

MAINE VINTAGE RACE CAR ASSOCIATION



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From the President's desk:

Northeast Motorsports Expo set for This Weekend

It is hard to believe a year has past since an organizational meeting was held at the Augusta (Maine) Civic Center to gauge the interest in forming an association whose objective was to preserve the history of motorsports in Maine.

On that Sunday afternoon last January 6th, the Maine Vintage Race Car Association began to breath life. Interest in the MVRCA has grown steadily over the last twelve months. More importantly, there has been increased awareness in preserving the history of motorsports, whether it be to restore a vintage race car or saving old photographs, movies, etc.

This weekend, the MVRCA returns to the Augusta Civic Center as an exhibitor in the 15th ANNUAL Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show.

The MVRCA display area will feature five vintage race cars, videos of racing in the 1950's and 1960's, old photographs and other memorabilia, membership forms and much more.

The vintage race cars being displayed this weekend are: the 'Wild Bill' Carlton #1 Ford coupe owned by Linda and Dave Webster (see photo); the Art Arseneault #85 'Li'l Stinker' of Sharon and Mike Stowe, Sr. (see photo); Roy Eldridge's own vintage super modified; Peter Fiandaca's #35 Chevy II owned by Arlene and Dennis Fish; and the Carl Huston, Jr. 321 Ford Futura Late Model owned by Allen Brann. The Art Arseneault #85 and the Carl Huston, Jr. #21 restoration projects were completed just days before the show.

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Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Nomination Campaign Begins this Weekend

"A Year's Drive to the Hall"

The State of Maine has a rich history of motorsports dating back to the 1940's. Beginning this weekend, the Maine Vintage Race Car Association will put into a motion a year long campaign culminating with the first group of inductees into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Titled "A Year's Drive to the Hall", the campaign gets underway this weekend at the 15th ANNUAL Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine. Nomination Ballots will be available at the Maine Vintage Race Car Association display area for the public to pick up and to cast their

selection(s) for consideration into the Hall of Fame.

"One of the objectives which spurred the formation of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association was to honor those men and women who have been involved in motorsports in Maine," says Bob Morris, president of the MVRCA. "Establishing the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame will be a significant step towards recognizing those individuals who have helped to popularize and legitimize motorsports in Maine."

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In addition to the vintage race cars, 'Wild Bill' Carlton, Art Arsenault and Roy Eldridge will be in attendance over the weekend renewing old acquaintances, swapping stories and meeting the race fans.

This weekend's show will mark the beginning of a very important project for the MVRCA and motorsports enthusiasts all over Maine.

The MVRCA is introducing a year-long campaign titled "A Year's Drive to the Hall". More information on this campaign can be found in an accompanying article. Simply, "A Year's Drive to the Hall" is the first step to establishing the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

For the inaugural induction into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame, nominee(s) **must** have been active participant(s) in motorsports in the 1940's, 1950's and/or the 1960's.

Nomination ballots will be available at the display area as well as at the General Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 5th, in the Aroostook-Androscoggin Room of the

Civic Center at 1:00 p.m. The room is located off the Main Lobby to the left.

"A Year's Drive to the Hall" campaign will be discussed in more detail at the General Meeting. This is an exciting project for the MVRCA and we are looking forward to your input, your support and your help.

There will be a number of subjects discussed at the General Meeting, including increasing memberships, forming various committees, the MVRCA exhibit at the Racin Preview in February at the Portland Expo and, of course, answering your questions.

By the way, the General Meeting is open to anyone with interest in motorsports, past or present. You do not need to be a MVRCA member to attend, so, bring a friend to the meeting as well as your suggestions and questions.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Bob Morris - President



Linda and Dave Webster's beautiful restored 'Wild Bill' Carlton #1 coupe and Sharon and Mike Stowe, Sr.'s recently restored Art Arsenault #85 "Li'l Stinker" are two of the vintage race cars on display this weekend.

MVRCA Schedule of Events

Date	Location	Type	Sanction
Jan, 3-5	Northeast Motorsports Expo - Augusta, ME	Display	MVRCA
Jan. 5	Augusta Civic Center - Augusta, ME	General Meeting	MVRCA
Feb. 21-22	Racin Preview - Portland, ME	Display	MVRCA
March 10-30	'Spring Showcase' - Auburn (ME) Mall*	Display	MVRCA

* Guests of Oxford Plains Speedway

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 &
Charlie Morris 

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Larry McReynolds



FOX TV
 Sat., Jan 4

Andy Santerre



BNS Champion
 Fri., Jan. 3

Joe Bessey



Busch North
 Fri., Jan 3

SHOW HOURS

Fri., Jan. 3 – 5:00 – 10:00 pm
 Sat., Jan. 4 – 10:00 am – 10:00 pm
 Sun., Jan. 5 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

ADMISSION

Adults: \$7.50
 Children 6-12 & Seniors: \$4.50
 Children under 6 with parent
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3-day Passes

Adults: \$18.00
 Children 6-12 & Seniors: \$10.00

Pick up a \$2.50 discount coupon
 off an adult admission ticket to the
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Carey Heath



Busch North
 Sun., Jan 5

Phil Scott



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 Sun., Jan. 5

...plus, Mike Olsen, Jarod Robie,
 Drew Sprague, OXFORD 250
 champion Scott Robbins, Tracy
 Gordon & many more.

Winston Cup, Busch North, All Pro
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Weekly Racing Series, Drag Cars
 Ice Racers, Snowmobiles, Go-Karts
 Pulling Trucks & Tractors, Mini Cups
 Legend & Legacy Cars, Motorcycles
 "Vendor Alley" and much more.

Vintage Race Cars

'Wild Bill' Carlton's #1 Ford coupe
 Art Arseneault's #85 six-cylinder cut-down
 Roy Eldridge's vintage supermodified
 Peter Fiandaca's famed #35 Chevy II
 and more.

3rd Annual Charity Auction
 to benefit the
**Shriners Hospitals for Children
 Transportation Fund**

Saturday, Jan. 4 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Penobscot Room - Augusta Civic Center

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For more information about "A Year's Drive to the Hall", visit www.mainevintageracecars.com.

“A Year’s Drive to the Hall” (continued from page 1):

Three categories are listed on the Nomination Ballot – Builders, Drivers and Contributors. The “Builders” category includes track owners, operators and promoters. The “Drivers” category is self-explanatory. The “Contributors” category includes, car and team owners, crew members, officials, flagmen, pit stewards, announcers, medical, photographers, fabricators, media and etc.

To be eligible for consideration for the Hall of Fame, nominees must be retired from active participation in the category he or she is nominated in. The nominees must have a connection to the State of Maine. Nominees should have a.) lived and raced in Maine; b.) raced elsewhere but been a resident of Maine; c.) lived outside of Maine but raced in Maine.

For the inaugural group of inductees, the nominees must have been an active participant in motorsports in the 1940’s, the 1950’s and/or the 1960’s. The first group of individuals to be inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame should be the ‘legends’ of Maine motorsports.

The exact number of inductees and the details of the selection process will be announced at a later date as will the location, date and time of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Following this weekend’s send off, the next stop for “A Year’s Drive to the Hall” is the Racin Preview at the Portland (Maine) Expo, February 21-22nd. Nomination ballots will be available at all MVRCA displays and exhibits and on-line at www.mainevintageracecars.com.

For more information on “A Year’s Drive to the Hall”, visit the Maine Vintage Race Car Association web site.

News & Notes

Darren Connors has recently acquired for restoration the famed #1 1964 Chevelle driven by Stan Meserve. As most might remember, the Chevelle was blue and gold and sponsored by Strong Chevrolet.

Dave Webster and Charlie Sheehan, Jr. are set to begin their next restoration project. Dave has acquired the 1966 Ford Mustang driven by Harvey Sprague at many of the race tracks in Maine. Dave owns the restored #1 coupe of Bill Carlton and Charlie owns the Bob Hallee championship winning 1958 Ford.

Chris Libby has been preserving racing history through his collection of old photos, souvenir programs, etc. Recently, Chris has been researching the old Waterville-Oakville race track.

Classified Ads

WANTED: 1934 - 1940 Ford (Coupe or Sedan) old stock car for restoration or car to build. Prefer flat head engine. Call: Buster Burt at 207-361-2329

FOR SALE: Daytona tickets - 2 tickets for Busch Series '300' and 2 tickets for 'Daytona 500'. Located in Turn 2 grandstands, 10 rows from the top. Exact seats won't be known until month prior to 'SpeedWeek'. Need to sell. \$450.00 for the set of four plus shipping. Contact Lisa or Frank Dorrie at (207)490-0898 or frankd25@adelphia.net.

WANTED: I have 65 older Beech Ridge Speedway souvenir programs 1969 - 1977, that I would like to trade with some one else in exchange for missing copies we may each need for respective collections. Also, looking for Oxford Plains Speedway souvenir programs 1971 thru 1975. I'm a collector, not a reseller. Will also trade for older racing photos. Call Steve at: 207-839-8349 or spell41184@aol.com.

FOR SALE: Old Stock Car Racing magazines and Circle Track magazines. Contact Lisa or Frank Dorrie at (207) 490-0898 or frankd25@adelphia.net.

FOR SALE: Have old dirt track cars from northern Maine, raced at Gallope in Houlton, Springfield & Cherryfield - 1957 Chrysler New Yorker 2-door, #Super 62, no motor, had old hemi..\$300.00; 1958 Mercury 4-door, has motor..\$200.00; 1955 Chevy 4-door, no motor, #006, has nice history - 'Miss Springfield Special'..\$500.00 - all have roll cages; will have available 1941 Ford 2-door coupe race car body, no frame but have 1941 Ford frame. Contact Plum Potter Jr. at 207-583-2006 or jampott@megalink.net.

FOR SALE: Offenhauser intake manifold and carburetors for Chrysler flathead six-cylinder; Ford flathead V8 truck motor, 100 hp, complete with radiator..\$400.00. Contact Plum Potter Jr. at 207-583-2006 or jampott@megalink.net.

WANTED: 1962 - 65 Chevy Nova 2-door body for a restoration project. Also, looking for parts,. Contact Martel Motorsports at 978-356-4951 or jsmartel14@aol.com.

To Place a Classified Ad

Include name, address, phone number and e-mail address when submitting "For Sale" and "Wanted" classified ads - for office use. Include at least a phone number or e-mail address in all ads. Give a **brief** description of each item for sale in the ad. Notify the Maine Vintage Race Car Association when any item has been sold or bought as soon as possible. Accepting "For Sale" and "Wanted" classified ads by E-mail, by FAX and by U.S. Postal. See page 1 for MVRCA information. Ads are **FREE**.