

# MAINE VINTAGE RACE CAR ASSOCIATION



## NEWS

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### From the President's desk:

### *Allen Brann Remembered*

The Maine Vintage Race Car Association lost one of its founders on Thursday night, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Allen Brann passed away suddenly of a massive heart attack while preparing his latest restoration project to be displayed the next day at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show.

Allen was the vice-president of the Association but more importantly, he was an ambassador of the goal of the MVRCA to preserve the history of motorsports in Maine. No matter where Allen traveled, whether it be as a salesman for Wise Uniforms or during his personal travels, he carried pictures of his restored #144 Ford coupe and he



talked racing.

I first met Allen at Oxford Plains Speedway where I was the editor of the souvenir program and Allen had been hired as the speedway's new track photographer. He approached his new position with great enthusiasm, just as he did with his restoration projects and, recently, espousing the efforts of the MVRCA. His enthusiasm was infectious.



Allen's interests were many – photography, racing and his vintage race cars, the MVRCA and visiting flea

### **Racin' Preview 2003 Set for This Weekend; MVRCA to be There**

The Portland Expo, located in Maine's largest city, swings its doors open on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, for the Racin' Preview 2003 presented by D.N.K. Select Used Cars and the Maine Vintage Race Car Association will be there.

Racin' Preview 2003 is "the largest wintertime stock car racing showcase" dedicated to the area's short tracks and race teams. Race cars from northern Maine to western New Hampshire will be on display beginning at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening and continuing through to 9:00 p.m. Saturday night.

Several vintage race cars from the Maine Vintage Race

Car Association will be on display, including the award winning vintage Supermodified of Mary and Roy Eldridge, the Scott Racing #5 coupe of Peggy and Dave Scott and one of Steve Pellerin's meticulously restored cars.

In addition, visitors to Racin' Preview 2003 will be able to look through a variety of photo albums representing "days gone by" and view videos of racing in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. Steve Pellerin will have on display one of the finest collections of race car models ever assembled. And, over the course of the weekend, several Maine racing legends will be present to sign autographs and meet the race

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### MVRCA T-shirts Now on Sale

The long-awaited Maine Vintage Race Car Association T-shirts are now on sale. Available in Medium, Large, X-Large and 2X-Large, the cotton shirts are natural in color with the Association logo in red and blue on the left side of the chest.

To purchase a MVRCA T-shirt, send a check or money order for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping & handling for each T-shirt to: Maine Vintage Race Car Association – 51 Heath Lane – Auburn, Maine 04210. An order form is available at the MVRCA web site – [www.mainevintageracecars.com](http://www.mainevintageracecars.com) – go to the “Merchandise” link.

Also on sale are the MVRCA bumper stickers and key rings.

MVRCA T-shirts, bumper stickers and key rings will also be on sale at the Maine Vintage Race Car Association display area at Racin’ Preview 2003 on Friday and Saturday. Just ask for Carol and Tom.

The sale of MVRCA merchandise helps fund the Association in its efforts to preserve the history of

### An Award Winner in Augusta

A cloud of sadness hung over the Maine Vintage Race Car Association exhibit at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show over the sudden passing of Association vice-president Allen Brann on the eve of the three-day mid-winter showcase.

Spirits were lifted when show officials announced the vintage Supermodified of Mary & Roy Eldridge had been judged “Best in Show” in the Antique-Vintage Race Car category. The Super is the same car Roy himself drove at the old Arundel Speedway in the late 1960’s as well as at several tracks in New Hampshire.

Also displaying cars at the Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show were Linda & Dave Webster – the #1 Ford coupe driven by ‘Wild Bill’ Carlton, Sharon & Michael Stowe, Sr. – the #85 “Li’l Stinker” driven by Art Arsenault and Arlene & Dennis Fish – the Pete Fiandaca #35 Chevy II.

Photos from the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show and from the Racin’ Preview 2003 will be in the next issue of MVRCA News.

### Auburn Mall, Hall of Fame Nomination Ballots and Membership Forms

The so-called off-season continues to be busy for the Maine Vintage Race Car Association. Next on the schedule following the Racin’ Preview 2003 at the Portland Expo, are appearances at the Auburn (Maine) Mall in March with Oxford Plains Speedway.

Speedway officials have invited the MVRCA to participate in the “24<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Plains Speedway Spring Showcase” at the Mall. The “Spring Showcase” is three weeks in length – March 10 – 20<sup>th</sup> – with a new display of race cars every week.

Any one interested in displaying their vintage race car in the Auburn Mall is asked to contact the MVRCA office by e-mail [MVRCA@mainevintageracecars.com](mailto:MVRCA@mainevintageracecars.com) or by phone at 207-784-9827. The MVRCA has reserved space for two cars for each of the three weeks.

The Unity Raceway management team of Tammy Pooler and John Crawford has penciled the MVRCA to appear at the popular central Maine speedway on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

### MVRCA Schedule of Events

Date	Location	Type	Sanction
Feb. 21-22	Racin Preview - Portland, ME	Display	MVRCA
March 10-30	‘Spring Showcase’ - Auburn (ME) Mall*	Display	MVRCA
June 28	Oxford Plains Speedway	Display	MVRCA/STAR
July 5	Unity Raceway	Display	MVRCA

\* Guests of Oxford Plains Speedway

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**Allen Brann (continued from page 1):**

toy cars and trucks. But, his number one interest was his family as a husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

In preparing this memoriam to Allen, I had a difficult time finding a photo of him - Allen was always behind the camera, rarely in front of it.

Allen will be missed by this Association but more importantly, he will be missed by his family and friends.

Allen's wife Elaine, son Allen Jr. and daughter Karen had requested in lieu of flowers a donation be made to the Maine Vintage Race Car Association. The Association has received a number of donations in Allen's memory and our sincerest thanks go to those who have made donations and to Elaine and family for the much-appreciated gesture.

**Racin' Preview 2003 (continued from page 1):**

fans. Carol Day and Tom Kimball will be at the MVRCA display all weekend to answer questions and have available Maine Vintage Race Car Association membership forms.

"A Year's Drive to the Hall" campaign continues at Racin' Preview 2003. "A Year's Drive to the Hall" is the first step to establishing the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. Visitors to the show can pick up nomination ballots for those wanting to nominate individuals for the first group of inductees into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Show hours for Racin' Preview 2003 are 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Auburn Mall, etc. (continued from page 2):**

Unity Raceway will have a fireworks display that evening to celebrate the birth of our nation.

"A Year's Drive to the Hall" Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame nomination ballot is included in this issue of "MVRCA News". We ask you to take the time to nominate the deserving individuals you would like to see be among the first group inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

A MVRCA Membership Form is also included in this newsletter. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining the Maine Vintage Race Car Association. If you are already a member, pass the membership form to a friend and ask them to join.

Carol Day and Tom Kimball have stepped forward to be

**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

**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.

**FOR SALE:** Vintage Race Car (project) 1957 Chevrolet 2-door post (210) has full frame less rear differential & springs, have one '70 (?) Camaro clip, wide five front spindles & hubs, winters QC w/wide five hubs, & locker, set of good calipers, extra rotors, QC mounting brackets, coil springs, Saginaw 4 speed, fuel cell, aluminum seat, aluminum radiator, 196? full-size Chevy frame w/full cage Ford 9" rear w/ discs - ALL FOR \$2500. Contact Bob Foster for pictures by e-mail Bfoster@abcisp.net or 508-746-4999

**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 MVRCA when any item has been sold or bought as soon as possible. Accepting "For Sale" and "Wanted by E-mail, by FAX and by U.S. Postal. See