

Tries Again Tonight



Ken Butler

8/27/1940

Motorcycle Show Carded 4th Time

**Rained Out Thrice, Thrill
Program Slated For
Tonight at 8:30**

Ken Butler, one-legged stunt man; Trenton's Prokop Brothers and their partners in motorcycle thrills will make a fourth attempt to go through their paces at Lincoln Speedway tonight. The show, stopped by rain for the third time last night, will start at 8:30.

Rides through tunnels of fire, crashes through walls and plates of glass and jumps over parked automobiles will feature the show. Riding with Butler and the Prokop brothers, Lee and Frank, will be Stacy Pennington, Eddie Payne and others.

Holland Races At Flemington

**Hopes to Increase Lead
In Events Saturday
And Monday**

FLEMINGTON, Aug. 27.—"Wild Bill" Holland, New Rochelle, N. Y., leading A. A. A. race driver in the East for the season of 1940, will endeavor to tighten his hold on the current speed championship in the big car auto races at the Flemington Fair on Saturday of this week and Labor Day, September 2.

Each year, the driver amassing the greatest number of triumphs in Three-A competition is recognized as the Eastern States speed champion and Holland appears to have the 1940 title well in hand by virtue of recent winning efforts at Altamont and Middletown, N. Y.

Holland, an obscure performer in years gone by, was not regarded as a serious threat in the current championship race. Gaining momentum as the season progressed, he garnered sufficient championship points during the forepart of the campaign to be able to take over the lead with last Saturday's triumph at Middletown.

The former collegian and roller-skating expert drives for Ralph Malemute, youthful race-car owner out of New Rochelle. Although the two have been inseparable in auto racing circles since 1936, this is the first year Holland and Malemute have been able to effect a winning combination.

Chitwood Files Entry

Holland is the second star driver signed by Ralph Hankinson for the impending conflicts at Flemington. First chauffeur to submit a signed entry was Joie Chitwood, of Paterson, the Eastern states speed monarch in 1939.

Chitwood, who won 19 races and hung up 23 new track records in bagging last year's title, is regarded as a worthy adversary for Holland and the remaining 30 drivers at Flemington.

The two-day speed program will involve more than 300 laps of racing with six big events listed for each day.

Horn to Race At Flemington

Ted Hopes to Overtake Holland in Eastern Point Chase

8/28/1940

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 28. —First speedway driver of note to enter the dirt track auto races at the Flemington Fair this coming Saturday and next Monday (Labor Day) is Ted Horn, of Paterson.

Horn, the lad who has finished no worse than fourth in his last four Indianapolis Speedway engagements, is one of the principal contenders for dirt track championship honors in the East this year.

The former West Coast driver is close on the heels of Bill Holland, the current Eastern pacesetter, by virtue of an early season triumph at Langhorne Speedway and second place honors in a 100-mile race on the same track.

Holland has also entered the Flemington fray and the two drivers will wage a dogfight for the coveted leadership of the 1940 pennant race. Victorious in his last two engagements at Altamont and Middletown, N. Y., Holland will be gunning for his third triumph in a row.

Third at Indianapolis

Horn, winner of third place money in this year's 500-mile race at Indianapolis, is regarded as one of the most consistent drivers in the land. Since inaugurating his Indianapolis career, he has finished out of the money only twice.

At Flemington, Ted will encounter such outstanding dirt track monarchs as Joie Chitwood, the 1939 Eastern States speed champion; Lee Wallard, winner of both feature races at the fair last year, and Vic Nauman, a leading money winner on race tracks throughout Central Pennsylvania.

Also on hand will be Eldridge Tadlock, the Norfolk, Va., petrol flash; Walt Ader, up-and-coming driver from nearby Bernardsville; Ora Bean, from the Pacific coast, and New Meyer, a former "outlaw" racing champion.

According to Ralph A. Hankinson, sponsor of the Fair speed events, a host of other star drivers are expected to file entries within the next few days.

Willman Looms Man to Beat In Flemington's Auto Races

8/29/1940

FLEMINGTON, Aug. 29.—A combination hard to beat in the big car auto races at the Flemington Fair Grounds track Saturday and Monday will be Tony Willman and the Hank O'Day Offenhauser, rival drivers declared today.

Willman, the square-jawed Dutchman from Milwaukee, has been the speed sensation of the year on racetracks throughout the east. His record-breaking achievements are legion and only bad racing luck has denied him added successes on the roaring road.

Says Joie Chitwood, former pilot of the O'Day car and an entrant at Flemington: "If the Offenhauser is running right, all of us will have plenty of trouble with Tony. That car can really travel. I should know. I once drove it."

Ted Horn, the Indianapolis speedway star, shares the same opinion with Chitwood. Says Ted: "That O'Day Offenhauser is about the fastest dirt track car I have ever seen. However, racing luck should prove a deciding factor on Flemington's three-cornered track and we'll all have a chance if we keep running."

O'Day, wealthy St. Charles, Ill., sportsman, signed Willman to drive the car at the start of the current season. The change in drivers was effected when Chitwood resigned to pilot his own speed juggernaut.



Tony Willman

Last year, with Chitwood at the controls, the Offenhauser won 19 races and hung up 23 new track records. The feat enabled Joe to garner the Eastern States speed championship in his first season as a Three-A chauffeur.

At Flemington, Willman and the Offenhauser will be pitted against such topnotch performers as Chitwood, Horn, Lee Wallard, Bill Holland, Tommy Hinnershitz, Everett Saylor, Walt Brown, Buddie Rusch, Eldridge Tadlock, Ora Bean, Newt Meyer and Johnny Ulesky.

Rusch has failed to break into the winner's circle thus far this year despite his spectacular showing last fall when he took the measure of Horn and Chitwood in the North Carolina State Fair speed events at Raleigh.

NAUMAN WINS AUTO RACE

Takes 15-Mile Test in 14:40.7
at the Flemington Fair

9/1/1940

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 31
(AP)—Vic Nauman of Lebanon, Pa., defeated Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., today to win the fifteen-mile feature event of the automobile racing program at the Flemington Fair. Nauman's time for thirty laps around a sluggish track was 14:40.7.

Following Nauman and Hinner-shitz were Joe Chitwood, Pawhuska (Okla.) Indian; Johnny Ulesky, Newark, and Bert Ross, Trenton, in that order.

Ted Horn of Hawthorne, N. J., escaped injury when a knuckle on his steering column broke in the opening heat, sending his car into the inside rail. His car was put out of commission for the day.

Flemington Race Won By Nauman

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Ted Horn, of Hawthorne, N. J., was in the day's sole accident. A knuckle on his steering column broke in the opening heat, sending his car into the inside rail.

Nauman Wins Speed Honors At Flemington

Takes First Heat, Then Cops Feature Race Handily

9/1/1940

FLEMINGTON, Aug. 31.—Vic Nauman, the Flying Dutchman from Lebanon, Pa., lived up to his name here today by making a clean sweep of the big car auto races at the Flemington half-mile track.

Piloting his high-powered Hal Special in expert style, Nauman hung up the fastest time in the qualification time trials, won the initial 10-lap qualifying heat with speed to spare and then came back to triumph in the featured Flemington Sweepstakes over a distance of 30 laps.

Second in the featured Sweepstakes event was Tomy Hinnerstiz, another Quaker State Dutchman from Reading, Pa., with Joie Chitwood, the Cherokee Indian from Pawhuska, Okla., third; Johnny Ulesky, of Newark, N. J., fourth, and Bert Ross, of Trenton, fifth. Time for the event was 14 minutes, 40.7 seconds.

Nauman's noteworthy triumph, registered at the expense of some of the greatest dirt track drivers in the East, establishes him as an odds-on favorite for the second big program of auto racing to be presented at Flemington on Monday, Labor Day. In addition to Nauman, most of today's other big money winners are slated to be back for the holiday petrol engagement.

Also scheduled to be on hand Monday is Lee Wallard, winner of both feature races at Flemington last year, and Walt Brown, a leading money winner in big car circles throughout the Jersey and Pennsylvania territory. A field of 25 cars has been signed for the concluding Flemington attraction.

A "dark horse" in today's petrol proceedings, Nauman wasn't long in making his presence known. Over a track made heavy by recent rains, he qualified his car in 26.9 seconds, just three-tenths of a second off the existing track record.

This feat awarded Nauman the coveted pole position at the start of the first qualifying heat. Getting away first, he finished in that spot to win the heat from Tommy Hinnerstiz, who was second, with Bill Holland in third place.

The time for the 10 laps, or five miles, was 4 minutes, 41.5 seconds.

Despite repeated challenges from Hinnerstiz, the Lebanon speedster was able to maintain his advantage throughout the 15-mile distance of the featured sweepstakes event. Bill Holland, current pacesetter in the 1940 Eastern States championship race, was forced to withdraw from competition before the event got under way. A broken axle was advanced as the reason for his withdrawal.

Ted Horn Crashes

Although Nauman led today's parade from flag fall to finish, the program turned out to be plenty exciting. During the early stages of the first 10-lap qualifying heat, Ted Horn, the Indianapolis Speedway pilot, brought spectators to their feet by crashing into the inside guard rail when a steering knuckle snapped.

Then, near the close of the final event, Chet Gibbons, of Paterson, also crashed into the inside fence while going out of the first turn. Neither driver was injured, although both cars were through for the day.

Other heat winners, in addition to Nauman, turned out to be Chitwood, victor in the second 10-lap qualifying sprint; Ulesky, first in the third sprint event, and Henry Rogers, of Fords, N. J., who triumphed in the fourth qualifying dash.

The summaries:

First qualifying sprint, distance 10 laps: Won by Vic Nauman, Lebanon, Pa.; second, Tommy Hinnerstiz, Reading, Pa.; third, Bill Holland, New Rochelle, N. Y. Time, 4 minutes, 41.5 seconds.

Second qualifying sprint, distance 10 laps: Won by Joie Chitwood, Pawhuska, Okla.; second, Buster Warko, Walnutport, Pa.; third, Chet Gibbons, Paterson, N. J. Time, 4 minutes, 49.3 seconds.

Third qualifying sprint, distance 10 laps: Won by Johnny Ulesky, Newark, N. J.; second, Eddie Shay, Montclair, N. J.; third, Bert Ross, Trenton, N. J. Time, 4 minutes, 51.4 seconds.

Fourth qualifying sprint, distance 10 laps: Won by Henry Rogers, Fords, N. J.; second, Osa Bean, Los Angeles, Calif.; third, Wally Ader, Bernardsville, N. J. Time, 4 minutes, 59.3 seconds.

Flemington Sweepstakes, distance 30 laps: Won by Vic Nauman, Lebanon, Pa.; second, Tommy Hinnerstiz, Reading, Pa.; third, Joie Chitwood, Pawhuska, Okla.; fourth, Johnny Ulesky, Newark, N. J.; fifth, Bert Ross, Trenton, N. J. Time, 14 minutes, 40.7 seconds.

Wallard Is Fifth 9/3/1940

In Flemington Race

Flemington, N. J.—(AP)—Bill Holland of New Rochelle, N. Y., captured the 15-mile feature contest in 14:57.8 getting in the **Flemington Fair** auto races. Victor Nauman of Lebanon, Pa., who won the main event Saturday, was second followed by Walt Ader of Bernardsville, Joe Chitwood of Pawhuska, Okla., and Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y.

9/3/1940

Bill Holland Wins

Flemington, N. J., Sept. 3 (AP)—

Bill Holland of New Rochelle, N. Y., captured the 15-mile feature contest in 14:17.8 yesterday in the Flemington Fair auto races.

Hankinson Will Direct Flemington Auto Races

8/20/1941

Ralph A. Hankinson, former operator of Langhorne Speedway, a New Jersey resident and Florida hotel owner, will promote the auto races of the Flemington Fair on Saturday, August 30 and Monday, Labor Day, September 1, as "open to the world" events.

This was the announcement yesterday of Bill Breitenstein, veteran Hankinson henchman for some 25 years.

Concerted efforts of the AAA contest board to try to get fairs to cancel Hankinson promoted races or to coerce Hankinson to run under AAA by paying a fine, have met with no success, according to Breitenstein.

Hankinson Signs 'Name' Drivers for Flemington

8/24/1941

FLEMINGTON, Aug. 23.—What promises to be round five of the battle waging between veteran promoter, Ralph A. Hankinson, and the A. A. A. contest board will get under way at Flemington when the annual auto races, under sanction of the Consolidated States' Racing Association and sponsorship of Hankinson Speedways, take place Saturday, August 30, and Monday, Labor Day, September 1.

Major E. B. Allen, of Flemington, who has stood four-square behind the Reading Fair officials and Hankinson in the rift with the A. A. A., is highly pleased over the early entry list which includes Ted Horn, Bob Sall, Buster Warke, Tommy Hinershitz and Rev Records, all top-flight drivers.

Horn, Sall Enter

Flemington Races

8/27/1941

FLEMINGTON, Aug. 27. — Although race drivers from all parts of the country will be on hand Saturday and Monday at Flemington's auto races, it looks like the major battles will be between New Jersey rim riders and Pennsylvania pilots.

Ted Horn and Bob Sall, of Paterson, and Earl Johns, of Camden, will be the Garden State's best contributions while Tommy Hinnerhitz and "Ducky" Pehlman, of Reading; Harry Harper, of Chester, and Buz Warke, of Walnutport, will carry the heavy laurels for the Keystone State.

Horn, Sall Rivals In Race Tomorrow

8/29/1941

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 29.—Auto racers ranking from the dead-end kids of speed to the high-helmeted royalty of the roaring road will do their stuff tomorrow and Monday afternoon at Flemington as the Garden State gets its first Consolidated States Auto Racing Association sanctioned race meet.

Time trials are slated at 1 o'clock and the first races proper will get under way at 2:30 on the tricky track which serves as a natural equalizer for the contestants.

Ted Horn, Bob Sall, Tommy Hinnershitz, Rex Records, Monk Tadlock, Buster Warke and Herman Owens, former Triple-A racers, top the field, which will be augmented by Harry Harper, Al Gordon, Bill Spear, Buddy Shirman, Ducky Pehlman, Earl Johns, Walt Campbell, Lou Volk, Duncan McKinnon, Pete McKeone and a host of others.

Records Sets Mark In Flemington Race

8/30/1941

FLEMINGTON, Sept. 2. — Rex Records, of Philadelphia, won the 10-mile sweepstake automobile race at Flemington Fair yesterday in 9:08.5 to establish a world's half-mile dirt track record.

Bob Sall, of Paterson, was a close second and Tommy Hinner-schitz, of Reading, Pa., was third.

Harry Harper, of Chester, Pa., captured the first 5-mile elimination heat in 4:26.2. Lew Volk, of Paterson, took the second in 4:25.3 and Ted Horn, of Los Angeles the third in 5:15.6. Ed Collins, of Plainfield, led the field in the 5-mile consolation.

8/1/1943

2 Fairs Canceled Because of Auto Curb

The Montgomery County Fair at Hatfield and the Flemington Fair will not operate this year, it was announced yesterday by Edwin J. Brooks, of the Montgomery Fair, and Major E. B. Allen, of the New Jersey exhibit, after a conference in Lansdale.

The two fairs had arranged all plans for 1943 exhibits, but were forced to cancel the arrangements due to the restrictions on automobile travel. The Flemington Fair was listed for the last week in August and the Hatfield exhibit was scheduled to open Labor Day.

Big Car Races For Flemington

6/12/1946

Auto racing enthusiasts from New Jersey attending the AAA sanctioned big car races at Flemington's fair grounds next Sunday afternoon will see the home state well represented on the dirt speedway.

The events, which mark the return of big time automobile racing to Flemington this year, have drawn at least a half dozen entrants from homes in New Jersey.

Along with Ted Horn, from Paterson, who almost brought the world's auto speed crown to New Jersey while whirling to third place at Indianapolis on May 30, other Jerseyites entered in Sunday's races are Walt Ader, Bernardville; Hank Rogers, Trenton; Earl John, Plainfield; Bob Cooney, Haddonfield, and Warren Bates, Monroesville. There may be others before flag time.

While nationally-known Horn rates a lofty favorite to hit the honors jackpot, each of his state brothers packs a rosy chance of upsetting the dope-especially the lad named Ader.

Husky and dark-skinned Ader caused the auto racing world to blink this year when he crossed the finish stripe in front of Horn on two occasions. The Paterson ace first tasted Ader's dust in AAA competition at Williams Grove, Pa., and a short time later was dealt the same dish at Reading, Pa.

The arch-rivalry between Ader and Horn more than likely will come to a head in Sunday's Flemington meeting. While the Paterson pilot is out to square things with a decisive triumph over Ader, the Bernardville driver would like nothing better than to out-race Horn again before the home state fans.

However, both Ader and Horn will have to keep their toes on the gas in Sunday's races if they would finish in front of the other Jerseyites coveting victory.

Qualifying time trials begin at 1 p. m., and the first competitive event is set for 2 p. m.

Bumpus Fatally Injured

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—Howard (Bumpy) Bumpus, 32, of Brockton, Mass., was fatally injured when his auto crashed through the fence on the back stretch during a qualifying heat for the automobile races at the Flemington Fair Grounds. The feature 12½-mile race over the half-mile dirt track was won by Ted Horn of Paterson in 9:24.04.

Bumpus Killed in Auto Race Crash

Howard (Bumpy) Bumpus, 32, of Brockton, Mass., was fatally injured yesterday in one of two accidents that marred the automobile races at the **Flemington Fair** Grounds at Flemington, N. J.

Bumpus crashed through the fence on the back stretch during a qualifying heat for the feature 12½ mile race which was won by Ted Horn of Paterson, N. J., in 9 minutes 24.64 seconds. Bumpus was dead on arrival at Somerset Hospital, Somerville.

Mike Bailey of Paterson also went through the fence on the back stretch of the half-mile dirt track in the main race, but was uninjured.

Joie Chitwood of Reading, Pa., was second in the feature, with Walter Ader, Bernardsville, third; Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., fourth; Tommy Hinnerschitz, Reading, Pa., fifth, and Lee Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y., sixth.

Ader won the five-mile consolation race in 4 minutes 58.69 seconds, says the Associated Press.

Winners in the three qualifying heats were: First heat, Chitwood, time 4 minutes 45.72 seconds; second heat, Horn, 4 minutes 47.87 seconds; third heat, Hinnerschitz, 4 minutes 54.82 seconds.

Lou Volk of Newark, N. J., took the feature five-mile midget auto race at the Hinchcliffe Stadium, Paterson, N. J., last night in 6 minutes 0.91 seconds.

Tony Bonadies of the Bronx was second; Rex Records, Stamford, Conn., third; Dutch Schaefer, Floral Park, L. I., fourth, and John Ritter, Paterson, fifth.

John Jars, Philadelphia, won the semi-final four-mile consolation event in 2 minutes 28.62 seconds.

Volk and Lloyd Christopher, Miami, Fla., won semi-final races and shared honors in the three qualifying heats with Art Cross of East Rutherford.

The Class B event went to Len Fanelli, New Rochelle.

Hatfield, Pa., June 17 (A. P.).

—George Rice of Milford, Conn., won the scheduled fifteen-lap feature midget auto race yesterday at the Montgomery County Fair dirt track—even though the race was cut short after two turns around the half-mile oval.

Five accidents—plus the extra hazard of dust—in the last race caused the officials to cut the feature event short. Johnny Ringler of Little Falls, N. J., was second and Chet Gibbons, Paterson, N. J., third.

6/17/1946

Driver Fatally Injured In Flemington Races

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Flemington Scene Of Midget Racing

6/23/1946

A spectacle which has swept the country like a gale—midget, automobile racing on a half mile dirt track—will be the dazzling attraction on the Flemington, N. J. Fair Grounds track on Independence Day, July 4.

This type of racing is something new to many race enthusiasts, who had heretofore been accustomed to seeing the tinier versions of speed machines operate on a small, paved oval.

It was not until Lou Heller, of Allentown, himself a racing driver, presented a midget program on the Allentown Fair Grounds dirt track on June 3 that this new form of thrill sport was firmly established. The crowd was so great and so enthusiastic that he has re-booked a similar race in Allentown Aug. 10.

Since there will be little else in the bidget line be interfere, the July 4 features at Flemington will attract no less than 90 of the top drivers and fastest midget cars in the game, including a large field of the whiz-bang Offenhausers, which match anything on wheels for pep.

Ernie Gessell, of Holis, N. Y., eastern states midget champion in 1935 and national midget champ in 1937, who won the feature event at the Allentown races, will appear in Flemington. Gessell is beyond a doubt the master technician and most fearless race pilot in the game. He was recently discharged from the services and is back full tilt in the space-burning game.

That midget racing is just as dangerous as the larger cars was demonstrated in Allentown when two crashes occurred. In one, Ernie Wilson, of Philadelphia, was hospitalized with severe contusions and was thought to have had a skull fracture, but he pulled through and will be racing in Flemington. In addition, "Doc" Shanebrook, with his new design of car; George Fonder, Buster Warke, Shorty MacAndrews, a consistent winner in this year's races, Rex Records, Dee Toran and many others will compete.

Flemington's Winners Will Compete Here

6/30/1946

Winners at the races to be held at Flemington July 4 will be regarded as the Eastern Midget champions and will represent this area in the 100 miler at Trenton July 14 when the National Midget champion will be decided. A stellar field will be on hand for the Trenton event, which will be staged at the Fair Grounds mile track.

Drivers who competed at Hatfield June 23, when the feature had to be called off because of track conditions, have decided to resume the rivalry at Flemington.

Flemington's banked half-mile track is one of the fastest in the East and will give the tiny cars their first chance to go before they start at Trenton in the long grind. In this way many of the bugs will be worked out and the drivers will have a chance to get their cars in the best shape for the Trenton "100".

Midget car racing is now at its peak in the East and nearly every night the small cars can be found breezing over the small tracks. The battle for the point leadership is very keen and the winners of the races at Flemington and Trenton will certainly be the "tops" in the midget field.

Special Prize Listed

Offenhauser cars long accustomed to hogging the purses in all long events, took a back seat yesterday when Red Crise, promoter of the 100-mile National Midget Championship at the Trenton Fair Grounds on July 14, announced that special money is being posted for the first Ford to complete the long grind.

While their record is one of better than 75 percent on the short tracks, the Trenton "100" will be the first one in four years where the Fords will have to run such a long distance. On the mile track fast times must be set on the long straightaways and it is not known whether or not the question of right gearing and lighter weight, which prevail on the shorter tracks, will have any bearing in the Trenton race.

Ken Hickey, of Ambler, owner of the team that has as its drivers, Shorty McAndrews, Larry Bloomer and Lew Volk, is known to be very optimistic as to his chances not only to taking the Ford money but a big slice of the other prizes at the end. Hickey's fourth driver, Rex Records, will drive an Offey.

Another team with better than an even chance is the Dominick-Barro combination with Johnny Jara and Charley Breslin. Winners of many races in the Eastern Circuits feel that their cars are geared right for the long grind and that they will be in front at the end of the race.

Horn and Chitwood Entered In Flemington Fair Races

8/4/1946

Flemington Fair big time auto racing, sanctioned by the American Automobile Association, and directed by Sam Nunis Speedways, successor to Hankinson Speedways as America's largest auto racing organization, will be a feature attraction at the Flemington Fair on Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2, Labor Day.

With the resumption of the nationally-popular speed sport hereabouts, Director Nunis plans to bring to the fair grounds oval the greatest array of big car speedsters ever assembled for dirt track competition in these parts. Points collected by the winning drivers will be recorded by the 1946 National Championship circuit, which officially scores the drivers in the Indianapolis championships.

Ted Horn, Paterson, N. J., the most consistent money winner in Indianapolis history, and who finished third this year; Jole Chitwood, Reading, Pa., fifth at Indianapolis on May 30, and Tommy Hinnershiltz, also of Reading, a "500" prize winner in 1941, are but three of the whirl wizards entered at the greatest race meet at the Flemington Fair.

Qualifying time trials for Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2, Labor Day at the Flemington Fair races start at 1 p.m., with the first competitive event slated to get under way at 2 p.m. There will be seven big speed events on the program.

Reservations can be made by calling Flemington Fairgrounds office at Flemington, 149-J.

In addition to the Indianapolis aces, Nunis expects to have such nationally-famous race drivers as Bill Holland, Bridgeport, Conn., former east coast dirt track champion; Johnny Shackelford, Dayton, O., Indiana state champion in 1941; Eddle Zalucki, Detroit, Mich., a contender for mid-western dirt track honors this year, and Walt Ader, the east's newest speed sensation from Bernardsville, N. J. on hand for action.

Ted Horn May Race

At Flemington Fair

8/18/1946

In a recent communication to Sam Nunis, director of the AAA sanctioned auto races to be presented at the Flemington Fair on Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 (Labor Day), Ted Horn, Indianapolis-famous race driver from Paterson, N. J., disclosed a willingness to race at Flemington.

Nunis is busy rounding up a field of nationally-known speed specialists for the races and the addition of Horn would go a long way in assuring the Fair customers of witnessing big time competition.

Horn holds the shining distinction of being the most consistent prize winner in the long history of the Indianapolis 500-mile championships. He finished second in the event to Lou Meyer in 1936, and since then has been third in 1937, fourth in 1938-39-40, third in 1941, and third again this year. The big race was not run from '42 to '45 due to the war.

Flemington Cards Harness Program On 4 Afternoons

8/20/1946

FLEMINGTON — Harness racing will be one of the features of the **Flemington Fair**, which opens Tuesday, August 27, and closes Labor Day. A total of 12 races are scheduled for the four afternoons set aside for the trotters and pacers. Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers will perform Saturday, August 31, both afternoon and evening and there will be big car AAA sanctioned **auto** races on Sunday, September 1, and Labor Day.

Thrill Show, Races

For **Flemington Fair**

8/28/1946

Jack Kochman's Hell Drivers and Sam Nunis' big car **auto** races will share the **Flemington Fair** spotlight over Labor Day week-end.

The Hell Drivers, first made famous by the late "Lucky" Tetter, will give four performances of their thrill show. They will crash stock cars and execute such maneuvers as rollovers and flaming board crashes both afternoon and evening on Saturday. They will repeat their performance Sunday and Monday nights. The **auto** races will take place Sunday and Monday afternoons with Nunis Speedways guidance.

In Races At Flemington



Ted Horn

9/1/1946



Joie Chitwood

Horn, who hails from Paterson, N. J., and Chitwood, the Former Oklahoma Indian, now making his home in Reading, Pa., will be the two featured entries in the Flemington Fair auto races today and tomorrow. Time trials will start at 1 o'clock and the first competitive race at 2 each afternoon. Promoter Sam Nunis undoubtedly scored a tenstrike with New Jersey speed fans when he secured Horn and Chitwood both for the holiday week-end program. Ted and Joie were among the prize winners in this year's Indianapolis 500-mile classic. Opposing them on Flemington's half-mile dirt track will be several of the East's outstanding speed jockeys.

Holland Auto Race Victor

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 1 (AP)

—Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., was an easy winner today in the feature ten-mile auto race before an estimated 15,000 at the Flemington Fair Grounds. He breezed the twenty laps in 9:09.59 to finish a third of a lap ahead of Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., after leading from the start. 9/2/1946

HOLLAND TAKES RACE

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Holland Wins Twice In Flemington Races

9/3/1946

FLEMINGTON — Bill Holland, Bridgeport (Conn.) Speedster, held a monopoly on big car feature race victories here the past two days, winning both ten-mile events at the Flemington Fair grounds.

Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., and Walt Ader of Bernardsville, ran second and third, respectively, both days.

Holland's time Sunday was 9:09.59 and yesterday 9:10.45.

Allen Is Renamed President Of Fair

2/6/1947

FLEMINGTON — Major Edward B. Allen has been renamed president and general manager for the 37th consecutive year of the Flemington Fair Association.

Plans have been made by association members to hold running as well as trotting and pacing events this year at the Fair. Motorcycle and automobile races prior to the opening of the Fair August 26, also are considered.

Midget car races will be held Memorial Day, with stock car races to be held June 15. There will be midget car races July 4, and motorcycle races July 19.

A new lighting system is to be installed for "machinery row" at the fair. Other improvements also are being planned.

The following directors were elected at the meeting of stockholders last week: Edward B. Allen, Lloyd Bruce Wescott, Paul H. Kuhl, Herbert Van Pelt, Erastus W. Sutton, Harry M. Seals, William U. Bohren.

Race Program At Flemington

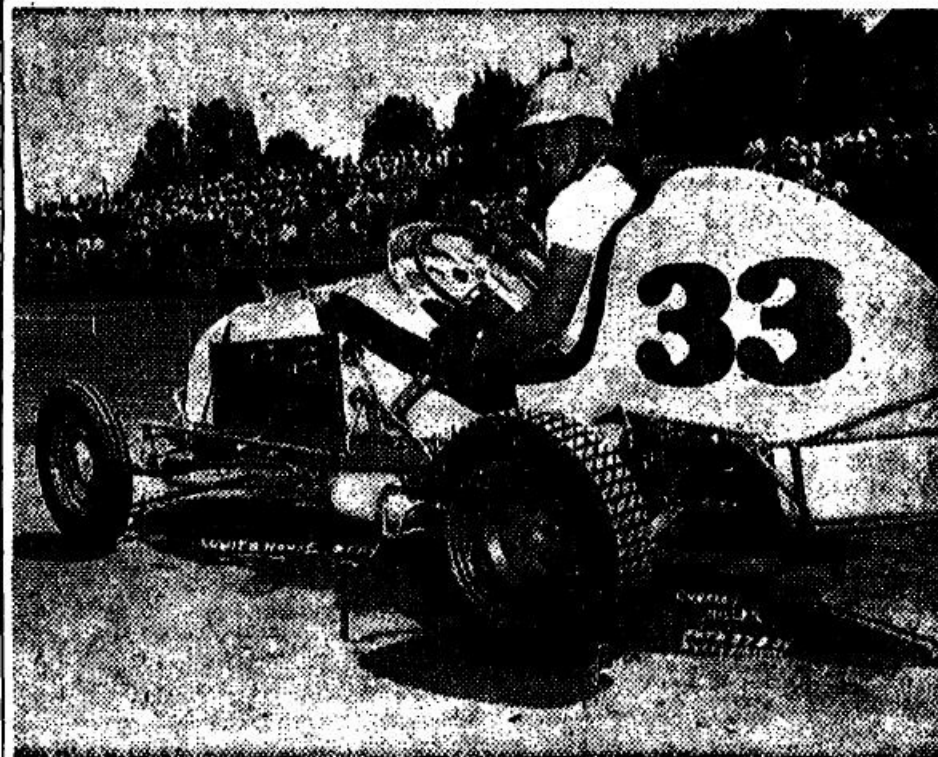
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FLEMINGTON — Tommy Garbac, promoter of the stock car races to be held Sunday at Flemington Fair Grounds, has lined up a list of leading stock car drivers to compete here.

From Trenton way will come the brother team that has been making a great name among racing fans—the Applegate boys, Nelson and Leon, or "Big and Little Apple" as they are often called. Nelson had been in the stock car game last season with Leon just getting under way with his first race at this track a few weeks ago. Now he has decided to give Brother Nelson a run in stock car racing. To date Leon has participated in a few races. At Flemington he knocked down about 20 feet of fence and landed against a tree, almost completely demolishing the Persi special he was driving.

Time trials will start at 1 p. m. Sunday and the first competitive race at 2:30.

At Flemington Tomorrow



Charlie Miller

Midget Auto Race Classic At Flemington Fair Track

Johnny Favinger, Norristown, Pa., midget auto pilot will be pointing for his second victory on the half-mile dirt track circuit when he competes tomorrow afternoon in the second Annual Midget Auto Classic at the Flemington Fairgrounds.

Favinger, a veteran of twelve years of racing in both the big cars and the midgets, will be driving the Wheeler Offenhauser Special which is the same car

that he drove to victory in the feature race held two weeks ago at the Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, Pa. The Norristown pilot, however, will find the Flemington oval with its four sharp curves more difficult to get around than the Allentown course and will be competing with the greatest field of cars and drivers ever assembled on a half-mile dirt track speedway. On the other hand he has driven big cars several times in the past at the Flemington course and feels that he will have no trouble at all in piloting his fast midget creation around the course.

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The seven event program will have as other starters Georgie Fonder, 1946 Virginia State Champion; George Marshman of Reading, Pa.; Hap Pierson of Philadelphia; Chet Gibbons, Paterson, N. J.; George Rice of Milford, Conn.; Len Wofsey, Hicksville, I. I.; Charlie Miller of Linden, New Jersey and over thirty others.

Time trials will start promptly at 1 p. m. with the first race scheduled to get under way at 2:30 p. m. The returns of the Indianapolis "500" mile race will be broadcast at intervals throughout the afternoon's program and in the event of rain the entire program will be held the following afternoon, Saturday, May 31st.

FLEMINGTON

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FRIDAY, MAY 30th

5/29/1947

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Josephs Midget Auto Victor

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., May 30—
Mike Josephs of New York captured the 25-lap feature midget auto race at the Flemington Fair Grounds before 12,000 today.

5/31/1947

Joseph Wins Race

Mike Joseph, Philadelphia, won the 25-lap midget auto race yesterday at Flemington, N. J. Red Redmond, Atlanta, was second with George Fonder, Lansdale, third. Joseph's time was 11:45. 5/31/1947

Trenton Driver Files First For Flemington Auto Race

FLEMINGTON — Charles (Chic) Dinatale, speed driver from Trenton, is entrant number one for the modified stock car races here at the Flemington Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 15.

Dinatale, who has participated in numerous thrilling events over tracks in the east, mid-west and south, "beat the gun" in the entry column, according to Sam Nunis, director of the races.

"If Dinatale is as fast on the race track as he was in returning his signed entry sheet, we'll see action a plenty at Flemington," mused Nunis. "The fellow looks like he means business, according to his promptness in signing"

The Trenton speedster will make his bid for the cheers and glory at Flemington in a speedy 1939 Ford coupe. He has been working overtime readying the car for the races and is finally satisfied with its condition and chances.

Director Nunis, who is at Atlanta, Ga., directing a 100-mile National Championship race for stock cars, indicated that most of the drivers in the big race will enter the Flemington events. The

Atlanta race is to be staged this Sunday.

The program at Flemington will consist of qualifying time trials, four ten-lap heat races, and a big thrilling 30-lap sweepstakes final. The events have been sanctioned by the National Stock Car Racing Association.

More than 25 of the country's top-flight stock car chauffeurs are expected to be signed by Flemington post time.

6/5/1947

Speeders At Flemington June Fifteenth

6/6/1947

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FLEMINGTON, June 6—Another outstanding threat for top honors in the eastern inaugural stock car auto races here at Flemington, Sunday, June 15, joined the fold yesterday. He is Irvin Blatt of Hamburg, Pa., the Flying Dutchman of stock car racing.

Blatt is the third ace speedster in as many days to sign for the thrilling six-event program to be staged over fast Flemington Fair Grounds track. Charles (Chic) Dinatale of Trenton, N. J., and Harold Brokhoff of Pottsville, Pa., are stars previously entered.

Sanctioned by the National Stock Car Racing Association, the program will consist of qualifying time trials, four ten-lap heat races, and a big 30-lap sweepstakes final.

Director Sam Nunis is endeavoring to line up a formidable field of star stock drivers for the program.

Campbell Joins Stock Races at Flemington

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 9—Another Trenton, N. J., speed favorite, Wallace (Wally) Campbell, will be among the starters for the Eastern Inaugural stock car auto races here at the Flemington Fair Grounds this Sunday, June 15.

Campbell's signed contract has been received by Sam Nunis, director of the races, to give the field its third entrant from the Pottery City thus far. The other Trentonians that signed earlier are Pepper Cunningham and Charlie (Chic) Dinatale.

Nunis, just back from Atlanta, Ga., where he staged a 100-mile national championship race for stock cars last Sunday, is predicting a record field of noted chauffeurs for the Flemington program. He contacted many of the drivers at Atlanta and they agreed to compete here.

The addition of Campbell brings additional prestige to the important eastern inaugural. Along with other stars from this section, he will endeavor to out-finish rival pilots from the south and mid-west. Campbell drives and owns a fast modified coupe.

Sunday's program will include six events, sanctioned by the National Stock Car Racing Association. A big, thrilling 30-lap sweepstakes final is to be preceded by three 10-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation event, and the opening qualifying time trials.

Major E. B. Allen, president of the Flemington Fair Association, has announced that the local half-mile track will be treated with many tons of dust-withholding calciumchloride for the races.

6/9/1947

Four Local Drivers Entered In Flemington Races Sunday

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—The pottery metropolis of Trenton, N. J., will be well represented in the Eastern inaugural stock car auto races here at Flemington this Sunday afternoon.

Included in the all-star field entered in six thrilling events on the Fairgrounds track are four Trenton drivers of note and an outstanding speed car owned by a popular Trentonian. The car-owner is Wallace (Wally) Marks, and the chauffeurs are Pepper Cunningham Charlie (Chic) Dinatale, Wally Campbell and Tommy Coates.

Marks, who formerly owned and drove regulation race cars, switched to the exciting stock car field because he considers it the most thrilling of all racing sports. Cunningham will be behind the wheel of the Marks machine and the combination is out to click in the name of the Pottery capital.

Perhaps the better known of the Trenton entrants, Cunningham has posted many impressive wins in the East, Midwest and South. He won a 100-mile National Stock Car Championship event at Langhorne Speedway last year and was outstanding in another 100-mile race at Atlanta, Ga. The Marks car, which won numerous races last season, will greatly aid his chances here.

Coates will drive a 1937 Ford convertible owned by John (Maggie) Sabatini, Trenton auto mechanic. This is the same car that

led the field at Allentown last year for 94 laps before developing engine trouble on the 95th lap and finished sixth. The car took a sixth place at Reading last year with DiNatale at the wheel.

Nick Durastanti and Lou Wood will work with Coates as pit mechanics this Sunday.

Upwards of 25 of the country's best speed chauffeurs are scheduled to compete in Sunday's opener. Among the invaders will be Atlanta's Red Byron, who many consider to be the tops among the nation's stock car pilots.

The program is sanctioned by the National Stock Car Racing Association and will include a big 30-lap sweepstakes final along with five other events. Qualifying time begin at 1 o'clock and the first race starts at 2:30.

6/12/1947

Stock Car Racing Resumes Sunday

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—Hostilities between the north and south will flare up anew here Sunday when the eastern stock car auto racing season opens over the Fairground track.

Slated to stage a private war in the formidable field that will streak for the cheers and glory are Pepper Cunningham, from Trenton, N. J., and Red Byron, a former AAF pilot from Atlanta, Ga. Neither are newcomers in the game and have raced the local ovals on many occasions.

Coates Pilots Car For Local Entry

6/13/47

John "Magee" Sabatini, well-known local auto mechanic, is the latest entry in the season's first stock car races to be held Sunday at the Flemington Fair Grounds. Johnny's 1937 Ford convertible will be piloted by Tommy Coates, a popular stock car driver in the city.

Coates toured the East in 1941 before this mode of racing was abolished. He will drive the same car that led the entire field at Allentown last year for 94 laps. The Ford developed engine trouble on the 95th, and Chuck DiNatale, who was at the wheel, had to be satisfied with sixth place. He duplicated the feat at Reading last year by placing sixth.

6/13/1947

Pit mechanics, whose job it is to see that the car is in top shape before and during the grueling race, are Nick Durastanti and Lou Wood.

Sunday's inaugural program, which has been sanctioned by the National Stock Car Racing Association, will consist of six events,

opening qualifying trials are to

6/16/47

9,000 at Stock Car Races; Midgets Dash on July 4

ELEMINGTON.—Approximately 9,000 turned out here yesterday to witness Johnny Grubb of Greensboro, N. C., sweep home first in the 15-mile feature of the eastern stock car opening on the Fair Grounds oval, winning in a Ford coupe in 16:34.

Trenton drivers furnished the fastest time and thrills as Pepper Cunningham, who copped the second five-mile heat, collided with Charlie "Chuck" Dingatie, also of Trenton, leaving the stretch on the initial lap of the feature. Both were forced to leave the race. Cunningham was treated for a cut right arm.

Tommy Coates of Trenton fashioned the best time of the day in the qualifying time, spinning around the oval in 32.4.

Trenton's Leon McBride landed third in the feature behind Lew Halkins of Spartansburg, S. C.

Grubb also annexed the first heat, heading Coates and McBride in the fastest five-mile time of 5:36.8.

John Fisher from North Branch flashed home first in the third heat in 6:4.1 as Al Garz of Brooklyn and Harvey McDonald of Wernersville, Pa.

The five-mile consolation event went to Al Bradshaw of Camden

with a 6:6.4 clocking. Hal Brokoff of Pottsville, Pa., and Franky Snyder of Lambertville finished in that order.

The next action for the Flemington Fair Grounds will be supplied July 4 by midget auto races.

Josephs Midget Auto Victor -

7/5/1947

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 4 (AP)

—Mike Josephs of Philadelphia won the Independence Day midget auto race at Flemington Fair Grounds today, doing the 12½-mile feature run in 13:3.45. The rest of the field which raced the half-mile dirt track contest wound up with Carl Miller, Flemington, second; Joe Verbeley, Bound Brook, third, and Jim Forte, Philadelphia, fourth.

CYCLE RACES POSTPONED

7/24/1947

Hard rain Saturday caused the **Flemington Fair** management to postpone scheduled motorcycle races until a date which will be announced later. The advertised rain date of July 26 is also declared off and an entirely new date will be set which will be late in the fall, possibly after the Fair or early in the spring of next year.

Those who had purchased tickets may have their money refunded by presenting them at Green's Drug Store, Flemington, or by communicating with the **Flemington Fair** Association, the management said.

Hank Rogers Races Today At Flemington

8/31/1947

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—New Jersey will be represented by at least four top-flight speedsters at the two-day big-car auto races scheduled for the Flemington Fair today and tomorrow (Labor Day).

According to entries released by Sam Nunis, the nation's leading promoter of AAA-sanctioned races, the New Jersey delegation chasing top money here will include Hurricane Hank Rogers, of Trenton; Warren Bates, of Monroeville; Lew Mood, of Pitman, and Mark Sooy, of Mt. Holly. Several more petrol pilots from the Skeeter State also are expected to enter the fold for the two-day grind.

Rogers, currently riding the crest of a great season, looms as one of the favorites at Flemington. The Trenton flash triumphed over such top-flight stars as Wild Bill Holland, Ted Horn and Jole Chitwood, all of Indianapolis '500' fame, early this season over the Reading (Pa.) Fairgrounds oval and has taken a slice of the money melon in virtually every race since.

Out-of-state contenders expected to give the New Jersey drivers a rough afternoon include Indian Jole Chitwood, the Cherokee chauffeur from Reading, Pa.; Tommy Mattson, of Wilmington, Del.; Mark Light and Lucky Lux, of Lebanon, Pa.; Lee Wallard, of Schenectady, N. Y., and a host of others.

Identical programs are slated for each day, starting with time trials at one o'clock and including three eight-lap qualifying heats, a ten-lap consolation event and 20-lap feature sweepstakes.

Wallard Wins Twice In Flemington Races

9/2/1947

FLEMINGTON — Lee Wallard of Schenectady, N. Y., triumphed in two 20-lap feature auto races at Flemington Fair Grounds over the holiday.

He won the Labor Day feature, covering the course in 9 minutes, 20.98 seconds, and took first place in Sunday's competition with a time of 9:21.72.

Second in Labor Day's headliner was Hank Rogers of Trenton, with Joey Chitwood of Reading, Pa., third; Ted Horn of Paterson, fourth, and Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Conn., fifth.

Trenton Riders Enter Flemington Races

A host of local riders have entered the stock car races which will be staged at the Flemington Fair Grounds Sunday afternoon, under the direction of Tommy Gerovac, youthful race promoter from New Brunswick. The event gets underway at 2:30 P. M. and the time trials will start at 12:30 P. M.

10/2/47

Head List

Heading the list of Trenton auto jockeys are two brothers, Chic and Rocky DiNatale. Pepper Cunningham, who won the Langhorne classic last year and set a new track record, will also compete.

Aside from these are other local speedsters who have entered. They are: Lee McBride, Vincent Cannizzaro, Wally Campbell, Tommy Coates, Pete Harris and Tommy Bradshaw.

Johnny Grubb, high-speed rider from West Virginia, tops the long list of southern entrants. Others are Ken Marriott and Berk Starke of Richmond, Va., and Frank Mundy of Atlanta, Ga. Harold Brokhoff of Pottsville, Pa.; Bill Blair and Irvin Blatt of Hamburg, Pa., are the Keystone entrants.

Top Rider

Chic DiNatale, who started his racing career over six years ago, has gained his niche among the nation's top-notch riders. He finished second in the national stock car races in Richmond two weeks ago. His brother, Rocky, also saw action in that race, but it was short-lived. Rocky went through the fence on the second lap, after he had been holding down third position. However, Rocky was not injured and will pilot the same car in Sunday's event. Both boys jockey Ford V-8's.

BROTHERS PILOT STOCK CARS



CHICK DI NATALE



ROCKY DI NATALE

10/2/1947

10/3/1947

SPORTS CARGO

by Tommy Cargo



TRENTON STOCK RIDERS ORGANIZE

For the past two years stock drivers in this area, and the country over, have been the innocent victims of high-pressure promoters and have been made to bear the brunt of many underhanded deals. These drivers, who compete in races for the sheer thrill they get out of the sport, have continuously absorbed severe financial lacings, making it necessary for most of them to borrow in order to race again.

They put everything into their cars but, because most of them weren't yet of top-flight caliber, wouldn't walk off with any of the prize money. In fact many of them never received a red penny in compensation.

This seems unfair when you realize that some stock car riders travel many miles just to compete in a race. After the event he may go home with a smashed car, ruined motor, and probably \$200 to \$300 in the hole. Race promoters, however, argue that a driver knows of the prize list before the race and he doesn't have to enter if he dislikes the arrangements.

THEY NEED EACH OTHER

But these promoters also know that they need drivers as much as the drivers need them. A decent race can never be run without a lengthy entry list, of which the major part is usually made up of mediocre jockeys. Without the host of "little" drivers racing events wouldn't attract more than a handful of spectators.

During the war, promoters had a tough time getting up a sizeable entry list. There weren't enough drivers around to pilot the cars. But the war, which was highly-mechanized, produced thousands of newcomers to the sport. Yet the majority of these men don't have the money to finance good motors for their cars. However, their sincere interest has given auto racing just what it sorely needed—a big shot in the arm.

Wednesday night over 30 stock car drivers and enthusiasts met at Rudy's Grill on Hamilton Ave. The purpose of their get-together was a wise one. They met to form an organization for themselves. This they did—calling it the American Stock Car Racing Association. This organization is bent on getting a better deal for each of its drivers—the little guys—who will be the racing stars of tomorrow.

ALL LOCAL DRIVERS

The association is made up mostly of men from Trenton and the area within a radius of 30 miles. They expect to increase their membership to more than 80 by next year.

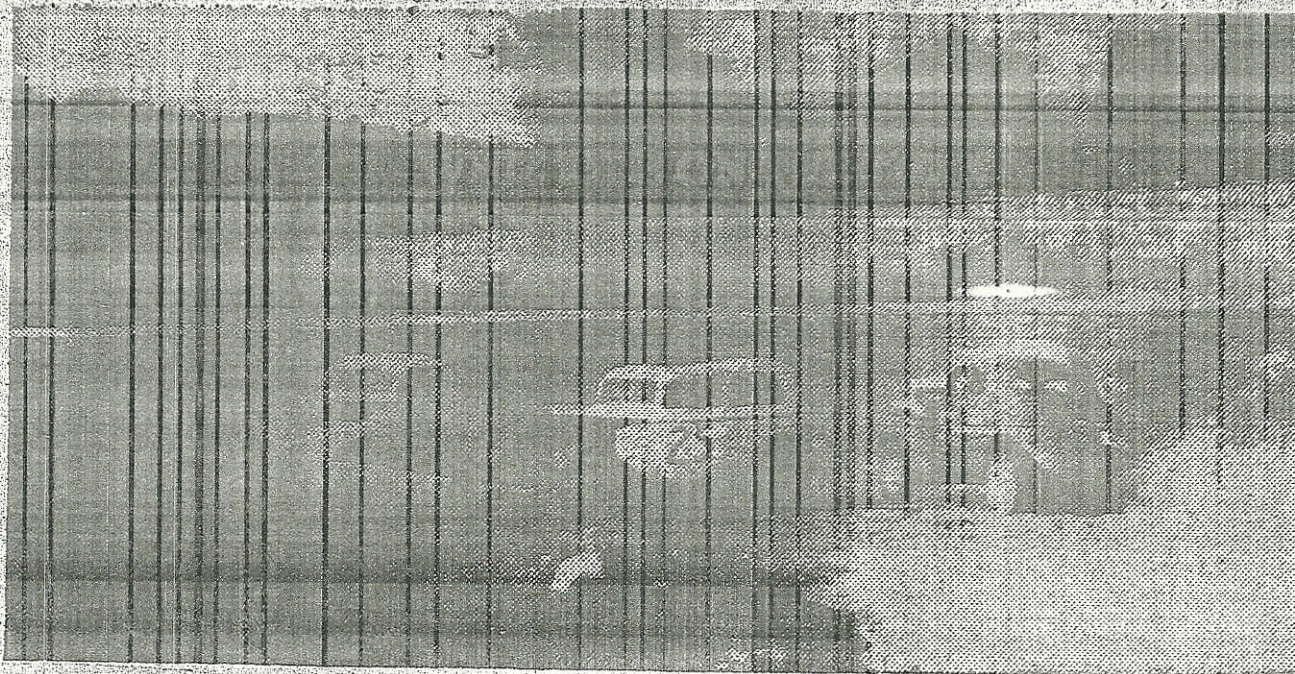
During the meeting the organization elected officers. Lee McBride, stock car driver for over six years, was unanimously chosen as the first president. Paul Barbiche, Flemington driver, was named vice president and Chic DiNatale, another local driver, was elected second vice president. Bill Streeter, who has been enlisted in the auto racing fraternity for over 20 years, is secretary, while Rocky DiNatale, another Trenton rider and brother of Chic, was selected as treasurer.

The American Stock Car Association has already given sanction to its first race to be held Sunday afternoon at the Flemington Fair Grounds. The event, under the direction of young promoter Tommy Gerbac, will be of great interest here because of the large number of local entrants.

'Tis often and truly said, "It pays to organize." So how can the boys miss? Good luck!

10/4/47

WHIZ KIDS ON THE TURN



Flemington Fair Grounds tomorrow will be the scene of whizzing action duplicating the above when Tommy Gerbae promotes his initial New Jersey venture for stock cars. Ten local drivers are entered in the meet which commences at 12:30 P. M. with time trials. First race is at 2:30 P. M.

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SPEED MERCHANT—A. J. "Pepper" Cunningham who will appear Sunday in Stock Car Races at Flemington Fairgrounds in which several Hunterdon County drivers will take part.

Several Crashes Highlight

10/6/1947

Stock Car Auto Races Here

Stock car racing automobiles sped around the half-mile dirt track at the Flemington Fairgrounds Sunday from early afternoon until dusk.

When it was all over, one driver had been treated for shock, more than half a dozen cars had been put out of commission and at least 300 feet of fence along the track had been smashed.

There was so much action during the race program, in fact, that the great majority of the spectators, thrill-saturated for the time, raised no objection when the feature event was called off after it had been halted twice by smashups.

Eighteen cars jammed the track for the main event, which was scheduled to go 40 laps. As the leaders were swinging into the second time around, Car No. 51, driven by Jim Kershaw of Dover, crashed into the outside fence just beyond the first turn.

Other competitors were flagged down while Kershaw's car was being removed. Kershaw himself was taken by ambulance to the office of Dr. John Fuhrmann, who treated him for shock.

The race was re-started, but on Lap 6 there was another pile-up in the same general area. This time Car 13, driven by Dick Gulick of Oldwick, and Car 24, operated by Roy Hoffman of Califon, were among those involved.

By the time the snarl had been straightened out, it was too dark to continue and Promoter Tommy Grbac called off the proceedings.

Tommy Bradshaw of Trenton was declared the winner, with Pepper Cunningham, also of Trenton, second; Harold Brokhoff of Pottsville, Pa., third; Pete Harris of

Trenton, fourth, and Wally Campbell of Trenton, fifth.

There were several other smash-ups. In the first 12-lap preliminary event, Rocky DiNatale of Trenton did a flip on the first turn and Tommy Coates also got involved in the jam. The race was restarted, and on the tenth lap Lee McBride, another Trentonian, hit both inside and outside fences on the back stretch, but straightened his car out and remained in the race.

Bradshaw won this event, with Frank Mundy of Atlanta second and Pete Harris of Trenton nosing out Cunningham by a couple of feet for third. The time was 6 minutes 35.6 seconds.

In the second 12-lapper, Gulick was first in 6 minutes 42.2 seconds, followed by Harvey McDonald of Wernersville, Pa., with Campbell third and Kershaw fourth.

The third heat was a lively battle between Hoffman, who won, and Ken Marriott of Baltimore, with Bob McLain of Butzville very much in the running until the last few seconds. This event wound up with a crash near the first turn as the leaders were going into the final lap. The time was 6 minutes 55.7 seconds.

Victory in the 15-lap consolation was won by Chick DiNatale of Trenton, who finished a few yards ahead of Tommy Coates. The time was 8 minutes 7.9 seconds.

In an eight-lap match race, Hoffman was declared the winner over Gulick, with Bradshaw third, in 4 minutes 39 seconds. The finish was so close that some spectators thought Gulick had won.

Paul Barbiche of Flemington ran into trouble when his new motor tightened up and his radiator was damaged by the fan of his car.

Crashes Halt Feature Race At Flemington

10/6/1947

There was plenty of excitement yesterday when the stock cars raced at Flemington Fair Grounds. The feature race, scheduled for 40 laps, was called after seven because too many cars were involved in accidents.

Eighteen cars began the feature race and four of them cracked up in the seven laps around the half-mile dirt track. The prize money was divided among the starters.

Jim Kershaw of Dover, spun and crashed on the first turn in the third lap and after a delay of 20 minutes the track was cleared and the race re-started. Three laps later three cars tangled and the race was halted.

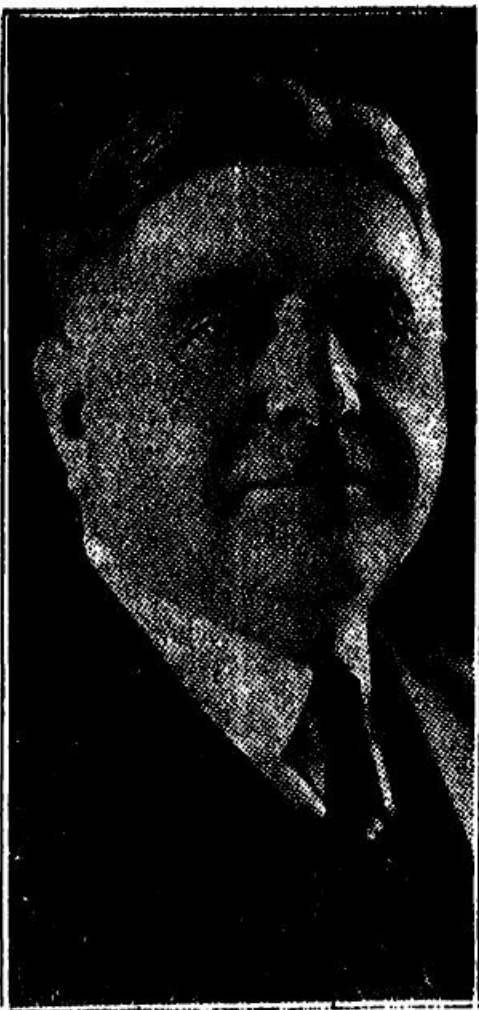
The 15-lap consolation was won by Chick DiNatale of Trenton, in eight minutes, 7.9 seconds. Tommy-Coates of Trenton was second; Larry Smith third, and Lee McBride, Trenton, was fourth.

Tommy Bradshaw, also of Trenton, won the first 12-lap qualifying heat in six minutes, 35.6 seconds. He led home Pete Harris and Frank Mudy, of Atlanta.

The second heat was won by Dick Gulick, Dover. He led Harvey McDonald, Wernersville, Pa., and Wally Campbell, Trenton. His time was 6:42.2.

The third heat was taken by Hoffman in 6:55.7. Second was Wagner and third, Per

Dies At Age of 85



Major Edward B. Allen

12/26/1947

Heart Ailment Proves Fatal

FLEMINGTON — Major Edward B. Allen, 85, organizer and manager of the Flemington Fair Association for the past 40 years, died yesterday at Mercer Hospital, Trenton. He was receiving treatment for a heart condition.

Major Allen was born here and lived most of his life at 38 Pennsylvania Avenue. Known to thousands in this part of the State, he was the son of the late Captain George A. Allen, a prominent attorney who served in the Civil War and the late Mary Bonnell.

He volunteered in 1917 and was commissioned a captain, serving for the duration of the war. In 1920 he reenlisted in the Officers Reserve Corps and later became a major.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella Allen and a niece Mrs. Constance Allen Ward of this place. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church here.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at his home with the Rev. John Frederick Jansen of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery under direction of Charles Holcombe.

Stock Car Races

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Trenton Trio

~~Three Trenton drivers~~ will be among the entrants in stock car racing events when Tommy Grbac promotes another show at Flemington Fair Grounds track Sunday.

Chick DiNatale of Trenton, leading point man on the eastern circuit, has entered, along with Nelson Applegate and Pete Harris. DiNatale will operate the same Ford V8 in which he won at Dover on May 9, in one of the most hotly contested events in years. His car was built by John Sabatini.

Applegate will drive Frank Pagan's No. 40 and Harris will be at the wheel of Sabatini's No. 3 car.

Grbac, who is fast becoming the leading promoter of stock car races in the north, expects to present a card of racing which will recall to fans' minds other thrilling cards.

Stock Car Races on At Flemington Sunday

5/29/48

Stock car racing returns to Flemington tomorrow with six events comprising 100 laps of racing filling the card. Time trials will get under way at 12:30 P. M., with the feature event slated for 2:30 P. M.

Rain date for the race is Monday, May 31.

DiNatale Entered

Two of Trenton's leading stock car drivers will see action tomorrow, both driving John Sabatini-built cars. They are Chick DiNatale and Pete Harris, who are leading in points and cash won to date. Both boys have been running full blast in the night circuit and are giving good accounts of themselves.

"Wild Bill" Snowden of St. Augustine, Fla., who last year was the leading money winner, will appear along with Buddy Shuman of Charlotte, N. C., and Frank Mundy of Atlanta, Ga. Shuman drives an Edelbrock-built Ford while Mundy operates a Bob Osborne four-carburetor model.

Over 30 Entrants

Promoter Tommy Grbac has received entries from over 30 drivers including Frank Pagnani's No. 40 of Trenton; Angelo Lombardi's No. 33, also of Trenton; Rocky DiNatale's No. 61 and 62, and Frenchie Massey's Plymouth. Massey's Plymouth has been worked on all winter and is making its first start at

Flemington tomorrow. Massey will drive his car and he believes it to be faster than most Fords operating today.

ERICKSON ONCE TONY

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — Ex-Chicago Cub pitcher Paul Erickson, who joined the Philadelphia Phillies last week, is 6 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 205 pounds. When he was a high school sophomore trying to play sandlot baseball in Zion, Ill., he was just five feet tall and weighed 93 pounds.

5/29/1948

Trenton Boys In Flemington Races Sunday

6/11/1948

Trenton's C h i c k DiNatale, Tommy Coates, Tommy Bradshaw and Pete Harris are among the entries in the Flemington stock car races Sunday.

Time trials for the event will begin at 12:30 p. m., and the first heat at 2:30 o'clock. More than 100 laps of racing will feature the afternoon's program.

The four Trentonians are leaders in their respective circuits and a battle is to be expected when they will all be seen on the same track.

Also on tap for the races will be Buddy Shuman, Frank Mundy and Bill Snowden from the South.

Flemington's own Paul Barbishe, with three cars entered, is sure to be a threat. Barbishe's cars No. 8 and 38 will bear watching during the afternoon's proceedings.

STOCK CAR RACES

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6/11/1948

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Gate Admission \$1.20 — Children 60c

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Coates to Race At Flemington

Trenton's Tommy Coates, piloting a car from Reading, Pa., has filed his entry for the stock car races at Flemington this Sunday. Coates has been racing in other circuits and has won one race, copped a second and two third places in his last four starts.

Car Revamped

Coates' old car, No. 69, has been completely revamped by owner Johnny Sabatini and will be driven by Chick DiNatale. Chick is now the eastern circuit point leader.

get it in shape for the Sunday events. If not, he will be at the wheel of No. 33 owned by popular Angelo Lombardi.

Time trials for Sunday's races start at 12:30 P. M. The first heat of the main event starts at 2:30 P. M. There will be 100 laps of racing.

Rocky DiNatale, one of Trenton's top drivers, has entered his fast No. 1 and also a Plymouth which he and co-owner and driver Frenchie Massey claim to be as fast as any Ford in use.

Tommy Bradshaw of Trenton is another performer who will drive at Flemington. Bradshaw had some tough luck at Winchester, Va., last week when his car, built by Ken Wagner of Morrisville, Pa., went through the fence and landed on its top. Tommy will drive the same car if it is possible to

6/11/1948

Trenton Drivers to Race At Flemington Tomorrow

1948

FLEMINGTON, June 11—The "hot rocks" of the racing world, stock-car drivers, will return to the Flemington Fair Grounds fast oval Sunday afternoon as Tommy Grbac presents another highly-charged program of events. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock. The first heat of the main event starts at 2:30. There will be 100 laps of racing.

6/11/1948

Trentonians Top Talent

A group of crack drivers from Trenton head the talent which will show at Flemington.

Heading the list is Chick DiNatale, the eastern circuit point leader. He will drive one of those flashy Fords owned by Johnny Sabatini.

Tommy Coates, in back of the controls of a special car from Reading, Pa., has been doing very well of late, recording one victory, a second and two thirds in his last four outings. Naturally, he is figured to be a top contender here Sunday.

Rocky DiNatale is connected with two cars in the races. He will drive his fast No. 1, a Ford, and is part-owner of a Plymouth, which will be piloted by Frenchy Massey.

Tommy Bradshaw, another Trenton boy, will be in action, but his mount is dubious. Last week his car, built by Ken Wagner of Morrisville, went through a fence at Winchester, Va., and it may not be back in time for Sunday. ~~Tommy will drive No. 33, owned by Angelo Lombardi.~~

In addition to the Trenton drivers, there are many other eastern stars on hand for the grind here. The track has been pronounced in tip-top condition and some record-breaking driving is expected.

In Stock Car Races

6/13/1948



Tommy Coates

Trenton driver, Coates will try for top honors in the stock car races this afternoon at the Flemington Fair half-mile track. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first competitive event at 2:30.

Races July 4

6/29/48

At Flemington

6/28/1948

Stymied by the weather on three previous dates at Flemington, Promoter Tommy Grbac figures all his luck can't be bad and has carded stock car races at the Flemington Fair track for Sunday, July 4.

Six events comprising 100 laps of racing will be presented. Time trials begin at 12:30 P. M. with the first heat of the main event starting at 2:30 P. M.

A record field of entries has been received and the competition is sure to be keen. Such talented drivers as Trenton's trio from the ASCRA circuit—Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Bradshaw and Tommy Coates—will be on hand. These three boys will drive cars built by Lee McBride, Trenton; Ken Wagner, Morrisville, and Joe Wolfe, Reading, Pa., respectively.

Southern entries include Buddy Shuman, fourth in the national point standings, and Frank Mundy of Atlanta, Ga. Ken Marriott and Vernon Kirk of Baltimore, who ran one-two at Selingsgrove two weeks ago, will be on hand along with Chick and Rocky DiNatale and Trentonian Pete Harris.

Campbell Enters Flemington Race

7/1/1948

7/1/48

Wally Campbell, driving the Ford built by Trenton's Wally Marx, has entered the July 4 stock car races at the Flemington Fair oval. Campbell qualified fourth last Sunday in Georgia, competing against some of the nation's top drivers.

Campbell was running fourth, ahead of such drivers as Red Byrd and Bob Lee, last year's winner in the Laughlin races, when his fan blade snapped off and went through the radiator, eliminating him from further action.

Marx has put the car back in shape and claims it is ready for a winning performance. Local race fans will remember this car as the one which took a bad spill in front of the grandstand at Flemington last year.

Battling Campbell for top honors will be Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates, Tommy Bradshaw and Johnny Sabatini's team of Chick DiNatale and Pete Harris. The last-named pair are the east's leading money winners.

Stock Car Races Attract Top Drivers At Flemington

7/2/1948

FLEMINGTON—A trio of Trenton drivers—Tommy Bradshaw, Tommy Coates and Pepper Cunningham—will renew their keen rivalry Sunday in the Fourth of July stock car races at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

Six events, comprising 100 laps of racing, will be on tap.

The three local drivers have been battling it out for No. 1 spot on the ASCRA circuit. Cunningham, driving Lee McBride's fast No. 11, currently has the edge in points.

Providing top competition for these boys will be Chick DiNatale and Pete Harris, both of Trenton. Ken Marriott and Vernon Kirk of Baltimore, who

place 1-2 at Selingsgrove, Pa., two weeks ago, and a trio of the South's top drivers—Buddy Shuman, Frank Mundy and Wild Bill Snowden—are also included in the star-studded field.

Promoter Tommy Grbac has already received 35 entries and is looking forward to one of the greatest days of racing at the Fair Grounds Sunday.

Coates Breezes To Easy Stock Car Win At Flemington

7/8/1948

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FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 8th— One of the fastest and most thrilling stock car events ever held in the East was staged Sunday, July 4th at the Flemington Fairgrounds. Forty-two of the snappiest cars to be seen in racing invaded the fairgrounds at an early hour in response to the entry blanks mailed out by the general promoter, Tommy Grboe of Bound Brook, N. J. In the first heat of the day Tommy Bradshaw, Tommy Coates and Pepper Cunningham finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the second seat Chic DiNatale, Paul Messner and Lou Volk finished in that order. Charles Muscatell, Rickky Di Natale and Ed Tyson finished 1, 2 and 3rd Heat.

In a special Match Race between the 3 winners of the heats, Tommy Bradshaw romped home the winner, inches in front of Chic DiNatale. The main event of the day was a walk-away for running No. 47. Out of 18 starters Tommy Coates in Joe Wolf's fast in the main only 9 finished. The extreme heat of the day took fast toll of these hot running motors. Tommy Bradshaw rolled his car in the 8th lap furnishing one of the major thrills of the day, thrills for which Flemington is justly famous. A capacity crowd howled their approval of the events of the day and left the grounds avowing their intentions of returning on July 25th, next race date at this track.

—Lillian Maxson

Stock Car Racing On Flemington Bill

7/23/1948

FLEMINGTON — Flemington's Fair Grounds will be the scene of miles of stock car racing Sunday afternoon. Top-flight drivers from various sections of the East will be on hand to vie for top honors in the show, under the direction of Tommy Grbac.

If the Fourth of July program can serve as a criterion, enthusiasts of the dirt track sport will be in for plenty of action Sunday.

Among the entrants expected to be on hand will be Tommy Coates, Chick DiNatale and Tommy Bradshaw, all of Trenton. Coates turned in the fastest qualifying time in the recent 100-mile championship at Langhorne.

Flemington Races Pull Top 'Hot Rod' Drivers

7/24/48

Some of country's top "hot rod" specialists will converge on the Flemington Fair half-mile oval tomorrow for 100 laps of racing designed to keep the fans in a constant state of excitement.

7/24/1948

~~Campbell in Marx's~~
~~Driver Tommy~~ has lined up a speedy field for tomorrow's events with Trenton's well known fence-buster, Wally Campbell, ready to show dust to the other entrants in Wally Marx's No. 1 job.

Campbell will have plenty of competition from Tommy Bradshaw, Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates, Lee McBride and Chick DiNatale. DiNatale's car was smashed up quite a bit in recent races around the eastern circuit, but Chick feels the car is again in tip-top shape.

Flemington's own Paul Barbishe has entered three cars in tomorrow's events and is expected to provide plenty of thrills for the hometown folks.

Time trials start at 12:30 P. M. tomorrow, with the first heat slated for 2:30 P. M.

DiNatale Victor At Flemington

7/25/1948

Special to The Trentonian 1948

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 25—Chick DiNatale of Trenton, N. J., sped to a thrilling victory in the 25-lap feature stock car race here today.

Wally Campbell finished second, followed by Frank Mundy, Tommy Bradshaw, Pete Harris and Johnny Rogers.

Pepper Cunningham, Bradshaw and Wimpy Irwin of Rockaway, N. J., were in spills during the main event. Irwin was the only driver injured. He suffered a badly bruised arm.

A four-car spill took place midway during the race but none of the "hot rod" pilots were injured.

DiNatale Wins At Flemington

7/26/1948

FLEMINGTON—Driving Johnny (McGee) Sabitini's 1937 Ford, "The Outlaw", Chick DiNatale of Trenton sped to victory in the 25-lap feature stock car race at the Flemington Fair Grounds yesterday.

A large throng of more than 5,000 fans saw DiNatale's No. 69 cross the finish line ahead of Wally Campbell of Trenton and Frank Mundy, Atlanta, Ga. Tommy Bradshaw of Trenton, holder of the day's fastest qualifying time, placed fourth in the feature event.

DiNatale posted the second fastest qualifying time. He won the first qualifying heat, which included the ten fastest drivers.

The feature race was marred by two mishaps, one of which involved six cars. Tommy Coates and Pepper Cunningham, both of Trenton, were put out of action by accidents. Neither was injured.

Di Natale Takes Day's Major Honors At Flemington 1948

7/30/1948

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 30.—Chic Di Natale of Trenton, N. J., rode to another of his high-riding victories at the Flemington Fair grounds Sunday afternoon, July 25 in his usual high, wide and handsome style of driving.

The heat races proceeded in quite orderly fashion, with Chic Di Natale, Wally Campbell and Bud Bixler winning in each of three events.

The consolation race went along smoothly until the 6th lap when Larry Smith, riding in 5th spot, driving Red Parisi's No. 2 (which had just been advertised for sale) rolled over between the first and second turns, and the car was promptly offered for half price. Lew Volk in Barney Ferriero's No. 52 won this event, followed by Eddie Ader, the famous Walt Aders brother, who was driving today for the first time. Walt Ader, on crutches, his arm in a sling, was looking on and lending moral support to his younger brother, who did an exceptionally fine job in his first race.

The 25-lap feature event rolled right along until the eleventh lap, when Joe Wolf's beautiful fast No. 47 running in second spot, with Tommy Coates driving, spun coming out of the first turn. Almost simultaneously Pepper Cunningham went through the fence on the third turn. Other cars following Coates, unable to get around him, piled up, with the result that Wimpy Ervin, popular midget driver and Paul Messner were sidelined with injuries and their cars, plus those driven by Earl Long, Bud Bixler and Harvey McDonald, seven in all, were unable to restart. The remainder of the field, finished the main event, speedily and without further accidents. Chic Di Natale won handily, but the thrills were furnished by that always spectacular young chauffeur Wally "Crash" Campbell, whose car began to act skittishly in the last few laps and Wally bounced off the fence on the 4th turn every time around. Just as he crossed the finish line, inches ahead of Frank Mundy, his car quit completely.

All in all, the spectators at this track, noted for its slam bang type of racing, really got many times their money's worth today.

Tommy Grbac, the ever genial and popular promoter promises to return again at an early date with more of this type of racing.

Flemington Race Inaugural Sunday

4/19/1949

FLEMINGTON — Sunday will mark the opening of the stock car racing season in New Jersey when Promoter Tommy Gerbac will present the inaugural Flemington Sweepstakes under the sanction of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club.

Heading the long list of entries will be many names from Trenton, who are now famous among speedway celebrities, such as "Chick" DiNatale, the 1948 Eastern champion, driving the fast Johnny Sabatini Ford, Pete Harris, second-place in the Eastern point standing championship; "Rocky" DiNatale, brother of the "champ" and third-place winner; Nelson Applegate, winner of three straight features including the first of the '49 season at Avon, Conn., in the beautiful new Persi Special; Angelo Lombardi will be on hand with his fast No. 33; Joe Chester in his Brother Eddie's new job and Lou Johnson formerly of the Capitol City will drive the Jack Kuhn No. 29.

Auto racing fans who have seen past performances of the stocks at the Flemington track will well remember the action-packed races staged by the Gerbac Promotions with spins and spills in every direction and always one of the fastest programs in racing.

The day's events will get under way promptly at 1:30 p. m. with qualifying time trials and the first race scheduled for 2:30 sharp. There will be three heats, a special match race, a consolation and a thirty-lap feature race.

Stock Car Racing Program At Flemington Oval Sunday

Tommy Garbac of Flemington, promoter of the stock car races scheduled for Flemington this Sunday, has announced that the leading stock drivers in the East have sent in their entries for the first race of the year in New Jersey.

Headlining the star-studded list of entries are seven drivers from Trenton. The two DiNatale brothers, Chick and Rocky are slated for the opener and also running will be Pete Harris, Nelson Applegate, Angelo Lombardi, Joe Chester and Lou Johnson.

Other drivers slated to whirl around the half-mile oval will be Lou Volk of Newark, Ed Ader of Bernardsville, Dick Dowd, Plainfield; Frank Schnieder, Charlie Muscatell, Lennie Brown, Lambertville; Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Bob Courtwright, Hasbrouck Heights; Bob Thompson, Bob Read,

Jim Delaney, Chuck Engle and Fred Dickson of the famed Hope racing team. Ed Ader is a brother of Walt, the auto racing star from Bernardsville.

Flemington has always been known as the center of the metropolitan racing area and it is only fitting that the season should open there. Four top-notch races were run at Flemington last season and in the last race 14 cars were wrecked. Also practically demolished was the entire infield guard rail, which has been replaced.

Sunday's time trials will start at 12:30 and the first race at 2:30.

4/20/1949

Flemington Speed Card Set Sunday

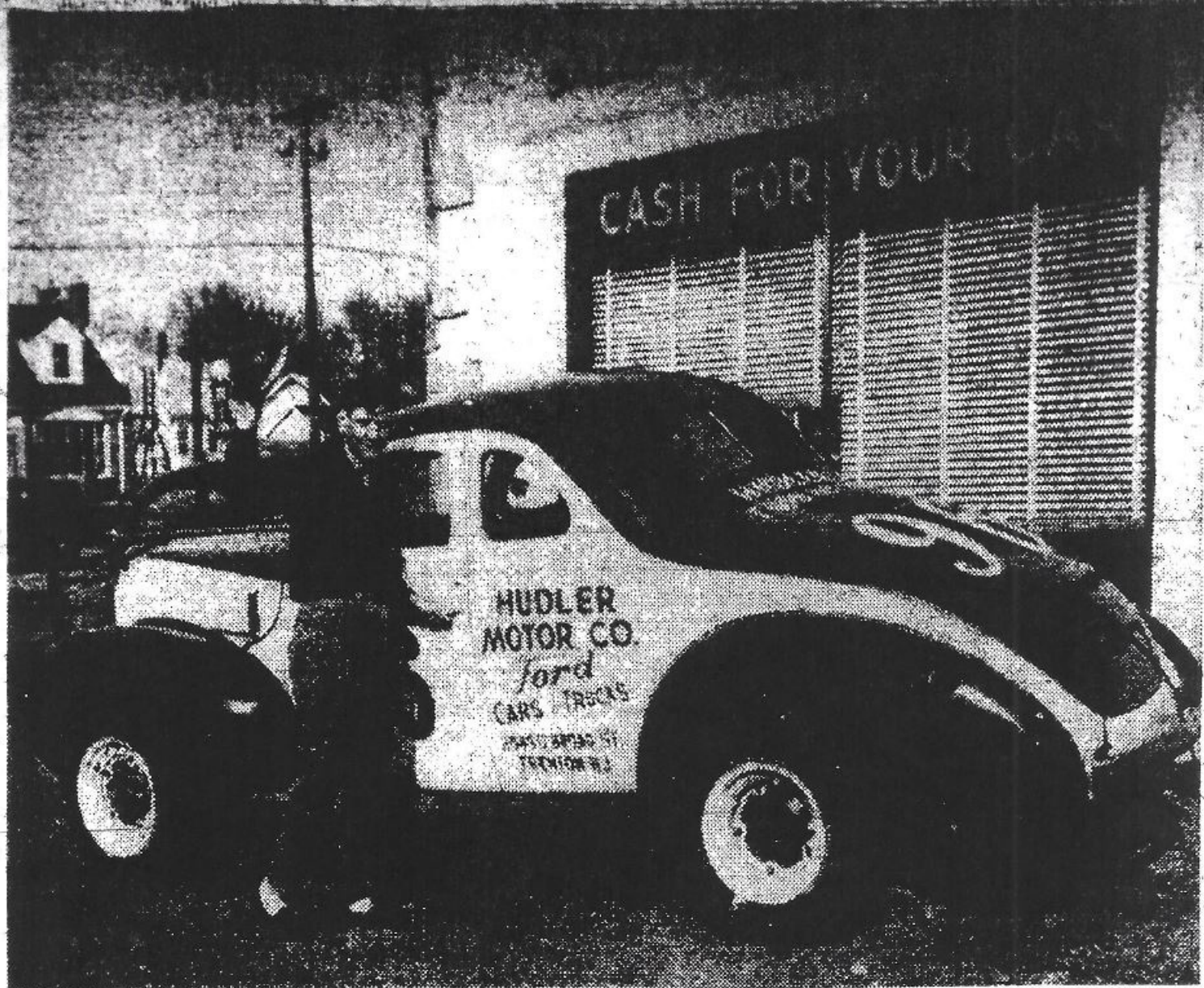
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Flemington's half-mile track will be New Jersey's speed capital Sunday afternoon. A program of stock car racing has been arranged by Promoter Tom Garbac. The first competitive event will start at 2:30 o'clock. Time trials will open the program at 12:30. Six races will follow the trials. The feature event will be over a distance of 30 laps.

Chick DiNatale, winner of an Eastern championship trophy for his stock car racing prowess last year, is among seven Trenton entries. His brother, Rocky DiNatale, will be one of his rivals. Others from Trenton include Lou Johnson, Joe Chester, Angelo Lombardi, Nelson Applegate and Pete Harris.

Hunterdon County will be represented by Paul Barbiche of Flemington and a Lambertville trio of Charlie Muscatell, Lennie Brown and Frankie Schneider.

Ed Ader of Bernardsville hopes to pilot a stock car as successfully as his brother, Walt, performs in the big car auto racing circuit.



Chick DiNatale of 777 Hunt Ave., Trenton, eastern stock car racing points champion of 1948, poses beside the car he hopes will keep him in the running this year. Chick had a clean sweep at Middletown, N. J., last week.

4/22/1949

Staff Photo

Local Drivers Race at Flemington Sunday

FLEMINGTON, April 21—A crack field of "hot rod" drivers, including the 1948 Eastern Circuit champion, Chick DiNatale of Trenton will be on hand Sunday when the New Jersey stock car racing season gets under way here.

Under the sanction of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Club, the field includes such talented lead-foot specialists as Nelson Applegate of Trenton; Paul Bar-

biche of Flemington; Lou Volk of Newark; Dick Dowd of Plainfield and a score of others. Over 30 drivers have entered to date.

Chick Drives Sabatini Job

DiNatale will drive Johnny Sabatini's Huddler-Ford with which he whirled to top honors last season. Applegate has won his last two feature races, two of them carrying over from last year. Nelson won the opener at Avon, Conn. early this month.

Volk, the Newark sensation, is a former midget and big car driver who found more thrills and spills (and glory) in the stock car circuit. Lou will drive the Barney Ferriero "Flying Tiger" job that is powered with a 1949 Mercury engine.

Time trials Sunday will start at 1:30 P. M. and the first heat will get under way promptly at 2:30 when starter Harry Reeves drops the checkered flag.

Flemington Races Attract 7 Local Speed Jockeys

4/23/1949

Seven Trenton drivers will be among an unexpected 30 starters tomorrow when Promoter Tommy Garbac presents the first stock car racing program of the season at the half-mile Flemington track. The first main event will get underway at 2:30 P. M. Time trials will open the card at 12:30. A 30-lap feature will be the main attraction on the opening day card.

Heading the list of local entries will be Chick DiNatale, last year's Eastern Stock Car Racing Circuit champion. Chick will draw considerable competition from his brother, Rocky, and other Trenton drivers including Lou Johnson, Joe Chester, Angelo Lombardi, Nelson Applegate and Pete Harris. Flemington race adherents will have a local boy to cheer on in the person of Paul Barbiche while three Lambertville drivers — Charles Muscatelli, Len Brown and Frank Schneider — will also compete.

Stock Cars Open At Flemington

4/24/1949

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 23.—A veteran field of competitors is anticipated at the season's opening racing event at Flemington Fair Grounds tomorrow, where a six-race program, under the sponsorship of the Eastern Stock Car Racing Association, commences at 2:30 P. M.

Such stock car stars as Frank Mundy, Atlanta, Ga.; Nelson and Leon Applegate, Trenton; Paul Barbiche, Flemington, and Buddy Shuman, Charlotte, have tendered entries. Others, including Rocky and Chic DiNatale, Trenton; Pepe Sparone, Boonton; Lou Volk, Newark, and Peter Harris, Len Brown, Bobby Courtwright, and Charles Muscatell, all of Lambertville, are expected to compete.

Three heats, a consolation event, a special match race, and a 25-lap feature are scheduled.

Flemington Oval Is Scene Of Stock Car Races Today

4/24/1949

Stock car drivers will descend upon the Flemington Fair half-mile track today with one thought in mind—taking home the top portion of the purse. As a result, the six-event program following the time trials is likely to furnish an abundance of thrills for the spectators in attendance.

At least seven Trenton drivers are expected to compete in the program lined up by Promoter Tom Garbac. Included in the

Trenton delegation is Chick DiNatale, winner of a trophy emblematic of the Eastern stock car racing championship last year. Chick's brother, Rocky DiNatale, is another entry in today's races. The others from Trenton are Joe Chester, Angelo Lombardi, Lou Johnson, Pete Harris and Nelson Applegate.

Flemington's Paul Barbiche and a trio of Lambertville speedsters—Len Brown, Charlie Muscatell and Frankie Schneider—will carry Hunterdon County hopes.

One of the North Jersey entries will be Ed Ader of Bernardsville. He is a brother of Walt Ader, the famed big car race driver.

Time trials will begin at 12:30 and the first of six competitive events at 2:30. The feature event will be over a distance of 30 laps.



CHIC DI NATALE



ROCKY DI NATALE

... Trenton's famed brother combine set for Flemington tomorrow

Field of 30 Plus to Race At Flemington Tomorrow

Special to The Trentonian

FLEMINGTON, May 27—A top-notch field of stock car drivers, headed by Chic DiNatale of Trenton, will invade Flemington tomorrow to prep for Tommy Garbac's second stock car promotion of the season, to be held at Flemington Fair Grounds Sunday.

DiNatale, having won some 19 feature events and having beaten everybody he competed against on six different tracks in the east, will be out to add Flemington's checkered flag to his season's bag. He'll have to watch out for Eddie

Ader, winner at Nazareth a few weeks ago. Hailing from Plainfield, Ader thinks he can even old scores with DiNatale on this blazing fast half-mile dirt track, noted for its chills and spills in the past.

Garbac has announced that more than 30 entrants will participate in Sunday's events, among them the Applegate brothers, Pete Harris, Angelo Lombardi, Rocky DiNatale (Chic's brother); Jim Delaney, Bob Read, Don Treible, Fred Dickinson and Bob Thompson, all from Hope, N. J., and many others.

Flemington's own Paul Barbiche, one of the most spectacular drivers in any type of racing, is another who will be on hand. Noted for his ability to finish among the first three, Barbiche staged a wheel-to-wheel finish with Chic DiNatale in the first feature of the season here, although he started out by tearing down 30 feet of guard rail and landing in a nearby field. He had to restart.

Sunday's main event will be 25 laps or 12½ miles. It will be preceded by four other events. Time trials will start at 1 o'clock and racing at 2:30.

5/28/1949

DiNatale Heads Field Today In Flemington Race Program

5/29/1949

FLEMINGTON — Chick DiNatale of Trenton, Eastern champion last year, heads an impressive list of entrants who will compete in today's program of stock car races at Flemington Fair Grounds. The program will be under the direction of Promotor Tommy Garbac of New Brunswick.

Garbac has lined up a outstanding field of drivers for today's races. Included on the list are Chick's brother, Rocky; Pete Harris, Leon and Nelson (Big and Little Apple) Applegate from Trenton, "Fence Buster" Paul Barbichi from Flemington, Lennie Brown, Frankie Schnieder and Charlie Muscatell from Lambertville plus many other names known to the speed fans.

The program will consist of three 10 lap heats, a match race, a consolation race and the 25 lap feature event. Time trials



Chick Dinatale

will begin at 1 p. m., with the actual races starting at 2:30

Stock Car Races Attract Top Drivers At Flemington

FLEMINGTON—A trio of Trenton drivers—Tommy Bradshaw, Tommy Coates and Pepper Cunningham—will renew their keen rivalry Sunday in the Fourth of July stock car races at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

Six events, comprising 100 laps of racing, will be on tap.

The three local drivers have been battling it out for No. 1 spot on the ASCRA circuit. Cunningham, driving Lee McBride's fast No. 11, currently has the edge in points.

Providing top competition for these boys will be Chick DiNatale and Pete Harris, both of Trenton. Ken Marriott and Vernon Kirk of Baltimore, who

place 1-2 at Selingsgrove, Pa., two weeks ago, and a trio of the South's top drivers—Buddy Shuman, Frank Mundy and Wild Bill Snowden—are also included in the star-studded field.

Promoter Tommy Grbac has already received 35 entries and is looking forward to one of the greatest days of racing at the Fair Grounds Sunday.

7/2/1949

Big Car Races At Flemington

9/4/1949

FLEMINGTON, N. J. — Some more Indianapolis thunder rolled into the two-day auto racing meet here at the Flemington Fair.

Fair secretary B. H. Pedrick announced the entries of Dempsey Wilson, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Walt Brown, of Massapequa, L. I. The former will appear here in both programs while Brown will show for the Labor Day festivities.

A stablemate of Johnny Mantz in the A. J. Agetjianian Enterprises, Wilson will be making his first Eastern appearance when he rolls his Offenhauser out to the starting line here Sunday. Although he is little known here in the East, Wilson ranks as one of California's outstanding drivers in a State which has produced such stars as Mantz, Rex Mays, Johnny Parsons and George Connors.

He holds three track records at the Gardenia Speedways in Long Beach, Calif., and four at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles.

Brown, a former bank teller in his home town, will be best remembered for his sterling Indianapolis performance last May 30. He stepped into the shoes vacated by an ailing Emil Andres and drove the Tuffy Offy Special to ninth place. Since then, he has been climbing steadily in the national championship standings where he finished 18th last year.

To his credit already this year he has a third place finish in a 100-miler at Trenton, N. J., a tenth place finish in a similar race at Milwaukee, Wisc., second in a recent 200-miler at the brewery capital, and fifth in a century race at Springfield, Ill.

Spider Webb Takes Flemington Event

By JOE ALBRIGHT

Trentonian Staff Sports Writer

FLEMINGTON, Sept. 5—Automobile racing, which produces as many champions as professional wrestling, realized a few more here today as the second day of auto races wound up with the closing of the Flemington Fair.

9/6/1949

Spider Webb Star

At least, so said the advance publicity. When the five events were completed, none in the estimated gathering of 6,500 complained of races below the accepted "championship" caliber, whatever that may be. There were a few accidents, not serious, on the fast half-mile track which furnished the usual style of racing.

Except for one duel, all the combatants who started in the select pole positions kept them.

Spider Webb, Dayton, Ohio, controlled the first race for eight laps, and the last, scheduled for 20 laps but halted at 18 due to the second minor accident of the day involving Hank Rogers, Fords, N. J. In each, Webb was the master, which made a striking parallel to Sam Nunis, the promoting monarch who acts like a football coach, shouting instructions during the program.

Webb was a six-lap opening winner, holding a steady margin over Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa., when Dempsey Wilson crashed without harm on the third turn of the sixth lap with two remaining. Under American Automobile Association rules, a race halted by an accident is considered finished when 55 per cent of the match is over.

The same ruling was applied in the feature when Rogers, who had crashed in a qualifying heat spin, banged up again on the back stretch on the 18th lap. This action broke the lull which reigned as a result of the leading role played by Webb, who broke from the pole position and stayed ahead all the way. His margin over runner-up Hinnershitz and Johnny Mantz, the Californian, was close.

Eight of the nine starters in the feature finished.

Mantz was the exception to the pole starter finishing first. He overtook Lee Wallard at the end of the second lap of the second eight-lapper and stayed there after opening in second. Wallard, Schenectady, N. Y., was second.

Another "insider," Mike Joseph, veteran midget driver from Philadelphia, spun home first in the third race, an easy winner over Dan Goss, who was second.

Mantz was the feature winner here Sunday, topping Rogers, who trailed second.

Order of Finish:

8-Lap Feature—1, Spider Webb; 2, Tommy Hinnershitz; 3, Johnny Mantz; 4, Lee Wallard; 5, Mike Joseph; 6, Buster Warke; 7, Earl Horn; 8, Dan Goss. Time 8:22.61.

1st 8-Lap Event (cut to six due to accident)—1, Spider Webb; 2, Tommy Hinnershitz; 3, Lee Wallard. Time 2:49.22.

2d 8-Lap Event—1, Johnny Mantz; 2, Lee Wallard; 3, Buster Warke. Time 3:48.18.

3d 8-Lap Event—1, Mike Joseph; 2, Dan Goss; 3, Hank Rogers. Time 3:47.03.

Consolation (for those who failed to qualify in earlier races)—1, Earl Horn; 2, Ben Smorto. (Only 2 of 6 finished.) Time 3:49.40.

Leading Stock

Car Drivers At

xx/xx/1949

Flemington

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Tommy Grbac, local promoter of the Flemington Fairgrounds half-mile dirt speedway, stated today that although the American Stock Car Racing Association will sanction tomorrow's card, A.S.C.R.A. has given its approval to open competition so that top-flight competitors from all section of the East can be expected to appear.

Leading the list of entrants is A.S.C.R.A. secretary Tommy Coates of San Antonio, Texas, who last week established a new track record for the Atlantic Exposition Speedway, Richmond, Va., and who, during the winter months has competed in events from North Carolina south and has as yet to fail to finish in one of the top money spots.

Near the top of the list is the name of Wally Campbell of Trenton, the defending champion of the A.S.C.R.A., and currently second in point ratings for American drivers.

Other entrants include Johnny Karp, Lee McBride and Pepper Cunningham of Trenton; Charlie Miller, Philadelphia; Johnny Rogers, Charlotte, N. C.; and Ed Tyson and Bill Tanner of Bucks County, Pa.

The race program will include three qualifying heats, a consolation event and a 30-lap feature. Time trails will start at 12:30.
