

MAINE VINTAGE RACE CAR ASSOCIATION



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From the President's desk:

Cookouts, Pig Roasts, Legends Night and More

Spring has finally arrived – we think. The snow from the seemingly long winter has disappeared from most areas in the State of Maine and race tracks around the state have already begun their respective 2003 racing seasons or will have over the next few weeks.

The Directors, Advisors and Officers of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association have been working on a variety of projects, ranging from a cookout and a pig roast to the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame ceremonies to the creation of two special awards. Elsewhere in this issue of MVRCA News are the details of several projects while others are still works in progress.

But, first, in March the Directors, Advisors and Officers moved to fill several vacant positions within the structure of the Association, including the position of Vice-President,

which was left vacant by the death of Allen Brann in early January. Bruce Elder agreed to move from the Board of Directors to the position of Vice-President. Filling Bruce's position as Director is Tink Conkright, who was an Advisory Board member. Agreeing to fill Tink's position on the Advisory Board is Lorraine Rice, who is also involved with special event planning. And, lastly, Chris Libby has accepted a position on the Advisory Board and will also be involved with special events in the Central Maine region.

On the 'Schedule of Events', a "Cookout & Family Outing" is being planned for Sunday afternoon, July 27th at the Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough. The cookout is opened to everyone, members and non-members, and is an opportunity to get to know everybody in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. All those who have restored vintage race cars are urged to display them at the cookout

"Legends of Unity Raceway Night"

Unity, Maine – If you remember racing as it was in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970's, then you have to be at Unity Raceway on Saturday, August 16th, for "Legends of Unity Raceway Night".

Presented by Unity Raceway and the Maine Vintage Race Car Association and sponsored by Irving Oil Corporation, "Legends Night" will bring together the drivers from the raceway's past to renew old friendships and for race fans to meet the "heroes" of past generations.



Allen Brann Photography Award Created

Auburn, Maine – The Maine Vintage Race Car Association is announcing the creation of the 'Allen Brann Photography Award' to honor the memory of Allen Brann, who passed away from a heart attack in early January. Allen was the vice-president and a co-founder of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association.

"Allen was an avid photographer. He enjoyed being at a race track and around race cars and racing people," said Bob Morris, president of the MVRCA. "Whether it be at Oxford Plains Speedway where he was the track photographer for a number of years, at New Hampshire International

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The evening gets underway at 6:00 p.m. with Round 2 of the Late Model Pro 4 Triple Crown Series and features only for the Pro Stock, Super Sportsman, Street Stock, Mini Stock and Mini Truck divisions. Following the final checkered flag, race fans can go onto the track to meet the “Legends of Unity Raceway”, see up close restored race cars of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association and look through photo albums of the raceway’s past.



Blackie Hilliard

Among the “Legends” expected to be on hand are Blackie Hilliard, Dave Darveau, ‘Wild Bill’ Carlton, Art Arseneault, and many more. See Bob Hallee’s 1974 championship winning 1958 Ford, ‘Wild Bill’ Carlton’s #1 Ford coupe, the ‘Li’l Stinker’ #85 cut down driven by Art Arseneault and several other

restored vintage race cars. Do not miss this very special evening.

For the “Legends” and a guest, the day begins at 1:00 p.m. with a private gathering including a “pig roast” courtesy of the Pointe AFTA Restaurant & Pub in Winslow at the raceway.

Any Unity Raceway “Legend” interested in attending this special day and night are urged to contact: John Crawford, 67 Oak Hill Drive, Oakland, Maine 04963 (Tel.: 207-465-7266); or Chris Libby, 11 Kimball Street, Waterville, Maine 04901 (Tel.: 207-872-5239); or the Maine Vintage Race Car Association, 51 Heath Lane, Auburn, Maine 04210 (Tel.: 207-784-9827). The deadline is June 30th.



Dave Darveau

New Vintage Racing Magazine Hits the Newsstands

A new magazine devoted to vintage motorsports is now available. The inaugural issue of VINTAGE RACER “hit the newsstands” the end of April. VINTAGE RACER is dedicated to the ever growing vintage racecar movement and will focus its attention to the northeast area of the country.

R.A. Silvia, a longtime collector of motorsports memorabilia and contributing writer of vintage racing for a variety of publications, is the editor of VINTAGE RACER. The new magazine is published by Motorsports Publishing LLC of Somers, Connecticut which also publishes the popular TRACKSIDE magazine.

VINTAGE RACER features articles on legendary drivers and race tracks, restoration projects, historical racing events and much more. The new magazine recognizes the importance of the vintage clubs with each organization, including the Maine Vintage Race Car Association,

receiving its own page for a schedule of events and other information.

VINTAGE RACER has a “low introductory subscription offer” of \$10 for a one-year subscription (six issues) or \$18 for a two-year subscription. Send your name, address, daytime phone number and a check or money order to: VINTAGE RACER, c/o Motorsports publishing, P.O. Box 273, Somers, CT 06071.



If you have completed a restoration project or in the process of restoring a vintage race car, your project could be in VINTAGE RACER. Send photos and information of the project and any history of the vintage race car to

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al Speedway or at a motorsports show, Allen always had his camera with him.”



“The Association wanted to honor Allen’s memory and for his contributions in forming the MVRCA. We felt one of the best ways we could do that was to establish the Allen Brann Photography Award.”

The contest is open to any individual – amateur and professional. Photographs must be motorsports related but does not have to be of “on track” action. Submitted photographs **must** have a Maine connection.

Submitted photographs must be a minimum of 5” x 7” in size with the name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available) printed on the back of the photograph. A brief paragraph

about the photograph is welcomed. Mailed the photographs to: Maine Vintage Race Car Association – 51 Heath Lane – Auburn, Maine 04210. E-mail submissions will **not** be accepted.

The winner of the Allen Brann Photography Award will be the guest of the MVRCA at the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremonies. The winner will be presented the Allen Brann Photography Award and a monetary award of \$100 (one hundred dollars) during the ceremonies.

The winning photograph becomes the property of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association. Upon notification, the winner of the Allen Brann Photography Award will give the MVRCA a negative of the winning photograph. Every effort will be made to return all other photographs. The winning photograph, and subsequent winning photographs, will be posted on the MVRCA web site and displayed at appropriate MVRCA functions and, eventually, in the Maine Motorsports Museum & Hall of Fame.

The contest begins on May 1st and the deadline to

MVRCA to Honor a Maine Driver of the Year

Auburn, Maine – The Maine Vintage Race Car Association is announcing the establishment of the Maine Driver of the Year Award to be presented at the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremonies.

A select panel of Association members will compare the statistics of all the race drivers in Maine at the conclusion of the 2003 season. Drivers from all the various racing divisions at the various Maine race tracks as well as Pine Tree State drivers competing on a touring series are eligible for consideration.

From the hundreds of Maine drivers competing at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, Oxford Plains Speedway, Speedway 95, Unity Raceway and Wiscasset Raceway and on the touring series of the Pro All Stars Series (PASS) and NASCAR Busch North Series, the select

panel will invite three semi-finalists to the Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremonies.

Each of the three semi-finalists will be honored for their accomplishments during the racing season with special awards. From the trio of deserving drivers, one will be presented the Maine Driver of the Year Award.

“Preserving the rich history of motorsports here in Maine is one of the primary objectives of the Maine Vintage Race Car Association but racing history is being made every time a green flag waves and a checkered flag falls,” said Bob Morris, president of the MVRCA.

“Today’s drivers will be tomorrow’s Hall of Fame legends. The MVRCA believes it is also important to honor tomorrow’s legends today.”

MVRCA Schedule of Events

Date	Location	Type	Sanction
June 28	Oxford Plains Speedway	Display	MVRCA/STAR
July 5	“Fireworks” - Wiscasset Raceway	Display	MVRCA
July 26	Beech Ridge Motor Speedway	Display	MVRCA
July 27	“Cookout” - Beech Ridge Motor Speedway*	Display	MVRCA
August 1 - 3	“Vintage Celebration” - New Hampshire Int’l Spdwy	Display	MVRCA
August 16	“Legends Night” - Unity Raceway**	Display	MVRCA

* - Family Outing/Cookout/Photo Session ** - Social Hour/Pig Roast - 1:00 P.M./Autograph Session

For more information about “A Year’s Drive to the Hall”, visit www.mainevintageracecars.com.

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and if possible the night before when Beech Ridge hosts the NEMA Midgets and the Association. Andy Cusack is throwing out the “Welcome” mat for those with motorhomes and campers to spend the night on the speedway grounds. There will be a photo session on Sunday of the race cars for future Association projects.

Unity Raceway and the Maine Vintage Race Car Association will present “Legends of Unity Raceway Night” on Saturday, August 16th sponsored by Irving Oil Corporation. Former Unity drivers from the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's and 1970's interested in attending this special event are urged to contact Unity Raceway manager John Crawford (207-465-7266), MVRCA Advisor Chris Libby (207-872-5239) or the MVRCA office (207-784-9827) by June 30th. See accompanying story.

The date and location of the inaugural Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 3, 2004 at the Augusta Civic Center. Watch future issues of the MVRCA News for further details.

Don't forget to send the names of those individuals who you feel should be considered to be inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame to the MVRCA office at 51 Heath Lane, Auburn, Maine 04210 or by e-mail MVRCA@mainevintageracecars.com or by FAX: 207-782-3937.

Want to thank those members who displayed their vintage race cars at the various motorsports shows and race track shows over the last four months. Thanks are also extended to Carol Day and Tom Kimball for coordinating the Association displays at the Augusta and Portland shows.

The photographs from the various shows promised for this issue of the MVRCA News has been pushed back to the next issue because of space limitations.

We also want to thank the following for the items they have donated to the MVRCA Archives: Mrs. Ginny (Cliff) Cyr, Buster Burt, Ken Spencer, Frank Dorrie, Merle Cousins and Chris Libby.

We would like to thank Bruce Elder and Steve Pellerin for saving the day for us at the Racin Preview in February. We had 4 vintage cars lined up for the show and they all cancelled because of the inclement weather. Bruce and Steve brought Bruce's number 9 and saved our hides. We truly appreciate the wonderful effort they made and the adventure they had getting to and from the Expo in the not so great weather.

We would also like to thank Bobby Turner for coming to sign autographs and staying all day to help us out. We had a large variety of people stop by and say hello, reminisce about old times, look through Steve's wonderful collection of hand made models of vintage racecars and just generally mill around and remember when. It was a fun weekend.

Carol Day & Tom Kimball - Event Coordinators

Classified Ads

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: Have old dirt track cars from northern Maine, raced at Gallop 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.

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 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