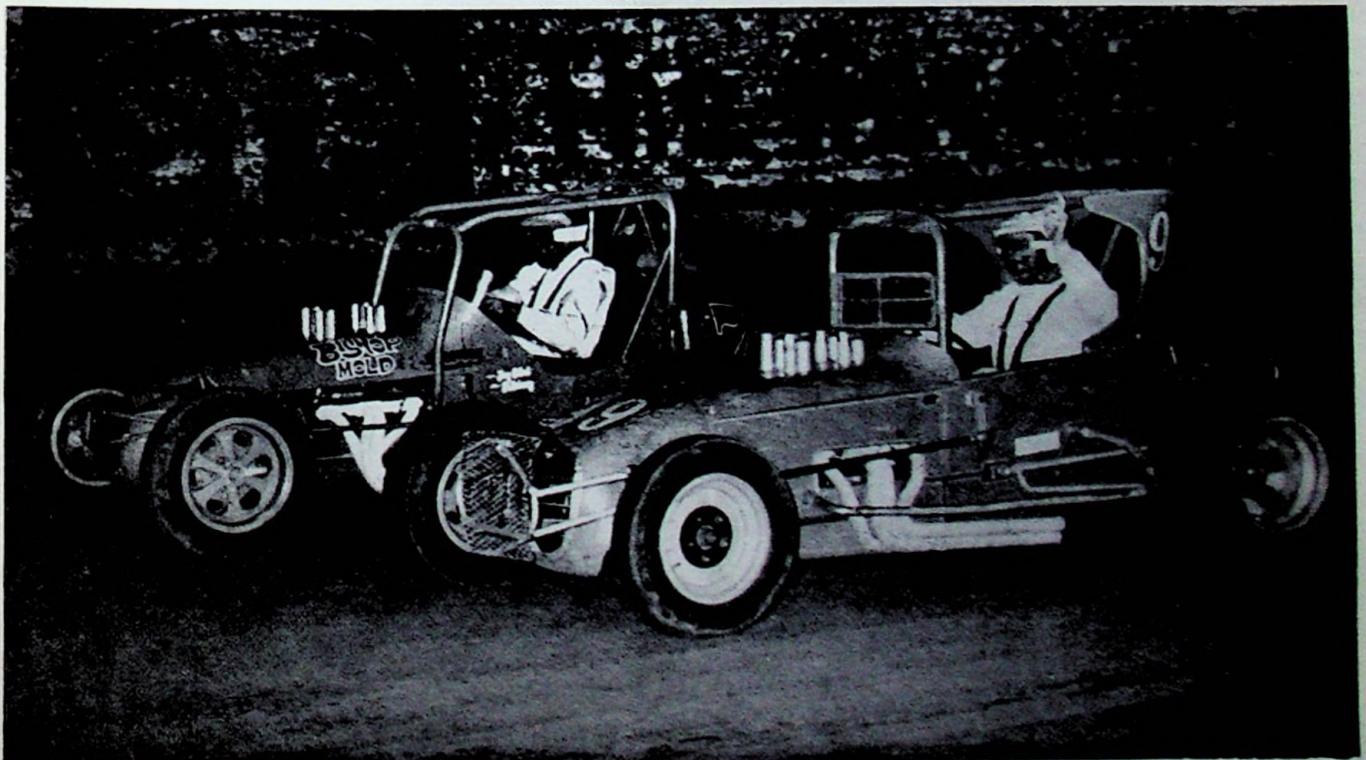
Joe Saldana #2X from Lincoln, Nebraska and Dick Morgan #22 Phoenix race side by side in the 1970 Western States. Saldana was here fresh from winning the Knoxville race.

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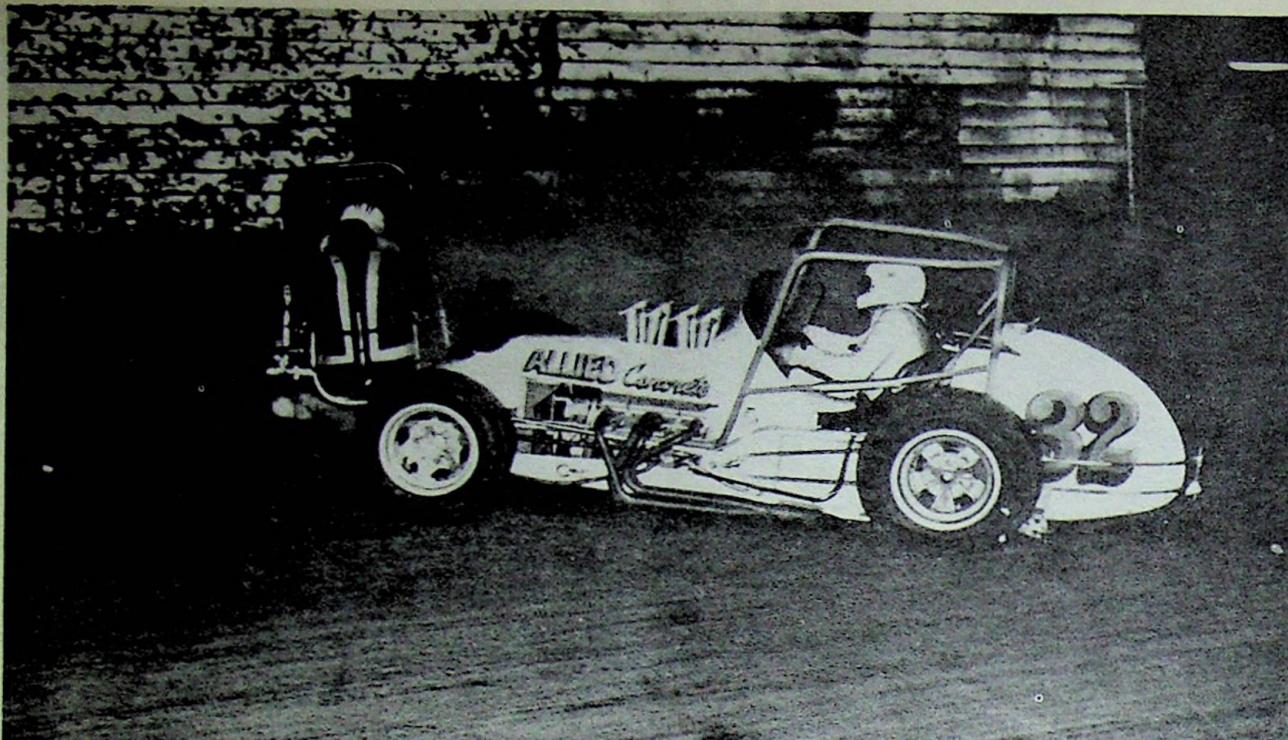
Frank Secrist, Oildale, California #10 and Jim Murphy #7 from Coloma, Michigan battle neck and neck in the 1971 Western States Championship. Photo Bob Lieby



Harold Leep #99 holds his hand up to signify 1 more lap with Bud Gilbert #72 from Santa Ana, California on the outside in the 1971 Western States Championship.

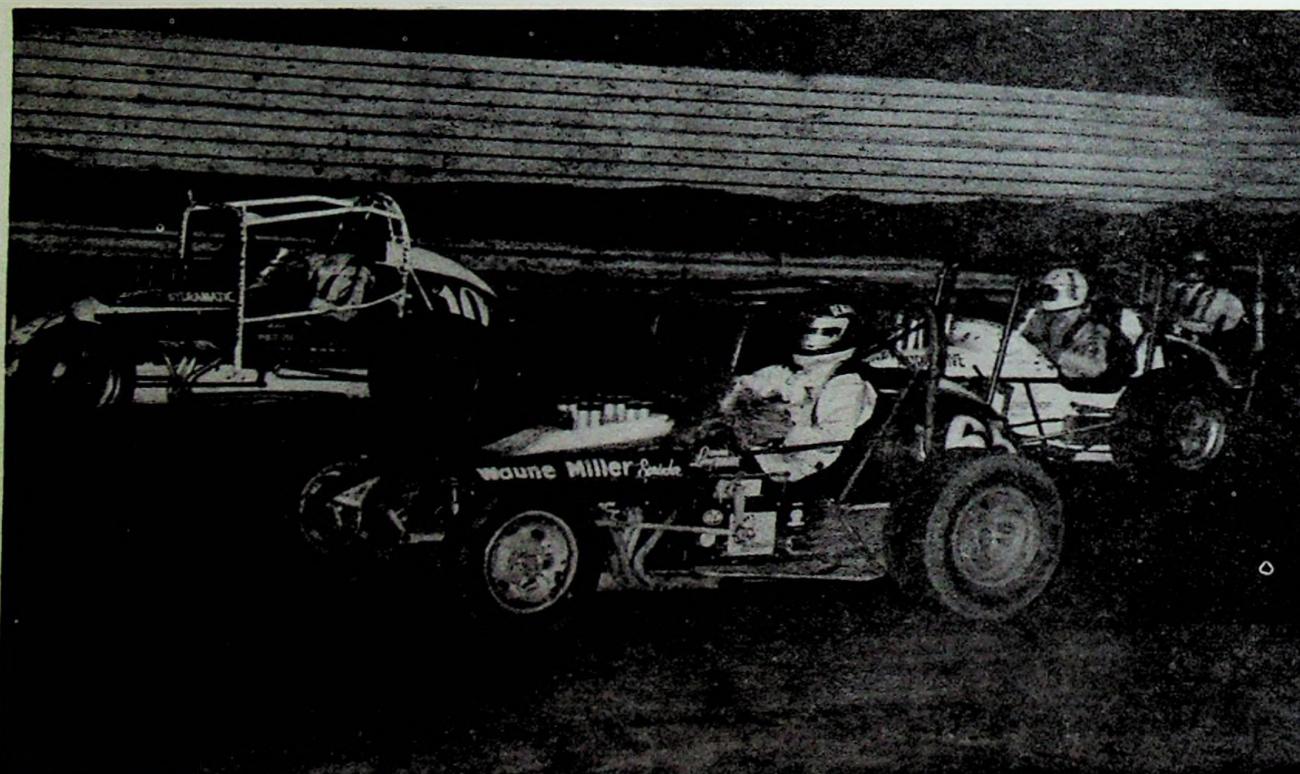
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1972 ACTION



Heartbreaking was Lealand McSpadden's situation when he had his heat race won by a half a lap when Stan Simmons #9 blew his engine as Lealand was lapping him Lealand had nowhere to go and was out of the race from serious damage to his car, Lealand should be a contender for a win this year with better luck.

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Three Larry's and a Donnie in this race as Larry Myers #10 leads Larry Demaree Albuquerque, N.M. and Larry Clark #9 from Tolleson, Arizona, The Donnie is Donnie Byer, Las Cruces N.M.

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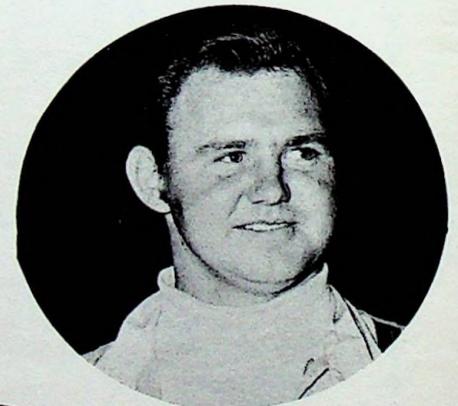
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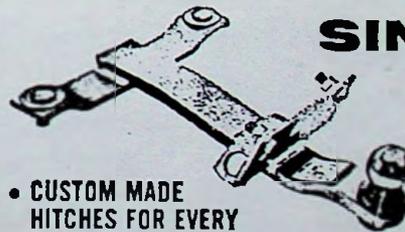
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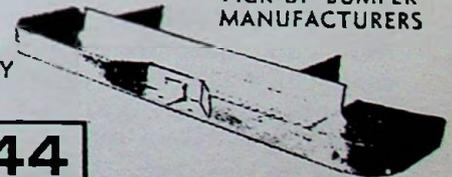


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Looking over my Western race clippings the other day brought back some fond and some not so fond memories of previous Western United States Championships at Manzanita Speedway.

Looking back, it hardly seems possible that first Western in 1968 would evolve into the \$35,000 showcase it is today with nearly every major sprint car racing name in the country here for the spectacle.

I wasn't around for that first Western which had a purse of \$10,000. Drivers were racing for about \$12,500 the next two years, then \$16,000, \$30,000 and now according to racing director Keith Hall, \$35,000 in purse and accessories which include two new cars to be given to the top out-of-state and local drivers.

I remember the days when it seemed like an Arizona driver would always win this event. Tucson's Bob Cleberg won the first Western. The only big splash an out-of-state driver made was Dick Sutcliffe's ride out on 35th Avenue. Mr. Excitement (Wonder how he got that nickname) found out Manzy's high groove doesn't extend out that far.

Then came 1969 when Bullet Bob Huebner got the Twister II, hooked up leading a 1-2-3 Arizona finish across the line. It was Huebner's race all the way, leading start to finish, His only real challenge came from Cleberg, who was to win the state driving championship that year.

Jerry McClung was third to Cleberg and both had to come from well back in the pack. Don Hamilton, Benton Burns, Gene Brown and Taylor were next across the line. Ironically, Heubner was dead last in the 1968 race in making the biggest switch yet in a Western.

Another thing I remember about the 1969 race was the one bad accident which occurred on the sixth lap. The guy whose car was torn up the most was one Jan Opperman, who was broadsided by Ray Lee Goodwin when he lost it coming out of turn 4. I don't think anybody realized when what a great driver Opperman would become. Another rising star, Billy Shuman, was second in the semi that year.

The 1970 race was notable for Jerry McClung's homecoming after a successful year on the USAC Midget circuit. McClung had to get special permission from USAC to run since he had finished fourth in midget points that year. And McClung was special in that 1970 Western, one of the most exciting of the five previous Westerns. It was another 1-2-3 Arizona finish but an out-of-state driver finally got to lead the race. Appropriately, Dick Sutcliffe gave local fans another big thrill when he blasted past McClung on the 14th lap following a yellow caution flag.

Sutcliffe's lead didn't last long when young Billy Shuman passed both him and McClung in one swift move to grab the lead. But McClung took advantage of a blown tire on Sutcliffe's car to take second and then first on the 29th lap in his Clayworth Wheel Covers Special.

By lap 35 it was strictly a race for second. Brown also passed Shuman to eventually take the runnerup spot. Shuman barely held third at the wire ahead of hard charging Billy Wilkerson, Joe Saldana, Frank McDaniel and Jimmy Oskie, who is now tearing up the CRA ranks.

Everyone probably wants to forget the tragic 1971 race, except maybe Jan Opperman. It wasn't enough to see San Diego driver Jimmy Cox killed in a consolation race accident that also saw Dub May nearly lose an arm as he hurtled over the third turn fence after striking Cox's car.

Then in the semi-main, Al Ervine lost it coming out of 4 and unbelievably hurtled up over the front retaining wall. When his car finally landed, nine people were injured, a couple seriously burned, if that wasn't enough, a nine car pileup occurred on the first lap of the main involving eventual winner Opperman, who was driving the Twister.

Apparently receiving no major damage, in the wreck, Opperman set sail on one of the greatest virtuoso driving performances I've ever seen following the restart. Running third behind pacesetter Buddy Taylor and runnerup Bob Huebner most of the way, Opperman gobbled up both in one swift move going into turn 3 of the 44th lap. Some people say it was one of the best slide jobs they have ever seen. But whatever you call it, it left Taylor and Huebner gasping for breath.

The two, later joined by Gene Brown, made it close at the finish but an out-of-stater had finally won the Western even if he did it in a local car.

Last year's Western marked the first time an out-of-stater Opperman, won in his own car, the No.99 Bogar Special. It also showed what this year's National Champion, Kenny Weld can do although he only finished third.

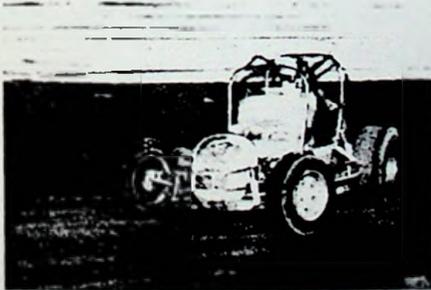
I remember the race was Buddy Taylor's to win and it had to be the most suspenseful of all the Westerns. For 39 laps

Taylor used about every trick he knew in a slower car to hold off the charging Opperman. But finally Buddy ran out of tricks and Opperman cruised by on the 40th lap to lead to the checkered flag. At one time in the race, Opperman, Taylor and Weld were three abreast going through turn 4. But once Opperman pulled inside of Taylor going into turn two, he gradually began lengthening his lead to about 30 yards at the finish. Taylor took second again by less than a car length over Weld while 1972 state driving champion Billy Shuman managed fourth ahead of Darrell Dockery and Dick Sutcliffe, who finally finished a Western.

It's anybody's guess what will happen in this year's Western but expect the unexpected.

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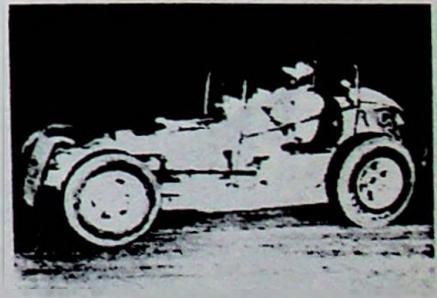
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| 2. | 2 | LLOYD WITTENBURG |
| 3. | 71 | DAVE MANES |
| 4. | 30A | OLLIE HORTON |
| 5. | 18 | CLARK TEMPLEMAN |
| 6. | 46 | JIM PEACOCK |
| 7. | 15S | ROGER TILTON |
| 8. | 52 | RON FISHER |
| 9. | 5 | LEE ROBISON |
| 10. | 2X | TOM STASA |

SEMI-MAIN

- | | | |
|-----|-----|---------------|
| 1. | 5X | EARL WAGNER |
| 2. | 4N | JERRY MILLER |
| 3. | 1E | EDD FRENCH |
| 4. | 10N | ROGER RAGER |
| 5. | 43 | DAVE ROSS |
| 6. | 14X | LONNIE JENSEN |
| 7. | 4A | RICK FERKEL |
| 8. | 9 | GORDON COLE |
| 9. | 90 | DALE LOOPER |
| 10. | 15X | BUD GILBERT |

MAIN EVENT

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| 1. | 99T | JAN OPPERMAN |
| 2. | 12 | BUDDY TAYLOR |
| 3. | 91 | KENNY WELD |
| 4. | 28 | BILLY SHUMAN |
| 5. | 98 | DARRELL DOCKERY |
| 6. | 19 | DICK SUTCLIFFE |
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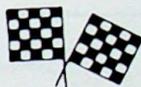
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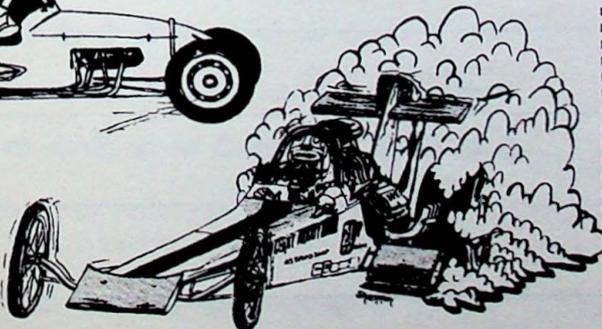
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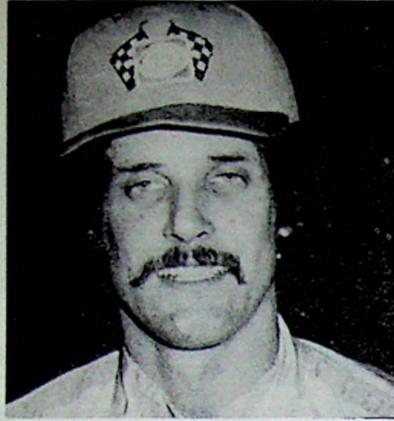
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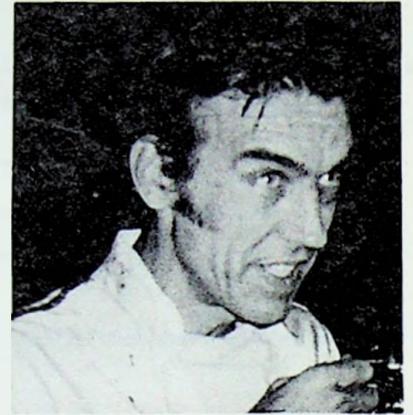
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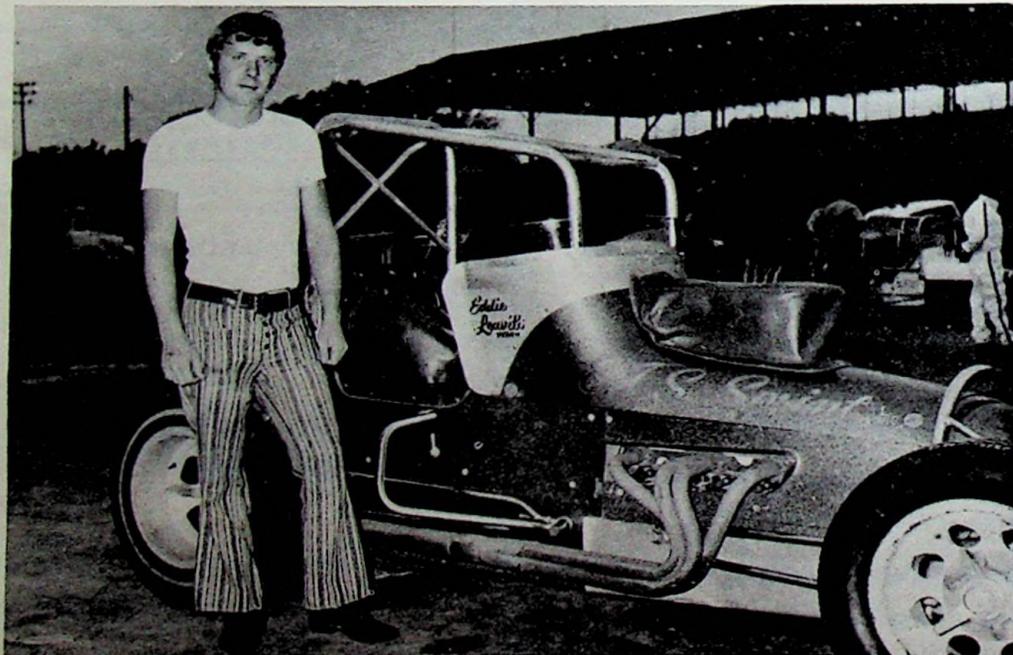
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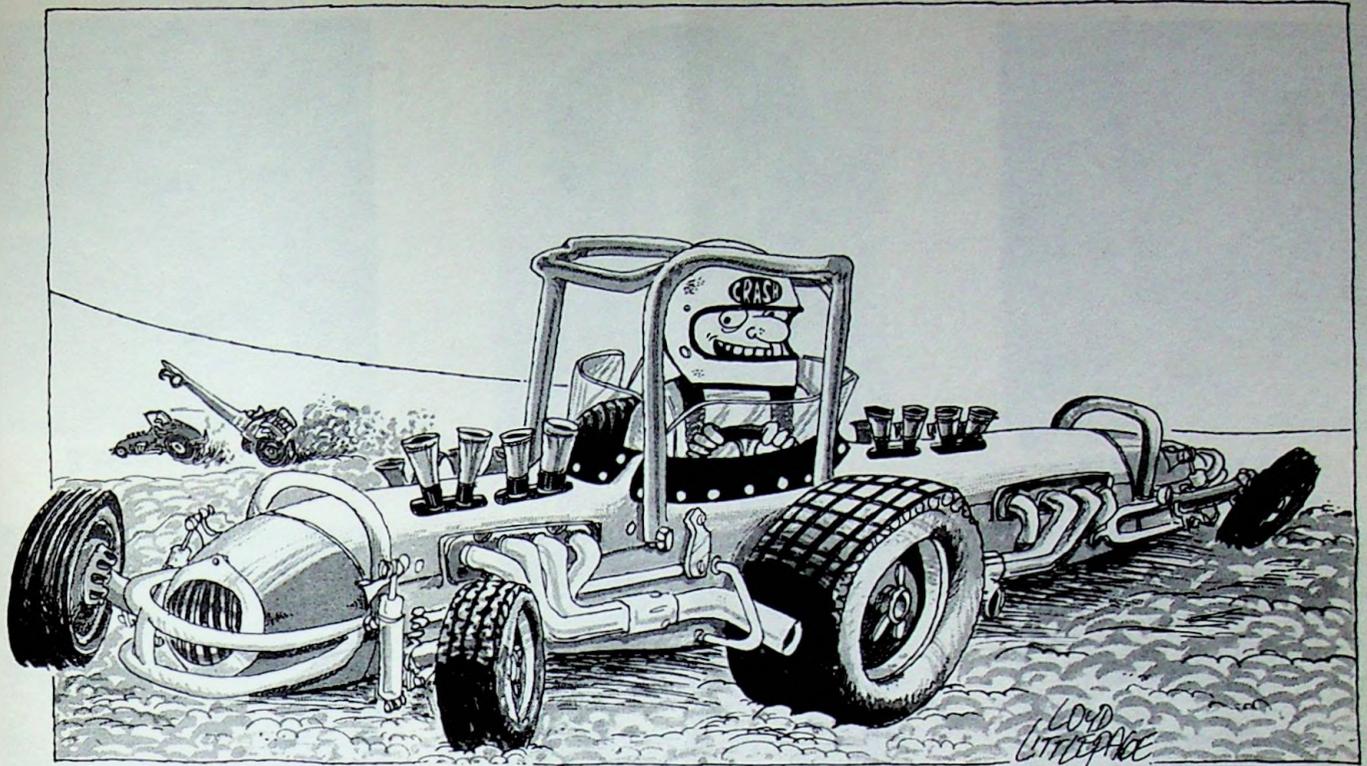
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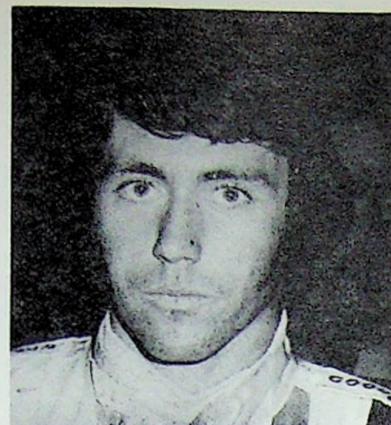
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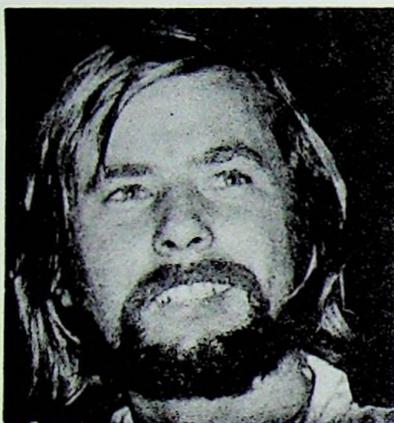
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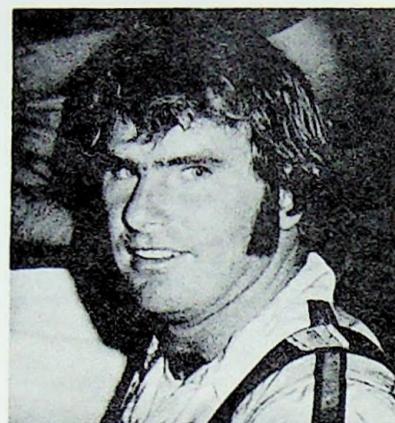
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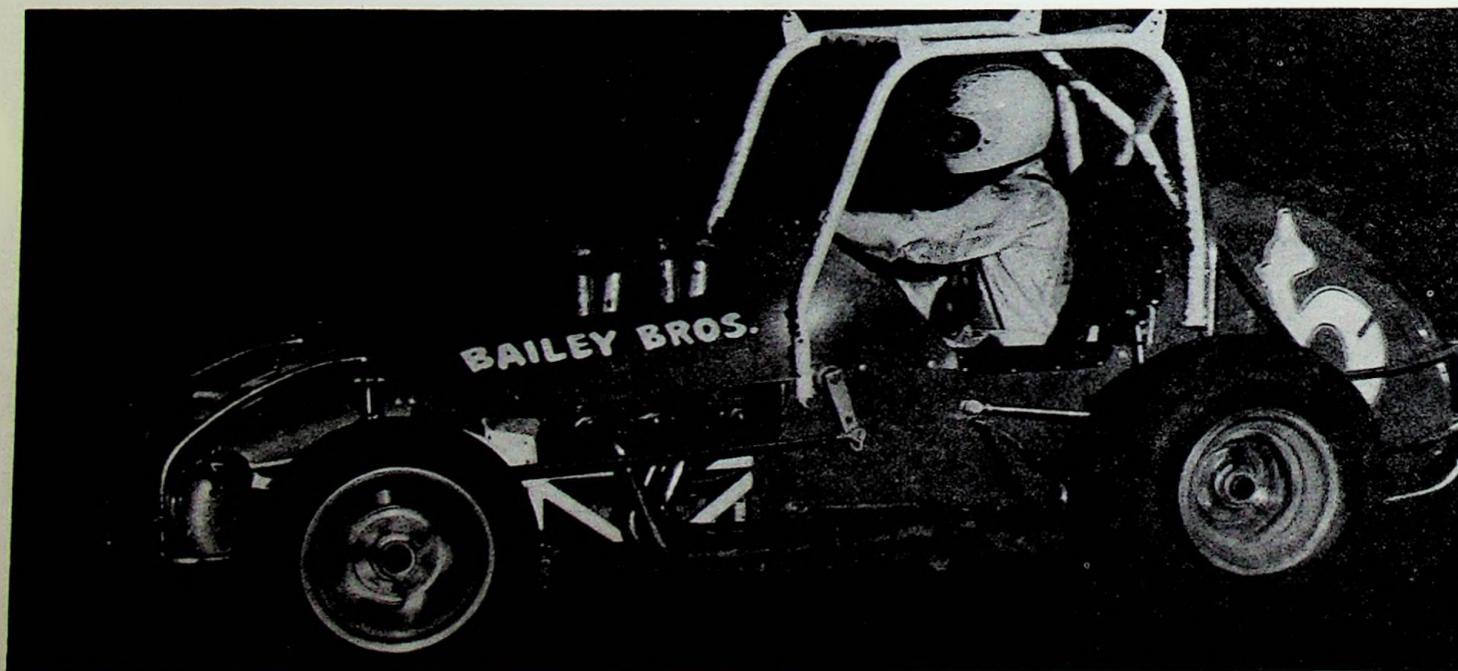
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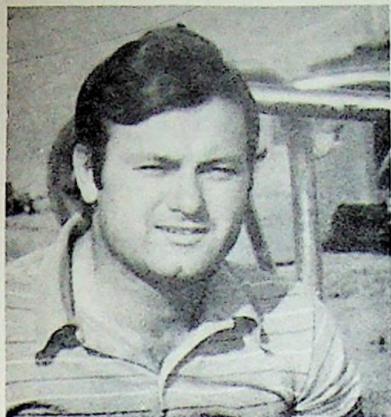
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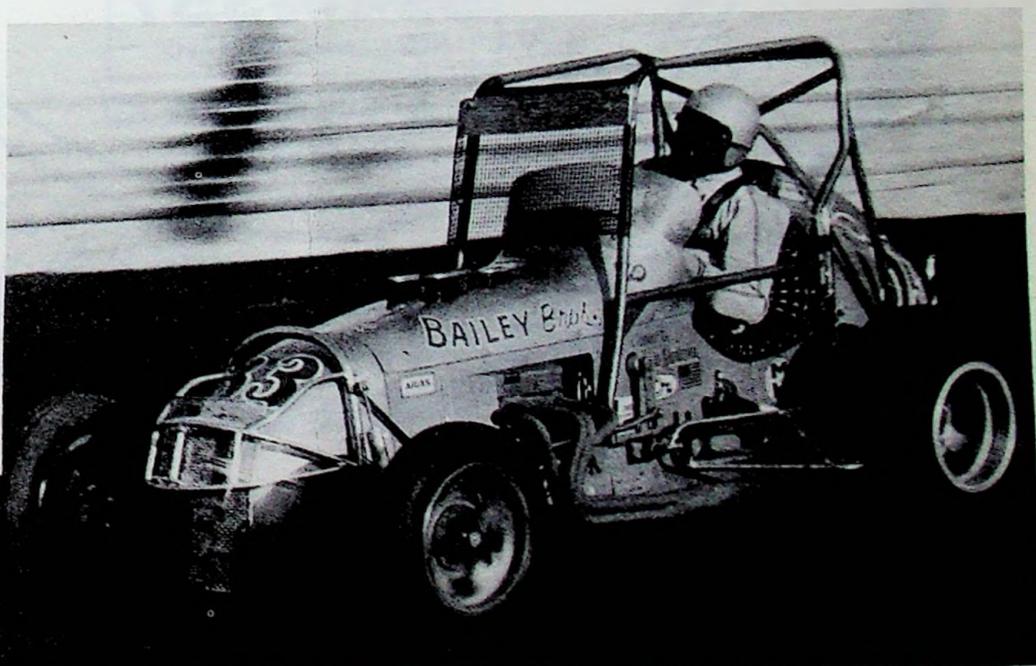
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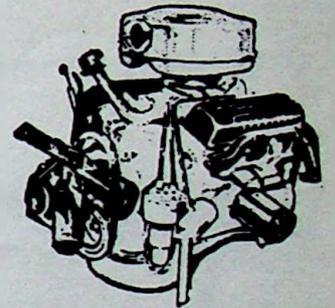


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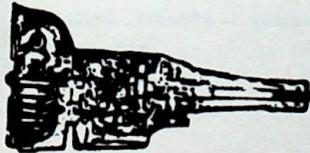


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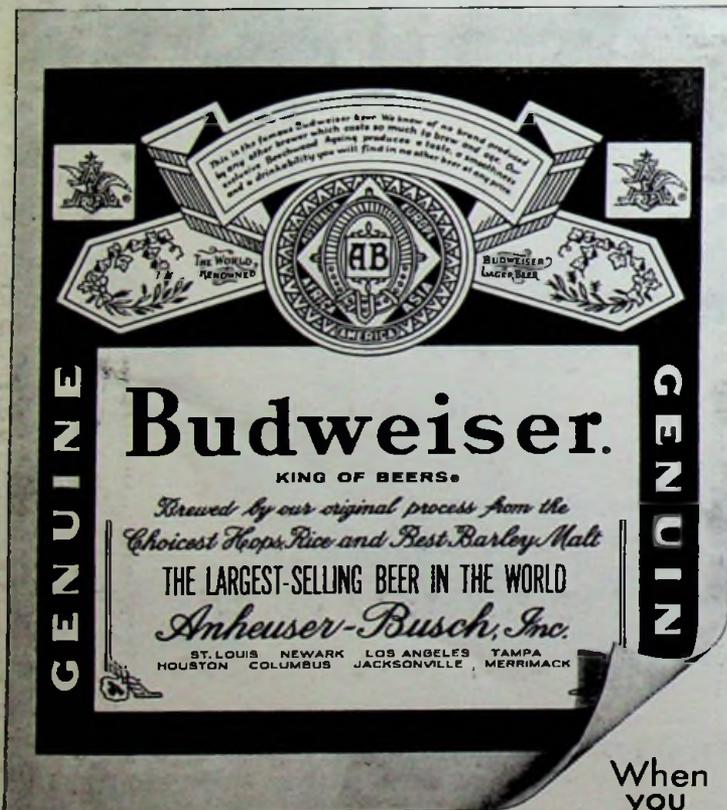
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3	BILL SHUMAN	1:05:60	8/19/72
6	BILL SHUMAN	2:12:21	8/19/73
15	BUZZ ROSE	5:15:41	10/8/68
25	MARTY KINNERK	8:24:06	
30	BUDDY TAYLOR	11:40:31	6/7/69
50	FRANK McDANIEL	19:54:64	10/3/64
75	GENE BROWN	29:32:25	4/24/71
100	GENE BROWN	40:16:75	7/26/69



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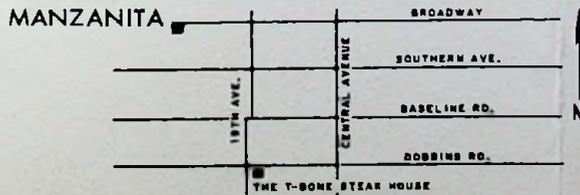
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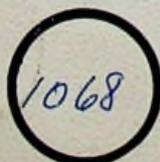
THE MANZANITA CREST

In the spring of 1971, Keith Hall instructed his Director of Special Events, Logan Stewart, to submit several designs for a multi-colored Manzanita Crest which would be struck in observance of Manzanita's 20th Anniversary. A series of three design concepts were created. The resultant design was selected by Mr. Hall and the finished art work commissioned to the outstanding Phoenix artist, Mr. Witt Hunt.

The basic racing red and desert yellow were Mr. Hall's personal colors on his first sprint car and have since become the official colors of Manzanita. The design is surmounted by the six racing flags flanked by Old Glory denoting Manzanita's national recognition by USAC. The Arizona flag denotes Manzanita's position as the primary track in the state conducting regular race meetings year around with competitors from all sections, and as the home track of the Arizona Racing Association, sanctioning body of the elite sprint car division.

The six inter-locking circles are inspired by the symbols of Olympic endeavor and denote the wheels of the six divisions racing at Manzanita: The Arizona Racing Association (Sprint Cars); The SSSRA (Late Model Super Stock Cars); The Phoenix Racing Association (Limited Modifieds); The Claimer Stock Car Racing Association (Claimers); Arizona Motorcycle Racing Association (Motorcycles) and The United States Auto Club (USAC Midgets).

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