



Preserving the History of Auto Racing in Northern California

NEWSLETTER—MAY 2009

Time to vote for the 2009 Hall of Fame. You may also vote online at www.ncara.org

Dear Members and Future Members,

Below is our nominations ballot for the second annual Hall of Fame (2009) inductions and a membership form. **Only current/paid members may vote.** If you are not a member please return the ballot with the enclosed membership form and dues. If you are a member it is not necessary to fill out the membership form again unless your information has changed. Renewal dues can accompany your ballot. The board will certainly consider future nominations to be submitted by current/paid members for election to the Hall of Fame. If you are interested in nominating someone to the nomination list for 2010, please see website www.ncara.org for nomination form and membership forms if you are not a member.

Important Dates to Remember

- Ballots returned by mail or web site on or before July 1, 2009
- BBQ in Chico July 25, 2009 weekend of Golden State Challenge Race sponsored by John and Robbie Padgen
- BBQ Shasta Raceway Park September 12, 2009 Pop Porter Memorial sponsored by Rick and Mary Faeth

Sincerely,
Lloyd Burton
President
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Redding, CA 96002

Your Name

Member Number

Drivers (Choose 8)

- Ronnie Atwell
- Frank Swords
- John Amick
- Cliff White
- Dave Bradway Sr.
- Ken Buman
- Roger Carter
- Phil Corcoran
- Russ McDaniels
- Jack Epperson
- Pat Higginbotham
- Bill Durham
- Dean Slinkard
- Bill Sullivan
- Jerry Ayers
- Mac Tiner Sr.
- Tony Valente
- Doug Bauer
- Jim White
- Chuck Wolfe

Officials / Track Employees / Promoters (Choose 2)

- Earl Barger
- Charlie DeFrates / Announcer
- Bud Drumone Announcer
- John Elsmore / Owner-Official
- Don McClaskey / Official

In Memorium (Choose 3)

- Pappy Jimmy Boyd
- Ed Brown
- Sherman Clark
- Zoann McCain
- Mac McCullough
- Boyd Rollins
- Ron Simmons
- Oroville Whitson



From the history pages Shasta Yearbook 1973

SPEEDWAY NOTES

Shasta Speedway has been the scene of top racing action for over two decades, since the gates first opened to the public in 1948. California Racing Association sanctioned one of the first events—a sprint car race—ever run on what was then a two-thirds mile dirt oval. Only a short time later, the Redding-based Shasta Racing Association began sanctioning events there.

Meanwhile, auto racing enthusiasts in Chico formed Chico Racing Association, which later became Valley Auto Racing, and they too sanctioned some events at the Anderson track.

By mid-fifties, a steady racing format had been established and interest in racing continued to grow. In that same period of time, the present promoter, Don Porter, started what was to become his career, as he began co-promoting racing events at the speedway with his partner, Jack Frost.

Porter and Frost worked diligently during those years, building racing in this area. Then in 1959—after they dissolved their partnership—Porter assumed the sole responsibility for racing promotion at Shasta Speedway.

In addition to his 15 years of work in auto racing promotions, Porter can claim 20 years total involvement and during much of that time he was also a driver. A former Valley Auto Racing super modified champion, Porter has also driven late model stock cars and sprint cars. He first started racing here at Shasta Speedway as a member of Shasta Racing Association. Even today, Don continues his racing participation as the owner of the super modified championship car, No. 99. Don and his wife Loyce live in Redding.

The track's surface and size have been changed not once, but twice since it originally opened. Spectator facilities have been vastly updated, including new grandstands and bleachers. The scoring, timing and flagging facilities, once located in the infield, are now relocated in the grandstand area. Last but certainly not least, when the new asphalt track went in this year, a \$40,000 lighting system was also installed.

All of these features—plus top performances by highly competitive cars and drivers—have combined to make auto racing the number one spectator sport in Shasta County . . . and to make Shasta Speedway one of the most talked about tracks in oval track racing.

NICK PORTER, SR.



Dedication

As this second yearbook goes to press, once again we'd like to dedicate the contents of the book to those people who make auto racing possible . . .

To the drivers, whose special abilities make auto racing the nation's number one spectator sport . . .

To the sponsors and car owners, who furnish and maintain the racing equipment . . .

To the pit crews who are unmatched for their willingness to work . . .

And to the spectators especially, those fans whose loyalty to the entire racing spectacle makes racing possible . . .

TO ALL OF YOU, THIS IS YOUR BOOK.



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What best describes you ?

Driver Owner Crew Fan Official

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Check this box to receive newsletters via Email

Standard Membership \$ _____

Associate Membership \$ _____

Silver Membership \$ _____

Gold Membership \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Standard Membership

Annual Membership - suggested donation \$25.00

Receive membership card, newsletter, charter membership pin and event discounts.

Associate Membership

Annual Membership - suggested donation \$5.00

Receive membership card. (Reserved for spouses/family members residing at same residence. No newsletter is sent to associates.)

Silver Membership

5 Year Membership - \$100.00

Receive membership card, newsletter, event discounts, silver charter membership pin.

Gold Membership

Lifetime Member - \$500.00

Receive membership card, newsletter, event discounts, gold charter membership pin and a member jacket.

NCARA invites anyone who would like to participate in the non-profit organization to help preserve the past for all generations to enjoy. Our mission is to develop an organization that provides for a chronicling of racing from the Chico and Anderson Tracks. In addition, it is our intent to create a "Hall of Fame" to honor outstanding achievements that dates back to the beginnings of both tracks and progresses through the years eventually leading up to today. All are invited to participate, whether a driver, owner, crew, fan or official. It is our plan to have several events throughout the year giving an opportunity for people to gather and enjoy the nostalgia of the past and look to the future. We hope you will join the organization and become part of Northern California's Racing History.

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Bob Benefield - Driver	Butch Ritcheson - Driver
Don Benefield - Driver	Bill Schmitt - Driver
Jimmy Boyd - Driver	Shane Scott - Driver
George Bragg - Driver	Wayne Sue - Driver
Hank Butcher - Driver	Dan Burton - Driver
Bob Carrel - Driver - Car Owner - Promoter	Gary Cressey - Announcer - Promoter
Rex Clark - Driver - Official	Dennis Gage - Announcer
Al Coenen - Driver	Gary Gerald - Announcer
Ira Compton - Driver - Car builder	Leroy Moreira - Engine Builder
Bill Dechamps - Driver - Car Owner	John Padjen - Promoter
Roger Gannon - Driver	Tom Spade - Flagman - Announcer - Driver
Bob Guthrie - Driver	Art Spaulding - Photographer
Babe Holtsman - Driver	Terry Elledge - Engine Builder
Jim Larabee - Driver	
Don Porter - Driver - Car Owner - Promoter	In Memoriam
Nick Porter - Driver	Burt Miller
	Mickey Hubbard
	Les Keeton
	Charlie Newquist



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Silver Dollar Speedway—2009 Schedule

MAY 1 FRI POINT RACE #4 410 SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS, DWARF CARS
MAY 8 FRI POINT RACE #5 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, DIRT MODIFIEDS
MAY 9 SAT GOLDEN STATE CHALLENGE - KING of CALIFORNIA SERIES "David Bradway Jr. Memorial" 410 SPRINTS
MAY 15 FRI POINT RACE #6 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
MAY 22 FRI NO RACES
MAY 23 SAT POINT RACE #7 "Silver Dollar Fair" 360 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
MAY 24 SUN CALIFORNIA SPRINT CAR CIVIL WAR SERIES "Silver Dollar Fair" 360 SPRINTS
MAY 25 MON Silver Dollar 200 Enduro "Silver Dollar Fair" ENDURO
MAY 29 FRI NO RACES
JUN 5 FRI POINT RACE #8 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
JUN 12 FRI POINT RACE #9 410 SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS, DIRT MODIFIEDS
JUN 19 FRI POINT RACE #10 LATE MODELS, DIRT MODIFIEDS, STREET STOCKS
JUN 26 FRI POINT RACE #11 410 SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS, DIRT MODIFIEDS
JUL 3 FRI POINT RACE #12 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
JUL 4 SAT GOLDEN STATE CHALLENGE - KING of CALIFORNIA SERIES 410 SPRINTS, DWARF CARS
JUL 10 FRI POINT RACE #13 LATE MODELS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, DIRT MODIFIEDS
JUL 17 FRI POINT RACE #14 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
JUL 24 FRI GOLDEN STATE CHALLENGE - KING of CALIFORNIA SERIES & POINT RACE #15 410 SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
*** JUL 25 SAT GOLDEN STATE CHALLENGE - KING of CALIFORNIA SERIES "Tribute to Gary Patterson" 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS—NCARA Hall of Fame BBQ.**
JUL 31 FRI POINT RACE #16 410 SPRINTS, DIRT MODIFIEDS, DWARF CARS
AUG 7 FRI POINT RACE #17 & "Kid's Night at the Races" 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
AUG 14 FRI POINT RACE #18 410 SPRINTS, DIRT MODIFIEDS DWARF CARS
AUG 21 FRI POINT RACE #19 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS
AUG 28 FRI POINT RACE #20 "Napa Auto Parts/Coca-Cola Night" 410 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS, STREET STOCKS, DIRT MODIFIEDS
SEP 4 FRI NO RACES
SEP 9 WED GOLD CUP - CALIFORNIA SPRINT CAR CIVIL WAR SERIES 360 SPRINTS, WINGLESS SPRINTS
SEP 10 THU GOLD CUP - Preliminary Race #1 WORLD OF OUTLAWS 410 SPRINTS
SEP 11 FRI GOLD CUP - Preliminary Race #2 WORLD OF OUTLAWS 410 SPRINTS
SEP 12 SAT GOLD CUP - RACE OF CHAMPIONS WORLD OF OUTLAWS 410 SPRINTS
OCT 1 THU PACIFIC SPRINTS FALL NATIONALS Preliminary Race #1 360 SPRINTS
OCT 2 FRI PACIFIC SPRINTS FALL NATIONALS Preliminary Race #2 360 SPRINTS
OCT 3 SAT 18th Annual PACIFIC SPRINTS FALL NATIONALS 360

Shasta Raceway Park—2009 Schedule

May 1 Spring Open - Super Late Models, Modifieds, Pro 4 Mods, Mini-Stocks
May 2 Spring Open - Super Late Models, Modifieds, Pro 4 Mods, Mini-Stocks
May 9 Late Models, Bombers, Hornets, Hornet/Officials, Boat Race
May 16 2nd Annual Craig Brown Memorial - Modifieds 50-Lapper, Late Models, Mini-Stocks, Legends
May 21 2nd. Annual California Vintage Nationals - Test & Tune
May 22 2nd. Annual California Vintage Nationals - Sprints, Midgets, Roadsters, Hardtops
May 23 2nd. Annual California Vintage Nationals - Sprints, Midgets, Roadsters, Hardtops
May 30 Late Models, Modifieds, Mini-Stocks, Bombers, Hornets
June 6 Airport Auto Brokers Late Models, Modifieds, Mini-Stocks, Hornets
June 17 FAIR – Special Fair Night Race (tentative)
June 20 FAIR – Special Fair Night Race (tentative)
June 21 Demolition Derby & 4 Cylinder Derby
July 3 Anderson Explodes Fireworks – BCRA & USAC Midgets, Modifieds, Hornets, Street Stock Spectacular
July 18 Modifieds, Pro 4 Mods, Thunder Roadsters, Mini-Stocks, Bombers
August 1 Late Models, Modifieds, Bombers, Hornets, Boat Race
August 15 2nd. Annual Randy Lidell Memorial Late Models, Modifieds, Mini-Stocks, Bombers, Hornets
August 29 Late Models, Modifieds, Pro 4 Mods, Legends, Hornets
*** Sept. 12 Pop Porter Memorial - BCRA & USAC Midgets, BCRA Vintage Midgets, Legends of the Pacific (INEX Regional Qualifier), Mini-Stocks—NCARA Hall of Fame BBQ**
Sept. 19 Western Pro 4 Shootout (Late Models), Pro 4 Mods, Street Stock Spectacular, Hornets
Sept. 26 Championship Night – Late Models, Modifieds, Mini-Stocks, Bombers, Hornets
Oct. 2 SRP Fall Open Show Weekend – Test & Tune
Oct. 3, 4 SRP Fall Open Show Weekend – Super Late Models, Modifieds, Mini-Stocks, Bombers
Oct. 16 Test & Tune
Oct. 17 MMRA Baby Grand & Mini Cup Nationals, Capital City Midgets, Thunder Roadsters

Schedule Subject to Change Without Notice - Please contact us directly for current information and updates.



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NCARA Events for 2009

Hall of Fame Presentation — Shasta Raceway Park
BBQ Pop Porter Race Sept. 12 2009 .

Hall of Fame Presentation - Silver Dollar Speedway
Date July 25 2009

More to come...

NEW T-Shirts available. Watch for them at our events and will be available online soon!!! Beautiful design by Randy Frank of - Frank-n-Signs Shirts Designs.

As always check our website often for updated news and information. www.ncara.org

Members Corner

Welcome to our new members !

Bill Schmitt
George Hauge
Babe Holtsman
Dean Slinkard

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Doug Bauer—Board Member



Committees

Hall of Fame—Art Spaulding
Membership Chairman—Bob Carrel

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Our Mission Statement

The specific purpose for which the corporation is to be organized is to preserve the history and future of circle track automobile racing on dirt and pavement raceways principally in the Anderson and Chico California areas through recognizing the race car drivers, teams, owners, officials and fans that have been and will be associated with the sport in years to come. The mission of the NCARA is to protect and preserve the history of the sport, capturing its future, to promote and educate the general public of the sport and its significance in Northern California. This will be achieved through the formation of a Hall of Fame, alumni appreciation and socialization, awards recognition, creation of a museum to educate the public and the induction of future racing Hall of Fame candidates.

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