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at: **Latimore Valley Fairgrounds and
 Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**

AUGUST 27-29 2021



NEVIN MILLER MEMORIAL



Memorial for Nevin Miller



Mario Andretti in 1969

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 Marshall**

MARIO ANDRETTI

MARIO'S ATTENDANCE IS TENTATIVE

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NEVIN MILLER

MEMORIAL

You may remember Nevin and his wrecker at EMMR. Nevin had a penchant for restoring cars which made him a valuable member of the Williams Grove Old Timers and Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. In total, Nevin, along with family and friends, restored a total of 21 vehicles. Nevin's passion for restoring cars was passed along to his son Stoney, who is a past board member of EMMR.

Sadly, Nevin Miller passed away at the age of 82 in 2018.

Stoney Miller, son of Nevin Miller, shared these thoughts about his father:

Dad never really went to the races, the closest he got to race cars when he was young was working at the Esso gas station at Routes 11 and 15 in Camp Hill when racers would stop in to get gas.

Dad first got interested in the Williams Grove Old Timers when we went to the 2nd Open House in 1984. He took his 1946 Dodge tow truck and I drove my 1951 GMC panel. After attending that Open House, we had a old 1947 Ford Tudor in the backyard and decided to fix it up as a old Stock Car and that's where the '47 came from. We got it done in time for the 1984 Convention.

Dad would bring his 1946 Dodge Tow Truck to all the events at Latimore and the Grove. He even made a push bumper for his one 1949 Ford pickup. At one of the Conventions at the Grove, a Midget got sideways in front of his Tow Truck while pushing and Dad ran up over the rear tire of the midget and bent the running board on his 1949 Ford. After that he decided to make a truck just for pushing.

Around that time, Locust Point Quarries was closing and they were selling off their old trucks. They had a bunch of old Fords in their fleet and we bought quite a few but one specific one was a red 1949 Ford pickup that they used in the quarry.

Dad started to fix it up and found it had a cracked frame. Well anyone who knows my dad knows that he wouldn't have a cracked frame so he put another frame under the truck and mind you he was just building this truck to push.

In 1992 Dad retired from the Camp Hill School District, so he had some spare time. EMMR was having trouble getting the grass cut up at Latimore so dad decided to help with the mowing. One weekend we went to Port Royal for a public sale and he bought a 1939 Allis Chalmers B Tractor to cut grass. He went to Petermans and ordered a woods belly mower for it and he started cutting grass until it started getting too hard on him and he had to stop. Him and Bill Gable spent a lot of time up there cutting grass.

During that time there was wood flooring on the bridge that crosses Latimore Creek near the track, and Dad told Lynn that they needed to do something different. Dad helped with the original building of the bridge and helping setting the I beams across the creek. So in place of the old wooden planks we bought steel decking and spent the next couple of weekends putting steel decking on the bridge.

One of Lynns winter projects was building the theater in the museum and he asked Dad if he would be interested in building and dad said yes. So we spent quite a lot of nights up there building it and anyone who knows Dad knows he doesn't use power tools unless he has to—he used mostly hand tools to build it.

Dad didn't like the looks of me hauling the stock car on a trailer, so he decided to build a car hauler to haul it on and we had a old 1947 Dodge truck. We rebuilt the motor and got the truck up and running and dad built the bed to the car hauler. He said "that looks better."

He loved coming up to Latimore Valley—he really looked forward to it. He enjoyed watching the cars run and to just sit around and talk about the cars with the people. I know he's watching down on us and his grand kids running the cars and smiling from ear-to-ear. **Cars were his life.**



Nevin Miller

2021 EMMR/WGOT CONVENTION



Meet race car drivers from the past and hear their stories of racing during the last 60 years! View antique and vintage race cars then hear the engines roar to life for laps on the historic dirt track!

FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 2021:

10a-4p **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR) open** to the public.
(Museum will stay open until 6pm if Williams Grove rains out).

5 pm- **Race cars need to be at Williams Grove Speedway by 5:00 pm for EMMR Track Time.**
Questions? Contact Beth Wishard at 717-253-3467.

SATURDAY AUGUST 28, 2021:

9a-10a **Coffee & Donuts** in the Infield.

10a-4p **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR) open** to the public.

10a **Race Car Registration.**

10a-3p **Car Cruise-In** for all cars and motorcycles at EMMR. See ad below left.
(Rain date: Sunday, August 29).

12:00p **Inliners International** at pavilion below EMMR. Steve 215-459-7741

12:45p **Drivers Meeting** at the flagstand.

1p-4p **Vintage Race Car Track Time Exhibition** at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds.

SUNDAY AUGUST 29, 2021:

8a-4p **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR) open** to the public.

9a-11a **Coffee & Donuts** in the Infield of Latimore Valley Racetrack.

10a **WGOT/EMMR Annual Membership Meeting** at infield pavilion. All welcome, please attend.

11a **2021 Grand Marshall: MARIO ANDRETTI's Contribution to Racing**, followed by a **Tribute to NEVIN MILLER.**

12:45p **Drivers' Meeting** at flagstand.

1p-4p **Vintage Race Car Track Time** at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds Race-track. Don't miss this!



Grand Marshall



MARIO ANDRETTI

MARIO'S ATTENDANCE IS TENTATIVE

Mario Andretti's résumé includes many accomplishments across various forms of auto racing. Andretti is one of only two drivers to have won races in Formula One, IndyCar, World Sportscar Championship and NASCAR. Mario is the only driver ever to win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and the Formula One World Championship.

Mario and his twin brother Aldo were born in Italy in 1940. The Andretti family left their hometown in 1948 and eventually emigrated to the United States in 1955. The Andrettis settled in Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

Mario and Aldo took turns racing an old Hudson on dirt in and around Nazareth. The pair each had two wins in their first four races.

Mario started racing a midget in 1961 and in 1963 he ran over 100 events. After an attempt at racing with URC did not lead to a full-time ride, Andretti moved on to USAC in 1964. Mario made his Champ Car debut on April 19, 1964 at the New Jersey State Fairgrounds (Trenton).

After a recommendation by Chris Economaki, Andretti teamed up with mechanic Clint Brawner. Andretti and Brawner stayed together for six years, winning Andretti's first Champ Car race in 1965 and finishing third in the 1965 Indianapolis 500.

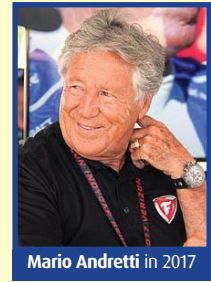
1969 was a good year for Andretti—Mario won nine races including the Indianapolis 500 and the season championship. He was named the ABC's Wide World of Sports "Athlete of the Year."

In 1975 Andretti ran his first full season in Formula One. Mario won his first Grand Prix in 1971 while he was still competing in USAC. Andretti won the championship in 1978 with six wins in the series. After his championship year, Andretti struggled to find success in Formula One and made a return to IndyCar (CART) in 1982.

1989 saw Mario's son, Michael join the Newman/Haas team and together they became the first father/son team to compete in both IMSA GT and Champ Car racing.

With his many accomplishments across racing, the accolades he has received are just as impressive. Mario was inducted into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame in 1986. He was named by the Associated Press and RACER magazine as the Driver of the Century in 2000. He is the only driver to be Driver of the Year in three decades earning the title in 1967, 1978 and 1984. Mario was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2001 and the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in 1996. Induction into the Motorsports Hall of Fame came in 1990.

Since his retirement from full-time racing Mario keeps busy with speaking engagements and the role of spokesman for Texaco/Havoline, Firestone and Magnaflow. He owns a Toyota dealership, car washes, go-kart track and is involved in many other ventures.



Mario Andretti in 2017

Elections for EMMR Board of Directors to be held During Convention

The following EMMR Board of Directors members are up for re-election: **Nancy Miller, John Marks, Steve Bubba, Robert B. Shultz, Judy Freels**

Additional nominations can be sent to: EMMR attn.

Nancy Miller, 100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs PA 17372. You must be an EMMR member to preside on the EMMR board. Nominations must be received by Aug. 22th.

Voting will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting Sunday Aug. 29th, 10 A.M. at the infield pavilion.

—Nancy Miller, President of EMMR
HipGrandma@aol.com



Cruise-In

at the **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**
Saturday, August 28, 2021 10 am - 3 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, Aug. 29



All Vehicles and Makes Welcome

Best of Show Cash Awards

Car \$100 – Truck \$100 – Street Rod \$100

Door Prizes
Food & Music

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50/50 Drawing
Raffle



20 Additional Sponsor Awards

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Dash plaques & Goody Bags to the first 100 participants

Please collect and bring your soda tabs for Ronald McDonald's House

GRAND DOOR PRIZE drawing for Pre-Registered Vehicles

(Must be present to win) **valued over \$100.00**

Track Time with the vintage race cars Sat. & Sun. 1-3 pm

Location: EMMR, 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372

Phone: Carol Weaver (717)465-2191 Email: eaglespoint97@yahoo.com

(Pre-Registration Form - Please clip, complete and enclose check by Aug. 21st)

Pre-Registration Donation Fee \$8.00 (No Refunds - Tax deductible)

Checks Payable to: "EMMR" - Mail to: Barbara Paxton, 285 Willow Glen Rd, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vehicle: _____ Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Drag Racing Exhibit News



Hello Drag Race Fans!

We held the Drag Racer's Reunion on Saturday July 10, 2021, and what a fantastic show it was.

We had a lot of different kinds of Nostalgic Dragsters, Altered, and Gassers there—as well as many Hot Rods, Customs, and Muscle Cars in the Car Show. All the registered cars received a souvenir event shop rag.

There were three new entries in the Lyndwood Reunion category: Rich Venza from Georgia brought his newly refurbished Ford Flathead-powered Red Head Racing Entry.

Mike Carbone from New Jersey brought the NHR Speed Shop Blown Chevy-powered Lyndwood which is a survivor from 50 years ago!

It was great to see the Austin Bantam-bodied Lyndwood car that belonged to Dave Crane. Dave passed away a few years ago and his best friend Rich Martin finished restoring the car. The car is magnificently flawless and is displayed at the Speedway Motors Museum in Nebraska. Bill Kline was also on hand with his Hemi-powered Nitro-burning Rail.

We had some great surprises during the show: Ken Fenical from Posies Rods & Customs in Hummelstown, Pa. stopped in with his slick 1949 Olds. Frankie Burke interviewed Ken who talked about his shop and the projects he is working on. We were sure glad to have him come to the show.

We were honored with the presence of Bob Frey who is a retired 40-year NHRA TV Event Announcer. Bob inter-



Jeff Golden
Drag Racing Coordinator



Mike Carbone brought his absolute "time capsule" Blown Chevy Altered Lyndwood that hasn't seen the light of day in over 50 years!

viewed me (Jeff Golden) outside in the afternoon. You can only imagine what a thrill that was for me. Thanks to Bob for coming to the show.

Ken Bigham had his 1963 Chevy II Prototype on display. It was built in GM's Corvette factory to go SCCA Road Racing. When GM pulled the plug on the project, Bill Thomas got the cars, installed the fiberglass fast-back roof on the cars, and converted them for drag racing. There are only three of these cars known to exist.

We had a really nice selection of competition drag cars lined up in the grass in front of the museum. The English Brothers brought their Super Jag Dragster. Mike and Ralph Geroni had their Fuel-altered Fiat on display. Hahn & Turner brought both their Blue Mountain Express Dragsters. Doug Wood had his Tiki dragster and Gunther Machine had their Ford-powered dragster in the line-up and next to them was Dale Broderick's Red Metalflake Blown Altered. Brian Beattie had the Top Fuel "Great Expectations" dragster there. On the end of the row was the Otis Automotive Fiat Altered from Akron, Ohio. Our emcee Frankie Burke interviewed the owners of the cars as we fired them up one-at-a-time. Over on the parking lot,

Rick and Terri Osburn also fired up the 38 Special Gasser truck for the crowd. Beside them were more full-bodied drag cars.

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Frankie Burke interviews Ken Fenical

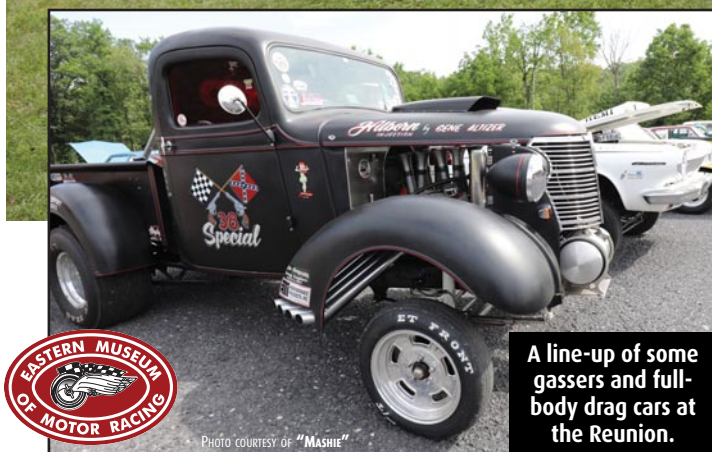
Dragstrip Thunder engine start-ups were a crowd favorite.



Bob Frey interviews volunteer Jeff Golden, Drag Racing Coordinator for EMMR and the Drag Racing Reunion.



ABOVE: The drag cars lined up preparing to fire up for "Dragstrip Thunder."
BELOW: the 38 Special also participated in "Dragstrip Thunder."



A line-up of some gassers and full-body drag cars at the Reunion.



Bill Thomas originally prepared this 1963 Chevy II for drag racing, the car is now owned by Ken Bigham.



Brian Beattie gets ready to fire up the engine "Great Expectations."

Drag Racing Exhibit News *continued from page 4*

The annual Stan and Norma Shoppel Memorial Award was presented to Sam Ruppert who is active with EMMR events and drives some of E.J. Kowalski's vintage race cars, plus he is an avid race fan. It's great to see someone young involved in the drag racing sport.

I want to thank the Hooligans Car Club for helping with the Cruise-In. They did a great job of parking the show cars.

I also want to thank Sandy Robinson for her York US-30 display table, and Bill Lewis for the drag racing die-cast model display, plus Pete Trumbaur for his vintage Flathead Ford Speed equipment display.

I hope everyone had a chance to look and enjoy all these exhibits. Dan Medice had a booth with valve cover spacers for sale and made a nice donation to EMMR.

I want to thank all the EMMR volunteers that came and helped to make the show a success.

Sunday July 11 at South Mountain Raceway

South Mountain Raceway near Boiling Springs, Pa. was the site for the second day of the Drag Racers Reunion. In the morning the weather was not cooperating, but eventually we were able to get busy racing. There were even more cars participating than at the Saturday event. Also, MANDRA (Mid-Atlantic Nostalgic Drag Racing Association) ran a scheduled race of 26 cars that day.

EMMR set up a booth to promote the museum. Thank you to George Diehl who brought his number 77 Ford

Dirt Track car to display at the EMMR booth. Thanks to Mountain Mike Natoli, owner of South Mountain Raceway, for his continued support of the museum.

We hope to see everyone next near. Watch for the details in upcoming newsletters, website, and on Facebook.

—Jeff Golden, Drag Racing Coord., 717-873-5091



Early Chevy II 327 cubic inch, "Novacaine" gasser



Austin Bantam-bodied Lyndwood from Speedway Motors' Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska

More
Reunion
Photos



Doug Wood's "Freaky Tiki" featured a funny image of a Tiki mask.



Rich Venza's Redhead Racing 1959 Lyndwood Flathead-powered Rail



The Stan and Norma Shoppe Memorial Award was presented to Sam Ruppert (CENTER) in recognition of all his tireless behind-the-scenes volunteer work for the Museum and Nostalgia Racing. The plaque was presented by Rick and Terri Osburn.



"Rolling Dice" #11 is a Fairground-style model A Roadster driven by Sam Ruppert, owned by EJ Kowalski.



427-powered Thunderbolt-style 1964 Ford Fairlane

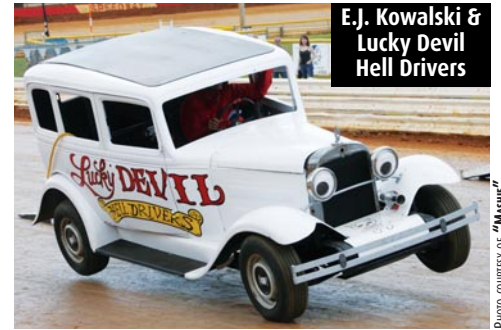


Brian Wallace's modified production Corvette, "Frustration III"



Jalopy Showdown

May 15, 2021 at Lincoln Speedway, Abbottstown, Penna.



E.J. Kowalski & Lucky Devil Hell Drivers

Lincoln Speedway again hosted the Jalopy Showdown for 2021. The weather enabled track time for the vintage car drivers, while a swap meet and viewing all the jalopies completed the once-a-year event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"



Waiting Again



Promoter Larry Garland and E.J. Kowalski



PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"





10th Annual JIMMY ETTER SWAP MEET & FLEA MARKET

Saturday OCTOBER 2 & Sunday OCTOBER 3 **2021**

In the parking lot and lawn of Eastern Museum of Motor Racing.
100 Baltimore Rd, York Springs, PA

Spots are available for \$25.

Questions?

John Marks 717-645-0440 JTM64@comcast.net

Junior Kelly 717-630-0776 JalopyJunior@comcast.net



The Stan Lobitz Movie Party & EMMR Auction



To Be Held at EMMR

100 Baltimore Rd. York Springs, Pa.



Sunday – November 7, 2021 from 9am till?

It's time for the 38th annual gathering of racing enthusiasts of every age to meet, greet, bench race, view movies and videos, enjoy good food, and have a great day.

Swap Meet 9:00 am (limited space)

Auction at Noon

Movies 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Roundtable/Tribute to 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Stan Lobitz**

Take part in this year's racing round table.

30 special items are in the silent auction plus you will find several tables of memorabilia to be sold

Proceeds will benefit:

The Eastern Museum of Motor Racing

Food available all day to purchase.

Vendor contact: Mike Winslow 717-385-9615 mtwinslow@comcast.net

Set-up time is 8 to 9 am for flea market/swap meet vendors.
\$10 donation per table

**Who will get the
GOOD GUY / STAN LOBITZ award?**

For more information Call Lynn at 717-321-3484



EMMR volunteers at a Car Show on May 28



EMMR Members Display their Race Cars

On May 28, 2021, Mike Dunn invited EMMR to the Church of the Open Door Car Show. Members exhibited six race cars at this event east of York, Pa.

- EJ Kowalski's Model T Vintage Racer, **fired-up.**
- Hahn & Turners Top Fuel, **fired-up** by Hahn's grandson, Tyler.
- Rick and Terry Osburn's 38-special Truck, **fired-up**
- George Diehl's #77 modified, **fired-up**
- Irvin Diehl's #2 modified, **fired-up**
- Ken Bigham's King Rat Funny Car

PHOTOS COURTESY OF EJ KOWALSKI

Latimore Valley Fair a Success

The Latimore Valley Fair was held on June 25-27, 2021. This yearly event is held to bring the local community, the tractor community, and the racing community together to fellowship and raise funds for EMMR. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were unable to have the fair in 2020, so we were so pleased to see the outpouring of support in 2021.

We enjoyed the tractor pulls and antique tractor displays at the entrance of the fair and several parades with unique and restored tractors.

We had crafters and flea markets throughout the 60 acres of the fairground offering a plethora of items for sale. There was so much talent and variety of items to choose. In the evenings we had bands such as Cheap Sneakers with their 1970's rock and Borderline featuring their country sounds.

Featuring free admission and free parking, the Fair offers something for everyone, young and old. The children enjoyed playing games for prizes while the adults listened to music, had raffles, and played games too. Weather

at the Latimore Fairgrounds was warm and beautiful which made the variety of food and ice-cream extra special.

The track at the fairgrounds rumbled as the antique race cars took laps once again and drivers and fans got to enjoy seeing the cars come to life on the track. Brad Doty, a former race car driver, appeared at the museum and gave an interview to the Beer Hill Gang TV, then gave autographs and signed his book for his fans.

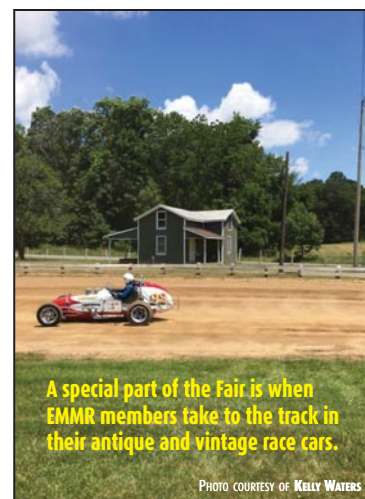
All of this and more wrapped up in a lovely 3-day event that brought so many people together in support of the museum.

Our volunteers worked for weeks to make this event possible and we could not have done this without their

hard work and dedication to the museum. We thank those of you that came out to the fair as a spectator, vendor or volunteer, we need you all and look forward to next year.

Please plan to attend next year if you are able, and we are always looking for volunteers to help.

—Kelly Waters, Fair Chairperson



A special part of the Fair is when EMMR members take to the track in their antique and vintage race cars.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY WATERS

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ABOVE: The launch pad for the Rocket Ride.

BELOW: Great fun in daylight, the Rocket Ride is a fabulous time in darkness with glow sticks.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARB PAXTON



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY WATERS

ABOVE: A variety of food trucks fed the hungry. BELOW: The Tractor Pull area was upgraded by volunteers, and many fans approved.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARB PAXTON



PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLY WATERS

Over 100 years old, the steam-powered tractors are a crowd favorite in the tractor parades.

USAC Roundtable held May 16 at EMMR

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CAPTIONS COURTESY OF SILVIA RADESKY

LEFT: USAC 360ci driver Joey Amantea. CENTER: USAC 360 ci Sprint Car owner Kurt Michael. RIGHT: Master of Ceremonies Bryan Householder.



LEFT: Nash Ely. RIGHT: USAC driver Joey Amantea.

LEFT: Silver Crown USAC owner Sean Michael. RIGHT: USAC 360ci Driver Briggs Donner.





Library Feature

at Eastern Museum of Motor Racing

by Steve Bubb, Librarian and Historian

DONATIONS – they are what makes EMMR grow. Lately, EMMR has received some great donations, in fact, all donations are great. Several donations have increased the strength of the museum library and research area.

On Friday, July 16, the Library was very hectic. I spent the entire day working on collections and having them inventoried and brought into the library and our collection. By the day's end, our racing program collection had grown by nine more boxes.

The library program collection grew thanks to a donation by Lincoln Speedway's great announcer **Wayne Harper**. Harper donated boxes of **Lincoln Speedway** programs. Thanks to Wayne, we now have a complete set of Lincoln Speedway programs from 1994 through 2019. Our program collection also grew recently due to the generous donation from **Terry Lynch**. Last year Lynch made an interesting donation of **programs and photograph albums**. The programs were all overseas issues. From **England to Russia, to Australia**, EMMR gained an amazing collection of foreign racing programs.

Lynch recently returned to EMMR and brought more boxes of racing programs. Once again this collection is all **overseas** racing programs from **road racing to drag racing and motorcycle events**. I will say, Terry Lynch's donations do provide some challenges when entering the programs into the inventory. Many of the programs, such as the Russian ones, are all in their language. Trying to interpret the programs to enter the information



Steve Bubb
Librarian and Historian

into inventory is interesting.

A major plus for the museum is receiving the **Russell Dodge** collection. Dodge had a massive collection, much of it on **New Jersey racing**. His collection captured the early years of Modified racing in New Jersey. Through the Dodge collection, EMMR now has photographs, programs, race score sheets, and other artifacts from tracks such as **Vineland, Alcyon, and Atlantic City**.

The Dodge collection has also provided the museum with some interesting objects. There is a **1959 Indy 500 pit helmet signed by almost the entire starting field**. There are **racing jackets and shirts** from the late 1950s and early '60s. The collection includes **posters, books, and track memorabilia**. I do want to send a big word of thanks to **Lynn Scheaffer** and **Ed Gross** for making the trips to bring the collection to the museum.

Noted racing historian **Herb Anastor** added to our collection with boxes of **objects and materials**. I am still sorting through Anastor's donation. An interesting note: In the **Russell Dodge** donation there were two **Vineland drag racing officials' shirts** that were worn by **Herb Anastor**.

Frank Buhrman has made some generous donations, many are **race team press kits and media guides**. He has increased our **racing newspaper** inventory with donations of boxes of more obscure racing papers. Buhrman has also driven to Richmond, Virginia to bring back the **Linder-Thulin collection**. This is a great collection of **racing books and programs** that has been added to the library.

The **Yoder family** donated the objects and photographs from noted racing photographer **Bill Yoder**. With this donation, we have a new display case at the top of the steps. The case displays the racing life of Bill Yoder. Yoder was an **Indy Car photographer** and also a former **Hatfield Speedway promoter**.

We received many donations that help EMMR grow and we thank everyone. Now I have to figure out how I will squeeze the new objects into the library.

—Steve Bubb, Librarian and Historian, SFBubb754@msn.com



Event Location:
Eastern Museum of Motor Racing
100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, Penna.
0.5 miles east of Route 15, 14 miles south of Pa. Turnpike

From Midgets to Indy

September 11, 2021

12:00 pm	1:00–3:00 pm	3:00–4:00 pm
Start Engines	Roundtable by Dave Hair Featuring: <i>Herb Anastor</i> – Author of <i>From Midgets to Indy</i> <i>Jim Whitman</i> – Midget driver before cages <i>Mares Stellfox</i> – Women in racing <i>Shannon Mausteller</i> – ARDC president	Ken Brenn Clubs in Racing Interview of drivers

For more information:

Ron Lauer 410-746-0431 or Ken Brenn 732-469-1701

The Indycar Corner



Jerry Hair
IndyCar Corner Columnist

A Most Unusual Event – 1981 Van Scoy Diamond Mines 500

I attended my first Indy car event in 1967 at the old Langhorne Speedway and since that time I have been fortunate to attend upwards of 130 Indy car events at multiple venues and of multiple disciplines – short tracks, super speedways, natural terrain road courses as well as street circuits. I have been witness to some incredible moments and thrilling events, but there is one event that I will always remember. I remember not because it was a great race, because it wasn't, but because of the unusual circumstances leading up to the event and the odd mixture of the race cars participating.

Politics and conflict in Indy car racing didn't begin with the launch of the IRL. In fact, politics and conflict between the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, drivers, car owners, promoters and various sanctioning bodies have existed for decades. By the late 1970s Indy car racing had stagnated, and the car owners were becoming increasingly dissatisfied. Car owners were investing significant dollars in their teams and didn't feel they were getting a return on that investment. The car owners also were not happy with the arbitrary and inconsistent way in which the sanctioning body (United States Auto Club or USAC) developed and applied the rules and operated the races. Much has been written about this time-period (John Oreovicz just published an excellent book on this subject called *Indy Split*) so I will not cover the details here, however the ongoing disagreement prompted the car owners to break away from USAC for the 1979 season and form their own series under the banner Championship Auto Racing Teams or CART. The newly formed CART series included almost all the top drivers including AJ Foyt, although AJ later changed his mind and remained loyal to the USAC series. The inaugural CART schedule consisted of 10 races and included the Indianapolis 500 although that race continued to operate under the management and governance of USAC. In parallel USAC held their own 7 race series which included the Indy 500 along with races at Pocono, Ontario, Texas, and Milwaukee—2 races each at Milwaukee and Texas.

Things calmed down a bit in 1980 where there would now be a common schedule (although the Indy 500 continued to be sanctioned as a USAC event), however by 1981 tensions were high and USAC announced that in 1981 they would operate a new 6 race series consisting of 3 paved ovals and three dirt tracks to be known as the Gold Crown Championship. Remember in 1971 USAC created a separate championship series for the dirt style cars so creating a combined series of paved and dirt tracks only further widened the rift between USAC and CART. Oddly the new six race series would begin with the 1981 Indy 500 but also included the 1982 Indy 500. In addition, dirt track races at Springfield, DuQuoin, and the Indianapolis Fairgrounds were included, along with the Pocono 500 which was scheduled for June 21, 1981.

All the CART teams participated in the 1981 Indy 500 but with a few exceptions, most notably Tom Sneva and newcomer Geoff Brabham, they chose not to participate at Pocono. Only 21 traditional rear-engine cars were entered at Pocono so USAC and the promoter decided to open the event up to the front engine dirt cars in attempt to complete the traditional 33-car starting lineup.

When I awoke on race morning the weather looked threatening, but my dad and I decided to take the chance and make the two-hour drive north to Pocono. I don't recall reading much about the race leading up to the event, nor do I remember if I was aware that the old dirt cars were to participate, but I do vividly recall just how odd it looked to have these cars assembled together on the front straight for the start. In the end only 8 dirt cars participated including drivers; Mark Alderson, Jack Hewitt, Bill Tyler, Jeff Bloom, Larry Rice, and Duke Cook, along with two of my local heroes Paul Pizer and Smoky Snellbaker—who was the fastest qualifier among the dirt cars. Not only did it appear visually odd to see the mix of dirt and non-dirt cars, for safety reasons the dirt car drivers would have to exit their cars during refueling which resulted in pit-stops in the 2-3 minute range versus 20 seconds for the typical Indy car. The incredibly long pit-stops and the nearly 40 MPH difference in speed between the two types of cars could have created havoc but in the end the dirt cars kept to the track apron leaving the racing groove to the rear-engine machines, and everyone made it home safely.

Only 29 cars started the event and Tom Sneva initially took the lead from his second starting position but would yield the lead to AJ Foyt on lap fourteen. Except for single laps led by Vern Schuppan and Geoff Brabham during leader pit stops, AJ and Tom continued to swap the lead until lap 70 when Sneva was

forced out with gearbox troubles. Given the lack of competition the race wasn't bad up till that point, but after Sneva's departure AJ led most of the remaining laps until heavy rain arrived and the race was stopped after only 122 of the scheduled 200 laps. AJ was declared the winner which would be his fourth at Pocono tying his four wins at the Indianapolis 500, but this would be AJ's last Indy car win. Geoff Brabham, a CART crossover, finished second and USAC regular Tom Bigelow finished third. These were the only other cars still running on the lead lap. Fourth place finisher George Snider was a lap down but combined with his win at Springfield and his third place at



The 1981 Van Scoy Diamond Mines 500

DuQuoin was crowned the 1981–82 USAC Champion. Only four dirt cars were still running at the finish including 11th place Mark Alderson—highest among the dirt cars although 18 laps down, and my local hero Smoky Snellbaker who finished 13th.

Some saw this race as a nostalgic trip back in time, but in reality, it exposed dirt cars for what they were, beloved, but ill-equipped to handle modern high-speed racing on super speedways. On a positive note the dirt car drivers received what would be among their largest paydays, many of them receiving more money for their finish than what most local dirt tracks paid to win. Pocono saw the writing on the wall and switched back to CART for 1982 but the damage was done. The lack of participation by the most popular drivers resulted in a disappointing crowd of only 25,000 and Pocono would never again host an Indy car event before sell-out crowds. While I would venture back to Pocono for future Indy car events, I'll never forget this one.

What's your most vivid memory from this event or is there a favorite memory from another Indy car event you would like to share? I would love to hear from you.

—Jerry Hair JLHair@comcast.net



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All Membership Applications and Renewals are to be mailed to: EMMR Membership, PO Box 688, Mechanicsburg PA 17055-0688. Or you can go onto www.emmr.org and click on Membership, fill out the form and submit with payment.

We are now taking memberships for 2022. The expiration date is listed on the bottom on your membership card for Annual Memberships. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year, so please just double check your membership cards expiration date to make sure you are up to date because we would hate to lose you as a member. We do not send out reminder cards expect for



Kim Kaltreider
Membership
Coordinator for EMMR

those that are 2 years past.

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Just a reminder to those who mail their membership in – it might take up to 3 to 4 weeks for the turn around to get your membership card back in the mail. I must wait to receive them from who picks up the mail and then I try to mail them out within the next 2 days. And please put a note inside stating that you are renewing along with your check so that way I know for sure since I only receive the envelope with the membership forms inside only.

Also, if you know of a Member that has passed away, please contact someone at the museum or me so that way we can make sure that we pass the information on and to recognize them at our annual convention.

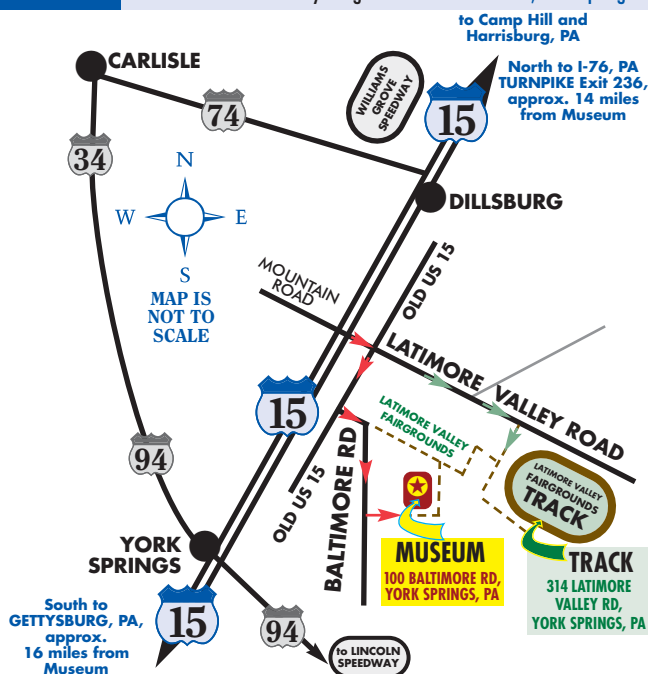
Help: If there is a member out there that would be interested in taking over the membership, please leave a message either at the email above or a message at the museum. I think it is time for someone new to step in and take over. I am willing to show them what they need to do. I would be very grateful because I wish to be able to spend more time with my family now that my granddaughter is getting older and want to do more with my hubby since he retired.

—Kim Kaltreider teddy4@comcast.net

Where the heck is EMMR?

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First I want to thank you for all the prayers during my recent surgery and yes, I am fine. We are grateful for the great weather for our Latimore Valley Fair and to Kelly Waters and ALL volunteers that made it a huge success—we couldn't have done it without you.

The Drag Racers Reunion was a great success thanks to Jeff Golden, all the participants, and to Mike Natoli of South Mountain Raceway for hosting EMMR on Sunday and to EJ Kowalski for his hard work with the EMMR vintage roadsters.

It was a great weekend for all. Our vintage cars were rained out at Hagerstown and Port Royal. Don't forget our 47th convention Aug. 27–29. We will honor Nevin Miller and Mario Andretti will be Grand Marshall (if his schedule allows).

If you have heard the name Stan Lobitz, you won't want to miss his auction Oct. 3 at the track. If you need some vintages you may want to attend this auction!

In closing I again want to thank ALL the volunteers for making this summer a great one both at events and the museum. So the older I get, the more I realize I just need the simple things in life: a comfy home, food on the table and surrounded by the people I love.

— Nancy Miller hipgrandma@aol.com



Nancy Miller
President, EMMR

Special Shout-Out to these Randomly Selected **EMMR Members**

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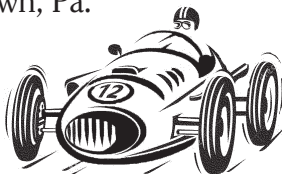
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—Nancy Miller, EMMR President

"Got Gas?" Roundtable Discussion on June 20



The Author Jimmy Rosen speaks at EMMR's Roundtable on June 20, 2021. Jimmy also did book signing of his new book "Got Gas?"

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The June 20th monthly "roundtable discussion" at EMMR was on a new book by Author Jimmy Rosen: **Got Gas?** This "fresh-to-market" hard-cover photographic history of service stations, gas pumps, equipment, and the Central Pennsylvania service station attendants and their families. As Lynn Paxton paged through the beginning of this unique book of history—he remembered some of the locations. Some of the images have gas pumps "right on the sidewalk" of a store and service stations were NOT yet a business. The awesome lady in the above photo is Jimmy's wife Betsy who assisted this project. It required many talents since this book was prepared for publication during the pandemic. Copies of this book are NOW available at the EMMR's Book Store already autographed for you or a friend. A very nice crowd was in attendance.



Jimmy's wife Betsy Rosen discusses the journey through all the images and negatives to arrange this awesome picture book of the local Central Pennsylvania area.



Jimmy Rosen shows a "credit card receipt" that was part of the transaction of a filling station years ago!! You may notice the "knuckle buster" credit card machine as we have all experienced at some time.

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- Aug. 15** BLOOMSBURG SPEEDWAY, EMMR Track Time & Display. Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Aug. 15** 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: TV crew that worked the local tracks. Greg Zyla, Wayne Harper, and Lynn Paxton will be the panel.
- Aug. 20-22** 32nd Annual VINTAGE JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET and SHOW at EMMR. Kim Marquis 717-571-5667
- Aug. 27** WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY, Mechanicsburg, PA, EMMR Track Time & Display. Beth Wishard 717-253-3467
- Aug. 27-29** 47th Annual EMMR/WGOT CONVENTION at EMMR & LVFG. Honoring Nevin Miller. Grand Marshall is Mario Andretti. Contact Info: Emily Winslow 717-440-1424 or e.winslow10@gmail.com
- Aug. 28** CAR SHOW during the CONVENTION at EMMR. 10am-3pm, Registration Fee \$10.00 Rain Date is Sunday. Carol Weaver 717-465-2191

FROM *Lynn Paxton* CURATOR

Our summer events at EMMR and the fairgrounds have been going very well. The weather has been cooperating.

On June 12, the Gettysburg AACA Region Car Show had a good turnout.

The 36th Latimore Valley Fair had some new things this year one being the tractor pulls on our new track. A few of our volunteers, they know who they are, worked very hard to get it ready. (Even in the snow!) Thanks to Kelly Waters for taking on the fair this year. She did a great job and had a lot of help from the members.

The Miracle Power Special and the Kenny Weld #91 are back in the museum after two years at the Bill Smith's Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We have received a lot of goodies from Jim Gerber in Davenport, Iowa for display in the museum. We continue to accept all kinds of memorabilia.

Our August 15th Roundtable will be Greg Zyla, Wayne Harper, and Lynn Paxton. This was the TV crew that worked the 50th Anniversary at Williams Grove in 1989.

The 47th Annual EMMR Convention, August 27-29, 2021, will honor Nevin Miller. Nevin was a board member for a long time and a great volunteer. Mario Andretti will be honored as our Grand Marshall.

New this year on Sept. 10-12, will be a special "Midget to Indy" event. On Saturday Sept. 11th, we will have roundtables all day hosted by Dave Hare. For more information check out the flyer in this newsletter.

Don't forget the Jim Etter Swap Meet October 2nd and 3rd. On Sunday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. we will be selling off the balance of Stan Lobitz's 40-year collection of race cars and parts.

Our 38th Stan Lobitz Movie Party and EMMR Auction is on Sunday, November 7th. Our roundtable will be a tribute to Stan. Hope to see you at the museum!!

—Lynn Paxton c 717-321-3484 or h 717-432-5522



Lynn Paxton
Curator

- Sept. 3** WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY, Mechanicsburg, PA. Todd Shaffer Tribute Race and EMMR Display. Beth Wishard 717-253-3467
- Sept. 11** LINCOLN SPEEDWAY, Abbottstown, PA. EMMR Track Time & Display. Beth Wishard 717-253-3467
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- Sept. 26** GLORY DAYS at South Mountain Raceway, Boiling Springs, PA. EMMR Display featuring Vintage and Drag Race Cars. Jeff Golden 717-873-5091
- Oct. 2** EMMR & National Sprint Car Hall of Fame AUCTION at 10am. Auction held at the back pit gate entrance of WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY during National Open. Included will be some of Stan Lopez' race car collection and memorabilia. EMMR/NSCHOF info call Mike Winslow 717-385-9615. Just minutes from Williams Grove, EMMR will be open all day for visitors who are attending the "National Open sanctioned by World of Outlaws Sprint Cars."
- Oct. 2-3** 10th Annual JIMMY ETTER SWAP MEET & FLEA MARKET at EMMR. Spots are available for \$25. All vintage car parts are welcome! Please contact John Marks 717-645-0440 JTM64@comcast.net or Junior Kelly 717-630-0776 jalapujunior@comcast.net for Swap Meet info.
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- Oct. 17** 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: TBD
- Nov. 7** LOBITZ PARTY & EMMR AUCTION at EMMR. 9am-5pm. Movies, Refreshments, Auction and Roundtable. Lynn Paxton 717-432-8188
- Nov. 21** 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: "Champ Cars with Mike Lloyd, Carmen Perigo and Richie Tobias." Emcee: Joe Marsicano.
- Dec. 4-5** HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE at EMMR, 10-4pm. Sat. & Sun.: Auction, Refreshments, etc. Sat. features Drag Racing, topic: Performance Engine Builders; Jeff Golden c:717-873-5091. Sun. Dirt Track day featuring TBD. MUSEUM CLOSES on WEEKENDS for winter of 2021-2022 following the Holiday Open House, but museum is open EVERY FRIDAY weather permitting.



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