



2021 EMMR/WGOT 47th Convention Held August 27-29



A Special Award was presented to the Miller Family for their constant volunteering and support throughout the years to the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. Lynn Paxton informed us that even before the bridge was completed from the recreation area to the Latimore Racetrack, the Miller Family was instrumental in completing the Iron Bridge we all use now! Lynn Paxton presents laminated copies of the EMMR Convention Poster to Matt Miller. Nancy Miller presents a "Special Award" plaque to Stoney Miller. Nevin Miller is the young man standing next to his father Stoney. On the far right is Steve Miller. The EMMR members and guests were all there to HONOR their father Nevin who as Stoney said, "My father LOVED this place." The entire Miller family has been so very helpful volunteering for EMMR and the Fairgrounds throughout many years! Thank you to the Miller Family!

Thanks
Silvia!

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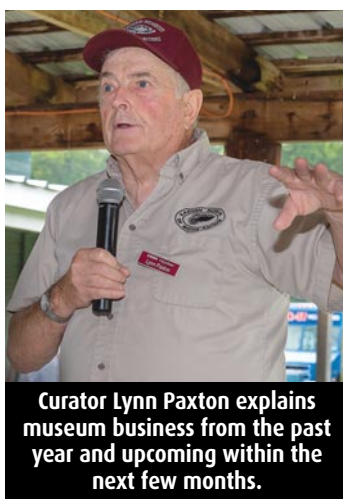
Standing in for the Grand Marshall of the 2021 Eastern Museum of Motor Racing Convention Mario Andretti is Mr. Jimmy Maguire who is a "life long" close friend of Mario. The 1969 Indy 500 Champion Mario Andretti was called away at the last moment; but the 2021 EMMR Convention continued to be an EPIC weekend with car shows, vintage race cars on track, Jimmy Maguire speaking about Mario's Racing Career during the Official Business Meeting about Officers, Future plans for the museum, and a Moment of Silence for the members of the museum that we have lost during the past year. Thank you Jimmy Maguire for making the weekend finalize perfectly with your appearance from New Jersey! President Nancy Miller (left) and Curator of EMMR: Lynn Paxton (right).



Some of the EMMR Members that attended the yearly meeting.



President Nancy Miller discusses museum events and details at the Annual Membership Meeting.



Curator Lynn Paxton explains museum business from the past year and upcoming within the next few months.

The Stan Lobitz Movie Party & EMMR Auction

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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Do NOT miss these 2 upcoming Special Events!

HOLIDAY

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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday December 4 and Sunday Dec. 5, 2021



Secretary Emily Winslow speaks at the Annual Membership Meeting on August 29, 2021 at the Latimore Valley Fairgrounds.

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EMMR Treasurer Allen Kreitzer informs members of the museum's finances on August 29th for the upcoming year.



Leroy Felty Sprint Car at the EMMR Convention, August 2021.

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E.J. Kowalski's Racing Team's line up of race vehicles at the Convention.

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Lynn Paxton assists Jimmy Maguire who was "standing in" for Mario Andretti who was the Grand Marshall for the 2021 EMMR convention; but was called away at the last moment.

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Monument in the infield of track

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More of a somber moment during the Convention—in the morning of Sunday August 29, 2021; Nancy Miller (in white shirt) reads some words of remembrance for Maryanne Bricker who frequently visited the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. Her son Harry "Butch" Bricker (right of Nancy), and Tom Brown, the Pastor for EMMR (left of Nancy), as museum members attend the ceremony to remember Maryanne warmly. EMMR also remembered other members such as Darwin Doll, Stan Lobitz, and the names of ten other members that have passed on. The American flag flies at "half mast" to remember these fine people. This opportunity is open to "all members" of the EMMR Family in the future.



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EMMR Monthly Board Mtgs: all welcome, 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at EMMR.

See page 4 & 5 for pictures of
Car Show during EMMR's Convention.

One of the highlights of EMMR's yearly Convention is "Track Time at Latimore Valley Racetrack" on Saturday and Sunday. It's one of the rare times that EMMR members can drive their race cars on a vintage dirt racetrack.

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The late August Convention also featured Members' Race Cars at Williams Grove Speedway for an EMMR Static Display on Friday. In addition to Track Time, Saturday featured a popular Cruise-In Car

Show for all makes of cars, held on the lovely lawn in front of the EMMR museum. The amazing members of Inliners International demonstrated their metalworking talents on Saturday in the infield.



Who will get the
**GOOD GUY / VIC
YERRARDI** award?

The Stan Lobitz

**MOVIE
PARTY**

& EMMR Auction

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.

To be
held at **EMMR**

100 Baltimore Rd., York Springs, Pa.

Food available all day to purchase.

Proceeds will benefit:
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Swap Meet 9:00 am (limited Space)
Silent Auction 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Movies 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Roundtable/Tribute to
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Bring some
extra
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several tables of memorabilia to be sold.

For Information call Lynn at 717-321-3484

Take part in this year's
Racing Roundtable.

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

Car Cruise successful during EMMR's Convention

The 47th EMMR Convention Car Cruise was a great success! The Saturday August 28, 2021 show brought in over \$6000.00 for EMMR.

We had a beautiful selection of cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, race cars, and even go-carts on the lovely lawn in front of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR). This car cruise is special because the attendees can tour the air-conditioned 30,000 square-foot museum that is just steps away from the show field. The ladies especially like the "civilized toilets" in the museum, unlike many car shows that have the "dreaded porta potties."

In the afternoon members of EMMR have track time at the other end of the 60 wooded and grassy property. A free shuttle is available to get attendees to the 100-year-old dirt track at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds and Racetrack.

Many car show attendees have never been to EMMR, and they are surprised at the size and quality of the museum and the beautiful Fairgrounds and Racetrack. Most of them return with family and friends, and also return to the car show the next year.

Thanks to the businesses and members who help support the event thru monetary donations or items for our goody bags, trophies, and auction.

We would like to especially thank H. M. Kelly Trucking for sponsoring our trophies and dash plaques and Williams Grove Speedway for the donation of food for our event.

The cruise would not have happened without the hard work of all the volunteers who worked the show. You did a great job! Congratulations to all the winners of The Best of Show. See you next August!

—Carol Weaver and Barb Paxton



Best of Show Car: 2015 Challenger, owned by Terry Keefer

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Best of Show Truck: 1987 GMC Caballero, Bob Peters, owner.

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Trophy for Young Ride was awarded to Shane Smith, Levi Smith, and Sammy Powell by Carol Weaver.

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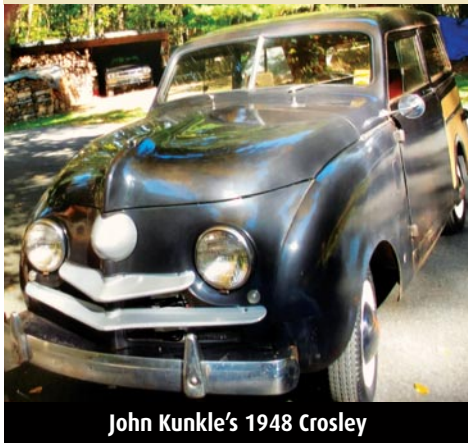
Best of Show Street Rod: 1935 Ford Sedan, Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Kroft

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE KESSINGER

A delightful variety of vehicles came to the Car Cruise!



John Kunkle's 1948 Crosley

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Asher Paxton, Carol Weaver, Linda Funkhouser, and Barb Paxton with the display of Cruise-In trophies sponsored by H.M. Kelly Trucking, Inc.

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Ken Sanders is presented trophy for Best Antique Car: 1929 Ford Model A. Volunteer Barb Paxton gave the trophy to Ken.



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Go Kart display at Convention Cruise-In on August 28, 2021 at EMMR.

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Levi Smith with his Chinese Auction winnings!

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Drag Racing Exhibit News



Hello drag racers and friends!

There is something new in the drag racing section: the **Lyndwood chassis altered Balanced Horsepower Special**. The owner **Biddy Winward** donated the beautifully restored white and red-trimmed car to EMMR. The car is restored to the way it looked on the drag strip in the 1960s.



Jeff Golden
Drag Racing Coordinator

Looking ahead to the **Holiday Open House** in December 2021, Saturday December 4th, drag racing fans will enjoy the featured performance engine builders. On Saturday morning we will have a roundtable honoring the late **Larry Woodward** from **Brandywine Cylinder Heads**. Some of the drag racers that Larry sponsored will share stories about him. In the afternoon we will feature some of the famous **engine builders**, both past and present. Bring some extra cash for the **auction** of race memorabilia around noon. The snack bar will be open, too.

On Sunday December 5th, circle track racing is the feature as the second day of Holiday Open House.

EMMR will have a display at the "Dragfest" Indoor Drag Racing Showcase area during the Motorama Productions Show on January 8 and 9, 2022 at the Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, Pa.

Don't forget about the **Mid-Winter DRAG RACER PARTY** at EMMR on **Saturday February 12, 2022**. We will feature the annual **Valve Cover Racing Winternationals!** Watch Facebook and www.EMMR.org for updates.

Photos and article of the **Glory Days** at South Mountain Raceway on Sept. 26, 2021 will appear in the next issue of this newsletter: March 2022.

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

E.J. Kowalski with his "Lucky Devil Thrill Show" motorcycle during the Drag Racers Reunion, July 10, 2021



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the EMMR
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Midgets to Indy / ARDC Reunion held at EMMR



by Ron Lauer

On behalf of **Ken Brenn**, I would like to thank all those who helped make the **Midgets to Indy / ARDC Reunion** a great event on Saturday September 11, 2021 at the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR).

The **American Racing Drivers Club (ARDC)** is an open-wheel midget car racing sanctioning body that operates primarily in the Mid-Atlantic and New England areas of United States.

To **Lynn Paxton** and all the volunteers who put their time and effort into making **EMMR** one of the premier museums in the country—we thank you for allowing us to use your great location in south-central Pa. for our event.

Thank you to all the **car owners** who brought their **beautifully restored race cars** to be displayed on the grass in front of the museum for all to enjoy.



ALL SHOW PHOTOS COURTESY OF RICK MANDELSON

To **Herb Anastor**, **Mares Stellfox**, **Jim Whitman** and **Leigh Earnshaw**, thanks for the interesting and entertaining interviews by one of the best MCs in the country: **Dave Hare**. Dave is a member of EMMR and a frequent volunteer MC at the museum's events.

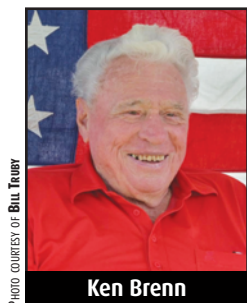
The contents of the book **From Midgets to Indy**—which was given out at the show—was authored by **Herb Anastor** with cover art by **Jim Whitman** and printed by **J.R. Booth**: gentlemen we thank you all.

Gary Mondschein supplied live coverage of the event on the internet and did a great job—we thank you.

And of course to all of the race fans who attended our event, thank you very much for being there, we hope you had a great time.

Please visit the **Back in The Day With ARDC** Facebook page for future announcements about ARDC reunions.

—Ron Lauer OffyRon@yahoo.com



Ken Brenn

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Ken Brenn's Trevis car, also known as "Phyllis," was owned and restored by Dick Briggs.

Lee Eamshaw brought the #51 white car that he found. It was his original car that he had owned in the past.



ARDC Champion Car and one of Ken Brenn's first Offy midgets.



Mario Andretti won three races in one day in this midget.



FROM LEFT: Jim Maguire, Hank Rodger Jr., Lee Eamshaw (all drivers of the car) and son of owner, Butch Kaelin. SECOND ROW: Owner, Lynn Paxton

The “Legends” Race Program: Aug. 26, 2015

By **Don Robinson**, EMMR member
Lincoln Speedway, Abbottstown, PA

They were all there... Just when you think something (or all things, for that matter) has been done before, Fred Rahmer comes up with something new and, to a great extent, something unbelievable—the “Legends” race program at the fabulous Lincoln Speedway.



When the inevitable rumors began, it was just that... unbelievable. Getting former sprint car drivers, some out of the cockpit for more than 30 years, to hop in again and race each other? Yeah, right. *Let me sell you a bridge.* Who would be crazy enough to do it? Well, think about this. These guys are all at least a bit “crazy,” some well on the way. Do they ever get over it? Is that “spark” still there? let’s try this and find out.

A lot of those on social media were saying “Yup-Rahmer?” Only Fred Rahmer could pull this off, but wow, just think: would these guys really race? How would this be done? Where would he get the cars? Two things for sure... a little “crazy” would help, and that “spark” is still there.

Well, let’s face it. Fred Rahmer was turning the Sprint Car world upside down that year. After retiring from racing himself, he has fielded a sometimes 3-car team (Stevie Smith on a part-time money-race basis) he was also very successful along with two sons promoting races at Path Valley Speedway and these have been a huge success.

Now, he leased Lincoln Speedway in Abbottstown, Pa., and came up with a new concept. You could say he had become a breath of “fresh air,” albeit with the smell of cheap beer in the air thrown in as well. Wow, what an idea. But will it work? Only one way to find out!

It was the perfect evening in Southcentral PA, the center of today’s sprint car universe. We got there earlier—“we” being volunteers from the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. Fred and his wife Debbie both told me that if they could get the famous **Lynn Paxton** to do this, then they could get *anyone*. There was a lot of truth to that. Paxton, of course is the guy who brought all the racing history together in this area to form EMMR. He last raced in 1983 at age 39. He was now 71. We didn’t believe it. Well, like people always say: you can’t make this stuff up.

How about Doug Wolfgang? Let’s ask him, along with Cris Eash, Kenny Adams, Todd Shaeffer, Paxton’s old teammate the great Keith Kauffman, Bobby Weaver, Steve Stambaugh, Steve Siegel, Jeff Shepherd, Billy Pauch, Steve Smith Sr., Van May, Bobby Allen, Van and “Scruffy” both said no. Doug Wolfgang also said no for personal family reasons. But twelve said “YES.”

What about the cars? Where in the heck are they going to get the cars? “Leave that to me,” said Fred. So somehow he gathers up 10 cars of his own. Not only that. They are going to be 410s! Is Tony Stewart in on this? No, he was not. But with Don Otts’ help and others Fred pulled it off.



Keith Kaufmann and Paxton share a laugh at Legends Night in 2015 at Lincoln Speedway, Abbottstown, Pa.

No junk, either. Safety first. Not only that, the cars these guys are to drive will be painted up like the ones they drove originally.

Fred’s son Brandon did all of the graphic work and paint schemes. Paxton and Kauffman will drive cars painted exactly like the Al Hamilton team cars of the 1980s. Steve Smith Sr., drove a Rahmer team car painted like the “Black Bandit” of old. The old Apple Chevy car was there with Steve Stambaugh behind the wheel.

Okay, well, build it and they will come? Boy, did they come. There was an autograph session beforehand. The first 500 fans would receive posters of all 12 drivers, all on one poster. Bring old programs, helmets, wing panels, the autograph deal took darn close to three hours. This was going to be a success, a home run. Perfect weather—a racy track, even if it was a Wednesday night.

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Lynn Paxton in a brand new race car that he drove at the Legends race in 2015. The car was painted exactly like the Al Hamilton team cars of the 1980s. Fred Rahmer’s son Brandon did all of the graphic work and paint schemes. At 71-years-young, Paxton promised his wife and others that he would not really race—he kept his promise.

The “Legends” Race, 2015 *continued from page 8*

It became something else—something nothing to do with money. All sorts of racing folks showed up.

There was Davey Brown, still working on sprint cars. Here comes Bill Gettle, longtime machinist (and Flathead expert) out of Lebanon, PA. “Haven’t been to a race in 20 years,” he says.

Look—there’s Al Hamilton and his family, 86-years-young and looking good. Walt Dyer, Harry Fletcher, Dave Esh, Joe Harz, Keith Kauffman had Kathy and his family. Other drivers had families as well. Paxton’s family was in the stands, everybody was hugging, backslapping, shaking hands. Tears were shed—this was to be a “racing reunion.”

Things went without a hitch. Paxton hopped in his car cold-turkey. Promised his wife and others that he would not really race: but still, they worried. He did as he said he would do. Others, the younger ones, did race. Billy Pauch is still racing and winning. Most of them had retired only a few years ago.

I spent my time in Paxton’s pit. It was hard to believe it was all happening. but it did. Lynn seemed to have more fans stop by than anyone. Some were even quite young. I didn’t see him sign the front of any t-shirts, but the back of a lot of them.

All the drivers were enjoying themselves. Fred and Debbie were constantly trying to keep all happy. They did a great job. The fans in the packed stands were constantly cheering and clapping as MRN announcer Steve Post and Speedway announcer Wayne Harper kept them entertained with driver interviews. It was shown on Dirt Vision with some nostalgic film clips from the past thrown in.

I awoke the next morning, and the first thought was—*Did this really happen?* Yes, it really did. “Wait till next year,” says Rahmer. Okay well, let’s digest this first...

It felt good. It tasted good. Good for the drivers. Good for the fans. Good for Sprint Car Racing. Look out, folks. Hard to tell what comes next. But if it’s anything like this, Sprint Car Racing is about to get a whole lot better.

Thank you, Fred and Debbie Rahmer, and Brandon and Freddy for the memories—from all of us.

A fan from the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing,
Don Robinson



Lynn Paxton at Williams Grove Speedway, September, 1983.



EMMR Members’ Recreational Area



Compromise Reached for Camping in the Membership Recreation Area

EMMR has reached a compromise with Latimore Township regarding members’ camping in the Membership Recreation Area of Latimore Valley Fairgrounds. Camping is only allowed during the events listed below and the amount of days depends on the amount of days that the event is scheduled. The fee for camping is \$25 for the event.

If the event is one-day only, you may camp *the day before, the event day, and the day after* the event. Then you must remove your RV and all items from your campsite.

For a two-day event, you may camp *two days before, the 2 event days, and two days after* the event. Then you must remove your RV and all items from your campsite.

For a three-day event, you may camp *three days before, the 3 event days, and three days after* the event. Then you must remove your RV and all items.

These are the events that members may be camped at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds

April

Saturday and Sunday Work Party

May

Fish Fry
Jalopy Showdown

June

Gettysburg Regional Car Show
Latimore Valley Fair

July

Saturday and Sunday Work Party
Drag Racers Reunion

August

Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Swap Meet and Show
EMMR Convention

September

Corvair Club
Saturday and Sunday Work Party

October

Jimmy Etter Swap Meet and Flea Market

—**Judy Freels, Recreational Coordinator**

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Champ Cars

to be Featured at Roundtable on Sunday November 21

November's Third Sunday Roundtable discussion on November 21, 2021 will highlight **Champ Cars**, with **Mike Lloyd, Richie Tobias, Carmen Perigo, and Dave Berkheimer** as the guests. The Emcee will be **Joe Marsicano**. Their names are synonymous with the racing sport and class of cars: Champ Cars. All are from Central Pa. and have all raced, plus Lloyd and Tobias have built various classes of cars.

Richie Tobias has built and competed Champ Car races (*won Duquoin*). His father **Toby Tobias** the same (*won Terra Haute in 1978 on Wide World of Sports tv show*).

Mike Lloyd has built a handful of cars and campaigned a few races with Smokey Snellbaker driving them.

Carmen Perigo has been running Champ Cars the last 2 years on dirt and **Dave Berkheimer** has been running both dirt and pavement the last few seasons. In the past, Perigo and Berkheimer have competed at Silver Spring Speedway and won features in the Super Sportsman series.

The emcee **Joe Marsicano** is the son of a owner and driver of race cars and has pit crewed Champ Cars and also has restored a few.

Champ Cars are single-seat, open-wheel racing cars,



with mid-mounted engines. Champ cars have sculpted undersides to create ground effects and prominent wings to create downforce. The cars would use a different aerodynamic kit on the occasions they raced on an oval.

EMMR's Third Sunday Roundtables are usually held from March through November and located in the upper floor of the Museum. The roundtable is scheduled from 1 pm to 3 pm, but many arrive early to enjoy the museum exhibits and chat with other race fans. The Gift Shop is usually open on those days and snacks are available. There is plenty of seating available, so bring friends and family.

—John Marks JTM64@comcast.net



Library Feature

at Eastern Museum of Motor Racing

by Steve Bubb, Librarian and Historian

Do you want an exciting volunteer position at EMMR? Do you want to work up-close with the many racing objects within the museum? Do you have a love of the sport and are fascinated with the history of racing? If so, please read on.

Currently, I am working on an inventory of the museum. Last year the museum board purchased the PastPerfect inventory system. This computer inventory program is used by the top museums across the country.

The PastPerfect system is an in-depth inventory program. Due to the depth of the system, it takes time to correctly enter inventory into the system. Last year, after the installation of the program, I began with an inventory of the Chris Economaki Library. The plan: start with the library, expand into the museum proper and finish with photographs.

As I commenced with the inventory, I had a futuristic plan. I believed this inventory would take six to eight years to complete. Plus, after two to three years, a re-inventory would have to take place behind me. That was the plan as I began.

Now, I have scrubbed all thoughts of sticking to that time frame. As I march forward with this inventory, the time frame will be greater. I have to be realistic, there is no time frame for the inventory completion. Still, I do realize in about two years there will be a need for a re-inventory to occur behind me.

At this point, the inventory has become a seven-day-a-week



Steve Bubb
Librarian and Historian

project. I am taking objects, mainly boxes of racing programs, home with me so that I can accomplish inventory during the week. There is no break from the inventory.

With this large task taking place, I have been busy taking college-level classes in collections management, working on being certified in museum collections management. I hope to complete the classes early next year.

With this amount of work taking place, I have to admit there is a degree of burnout coming on. So, I now realize I cannot do this on my own. There is too much inventory in the museum. Just in the library alone, we have over 8,000 racing programs and over 5,000 books. In the past year, I have inventoried over 2,000 objects.

I am seeking individual(s) that would be interested in helping with the museum inventory. I would like to find someone that has PastPerfect experience, but I am willing to train the right individual(s). Anyone with a library or museum background would be a great help.

I know this sounds cliché, but we have to work as a team. With PastPerfect, we must use the system as I set it up, no one can vary even the slightest amount from the system now in place. I am looking at having someone to help with the inventory out in the museum. I am also looking for someone to work exclusively on the PastPerfect and do some detailed work behind what I have entered.

The task will include working on a computer making entries into the PastPerfect program. There will also be some photography work as each object has to be photographed for inventory records. We have a camera in use at the museum.

If you are interested in helping with the museum's inventory, please let me know. EMMR has so much great history that we will be documenting and preserving for future generations.

—Steve Bubb, Librarian and Historian, SBubb754@msn.com

The IndyCar Corner



Jerry Hair
IndyCar Corner Columnist

Vintage Indy Comes East – The Vintage Indy Registry at Schenley Park

As you might have guessed from the title of this column, I'm am passionate about IndyCar racing. I love the latest generation IndyCars but also those from IndyCar racing's past—which dates way back to the year 1909. While I was fortunate to attend a handful of IndyCar races in the late 1960s

and early 1970s, most of the events I have attended came much later, so for me there is more than six decades of history that I didn't have the opportunity to directly experience.

Today, thanks to some fine racing museums and vintage racing organizations, I have been able to view in person some of those great historic cars of yesteryear. Seeing them in person was an amazing experience, but there is no substitute for hearing the sounds and experiencing the sights of these exquisite race cars in action. Imagine what it would be like to see, hear, and smell some of the most famous and unique Indy race cars of all time. Race cars like those incredible Board Track racers popular in the 1920s, the early Offy-powered Roadsters, or Andy Granatelli's Turbine cars of the late 1960s, or my personal favorite, the famous NOVI racers which competed off-and-on at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for over twenty years.

Fortunately thanks to the Vintage Indy Registry everyone now can experience the sights, sounds, and smells of these beasts of motor-racing's past.

Vintage Indy Registry was founded in 2017 by Michael Lashmett and Ron Nelson and is dedicated to the history and preservation of Indianapolis Championship Cars. Nelson hails from the Midwest and made a career of photography with Competition Press, covering events that included races at Indianapolis, Road America, the Milwaukee Mile, and Watkins Glen. Lashmett, who worked as a crew member under famed Indy-winning chief mechanic George Bignotti on the Vel's Parnelli Jones and Patrick Racing Indianapolis entries, is an incredible asset to the Registry and brings a wealth of historical-racing knowledge and technical expertise to the organization.

Currently the Vintage Registry consists of more than 80 historic cars ranging from the 1930 Miller-Schofield Special built by Myron Stevens, and currently owned by Jeff Urwinall; all the way to the 1998 Riley & Scott Aurora, currently owned

by Bob Receveur. Some of my favorites include: the 1947 Aggajianian Kurtis formerly driven by Walt Faulkner; the 1953 Kurtis Kraft 500B #365/ Offenhauser driven by Pat Flaherty; the 1961 Kimberly Cooper Special driven by Jack Brabham that started the rear engine revolution; the famous wedge-shaped 1968 STP-sponsored Lotus Turbine; Al Unser's famous 1970 Johnny Lightning Special; brother Bobby Unser's Pole Winning 1972 Olsonite Eagle; the very rare Vel's Parnelli Jones Racing AAR Eagle #7228/Turbo Drake-Offy driven under the Samsonite banner by Joe Lenard; Teo Fabi's Quaker State 1990 March Porsche; a 1965 Gerhardt/Ford driven by Walt Hansgen as the MG Liquid Suspension Special; and notable designer Bob Riley's 1974 Reily/Drake Offy driven by Roger McCluskey.

While the Vintage Indy Registry conducts static displays and track-time at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, World Wide Technology Raceway, Road America, we were all recently provided an opportunity to experience these historic cars right here in Pennsylvania. The weekend of July 24–25, 2021, I attended the annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) at Schenley Park, where for the first time the cars of the Vintage Indy Registry were featured.

The PVGP was first established in 1983 and I have been a regular attendee there since 2014. The event has become one of the top vintage car-shows and historic racing events in the United States and at the same time raised over \$6 million for Autism research.

About a dozen cars of the Indy Registry participated, the oldest being a 1932 Miller/Ford constructed by legendary race car designer and builder Harry Miller.

Other notable cars participating included the 1972 Dan Gurney Racing Olsonite Eagle currently owned by Phillipe de Lespinay of Newport Beach, California. This is the car that legendary driver Bobby Unser put on pole for the 1972 Indy 500.

Also participating was my personal favorite, the 1968 Lotus 56 Turbine that Joe Leonard qualified on pole and nearly won the 1968 Indy 500. This extremely rare and valuable car is chassis #1 of the

4 Lotus 56's constructed by legendary builder Colin Chapman, and is currently owned by Bruce Linsmeyer of Orlando, Florida. Seeing this car in a static display is great but hearing the unique sound of the turbine power was an experience I will never forget.

Leading the vintage IndyCars onto the track was a Johnny Lightning inspired John Cooper Works Mini driven by the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser Jr. who serves as the Vintage Indy Registry's Honorary Race Director.

If you are a fan of vintage IndyCars, be sure to put this event on your calendar of must-see events for 2022. If you would like to learn more about the Vintage Indy Registry be sure to visit www.vintageindyregistry.com

—Jerry Hair JLHair@comcast.net



Jerry Hair (RIGHT) at the PVGP with Vintage Indy Registry's Honorary Race Director Al Unser Jr.



Bruce Larson's Lyndwood Front End Dragster is One-of-a-Kind

WE GOT SMOKE! Bruce Larson, our own NHRA National Champion of EMMR was recently out at South Mountain Raceway, testing for the FIRST time, his **1959 Lyndwood Front End Dragster** which was finally completed earlier this year! **Stanley Shoppel** of Mechanicsburg went down to Virginia and purchased this frame. Mr. Shoppel had passed away and Bruce Larson had purchased the Lyndwood Chassis from his widow to complete Stanley's dream about 2 years ago.

This Vintage Dragster is ONE of ONE in this unique design for twin engines! **Powered by a 1953 Ford Engine with 2 spark plugs per cylinder**; Mr. Larson has done an awesome job tuning both engines!

—Photos and story by *Silvia Radesky*



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Hi Everyone – *Well this will be my last article as the Membership Coordinator.* I will miss each and everyone of you that I have met over the years. My husband and I will be retiring down south to Florida.

I am happy to let you know that we have a wonderful volunteer that has agreed to take over the very important position of Membership Coordinator. Her name is **Toni Winslow**. She has volunteered at the museum along with her husband, Mike Winslow (*our museum auction coordinator*) and her daughter, Emily Winslow (*our museum secretary*). You will be able to now contact her for any change of address, phone number or email address. So please welcome her as your new Membership Coordinator.



Toni Winslow
New Membership
Coordinator for EMMR

Important – If there is a change in address, phone number or email address – please let Toni know either at admin@emmr.org please put **EMMR Membership** in the subject line of your email or call the museum 717-528-8279, so that way Toni can make the changes on the membership list and you still get your newsletter along with keeping the membership list up-to-date. Toni will also need to know if you are someone that splits their time between two different address' during the year so we can make sure that you receive your newsletter instead of it being returned to us.

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Kim Kaltreider
Retiring Membership
Coordinator for EMMR

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 except for 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. Toni must wait to receive them from who picks up the mail and then she will try to mail them out to you as soon as possible. And please put a note inside stating that you are renewing along with your check so that way Toni will know for sure since she will 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 Toni so that way we can make sure that we pass the information on and to recognize them at our annual convention.

—Kim Kaltreider teddy4@comcast.net

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As we come to the later part of the year you have seen a lot of events here at EMMR—however several important events remain.

First I want to thank **Emily Winslow** for the great job on the EMMR's 2021 **Convention** which was held on August 27 to 29.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame Auction at Williams Grove Speedway on October 2, will be history. Thanks to Mike Winslow (717-385-9615) for organizing the Auction. On October 2 and 3 at EMMR, the Jimmy Etter Swap Meet and Flea Market, will have been held. Thanks to John Marks (717-645-0440) and Junior Kelly (717-630-0776) for handling the Swap Meet and Flea Market. In addition on October 3, the Stan Lobitz auction of his collection of cars and parts will have been held at 1 p.m. at Latimore Valley track.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events: On **November 7** will be the **Stan Lobitz Party** at EMMR and this is always a huge success, so don't miss this fun day in the Museum.

The monthly Roundtable on Sunday **November 21, 2021** will be a roundtable of **Champ Cars** with **Mike Lloyd, Carmen Perigo, and Richie Tobias.**

Wrapping up 2021's major events will be our **Holiday Open House** on **December 4 and 5th**—don't miss this fun chance to gather with friends of EMMR before the year ends. Christmas shopping is often stressful at malls and stores—so make your **gift selections** at the **EMMR Gift Shop** during the Holiday Open House. Give something that they really want: a gift from EMMR gift shop. Stocked with a large selection of race-themed books, clothing featuring EMMR logos or quality race graphics, and other items for sale. Much of the clothing is limited edition, so if you like it, buy it now because it might not be available next year.

Thankfully EMMR's book sales are good throughout the year. I want to **thank the staff** who keep the Gift Shop "going." They do an excellent job all year. Remember that **all purchases from the Gift Shop benefit EMMR!**

It is with great sadness that **Kate Leiphart** has passed away—she and Joe had a "71" vintage car and she will be greatly missed.

There is still plenty to do at EMMR for the remainder of the year. In 2022 our **Thursday night Work Parties** will begin **January 6th** so plan to come out and help get the museum ready for the 2022 season. The Work Parties continue **every Thursday night** through March. Once again I want to thank **ALL** our **volunteers** for making this museum **one of the best in the country** and to the visitors whose donations make this museum possible.

A BIG thank you to **Kay Melchi** for the great job she does with the newsletter, it's one of our biggest projects we do. Remember "*enjoy life as it has an expiration date!*"

—Nancy Miller hipgrandma@aol.com



Nancy Miller
President, EMMR

Our roundtable on August 15th with **Greg Zyla, Wayne Harper, myself, and Don Ramer** went very well. It was our first get together in 32 years since we did the 50th Anniversary of William Grove TV Broadcast. I don't think we agreed on everything we remembered!

The **47th EMMR Convention** honored our Life Member and longtime supporter, **Nevin Miller**. His family was there to receive his plaque and tell us about their father.

Our **Grand Marshall** was **Mario Andretti**, who had a previous event to go to, so **Jimmy Maguire** was there to represent him. Jimmy has been friends with Mario for a long time and did a great job filling in and telling us some stories about Mario.

On September 11, we had the "**Midgets to Indy**" event and roundtable. Thanks to **Ken Brenn** for putting this together. We had some beautiful cars there and **Dave Hare** did a great job at the roundtable.

By the time you get this newsletter, the **Jimmy Etter Swap Meet** and our **Auction** will be history. We will report on it in the next newsletter.

We lost some good friends. **Kate Leiphart**, wife of **Joe Leiphart**. Kate was always with Joe helping in anyway they could to help support EMMR. We will truly miss her.

And **Ray Lee Goodwin** from Missouri who was a top-notch driver from the 1960s and '70s. Rest in Peace.

Upcoming Events:

November 7th: The 38th Lobitz Movie Party, Roundtable and Auction, Tribute to Stan Lobitz

Dec 4th – Christmas Open House

Don't forget to mark your calendars beginning in January and going through March, to help out at our **Thursday night work parties**. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Museum Winter Hours: EMMR is scheduled to be open on Fridays only from mid-December 2021 to April 2022. Call the museum to be sure that it will be open on Fridays, especially if weather is poor.

See you at the museum!

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



Lynn Paxton
Curator

Winter Fun: THURSDAY NIGHT WORK PARTIES



Join other volunteers at EMMR **every Thursday** evening from early **January thru end of March, 2022**, from 6 to 9 p.m. Help prepare the museum for 2022 season! Call Lynn Paxton's cell 717-321-3484.

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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 CLOSING on WEEKENDS for winter of 2021-2022 following the Holiday Open House, but museum is open EVERY FRIDAY weather permitting.

2022 EMMR Schedule will be printed in January 2022 Here are a few events

January 2022 through March 2022: Join us for Thursday night Work Parties. Every Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

January 8 and 9, 2022 EMMR will have a display at the "Dragfest" Indoor Drag Racing Showcase area during the Motorama Productions Show at the Lebanon Expo Center, Lebanon, Pa. Jeff Golden 717-873-5091

February 12, 2022 Mid-Winter DRAG RACER PARTY at EMMR on Saturday February 12. We will feature the annual Valve Cover Racing Winternationals! Watch Facebook and www.EMMR.org for updates. Jeff Golden 717-873-5091

March 2022: Staff Orientation at EMMR. Join the volunteers. Beth Wishard 717-253-3467

March 20, 2022: 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: TBD.
Kathy Armstrong 717-512-6334



The Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR) is also the home of the Gettysburg Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. For info: Bob Shultz 717-766-0457 bobshop120@gmail.com

Flemington Speedway Historical Society's home and display is at EMMR on the second floor since 2017. FlemingtonSpeedwayHistoricalSociety.com

- MUSEUM OPEN: Every Fri., Sat. & Sun. April 10 - Dec. 5; 10 am to 4 pm.
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- EMMR Monthly Board Mtgs: all welcome, 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at EMMR.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST: 2011



2011 PHOTO COURTESY OF Kay Diehl Melchi

In May of 2011, the Jalopy Showdown was still held at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, which was very muddy that year. I always enjoy a jalopy owner that has a sense of humor: Tetanus Tub indeed!

—Kay Diehl Melchi, editor

BLAST FROM THE PAST: 2010



Found in my digital files from 2010: Number 47, the Miller Special features the words "Latimore Valley Fairgrounds" and on the driver's side door is painted "Stoney." It's parked in front of the flagstand at the Latimore Valley Racetrack, York Springs, Pa. In this photo, the flagstand still has the original wood finial that Lynn Paxton rescued from a burn pile at Williams Grove Speedway. The finial was originally on an old barn at Williams Grove that was torn down. After many years the original finial was removed from the flagstand at Latimore to prevent further deterioration, and an exact copy was created. That reproduction is now on the flagstand, and the original is now displayed in the Museum. Details are as told to me by Lynn Paxton, and I believed him.

—Kay Diehl Melchi, editor



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Sunday: focus is **Circle Track Racing**.

Both days: Auctions of one-of-a-kind racing Memorabilia. **Snack bar** and **Bake Sale**. Shop in the **Gift Shop** for *gifts that race fans really want to receive! Or maybe treat yourself!*

*There will be **food** and **FREE** admission to EMMR, as usual. Take a break from the hectic holiday season and make this fun and unique event a holiday tradition. Don't forget to stop in the **Gift Shop** and take care of some holiday shopping, or a gift for you!*



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