

MAINE VINTAGE RACE CAR ASSOCIATION



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From the President's desk:

MVRCA Display, Hall of Fame & Thanks

What a start to the 2004 calendar year!

First, the Maine Vintage Race Car Association had a highly popular exhibit at the 16th Annual Northeast Motorsports Expo & Trade Show at the Augusta Civic Center the first weekend of January. MVRCA event coordinators Carol Day and Tom Kimball signed up many new members and distributed hundreds of brochures and membership forms.

Carol and Tom worked tirelessly for the three days of the show and we thank them for their efforts. We also express our thanks to those who brought their vintage race cars to

Augusta to be on display – Roland Connors with the #1 Stan Meserve Chevelle, Mary and Roy Eldridge with their vintage supermodified, Ray Penfold and son Bill with Ray's #3 1938 Dodge coupe, Irene and Tim Reynolds with their #8 Corvair-bodied modified and Amy and Allen Brann Jr. with the #21 Ford Futura Late Model.

Congratulations to Mary and Roy Eldridge on receiving the "Best Appearing Vintage Race Car" award.

And, for many of us the big event of the weekend, the in-

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Bob Bahre Seriously Injured in Car Crash

New Hampshire International Speedway owner Bob Bahre was seriously injured in a car accident Thursday afternoon, January 29th, when his car went off the road in Maine.

Bahre, 76, suffered a fractured vertebrae, broken ankle, a concussion and rib injuries when the Chevrolet Blazer he was driving went off the road and crashed into a tree.

The accident happened on Rt. 100 in the western Maine town of Brownfield. Bahre was returning to his South Paris home from the speedway in Loudon, New Hampshire when the accident occurred. According to reports, Bahre may have fallen asleep.

Bahre was initially taken by ambulance to Bridgton Hospital, then transferred to the Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. He was transferred to the Maine Medical Center

MVRCA in Need of Volunteers

The Maine Vintage Race Car Association is asking its members to volunteer time for the organization's various activities.

The Association is seeking members who are interested in "manning" the MVRCA table at race car shows, mall shows, area race tracks and wherever else the Association maybe present. Duties would include signing up new members, distributing MVRCA brochures and other literature, operating the TV/VCR (if present), overseeing photo albums and the new Hall of Fame display, and to represent the MVRCA.

The time involved could be as little as an hour or as much as three or four hours depending on the activity.

Some functions might require only one or two volunteers, such as race car shows and mall shows, or as many as a

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Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Class of 2005 Nomination Balloting Underway

...The campaign to induct the next group of individuals into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame began while the first twelve inductees were preparing for enshrinement on Saturday, January 3rd, at the Augusta Civic Center.

The nomination process of "A Year's Drive to the Hall II" will come to an end on August 15, 2004. Until then, anyone can nominate an individual or individuals for consideration for the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. The "Class of 2005" will be inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame on Saturday, January 8, 2005 at the Augusta Civic Center.

As in the inaugural campaign, there are three categories 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, crewmembers, officials, flagmen, pit stewards, announcers, medical, photographers, fabricators, media and etc.

The criteria to consider an individual for nomination are simple. To be eligible for consideration, nominees must be retired from active participation in the category he or she is nominated in. In the "Drivers" category, nominees must be retired from active competition for a minimum of five years. The nominee must also have a connection to the State of Maine. The nominee could have lived in and participated in motorsports in the state, or, been involved with motorsports elsewhere but lived in Maine, or, lived outside of Maine but had been involved in Maine motorsports.

Nomination Ballots will be available wherever the Maine Vintage Race Car Association has a display or exhibit, including this weekend's "Racin Preview 2004" at the Portland Expo in Portland, Maine on Friday and Saturday (February 20 – 21st). A Nomination Ballot is included in this newsletter.

Please provide as much information as possible about the nominee – years involved in motorsports, driving championships, wins, etc. Those individuals nominated in 2003 and not selected for the Hall of Fame are

Dick McCabe to Enter Maine Sports Hall of Fame

Four-time NASCAR champion Dick McCabe will be one of six Maine sports figures to be inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame, it was announced on February 14th. The annual induction dinner will be held at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland on June 13th.

A life long resident of Kennebunport, McCabe is the first member of the motorsports community to be selected for induction into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. The "Irish Angel", as he was affectionately called, was inducted into the New England Auto Racers Hall of Fame in 2002.

McCabe, 56, won back to back NASCAR North Tour championships in 1981 and 1982 along with four consecutive Oxford Open Comp Series championships at Oxford Plains Speedway from 1981 – 1984.

He won Maine's most prestigious race the OXFORD 250 in 1988. In 1992 and 1993, McCabe won back to back NASCAR Busch North Series championships. McCabe retired from racing in 1995.

Congratulations to Dick on this historic honor.

MVRCA Schedule of Events

Date	Location	Type	Sanction
February 20-21	Racin' Preview - Portland Expo	Display	MVRCA
March 7 - 28	"Season Preview" - Auburn Mall/Oxfprd Plains Spdwy	Display	MVRCA
April 10	General Meeting* - Auburn Fireside Inn	Meeting	MVRCA
May 19 - 23	"Vintage Celebration" - New Hampshire Int'l Speedway	Display/On Track	MVRCA
June 12	Oxford Plains Speedway	Display	STAR/MVRCA

* General Meeting - 1:00 P.M.

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MAINE MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME

Special Edition

January/February 2004

“Dreams do Come True”

A dream became reality on Saturday, January 3, 2004, when the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame inducted its first twelve members in ceremonies held at the Augusta Civic Center. Nearly 180 friends, relatives and members of the racing community past and present watched as twelve Maine auto racing legends were honored for their contributions to the sport of auto racing in the State of Maine.

The MVRCA News is pleased to present this special four-page Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame edition of the highlights of the history making evening in words and pictures.

CLASS OF 2004



(Left to Right) Dave Bushley, Bonnie Christopher Coffin, Dick Wolstenhulme, Ralph Cusack, Homer Drew, Jim McConnell, Bill Damon, Dick Garrett, Dave Darveau, Blackie Hilliard, Phil Libby and Joe McGahan.

Highlights of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies



Dave Bushley (left) accepts Hall of Fame plaque from Bruce Elder on behalf of his late father Bob Bushley Sr.



Bruce Elder (right) presents Homer Drew with Hall of Fame plaque.



Bonnie Coffin accepts Hall of Fame plaque from Andy Cusack on behalf of her late father Dr. Robert Christopher.



Andy Cusack (right) presents Dick Wolstenhulme with Hall of Fame plaque.



Jerry Major (left) gives Dave Darveau a stuffed frog, representing Dave's good luck mascot.



Bill Damon (right) accepts Hall of Fame plaque from Jerry Major on behalf of his late uncle George Damon.

Visit www.mainevintageracecars.com for more Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame photos.

Highlights of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies



Bruce Elder (left) presents Dick Garrett with Hall of Fame plaque.



Bruce Elder (left) presents Phil Libby with Hall of Fame plaque.



Andy Cusack (left) presents his father Ralph Cusack with Hall of Fame plaque.



Andy Cusack (left) presents Jim McConnell, the "father of racing in Maine", with Hall of Fame plaque.



Jerry Major (left) presents Blackie Hilliard with Hall of Fame plaque.



Joe McGahan (right) accepts Hall of Fame plaque from Jerry Major on behalf of absent Bob Bahre.

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

Highlights from the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies



Marvin Galarneau (left) presents Ben Rowe the "Maine Driver of the Year Award".



Corey Williams (left) accepting "Maine Driver of the Year" Finalist plaque from Marvin Galarneau.



Sam Sessions (left) accepting "Maine Driver of the Year" Finalist plaque from Marvin Galarneau.



Steve Pellerin accepting the Maine Vintage Race Car Association "President's Award".



Steve LeClair (left) accepts the "Allen Brann Photography Award" for his photo of Dick McCabe's 1988 'OXFORD 250' win. In presenting the award named in the memoru of his father, Allen Brann Jr. said, "The photo represents everything good about racing in Maine - a popular Maine driver winning Maine's biggest race."



Donations

The efforts of many people contributed to the success of the inaugural Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremonies. Rita Darveau, wife of Hall of Fame inductee Dave Darveau, is one those people. In the months leading up to the Hall of Fame ceremonies and with a specific monetary goal in mind, Rita knocked on the doors of friends, neighbors and the business community in the Augusta area asking for donations to the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame and the Maine Vintage Race Car Association. Rita reached her goal. The induction ceremonies began with Rita presenting MVRCA vice-president Bruce Elder a basket of money totalling \$2,004, representing the current year. The MVRCA wishes to thank Rita Darveau for her tireless efforts and to thank all the people and businesses who made a donation. Their names are listed below.

Rita & Darveau - Whitefield	AMS - Augusta
Poncho Darveau & Sons - Chelsea	O'Connor GMC-Buick-Pontiac - Augusta
Dana Darveau & son - Chelsea	Dick's Used Trucks - Chelsea
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Mickey Brann - Chelsea	Ben Pushard's Excavation & Construction - Chelsea
Andy & Liz Lewis - Windsor	Carrier Signs - Chelsea
Norman Hayden - Skowhegan	Abbotts Market - Chelsea
Ralph & Gloria Emery - St. Albans	LaPointe Lumber - Augusta
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Brian & Debbie Hallsey - Chelsea	White & Bradstreet - Augusta
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Susie True - Augusta	Steve McGee Construction - West Gardiner
Al Dumas - Augusta	Wallens Auto Sales - Randolph
Dwayne & Karen Kellor - Palermo	Ellis Automotive - Chelsea
Ken Andrews - Gardiner	Cliff's Heavy Truck Painting - Whitefield
John Zajechowski - Brunswick	P.H. Automotive - Chelsea
Vaughn Stevens - Augusta	Aable Auto Parts - Chelsea
Bernie Allen - Gardiner	Marshall Swan Construction - Augusta
Katie Michaud - Gardiner	Vigue Brothers - Washington
Ann McFarland - Augusta	Maine Buffalo Company - Jefferson
Frye Mountain Weatherization - Montville	Rocky Mountain Deer, Elk & Buffalo Ranch - Jefferson
Rent-A-Cabin - Montville	G & E Roofing Company, Inc. - Augusta

Special Thanks

Dinner & Induction Ceremony Sponsors:

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Steve Pellerin Vintage Race Cars - Gorham
Johnny's Auto Service - Bristol

“Bahre Injured...” - continued from page 1

in Portland on Tuesday, February 3rd, for continuing treatment of his injuries.

Bahre, who owned Oxford Plains Speedway from 1964 – 1986 and Oxford Plains Dragway from 1971 - 1986, was recently inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame. He and eleven other Maine racing legends were the first inductees into the Hall of Fame.

Everyone associated with the Maine Vintage race Car Association and the Maine racing community wish Bob a speedy recovery.

“Volunteers...” - continued from page 1

half-dozen people.

For instance, last August’s “Legends of Unity Raceway Day” function needed five or six more members to assist in the cooking, recording names and addresses, making name tags, etc.

The Association is also in need of members who have a truck and/or car trailer or has access to a car trailer to help haul vintage race cars to various events. Several MVRCA members have vintage race cars but do not own or have access to a car trailer and are unable to get their vintage race cars to various events.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help at a MVRCA display table or have a truck and car trailer and want to help haul members’ vintage race cars, please contact the MVRCA office be mail, by phone or by e-mail.

The more members willing to volunteer some of their time, the more events and activities the Association will try to schedule.

“MVRCA Display, Hall of Fame & Thanks” - continued from page 1

duction of the first members into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame at the civic center on Saturday night. The evening’s highlights in words and pictures can be found in the pull out section on this newsletter.

We need to thank many people for their efforts to make the evening a success: the co-masters of ceremonies, Bruce Elder, Andy Cusack, Jerry Major and Marvin Galarneau; Rita and Dave Darveau and Lorraine Chamberlain for decorating the banquet room; Steve Pellerin for the banners and the display of models, Pam Conkright for doing the “50/50”, Sonny Reynolds and Chris Libby for videotaping the event, Steve LeClair for being the official photographer and to Do Do’s hot Rods & Stuff in Freeport and Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in co-sponsoring the event. And, additional thanks to Rita Darveau for collecting over \$2,000 in donations from friends, neighbors and business for the MVRCA and the

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Modified 1937 Plymouth coupe, Ed Flemke front suspension, wide 5 Quickchange rearend – contact Skip Bennington – Roanoke, Virginia 24014 – Tel.: 540-427-4916 (home) or 540-982-9861 (11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) – Lmsc44@aol.com.

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: 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 page 1 for MVRCA information. Ads are **FREE**.

Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

By the way, the official Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame induction ceremony video will be available shortly.

The 2004 MVRCA Event Schedule has not been finalized. A special mailing will be sent out in the next week to ten days.

Finally, to those who have become new members over the last couple of months, your membership kits will be arriving soon. And, for those who have renewed their memberships, your new membership cards will also be arriving soon.

Bob Morris - President