



The EMMR TIMES

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47th Annual EMMR/WGOT Convention

is on for **August 29 & 30, 2020**

The convention will honor the Reading Fairgrounds Historical Society and long-time volunteer, Perry Trimmer.

Friday night August 28, we will have a static display in the infield at Williams Grove Speedway, so bring your race cars to show off!

Saturday and Sunday will feature **vintage race car track time** at Latimore Valley Fairground's racetrack from 1 pm to 4 pm.

New this year we will also be holding an **ARDC reunion** on Sunday August 30 at EMMR in conjunction with the Convention. The ARDC reunion will take place at the Fairgrounds on Sunday if the rain date is needed for the Car Cruise.

For additional info on the ARDC reunion please contact Ron Lauer or Ken Brenn.

Please check the EMMR website, emmr.org and the Facebook page for additional information.

FROM
THE

PRESIDENT

Hello everyone and I hope you adapting to the changes in our lives. As we have canceled most of our events we are planning on having the **Convention Aug. 29 & 30** with a static car show at Williams Grove the 28th. Stay tuned for any changes that may happen with those events. Events that are still on include the Bud Garvey Car show July 25, Billy Kimmel golf outing on July 23, **Trevis reunion** on Oct. 3 & 4. I want to thank Hagerstown and BAPS for hosting us recently—we had a combined 53-car count.

Thanks to Barry Murphy and the volunteers that are helping to keep up the grounds during this time of uncertainty with Latimore Twp. You will be able to camp at the rec area during the convention. Any questions call Judy Freels, 717-580-6083 or me at 717-766-0837.

There have been a host of new volunteers helping at the museum, I appreciate that. We can't do it without you, and to our outstanding longtime members I thank you for being there to train these new members. Note that we are now listing items for sale on eBay so you may find some goodies to purchase.

Our gift shop is newly stocked with some very nice new items including several new books. If you can't come to EMMR, we can take orders by phone at 717-528-8279. We will be getting the Ted Horn car named Baby so it will be a must see. We are saddened to hear of the passing Ron Blazer. He was a fierce competitor in his day and we will miss seeing him around EMMR events. To all our members please stay safe and we will get through this difficult time. ✚ Mornings are God's way of saying: *go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul and enjoy the day.*

—Nancy Miller hipgrandma@aol.com



Nancy Miller
President, EMMR

NOMINATIONS

Please submit your Board of Director nominations to Nancy Miller via email hipgrandma@aol.com no later than August 20. Voting will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting held on Sunday, August 30 at the Convention.

CRUISE-IN

at the **Eastern Museum of Motor Racing**
Saturday, August 29, 2020 10 am - 3 pm
 Rain Date: Sunday, Aug. 30



Door Prizes
Food & Music

All Vehicles and Makes Welcome

Registration Fee: Donation Only

Dash plaques & Goody Bags to the first 50 participants

20 Trophies Awarded

BEST of SHOW \$100 Categories: Truck - Car - Street Rods
 Dash Plaques & Awards donated by: H.M. Kelly, Inc. New Oxford
 Please collect and bring your soda tabs for Ronald McDonald's House.

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)463-2191 Email: eaglespoint97@yahoo.com

50/50 Drawing
Chinese Auction

JIMMY ETTER MEMORIAL SWAP MEET

SAT. OCTOBER 3 &
SUN. OCTOBER 4

Two day event, both days 7:00 am until 3:00 pm
 This is a rain-or-shine event in the upper field near the Museum.

Swap Meet open to all forms of automobiles, parts, accessories and automobiliana. Plus antique, hot rod, jalopy, and any form of racing.

Go to www.emmr.org for the registration form to pre-register
 ALL SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL SPACES are \$25.00 Pre-Registered,
 Day of is \$30.00. ♦ All proceeds benefit EMMR

The Museum will be open and concessions will be available. Contact John or Junior for info about mailing your check or money order: John Marks, 1754 Felker Rd, Middletown PA 17057 ph 717-645-0440; or Howard (Junior) Kelly, 537 Old Westminster Rd, Hanover PA 17331 ph 717-630-0776. Questions? call phone numbers shown above, or email to jtm64@comcast.net or jalogyjunior@comcast.net

Also on Saturday Oct. 3 and Sunday Oct. 4: Come out and join us for a two-day Trevis Race Car Reunion!

The event will kick off on Saturday morning and end on Sunday afternoon.
 Please contact Marlin Heller 717-818-3961 for more info on the Trevis Reunion.

EMMR President Nancy Miller presenting the Tommy Hinnershitz Classic Trophy to Kyle Larson at Williams Grove Speedway on July 17, 2020. Running fifth when the yellow came out with 15 laps to go in the feature; Kyle Larson started passing the Sprint Cars in front of him since his "dominating racing style" has come back to sprint cars a few months ago.



PHOTO COURTESY OF EDWARD KRAUSKY

Drag Racing Exhibit News



Hello drag racers and fans. **The Drag Racers' Reunion** was an overwhelming success! While the museum could not be open because of the pandemic, South Mountain Raceway was open and running so we took the show there on Sunday July 12, 2020. Despite the high temperatures, we were treated to more than a dozen exhibition cars as well as over 100 cars in competition, including 20 MANDRA cars competing in their scheduled points race. Some of the other cars attending were the funny cars of Steve George's Nightmare and Chris Massarella's Total Insanity as well as the King Rat and Roy Harris' Budman funny cars on display.



Jeff Golden
Drag Racing Coordinator

Also we had the annual Lyndwood Dragster Chassis Reunion. Bruce Larson brought two including his flathead-powered Lady Luck and the beautiful twin engine flat-head that built by Stan Shoppel. Larry Short brought his unique Ford Y-block-powered Lyndwood and Rich Venza brought his original Alley Oop Lyndwood. Hahn & Turner brought both their dragsters—they fired one of them up along with Bruce Larson's twin flathead engine dragster at mid-track for the crowd to see and hear.

In the altered class we had Wade King with his Three Kings and Bob Wills with his Bustin' Loose altered. Charlie Overfelt's blown flathead roadster came from Virginia, and the Otie's B/A roadster from Ohio.

For gassers, Larry Short brought his beautiful 1956 Ford, and the exhibition 1938 Chevy truck wheel-stander of Rick and Terri Osborne was a crowd pleaser.

We had several dignitaries on hand starting with world champion Bruce Larson as well as world champion Larry



Rick and Terri Osborne's 38 Special up in the air



Vintage Eliminator
723 Kowalski Special

PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"

Lombardo. Mike Dunn, retired ESPN announcer, was there doing some announcing. Beaver Bob McCardle was also there with Flashback Bill Stuck, plus EMMR's regular announcer Frankie Burke. The Annual Stanley Shoppel Award was awarded to E.J. Kowalski in recognition of the hard work he spent getting the show together in just 3 weeks. Many thanks to the car clubs, spectators, racers, and everyone who came and supported EMMR at scenic South Mountain Raceway. Thanks to EMMR's volunteers, Mountain Mike Natoli and his racetrack staff for making this event a success. Everyone had a good time until the rain started and canceled the show. Mark your **2021** calendar for **July 10 and 11** as the dates for **The Drag Racers' Reunion**.

Five photographers took lots of photos, thanks to: "Mashie" Michael Mihalko, Bob Wenzelburger, Gene Goshon, Todd Dziadosz, Alan Aug, and Mike Kissinger.

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



Etchberger & Bowman's Willys gasser

PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"



Bruce Larson and Mike Dunn

PHOTO COURTESY OF EJ KOWALSKI



Bruce Larson's dual flathead Lyndwood

PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"



Steve George's "Nightmare" funny car

PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE KISSINGER



Sharon and Larry Lombardo

PHOTO COURTESY OF "MASHIE"



Beaver Bob and Flashback Bill and gang

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2020 EVENTS



South-central Pennsylvania,
north of York Springs
717-528-8279
www.EMMR.org

Schedule as of 07/23/2020. See www.EMMR.org or call 717-528-8279.

NOTICE: scheduled events might continue to be canceled based on the COVID-19 status prior to the date of the event. Check with the location or contacts prior to planning to attend any events.

- Aug. 7-9 BLOOMSBURG NATIONALS AUTO SHOW** Bloomsburg Fairgrounds. EMMR Display with **Track Time Sunday**. Enter car on Thurs. for display 7-9. Or for Track Time only on Sunday Aug. 9. Tom Quick 570-336-1230
- Aug. 14 BEDFORD SPEEDWAY**, Bedford, PA. EMMR Track Time & Display. Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Aug. 16 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE** at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: **Trevis Race Car Reunion**. Marlin Heller 717-818-3961
- Aug. 29-30 46th Annual EMMR/WGOT CONVENTION** at EMMR & LVFG. Honoring **Perry Trimmer**. "Grand Marshall" is Reading Fairgrounds. **Fri Night:** Museum open till 6 pm. **Sat & Sun:** daytime events at EMMR; afternoon track time at Latimore Valley. **Sat:** Car Show 10am-3pm, Reg. Fee \$10; Rain Date is Sunday; Carol Weaver 717-465-2191. **Sat:** Inliners International, noon at pavilion below Museum; Steve 215-547-0866. **Track Time:** Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102. **Convention:** Emily Winslow ewinslow10@gmail.com 717-440-1424.
- Sept. 4 WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY**, Mechanicsburg, PA. **Bob Stewart Tribute Race**. EMMR Display. Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Sept. 12 LINCOLN SPEEDWAY**, Abbottstown, PA. EMMR Track Time & Display. Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Sept. 19 Sept. 19-20 WORK PARTY** at EMMR/LVFG. Volunteer Appreciation Picnic is cancelled this year. Barry Murphy 717-512-1919 or Lynn Paxton 717-432-8188
- Sept. 26-27 FALL FESTIVAL, TRACTOR PULL, TRACTOR SHOW, CRAFT SHOW** at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds. Central PA Blood Bank blood drive. **Sat:** Car Show 10-12. **Craft Show and Vendors:** Carol Weaver 717-465-2191
- Sept. 27 GLORY DAYS** at South Mountain Speedway, Boiling Springs, PA. EMMR Display. FREE Admission for EMMR members! Nancy h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Oct. 3 EMMR & National Sprint Car Hall of Fame AUCTION** at 10am. Auction held at the back pit gate entrance, WILLIAMS GROVE SPEEDWAY during National Open. EMMR/NSCHOF info call Don Robinson 717-378-9047. 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. 3 & 4 EMMR's Annual Jimmy Etter Memorial SWAP MEET** at EMMR. John Marks 717-645-0440 jtm64@comcast.net or Junior Kelly 717-630-0776 jalapajunior@comcast.net See EMMR.org to pre-register at a discount. AUCTION portion is cancelled.
- Oct. 3 & 4 TREVIS RACE CAR REUNION** at EMMR Two-day event starts Saturday morning and ends Sunday afternoon. Martin Heller 717-818-3961
- Oct. 8 MUSEUM OPEN Thurs. 6 to 9pm** for Hershey AACA Eastern Fall Meet visitors. Refreshments. Nancy Miller c:717-418-2102. Larry Stoner 717-258-4695
- Oct. 18 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE** at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: **Racing Photography**. Nancy Miller h:717-766-0837 c:717-418-2102
- Nov. 1 LOBITZ PARTY & EMMR AUCTION** at EMMR. 9am-5pm. Movies, Refreshments, Auction and Roundtable. Lynn Paxton 717-432-8188
- Nov. 15 3rd SUNDAY ROUNDTABLE** at EMMR: 1-3pm. Topic: **Late Model Racing**. John Marks 717-645-0440
- Dec. 5-6 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** at EMMR, 10-4pm. Sat. & Sun.: Auction, Refreshments, etc. **Sat.** features Drag Racing, topic: **Performance Engine Building**; Jeff Golden c:717-873-5091. **Sun.** Dirt Track day featuring Dick Vermeil, former NFL Eagles coach; discussing his father's racing history and Dick's experiences with racing. Central PA Blood Bank blood drive. Lynn Paxton h:717-432-8188 c:717-321-3484

MUSEUM CLOSES on WEEKENDS for winter of 2020-2021 following the Holiday Open House, however museum is open EVERY FRIDAY weather permitting.

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 bobshop13@verizon.net



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 4 - Dec. 6; 10 am to 4 pm.
- Open EVERY FRIDAY in winter, weather permitting, from early December to April.
- EMMR Monthly Board Mtgs: all welcome, 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at EMMR.

Eastern Museum of Motor Racing (EMMR)

Museum Address: 100 Baltimore Road, York Springs, PA 17372

Mailing Address: PO Box 688, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0688

MEMBERSHIPS: \$20 Annual or \$200 Life. Please mail to PO box above.

Address of Latimore Valley Fairgrounds: 314 Latimore Valley Road, York Springs, PA 17372

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

Schedule as of 07/23/2020 — Watch www.EMMR.org or call 717-528-8279 for updates.

FROM *Lynn Paxton* CURATOR



Lynn Paxton
Curator

Well, we finally were able to open the museum on Friday, June 12th under the Covid-19 Safety Regulations. We had more help than visitors. The museum looks really nice with all the new displays and memorabilia so come and visit if you feel comfortable. We are able to do social distancing in the museum, and we have hand sanitizers throughout. As far as wearing masks, it will be up to whatever our State or County regulations are at the time you visit. No large groups are able to schedule tours but we can accommodate small groups.

It was a shame that we had to cancel some of our big fundraiser events and roundtables this year due to the virus, but that's the way goes. We are still receiving donations of memorabilia and we were given 3 nice large glass show cases for the museum.

We have placed auction items on eBay to help with the income we have lost due to not being able to have our auctions at the museum. Please take a look and see if anything catches your eye.

There is a special car coming in July: The Ted Horn #1 Big Car will be on display in the Tommy Hinnershitz Garage. Tommy won races in this car. We also picked up Tommy's metal lathe and all his tooling—thanks to Dennis Kohl for this donation.

Barry Murphy and a "few good men" have been trying to keep up with the maintenance of the fairgrounds, track area, and equipment. He could really use some volunteers to help mow and weed whack and cut up trees. Call him at 717-512-1919.

Please check our website for changes www.EMMR.org.

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

Even though a lot of EMMR events are canceled, our fairground is still in need of some friends to help keep her looking good. In order to maintain it, we would like some help. You are welcome to come at your leisure, weekday or weekend. Just contact **Barry Murphy** at 717-512-1919 so he can tell you what is needed. Lots of Mowing for sure! Thank you in advance.

Donations Wanted:

- Sound System for Tractor Pavilion and someone to install it!
- Volunteers to maintain fairgrounds.
- Topsoil for our Tractor Pull Track (Improving it for next year.)

EMMR will have a display at BENEFIT CUSTOM CAR AND BIKE SHOW

Sat. Sept 5, 2020 Rain date Monday Sept. 7

at the **Church of the Open Door**
4075 East Market Street, York, PA

This is a big show with lots of features and all proceeds benefit York County Veterans Outreach.

www.YorkCarShow.com **Bring your race car, etc!**
EMMR members contact Jeff Golden 717-873-5091



MUSEUM ADDRESS:

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NOTICE

This newsletter is only 4 pages instead of the normal 16 pages. The reduced issue is due to the cancellation of most events since March 2020 because of the pandemic.

First off—Just a reminder that we are still taking Renewals for **2020 Membership** at the Gift Shop, by mail or now by PayPal on our website. 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.

Important — Mailing of Newsletters: Just a reminder that if you have moved, changed your phone number or email address recently — PLEASE let me know as soon as possible: teddy4@comcast.net or leave a message at the museum for me.

Member Recreation Area: camping is ok during the Convention only. Questions? Judy Freels 717-580-6083 or freelsjudy@yahoo.com

THE *Dirt ON* Membership

Kim Kaltreider, Membership Coordinator



EMMR Membership

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Museum phone:
717 528-8279
www.EMMR.org

Friends that will be missed:

Gary Lee Vandergrift and Newton "Buzz" Rose

Gary Lee Vandergrift, age 81, of Mechanicsburg, passed away at a nursing facility in Carlisle on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Prior to entering the nursing home, Garry was always at EMMR. He was a life member and past board member of the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing. He also belonged to the York County Racing Club and the Williams Grove Steam Engine Association. Gary had a passion for dirt track racing and raced cars in the hobby, late model, and vintage classes. Although he enjoyed racing at many of the local tracks, Silver Spring Speedway was his favorite. Gary spent a lot of time volunteering at the museum and was known as "Old Fart." He had a wonderful sense of humor. His family has asked that contributions in celebration of Gary's life can be made to Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, PO Box 688, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0688, www.EMMR.org/donate.

Newton "Buzz" Rose, Glendale, Az. passed away in July. Buzz raced with the Midwest Auto Racing Club and won the Sprint Car title in 1962. He also raced in the 1970s with the IMCA sprint car circuit and CRA. While Rose was a terrific sprint car pilot, he is most well-known as a racing historian and author. In 1997, frustrated by the lack of information available about IMCA, Rose began producing books on the history of sprint car racing. Rose published 11 books about the sport of sprint car and open wheel racing, and many of them are available in EMMR gift shop. Buzz was inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in June 2006. He was a member of four other racing halls of fame, including the Hawkeye Downs Wall of Fame in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His books have been awarded honors by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association.

Central Pa. Corvair Club's

"Corvair Day Show" on September 19

at the EMMR Museum 9 am to 3 pm.

People's Choice Corvair Show, 50/50, Door Prizes, Bake Sale,

Silent Auction (Tickets) for some unusual Corvair items. Food will be available.

Museum open from 9am to 4 pm., admission is Free but donations accepted.

For Registration or info: Joe Darinsig joedarinsig@yahoo.com or 717-668-4414