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**TOMMY COATES**, Secretary of American Stock Car Racing Association, is pictured here as he gives Flemington Fairgrounds Speedway promoter, **TOMMY GARBACH** (at left) help in posting the first paper

for the April 30 modified stock event at the New Jersey Fairgrounds. ASCRA will sanction all of Garbach's promotions during the 1950 season.

# Stock Car Event For Flemington

4/27/1950

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Among other entrants will be Johnny Karp, whose new No. 18 has placed in the money in its first two races.

# Flemington Lists Stock Car Races

Among the early entrants for the Flemington spring championship, opening modified stock car event scheduled for this area at Flemington Fair Grounds, Sunday, April 30, is Eddie Ader.

Ader, a relative newcomer to the racing game, with only two years' experience behind him, will represent two famous racing families when he appears at Flemington on Sunday. Eddie Ader, 22-year-old youngster, who will be pitting nerve and skill against such veteran drivers as Pepper Cunningham, Wally Campbell and Tommy Coates from this area, is the brother of famed big-car racer, Walt Ader, who will compete in the Indianapolis classic on Memorial Day.

Ader will drive a Strupp Special, owned by the son of Bill Strupp, noted big-car designer, whose cars were driven by such stellar track champions as Bill Winn, Doc MacKenzie and Bill Cummings.

Time trials are scheduled for 12:30 P. M. and in all a 75-lap card is scheduled.



Tommy Coates (above) is among a strong contingent of Trenton drivers who will be featured in the opening modified stock car racing event of the season at Flemington Fair Grounds Sunday. Coates has been a consistent winner in the southern circuit during the winter months and is holder of the half-mile dirt track record at Richmond. Sunday's card, featuring Trentonians Pepper Cunningham, Wally Campbell, Coates and Johnny Karp, is sanctioned by the American Stock Car Racing Association.

# Local Stars Top Stock Car Card at Flemington Track

4/29/1950

A stellar card, topped by such standout local stars as Wally Campbell, Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates and Johnny Karp, will be featured in the opening modified stock car racing event of the season for this area at the Flemington Fairgrounds tomorrow.

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Among other entrants who will go to the post from this section is Karp, whose new No. 18 has placed in the money in its first two races of the season and with the bugs now ironed out, should definitely be a threat.

Lee McBride, a veteran retired driver and now a racing car designer, promises to have his new No. 11 at Flemington and was able to iron out the last ignition problems which had beset him earlier this season in the south at a South Jersey event last Saturday. Red Tomlinson, former thrill show stunt driver, is tentatively named for the bucket seat of the McBride entry.

Cunningham, always a threat in the tough-to-drive dirt track competition, has been offered several mounts for the event but as yet has made no definite commitment.

Without doubt one of the outstanding cars to be entered will be the famous No. 1, designed and owned by Trentonian Wally

Marks, which car, now completely rebuilt, holds more individual track records than any other modified stock car in the racing business today. Marks has not as yet definitely named a driver for his car but North Carolina speed merchant Johnny Rogers is being considered for the spot. Campbell will drive the W. O. Taylor No. 91, the same car which two years ago won the Langhorne 100-mile stock championship.

# Flemington Stock Cars Race Today

4/30/1950

More than 35 cars have filed entries for the opening modified stock car races at the Flemington Fair half-mile oval today, starting at 2 p. m. Qualifying time trials will begin at 12:30 p. m.

Several last-minutes entries have been received by promoter Tommy Garbach. One of the outstanding of these will be car No. 6, a newly-setup modified stock built by Walt Siwak of Newton, Pa., which in initial trial tests on the half mile has been clocked at better than 65 miles per hour average. Geared for the short half-mile oval, the Siwak mount has been capable of hitting close to 90 on the stretch. This same car geared for a one-mile straight-away was unofficially clocked at 128 miles an hour. Siwak's No 6 should be one of the leading cars in contention this afternoon.

The entry list for today's race includes Trenton drivers Wally

Campbell (defending champion of the American Stock Car Racing Association), Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates, Vince Cannizzaro, Johnny Karp and Bill Scanlon.

A promising newcomer, who with only two years' experience in the game has already shown the way home to many of the veterans on the Eastern dirt track ovals is Al Collins with car No. 34.

Other entrants include Harold Brohkoff, Lucky Loux, Lou Johnson, Ed Tyson, Bill Tanner, Jim Marks, Vernon Storm Sam Malack, Irv Blatt, Al Tibbetts, Joe Alter, Bud Morris, Reds Tomlinson, Nick Binder Jim Marriott, Joe Bresner, Paul Barbiche, Harv McDonald, Dave Terrill, Don Edwards, Cotton Kind, Bud Stark, Pappy Hough, Frankie Schneider, Bill Smith, Eddie Ader, Oakie Harris, Vince Harris, Jimmy Dunn and Jack Koons.

# Races Sunday At Flemington

5/5/1950

The modified stock car events slated for the Flemington Fair Grounds half-mile oval last Sunday and cancelled due to rain are scheduled to take place this coming Sunday, May 7, under the sanction of the American Stock Car Racing Association. Rain, which for the past few weeks has plagued various outdoor sporting events, has proved a definite benefit for the stock car racing fans. The postponement has made possible a larger field of cars than originally scheduled.

Al Collins, Moorestown, N. J., driver of car 35, was unable to get his mount performing properly for last week's go, but the promising newcomer is a definite threat Sunday.

Wally Campbell, rated as the country's outstanding stock car driver, has been named to drive the Wally Marks No. 1, the same car in which Campbell earlier this season established a new world's record for the five-eighths banked dirt at Charlotte, North Carolina.

# **Flemington Site Of Stock Car Races Tomorrow**

The stock car races originally scheduled for April 30 and cancelled due to rain will be conducted on the Flemington half-mile fairgrounds oval tomorrow. Time trials are scheduled to begin at 12:30. A complete card of three qualifying events, a consolation event and the feature will commence at 2:30 o'clock.

Although the rain-out was a definite disappointment to many fans, the week's delay has made possible the addition of more cars to the already star-packed field. Among the new local entrants is veteran stock car racer Joe Bresner, whose newly set-up race car wasn't ready for the original date but will go to the pole this Sunday.

Other entrants who have been added to the original list which includes such standout drivers as Wally Campbell, Johnny Karp, Tommy Coates and Pepper Cunningham are Bud Groner, Langhorne, Pa.; Oakie Whitcraft, Moorestown, N. J.; Charlie Morris, Danville, Pa.; George Hicks and Al Gross of Philadelphia.

In all, promoter Tommy Garbach stated that the American Stock Car Racing Association, sanctioning body for the event, reports more than 35 cars and drivers.

# Eyes Stock Car Laurels



Johnny Karp

## Classy Field At Flemington In Today's Stock Car Races

A field of 30 or more stock cars will race at the Flemington Fair Grounds oval today. Time trials are slated to get under way at 12:30 with the first of three qualifying events scheduled to begin at 2:30 p. m. In addition to the qualifying events, a consolation race will give four additional cars an opportunity to take the green flag in the feature. The main event starting field is restricted to 22 entrants.

Topping the card from this area are: Wally Campbell, Pepper Cunningham, Tommy Coates, Vince Cannizara, Jack Koons, Joe Bresner and Bud Willets, all

from Trenton, where the sanctioning body, the American Stock Car Racing Association, has its headquarters.

Trenton car-owner Lee McBride has listed former stuntman Reds Tomlinson for his car.

Other entrants include: Bud Groner, Langhorne, Pa.; Jim Marriott, Baltimore, Md.; Vernon Storm, Randallstown, Md.; Lou Johnson, Wilmington, Dela.; Jim Marks, Dover, Dela.; Oakie Whitcraft, Moorestown, N. J.; Al Collins, Moorestown, N. J.; Charlie Morris, Davisville, Pa.; Bill Tanner, Newtown, Pa.; Ed. Tyson, Langhorne, Pa.; Harold Brohokoff, Pottsville, Pa.; George Hicks, Philadelphia; Al Gross, Philadelphia; Lucky Loux, Sellersville, Pa.; Eddie Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.; Walt Siwak, Newtown, Pa.; Al Tibbetts, Newportville, Pa.; Johnny Rogers, Charlotte, N. C.; Cotton Kind, Washington, D. C.; Joe Alter, Philadelphia; Sam Mallach, Irv Blatt, Hamburg, Pa.; Nick Binder, Flemington; Dave Terrill, Newtown, Pa.; and Jimmy Dunn, Richmond, Va.

5/7/1950

Wally Campbell of Trenton won the 25-lap feature race at Flemington yesterday in the **American Stock Car Racing** Association's opening-day program. Campbell and Frank Schneider of Lambertville staged a thrill packed race . . . Trenton's Rocky DiNatale captured the 25-lap feature at the Atco Speedway yesterday. DiNatale covered the distance in 12:39. Chick DiNatale, Rocky's brother, finished third and Vince Cannizzar was fourth . . . Buddy Chase of West Haven, Conn. scored in the North Penn Sweepstakes at the Hatfield Speedway yesterday before more than 5,000 fans.

5/8/1950

# Campbell Wins

5/8/1950

## At Flemington

*Special to The Trentonian*

FLEMINGTON, May 7—Wally Campbell, Trenton, drove Wally Marks' car No. 1 to victory in the American Stock Car Racing Association's opening-day feature today at Flemington Fairgrounds before 3,600 fans.

Campbell hooked up in a spirited duel with Lambertville's Frank Schneider for the entire 25-lap event. Schneider grabbed the early lead but Campbell wrested the pace-setting position on the fourth lap and held on gamely, finishing approximately three car lengths in front of Schneider.

It was the third straight event in which Marks' car captured the feature. Campbell drove it to a 25-lap victory at Hatfield Speedway Saturday night.

John Wagner, Seabright, was uninjured when his car plowed through the fence on the third corner. However, the car was damaged considerably.

# Stock Car Races Scheduled At Flemington, Atco Tracks

5/16/1950

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Time trials at Flemington tomorrow will start at 6 o'clock. The racing program will begin at 8.

# Bradshaw Set

5/25/1950

## For Flemington Events Sunday

Tommy Bradshaw, 1948 high-point driver in the American Stock Car Racing Association and one-time number one ranking eastern modified stock star, has announced his intention of competing in this Sunday's events at the Flemington, N. J., Fair Grounds.

Bradshaw will helm the very fast No. 6 Siwak Special which has consistently placed among the top five American cars so far this season under the guidance of newcomer Fred Jones of Philadelphia. Jones, who was slightly injured in an accident at Williams Grove two weeks ago, stated, "I have followed Bradshaw's driving style for years and have taken most of my pointers from him when he was at his peak. I am sure that he will be able to get No. 6 into the front ranks."

A newcomer to the Flemington Fair Grounds will be Atlanta, Georgia, Frank Mundy in his car No. 44 that has been worked over by Joe Wolf, who is considered one of the top mechanics in the modified stock car centers.

Other drivers who have already signed entries for the Flemington meet are Tommy Coates, Trenton; Johnny Karp, whose Indian Head Special placed third in the last event; Lucky Loux, Sellersville, Pa.; Ed Tyson, Langhorne, Pa.; Bill Tanner, Newtown, Pa.; Eddie Ader, Bernardsville, N. J.; Pepper Cunningham, Trenton; Reds Tomlinson, Bristol, Pa.; Harold Brohko, Pottsville, Pa.; Irv Blatt, Hamburg, Pa.; Lou Johnson, Wilmington, Del.; Dick Alter, Camden, N. J.; Bud Groner, Langhorne, Pa.; Charlie Morrison, Davisville, Pa.; Al Collins and Okie Wincroft, Moorestown, N. J.; George Moore, Pennsauken, N. J..

# Bradshaw to Seek Laurels In Flemington Races Sunday

5/26/1950

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# See Cunningham Due for a First At Flemington

Flemington Fair Grounds, which will stage its second auto racing event of the season Sunday, will have on hand the fastest group of cars seen at the Fair Grounds track in recent seasons. Heading the list will be a newcomer to this area, Glen "Fireball" Roberts, Daytona Beach, Fla., who recently joined the American Stock Car Racing Association, the sanctioning body for the event.

Another southerner, Frank Mundy, will offer competition to the man promoter Tommy Garbach feels is due for a feature win at the half-mile track, Pepper Cunningham. Cunningham, a veteran Trenton stock car driver, so far this year has failed to take the checker first but consistently has been running up in the first five money spots. Cunningham will drive the Tompson No. 4, the car which carried him to fifth-place honors at the last race at Flemington.

Wally Campbell, also of Trenton, and the current top race fan hero, will be out to make it two in a row and again will be at the wheel of the Wally Marks' No. 1.

The races will get under way at 2 P. M. and will culminate with a 25-lap feature. 5/26/1950

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# Classy Stock Car Speedsters Race Today At Flemington

5/28/1950

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Another Southerner, Frank Mundy, will offer stern competition. So will Pepper Cunningham, veteran Trenton stock car driver. Cunningham has failed to take the checkered flag this season but consistently has been running up in the first five money spots. Cunningham will drive the Tompson No.4, the car which carried him to fifth place honors at the last race on the Flemington oval.

## Campbell Seeks Honors

Wally Campbell, Trenton, cur-

rent No. 1 race fan here, will be out to make it two in a row on the Flemington track, and again will be at the wheel of the Wally Marks' No. 1. Campbell ran his first race event at the Flemington Fair Grounds' in 1939, finished upside down in the infield and seemingly was through for the day. However, he returned to ac-

## Seeks Flemington Win



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# *Auto Racing On Two Dates At Flemington*

8/29/1950

**FLEMINGTON** — Six thrill-packed events will comprise the AAA auto race cards at the Flemington Fair Sunday and Monday, September 3-4, Sam Nunis, race director revealed today.

Featured event each day will be a 20-lap Flemington Fair sweepstakes. Many of the country's best pilots and cars are entered. The programs have been sanctioned by the American Automobile Association.

Supporting the main race each day will be three 8-lap qualifying heat races, an 8-lap consolation event and opening qualifying time trials. The trials begin promptly at 1 p. m. with the first race set for 2:30 p. m.

Such noted speedmen as Mark Light, Lebanon, Pa.; Tommy Hinershitz, Reading, Pa.; Bill Schindler, Freeport, N. Y.; Walt Brown, Masepequa L. I., N. Y.; Lee Walford, Schenectady, N. Y., and Ed Terry, Vineland, N. J., are among those who have been forwarded entry papers.

B. H. Pedrick, Flemington Fair manager, said that the half-mile track was being newly conditioned and would be lightning fast for the two-day action.

## *Flemington Threat*



8/31/1950 **Lee Wallard**

Of Schenectady, N. Y., Wallard is slated to compete in both programs of big car auto racing at the Flemington Fair half-mile track. Races are carded Sunday and Monday with time trials commencing at 1 o'clock each afternoon.

# Parsons, Indianapolis Champ, Races Today At Flemington

9/3/1950

**FLEMINGTON** — Fresh from a successful midwestern tour, Indianapolis and national AAA champion Johnny Parsons returns to the East today to battle over 15 star drivers in the AAA auto races at the Flemington Fair.

Although the races will resume tomorrow, Labor Day, Parsons has been booked to compete only today.

The six-event program will get under way promptly at 12:30 p. m. with the qualifying time trials. They will be followed by three eight-lap heats, an eight-lap consolation and a 20-lap feature.

In the midwest for three months, Parsons proved to racing fans that he was anything but the prima donna other "500" winners have proved themselves to be. Oddly enough, Johnny's best performance netted him only a second place.

Last Saturday in the feature race at the Minnesota State Fair, the likeable Californian was clocked in 10:53.29, a new track record. But receiving the checkered flag ahead of him was invincible Troy Ruttman, who established a new world's record in winning the event.

Other aces lined up for the two-day Flemington Fair program include Spider Webb, the 1948 Midwestern AAA king; Hank



**Johnny Parsons**

Rogers of Fords, N. J., buster Keller, Otis Stine, Mark Light, the redoubtable oldster from Lebanon, Pa., Bob Arndt and Ed Terry of Newark.

The races, which will officially close the Flemington Fair, will be the first sanctioned by the AAA in New Jersey since last June. Tomorrow's program, like today's, will start with the time trials at 12:30. Competitive races will follow the trials. The feature event will be the 20-lap Flemington Fair Sweepstakes.

# *Races Sunday At Flemington*

5/4/1951

FLEMINGTON — The familiar roar of stock car racing motors will reverberate from Flemington Fair's half-mile track Sunday afternoon. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first race at 3 p. m. Promoter Tommy Garbac has lined up an imposing field of drivers. Among his entries will be **Wally Campbell** of Trenton, Paul Barbicic of Flemington, Eddie Soden, Pete Frazee, Charlie Thompson, George Pear, Ben Nero and Bill Chevalier.



### TRENTON'S JOHNNY KARP

Stock car auto racing will take over the Flemington Fair Grounds for the first time this season tomorrow afternoon. Johnny Karp of Trenton is one of the many speedsters who will be on hand for the big events. Another Trenton jockey is Wally Campbell, will be driving a speed creation owned and built recently by himself. Time trials start at 12:30 o'clock, with the first race at 2:30. Promoter Tommie Garbac stated that this is to be an open competition race, so that top-flight competitors from all sections of the east will be on hand.

5/5/1951



**Wally Campbell**

One of Trenton's leading stock car drivers, Campbell is slated to compete in this afternoon's program of races at the Flemington Fair half-mile track.

5/6/1951

# Flemington Stock Cars Race Today

FLEMINGTON — At least three Trenton drivers, including Wally Campbell, are expected to try for top honors in the stock car races today at the Flemington Fair Grounds. The program, promoted by Tommy Garbac, will start with time trials at 12:30 o'clock. The first competitive event is scheduled for 3 p. m.

Flemington's half-mile track, plus its tricky turns, furnishes an ideal set-up for stock car race thrills.

Campbell, winner of four of the first six races in which he participated this year, will be one of the leading threats, Promoter Garbac believes. Wally is driving his own car, a Ford, this year. He is associated with Charlie Marant, owner of an Indianapolis race car, in the operation of a Trenton garage.

Other Trenton drivers who have been listed by Garbac as likely competitors today are Johnny Karp and Chick DiNatale.

Also slated to compete are such well known pilots as George Petryk, Al Collins, Jack Yardley, Eddie Ader, Paul Barbiche, Frank Schneider, Ed Soden, Pete Frazee, Charlie Thompson, George Peart, Ben Nero, Bill Chevalier and any others who transport their racing cars to Flemington.

5/15/1951



Heres one reason its best to watch a race from the grandstand, Speed's railbirds beat a hasty retreat to safety as Bob Hall spills during a stock car race at the Flemington, N. J., fairgrounds.-F. Smith photo.

# Trenton Pilots In Action At Flemington Tomorrow

FLEMINGTON — Modified stock car motors will roar at the Flemington Fair half-mile track tomorrow. The occasion will be the Memorial Day program of stock car races presented by Promoter Tommy Garbac of Bound Brook. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first race at 2:30 p. m.

Entries listed by Garbac include a quartet of daring Trenton drivers. Two of the four are the DiNatale brothers, Rocky and Chick. The other pair from Trenton are Wally Campbell, driving his own car, and Tommy Coates, who now pilots the speedy Wally Marks machine formerly operated by Campbell.

## Won Four of Six Events

Campbell has enjoyed unusual success on Delaware tracks and at Wall Stadium, Belmar. Wally won four of the first six feature events in which he participated on Delaware ovals. Last Saturday night he finished second to Bill Pfister of Eatontown, N. J., at Wall Stadium. Pfister is expected to be among the entries in the Flemington races tomorrow.

Coates has provided thrills galore to fans at Langhorne Speedway the past two Friday nights. If he wheels the Marks machine into Flemington tomorrow, fans probably will be in for a treat.

## Brother Speedsters

The DiNatale brothers are among New Jersey's leading stock car experts. Chick added to his season's accomplishments last Friday by winning the main event under the lights at Alcyon Speed-

way, Pitman, N. J. Rocky is promoter as well as a driver. He is helping organize activity for the season at Atco Speedway near Hammonton, N. J. He also is the sponsor of the all-girl auto thrill show in which his wife, Lucy, is the star performer.

Others expected to take a try at Flemington's tricky turns include: Parker Bohn, Freehold, N. J.; Mickey Rorer, Quakertown, Pa.; Bill Chavalier, Sayreville, N. J.; Tommy Clark, Red Bank; Pete Frazee, Rahway, N. J.; Walt Tompkins, Bayonne, N. J.; Frank Holzhauer, Lakewood; Charlie Muscatel, Lambertville; Paul Barbiche, Flemington, and Johnny Rambo, Riverhead, L. I.

In addition to the time trials, tomorrow's program will consist of three 10-lap qualifying events, a consolation race of 12 laps, a match race among the three fastest drivers in the qualifying events and the 25-lap feature race.

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5/29/1951

# Four Locals Race at Flemington

5/30/1951

Four Trenton drivers will be shooting for top honors today when the stock car boys go at it again at the Flemington Fair half-mile track. This Memorial Day program, which is sure to be packed with thrills and spills that accompany any stock car race, is being presented by Tommy Garbac who hails from Bound Brook. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first race is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock.

Garbac's entry list shows Trentonians Wally Campbell, Tommy Coates, Rocky DiNatale and brother Chick DiNatale ready to compete in today's grind. Campbell will be driving his own car while Coates will drive the Wally Marks machine formerly operated by Campbell.

All four drivers have provided

plenty of thrills for stock car followers in this section of the country. Campbell made a strong showing last Saturday night to finish second to Bill Pfister of Eatontown, N. J., at Wall Stadium in Belmar. Wally will have to improve today as Pfister is expected to be in today's list of entries.

Coates has been performing of late at the Langhorne Speedway, much to the delight of the fans in that section. The DiNatale brothers are far from new names to lovers of the stock car sport. They have been driving or promoting in the stock car field for several years and always add color to any race. Chick added another honor to his list of accomplishments by winning the main event at Alcyon Speedway in Pitman, N. J., last Friday night under the lights.

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# Chick DiNatale Is Winner In Feature at Flemington

*Special to The Trentonian*

1951

FLEMINGTON, May 30 — Chick DiNatale won the Memorial Day stock car race at the Flemington Fair Grounds half-mile track yesterday before an estimated 4,000 fans. The Trenton driver made a clean sweep by also winning a 12-lap consolation race.

5/31/1951

## Smashup in 1st Trial

Tommy Garbac could not have given the fans a better show and the very first trial run made this point very clear to the Flemington faithful. The initial time trial was won by J. Oakes after a sensational crack-up in which three cars piled together and all went through the fence. Rocky DiNatale, who was leading at the time, an unidentified driver and Paul Barbiche were involved in the crack-up.

The second trial run was won by Len Brown and Chick DiNatale won the third run.

In the feature event Chick came from 20th position to win. Jene Nesies came in second, Jimmy Marks was third and Barbiche was fourth. The feature race was restarted four times because of crack-ups.

The stock car boys will compete in a big Trenton race to be held at the Fair Grounds on Sunday, June 10. This will be a 25-mile event and will have seven other side events on the program.

Top notch drivers expected to compete in the Trenton race include Rocky and Chick DiNatale, Vince Camazzari, Barbiche, Ed Soden, Brown, Sam Malach, Ed Ader and Dick Egan of Bridgeport, Conn.



Heres one reason its best to watch a race from the grandstand, Speed's railbirds beat a hasty retreat to safety as Bob Hall spills during a stock car race at the Flemington, N. J., fairgrounds.-F. Smith photo.

# Eagan Threat In Flemington Race Sunday

6/28/1951

FLEMINGTON — Dick Eagan, Frankie Schneider, Tommy Coates and Chick DiNatali are four outstanding entrants in the modified stock car races Sunday afternoon at the Flemington Fair Grounds. The program will start with time trials at 12.30.

Eagan is a native of Connecti-

cut and winner of several races at Bristol, Conn.

While pre-race odds indicate that the winner will be one of this quartet, the strength of the rest of the field prevents any comfortable prediction. The victor might easily be Nelson Applegate of Trenton, and Denville, N. J., speedster who has raced hub to hub with DiNatali every time they have met. Another possibility is Paul Barbiche of Flemington.

Other entries include Frank and John Mesics of Perth Amboy, Eddie Ader of Bernardsville, Jim Delany of Lyndhurst, Bill Chev-

lier of Sayerville and Bob Gamble of Bound Brook. Following time trials, three heats of 10 laps each will take place, starting at 2:30 p. m. These will be followed by a 15 lap consolation race, a special match race among three drivers with the fastest time trials and the 30-lap feature event.

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# Schneider

## Seeks Win

# On Sunday

6/29/1951

FLEMINGTON — Frankle Schneider of Lambertville, winner of the first stock car race ever staged at Flemington, will return Sunday to the half-mile dirt track on which he likes to race.

Schneider is Hunterdon County's chief claim to stock car fame. He has walked off with many honors at Morristown Speedway, Newark's Ruppert Stadium, Ritchie Speedway in Baltimore and Wall Speedway, Belmar, N. J.

It was early in his racing career that Schneider copped the first stock car event ever held at Flemington. As a result, he has a sentimental attachment for the half-mile oval at the Flemington Fair Grounds—scene of Sunday's six-event program. Time trials will begin at 12:30 and the first qualifying race at 2:30.

Included on the entry list, along with Schneider, are such well known drivers as Al Tibbetts of Newportville, Pa.; Bill Chevalier of Sayreville, N. J.; Tommy Coates, Trenton; Chick Di Natale, another Trenton speedster; Nelson Applegate, who divides his time between Trenton and Denville, N. J.; Ken Marriott, Baltimore; Paul Barbiche, Flemington; Dick Eagan, Springdale, Conn.; Holly Bunn, Bristol, Conn., and Tommy Fenley of Rhode Island. Eagan won a recent 25-mile feature event at the Trenton Fair Grounds.

Sunday's main event will be a 30-lap feature, in which all of the qualifiers in the preceding races will try for top honors of the afternoon.

## *Flemington Threat*



### **Wally Campbell**

7/1/1951 \_\_\_\_\_

Trenton stock car ace, Campbell is one of the entries in today's program of speed events at nearby Flemington. Wally had bad luck two weeks ago at the Trenton Fair Grounds when his car developed motor trouble on the 25th and final lap, costing him fourth place in the race. Since then he has won a feature event at Ruppert Stadium, Newark, thereby establishing himself as one of the top favorites on today's Flemington program.

# Flemington Race

## Card Set Sunday

7/3/1951

Stock car races at the Flemington Fair half mile track, rained out last Sunday, will be offered this coming Sunday. Time trials will start at 12:30 o'clock and the first competitive race at 2:30.

The Flemington card marks the second straight one-week postponement of a program lined up by Promoter Tommy Garbac. His attempt to run at the Trenton Fair Grounds on June 10 resulted in a rainy day and the races took place on June 17 instead. Dick Eagan of Springdale, Conn., won the feature event. He is among the entries at Flemington Sunday. Driving on the Hunterdon County half mile track, however, bids fair to be much different than the larger Trenton Fair oval.

Wally Campbell, who was running fourth at the Fair Grounds until his car developed motor trouble on the last lap, is another Flemington favorite. Campbell, Tommy Coates and Vince Cannizzaro head a classy Trenton contingent in stock car racing circles.

Nelson Applegate, winner of the feature at Morristown on June 19, is another prospective contender for Flemington honors. Also on the entry list are Bill Pfister, Eatontown; Bob Read, Hope, N. J., and Frankie Schneider of Lambertville, winner of the first stock car race ever staged at the Flemington track.

# Flemington Auto Races On 2 Days

8/31/1951 \_\_\_\_\_

**FLEMINGTON** — A classy field of speed stars awaits the starter's green flag for two days of championship AAA auto races, Sunday and Monday, here at the Flemington Fair.

Starting with qualifying time trials at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30 each day, ace pilots of the East, Midwest and Far West will zoom after official AAA prestige. Cal Niday, runner-up for the Pacific Coast AAA crown last year, makes his Eastern debut in the races.

## **Schindler Threat**

Despite Niday's high recommendation, the big scrap here is expected to be waged between Wild Bill Schindler, Freeport, N. Y., and Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa. Schindler is the current Eastern AAA leader, having eight wins to his credit. Hinnershitz, 1950 champion, is out to stop the New Yorker's streak. Niday, Schindler and Hinnershitz will drive fleet Offenhauser cars, as will many others in the field.

Also entered Sunday and Monday are Joe Sostillio, Hank Rogers, Otis Stine, Buster Warke, Mark Light, Buzz Barton and several others.

Each of the two programs will include a 20-lap Flemington Fair sweepstakes, four eight-lap heat races and the opening time trials. Hinnershitz holds two track records here, the one-lap mark of 25.80 seconds and the eight-lap record of 3 minutes 34.04 seconds.

# Classy Field In Flemington Races Today and Tomorrow

9/2/1951

**FLEMINGTON** — One of the best fields in the annals of Central Jersey auto racing is set for the annual Labor Day weekend program of AAA big-car races here at the Flemington Fair.

The cards for both today and tomorrow will consist of qualifying time trials, four eight-lap elimination heats and a 20-lap feature. The trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2 p. m.

In the lineup will be such aces as Bill Schindler, current leader in the Eastern AAA standings; Defending Eastern Champion Tommy Hinnerstiz, Otis Stine, Joe Sostilio, world record holder; Cal Niday, Mark Light, Buster Warke, Buzz Barton, Bobby Barker, Hank Rogers, Joe Barzda, Johnnie Matera and Bud Peiffer.

## Schindler Holds Lead

Schindler will be out to stretch his 88-point lead over Hinnerstiz by copping the feature each day. He currently has 343 points and his rival 255.

Hinnerstiz, on the other hand, will have to win here at least once to remain in the running. The "Flying Dutchman" is trying desperately to bag his third consecutive title and thus tie the late Ted Horn's all-time mark. Aiding him will be an entirely new Offenhauser which he recently completed at a cost of \$17,000.

## Sostilio In Spotlight

Many of the fans' eyes, however, will be on Joe Sostilio who August 19 became the first driver in history to tour a flat, half-mile oval under 23 seconds. His time was 22.86 and it was established at Cedar Rapids, Ia. The former midget king from Boston, Mass., will pilot one of the two Offeys owned by 1950 Indianapolis winner, Johnnie Parsons. The other will be handled by Bobby Barker, of Houston, Tex.

Parsons, himself, will be unable to compete because of two National championship events for Indianapolis cars at DuQuoin, Ill.

## Barker, Niday In Action

Both Barker and Niday will be making their eastern debuts in the two-day Flemington meet. Niday, like Schindler, is a one-legged chauffeur. He lost his right leg in a highway accident while still in high school.

## Seeks Speed Honors



**Mark Light**

Hailing from Lebanon, Pa., Light is one of the leading threats for top honors in the AAA auto races today and tomorrow at the Flemington Fair.

Before that, he starred in football and track at one of the Los Angeles schools. In 1947 and '48, he was selected as one of two American representatives for an international series of midget races in Australia, where he competed against and beat not only the Australians, but also drivers from all over the British Empire.

Last year he finished second in the Pacific Coast AAA standings.

Barton, who raced at Trenton last April, will be behind the wheel of the John Zink Special, the same car with which he set a new track mark for eight laps last Sunday at Promoter Sam Nunis' three-day meet at the Minnesota State Fair.

# Bill Schindler Cops Feature Race at Flemington Track

*Special to The Trentonian*

FLEMINGTON, Sept. 3 — Bill Schindler upped his Eastern AAA point standing lead today as he won the 20-lap feature big-car racing event in record time before more than 12,000 fans, the largest at the Flemington Fair Grounds, crowd ever to witness races here.

Schindler covered the distance in 9:03.32 to topple the 12-year-old course record set by the late Bill Holland in 1939. Holland's time was 9:09.54. The Freeport, L. I., speed demon, driving the Beal Offy, led all the way to pick up 27 points in his bid for Eastern AAA point honors. He now has 370 points to 270 points for Tommy Hinnershitz, who finished third behind Bob Barker of Huston, Texas, in today's feature.

It was a 10-car length victory for Schindler for he took the lead on the opening lap and held it. Buzz Barton, Tulsa, Okla., ran third until the 10th lap but engine trouble dropped him back to ninth spot in the final listing. Another contender, Ed Sachs of Allentown, Pa., spun out on the 11th lap and wound up 10th.

Barker won the opening heat ahead of Schindler and Hinnershitz after the field went two laps

under the yellow flag after Ed Terry spun out. Barton and George Fonder were other heat winners while the consolation event went to Sachs. Trenton's Hank Rogers finished second in this event.

New Brunswick's Joe Barza was fourth in the feature. He was followed by Ed Terry, Plainfield, N. J.; George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa.; Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa.; Otis Stine, York, Pa.; Buzz Barton, Tulsa, Okla., and Ed Sachs, Allentown, Pa.

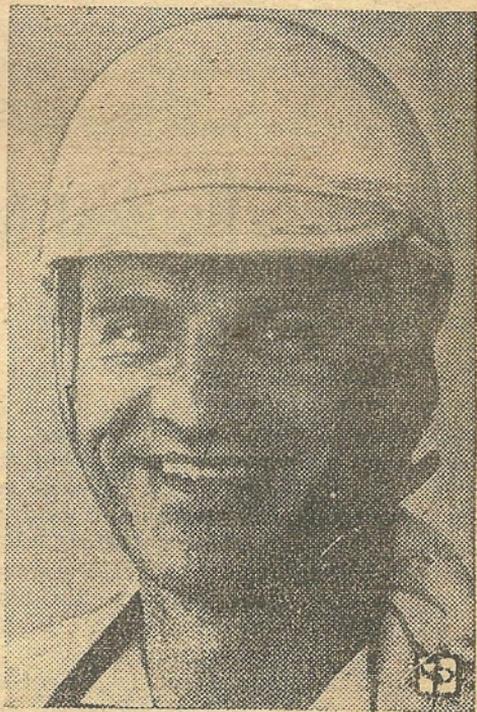
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9/4/1951

# Schindler in Flemington Big Car Win

9/5/1951

Flemington, N. J., Sept. 4—Champing at the bit after collapsing a wheel in the 100-mile race at Du Quoin, Ill., and then being halted by a rainout in the initial spring program, Bill Schindler came home victorious in record time in the 10-mile feature in



**BILL SCHINDLER**

the Sam Nunis program of AAA big car races at the annual fair here yesterday.

Schindler qualified fourth fastest, and ran second in the opening heat from his fourth starting position. Bobby Barker, driving Johnnie Parsons No. 38 sprint car won the elimination, while Schindler edged out Tommy Hinnershitz and Geo. Fonder.

Schindler started in the No. 2 spot in the feature, and in a terrific drive in the first turn, assumed the lead on the square half-mile track, never to be headed.

His winning time for the ten miles was 9:03.32, snapping the mark set in 1948 by Tommy Hinnershitz.

Highlighting the program was the scintillating performance of Joe Barzda in his stretched midget powered with a Ford V8-60 engine. He qualified 6th fastest in the 20-car field, which boasted twelve Offenhausers, and ran fourth in the feature behind Schindler, Barker, and Tommy Hinnershitz. He had the fans on their feet throughout the event, and was dogging Hinnershitz at the finish.

Action aplenty took place on the fifth lap of the feature when Buzz Barton's supercharged car threw a connecting rod, and Ernie McCoy, to avoid a collision pulled the brake. Eddie Sachs directly behind, ran into McCoy, and spun himself out. All drivers escaped uninjured.

Five fastest qualifiers—Bobby Barker (Parsons Offy No. 38) 25.92; Ed Terry, (Caruso Supercharged No. 3) 26.19; Tommy Hinnershitz (own Offy No. 1) 26.29; Bill Schindler (Beal Offy No. 58) 26.34; George Fonder (Caccia Offy) 26.65.

First heat, 8 laps—Barker, Schindler Hinnershitz, Fonder. Time 3:40.16.

Second heat, 8 laps—Fonder, Joe Barzda, Ed Terry, Buzz Barton. 3:39.07.

Third heat, 8 laps—Barton, Ernie McCoy, Ottis Stine, Ed Adams. Time 3:40.01.

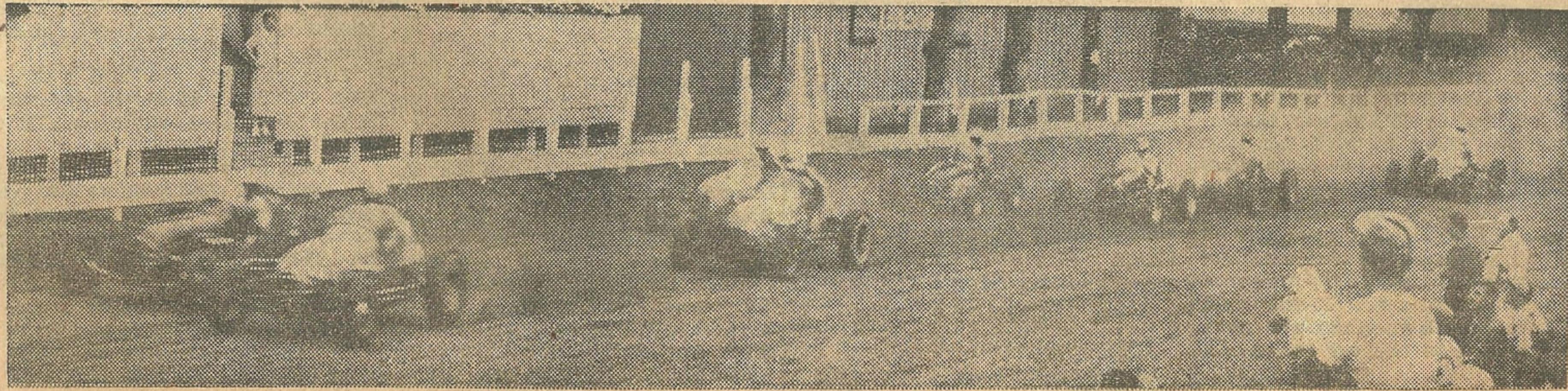
Consey, 8 laps—Ed Sachs, Hank Rogers, Ed Adams, BusWarke, Al Fleming, John Matera, Bob Cooney, Bob Arndt. Time 3:44.31.

Feature, 20 laps—Schindler, Barker, Hinnershitz, Barzda, Terry, Fonder, McCoy. Time 9:03.32. New track record.

# Down For The Start At Flemington

9/5/1951

BOBBY BARKER leads Bill Schindler at the start of the Labor Day Big Car program at the Flemington, N. J. Fair. Schindler came home the winner in record time. Racing was under AAA Sanction and under Sam Nunis direction. Staff Photo



# Auto Racing Returns To Flemington Fair

**FLEMINGTON** — The board of directors of the Flemington Agricultural Fair, meeting and electing officers at the home of Judge George K. Large, voted to proceed with safety measures in order to reestablish auto racing at the fair this year.

Last year, auto racing was not held because it was too late to put the safety measures into effect in time, according to Bert Pedrick of Flemington, secretary and manager.

The directors also voted to hold

trotting races for four days rather than three, beginning September 1, the opening day of the fair.

This year, according to Pedrick, a new race, 2:25 and 2:30 pace and trot, will be added. There will be a total of four running races this year, two on the opening day, one on Wednesday, September 2, and one on Friday, September 4.

At the annual election of officers by the board of directors, Pedrick was reelected secretary and manager, and begins his sixth year. Other officers chosen include: President, Lloyd B. Wescott of Clinton; first vice president, Erastus W. Sutton of Lebanon; second vice president, William J. Kinnamon of Flemington; treasurer, Kenneth V. Myers of Quakertown, and counsel, George K. Large of Flemington.

Directors elected include: William U. Bohren of Flemington, Paul H. Kuhl of Copper Hill, Kinnamon, Large, Pedrick, Harry M. Seals of Annandale, Sutton, Herbert Van Pelt of Whitehouse and Wescott.

2/17/1953

# *Track Records Are Expected At Flemington*

9/3/1953

**FLEMINGTON** — New track records are virtually assured Sunday and Monday (Labor Day) when championship AAA Auto Races feature the Flemington Fair.

The last track mark registered at the Fair here was set in 1951 when the late Bill Schindler traveled 20 laps (10 miles) in 9 minutes 03.32 seconds.

Other track records that will face a speed barrage this weekend include a half-mile in 25.80 seconds and four miles in 3 minutes 34.04 seconds, both set by Tommy Hinnerstz back in 1948. Hinnerstz, now seeking his fifth straight Eastern AAA championship, will be back trying for victory points both Sunday and Monday afternoon.

Also among the point hunters will be Jimmy Bryan, young Indianapolis 500-mile star from Phoenix, Ariz.; Duane Carter, co-third at the Indianapolis "500" this year; Johnny Kay, New England midget car ace, and Mark Sooley, popular New Jersey rider.

A 20-lap Flemington Fair sweepstakes tops the six-event program both Sunday and Monday, with opening qualifying time trials rolling at 1 p. m. and the first race at 2:30.

# **Flemington Threat**



**Johnny Parsons**

9/4/1953

Winner of the Indianapolis 500-mile race in 1950, Californian Parsons will be a top threat in the Flemington Fair big car auto races Sunday and Monday. Time trials will start at 1 o'clock and the first competitive race at 2:30 each afternoon.

# Flemington Auto Races Start Today

9/6/1953

**FLEMINGTON**—Big time speed stars and cars will engage in two days of championship AAA Auto Races at the Flemington Fair, starting this afternoon.

Postponed last year because of a new state auto racing regulation, the thrill-packed AAA events zoom back with qualifying time trials at 1 o'clock and the first race at 2:30 both today and tomorrow.

The parade to the post will have Tommy Hinnershitz, four-times AAA Eastern champion, and Johnny Thomson, AAA Eastern midget car king, leading the way. Joe Sostillo, Al Herman and Jiggs Peters also will be in the lineup.

Other well known gas experts in the Flemington field include Johnny Kay, Joe Barzda, Joe Matera, Mark Light, Howard Bechtel, Bill Gouse, Charlie Mussleman and Jack Costello. A 20-lap Flemington Fair sweepstakes caps six events each afternoon.

## Labor Day Feature

Tomorrow's races will continue the traditional Flemington Fair custom of offering top grade auto races on Labor Day.

New safety fences have been erected by the Fair management in conformity with state law.

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## Holland's Car Triumphs

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 7

(AP)—Bill Holland of Indianapolis won the ten-mile, twenty-lap feature big car race at the Flemington Fair Grounds today. Holland, winner of the Indianapolis 500-mile race in 1949, was timed at 9:27.94. Wally Campbell of Trenton was second and Joe Barzda of New Brunswick third.

9/8/1953

# **Bill Holland Winner At Flemington Track; Wally Campbell Second**

9/8/1953

**FLEMINGTON** — Bill Holland of Indianapolis won the 10-mile, 20-lap feature big car race at the Flemington Fair track yesterday.

On the same course Sunday Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., took first in the big car event in 9 minutes 8.27 seconds.

Holland, winner of the Indianapolis 500-mile race in 1949, was timed at 9:27.94 finishing just ahead of Wally Campbell of Trenton. Third was Joe Barzda of New Brunswick.

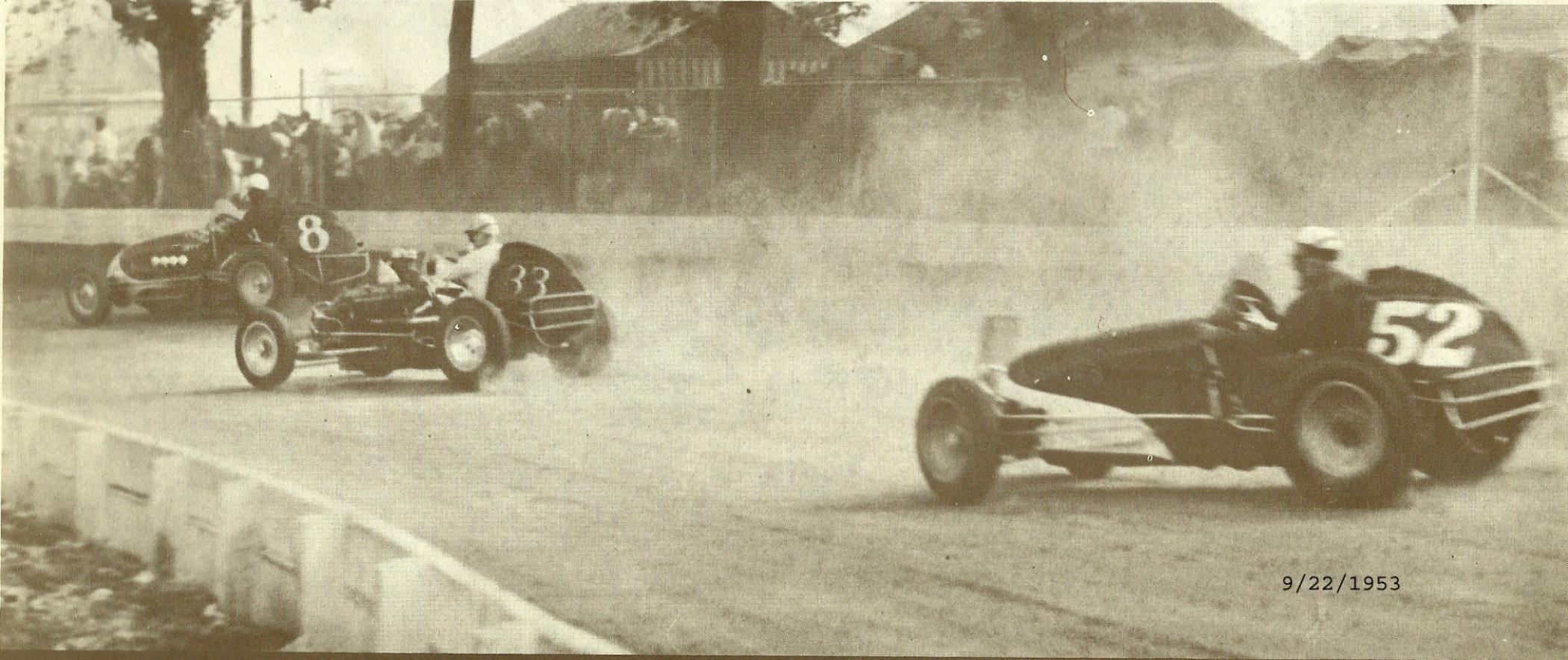
In Sunday's race Campbell was second and Buster Warke of Allentown, Pa., was third.

# Holland Wins Big Car Race

9/9/1953

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Wally Campbell, # 8, whose sensational driving in AAA big car competition has been the talk of speedway circles leads Joe Barzda, # 33 and Jiggs Peters to the finish line to place second in the feature race at the Flemington, N. J. speed path.—Ace Lane photo.

# Flemington Auto Races April 11th

3/31/1954

**FLEMINGTON**—No stone is being left unmoved in the rounding up of star drivers and cars for the season's opening AAA auto race in New Jersey, Sunday, April 11, at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

The speed sparks hadn't quite settled at Reading, Pa., last Sunday when Promoter Sam Nunis added one of the country's fastest race cars to the Flemington lineup. It is the noted Frank Curtis Offenhauser, which accounted for three sparkling feats, including a new track record, at the keystone city.

The Curtis charger, with Jiggs Peters, of Plainfield, at the controls, covered 10 laps (five miles) in 4 minutes 16.71 seconds at Reading to set up a new track mark as the eastern AAA season opened Sunday. The red flyer took third in the 30-lap feature and earlier had the second fastest qualifying round of 25.01 seconds. Peters will drive the car at Flemington again, Nunis announced.

The Curtis machine is well known to many Jerseyites. It is the same car in which Wally Campbell of Trenton made such an auspicious AAA debut last season. Among other feats, Campbell set the standing one-lap record of 24.12 seconds at Reading, and the one-lap mark of 25.48 seconds here at Flemington, in the car last year.

Nunis stated that the Flemington opener will highlight a 25-lap New Jersey inaugural sweepstakes.

# Pair Of Marks Likely To Fall At Flemington

4/1/54

4/1/1954

FLEMINGTON — New Jersey's first AAA auto race of the season, billed for the fast half-mile track at the Flemington Fair Grounds, Sunday, April 11, already promises some record-breaking action.

The six-event inaugural will present action at one lap (half-mile), 10 laps and 30 laps.

The program will see the country's greatest drivers shooting to crack the track records.

Two standing Flemington records, the 10-lap and the 30-lap marks, virtually are sure to be lowered in the action on April 11. Tony Willman set the former record of 4 minutes, 38.20 seconds back in 1937, while Lee Wallard posted the 30-lap mark of 14 minutes, 05.80 seconds two years later.

The two records have held up over the years due to the fact that few or no races at either distance were staged here in post war years.

However, the present one-lap mark of 25.46 seconds, set by Wally Campbell last year, won't be an easy target for the speed kings. They'll aim at this clocking during the opening qualifying time trials on April 11.

Two drivers set to zoom in the pursuit of new records here are Joe Sostilio, East Natick, Mass., and Jiggs Peters of Plainfield. Sostilio, the Eastern AAA champion, won the second event at Reading, Pa., last Sunday, after Peters had set a new 10-lap record in the opening race.

# Flemington Race Entry For Matera

4/2/1954

**FLEMINGTON** — Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, hopes to launch his speed campaign successfully when the professional auto race season opens in New Jersey, Sunday, April 11, at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

The veteran driver missed the eastern opener last Sunday at Reading because his car wasn't ready, but he'll be ready for the race here, he told Sam Nunis, race director. Matera drives his own Hal Special.

The New Jersey Inaugural, which heretofore was held at Trenton each Spring, this year brings nationally-famed Indianapolis drivers and dirt track stars to Flemington. Six events on April 11 highlight a 30-lap (15 miles) New Jersey AAA Inaugural sweepstakes.

Matera is one of a large entry of Jerseyites out to place State colors aloft at Flemington. Among others, he'll be joined by Plainfield's Jiggs Peters, who set a new 10-lap record at Reading.

Officially signed to block the Jerseyites' victory dash is Yankee Clipper Joe Sostilio, Eastern AAA champion driver from East Natick, Mass. The New Englander got fourth at Reading, but he's aiming for the win spot at Flemington. He'll chauffeur the Fray Offenhauser, the car that carried him to the 1953 title.

# McCoy, Herman In Line For Races Next Sunday At Flemington Fair Oval

FLEMINGTON — The first professional AAA auto race of the season in New Jersey, billed next Sunday afternoon at the Flemington Fair Grounds, already is top-heavy with speed talent.

Another pair of "500" celebrities — Ernie McCoy, Reading, and Al Herman, Allentown—have notified Sam Nunis, race director, that they are set for the six-event card. A 30-lap (15-mile) New Jersey AAA Inaugural sweepstakes heads the program.

Among the noted gasmen signed earlier were Philadelphia's Len Duncan, 1953 Eastern AAA midget car king; Joe Sostillo, Eastern AAA big car champion of East Natick, Mass.; Jiggs Peters, Plainfield, and Johnny Matera, Elizabeth.

Peters proved himself a staunch threat for honors here when he finished a whirlwind third in the East's opening race last Sunday at Reading, Pa. Earlier he guided his \$15,000 Curtis Offenhausser to a new 10-lap record on the Reading oval.

McCoy officially is entered at Indianapolis again this year, and

both Herman and Peters have high hopes of landing a "500" role prior to the closing date for entries. Herman made his "Indy" debut last year.

Duncan and Matera both missed the action at Reading last week because their cars weren't ready in time for the race. The "mounts" are off the ramps, however, and each ace is eager for next Sunday's start.

The New Jersey AAA opener formerly was held at Trenton each Spring but was shifted to Flemington this year.

4/4/1954

# Flemington Scene of Big Car Action Sunday

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 6.—The cream of the nation's speed drivers invade the "four cornered" track at the Flemington Fairgrounds next Sunday, April 11, for the season's opening AAA auto races in this state.

Highlighted by a 30-lap (15 miles) New Jersey inaugural sweepstakes finale, the six-event action includes four 10-lap heat races and getaway qualifying time trials. Starting time is 1 p.m. for the trials and 2:30 p.m. for the races.

Virtually the same star-spangled field of drivers that competed in the eastern AAA opener at Reading, Pa., two weeks ago will race here Sunday. The program is under the banner of Sam Nunn Speedways, which directed the Reading event.

Next Sunday's drivers will include Fireball Jiggs Peters, from Plainfield, a record smasher at Reading. The Jerseyite covered ten laps (10 miles) in 4 minutes 16.71 seconds at the Keystone City to beat all previous efforts at that distance.

Peters will pilot the same car, the hot Frank Curtis Offenhauser, in Sunday's races here. It is the same machine in which Trenton's Wally Campbell rode to several track triumphs last season.

Also set to fire-up a fleet "Offy" in the state inaugural are Joe Sostilio, Eastern AAA champion; Tommy Hinnershitz, former champion; Len Duncan, Eastern AAA midget champion; Ernie McCoy, Dick Linder, Ottis

Stine, Al Herman and Burt Fleischman. Fleischman, a newcomer, is recovering from a rib fracture received at Reading.

Others entered here Sunday include Johnny Matera, Dick O'Neill, Mel Weidner, Joe Barzda, Jim Whitman, Howard Bechtel and Joe Mattera. Barzda stunned the galleryites at Reading when he shot his fiery Ford home in front of three Offys in a heat event.

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# Weidner-O'Neill Rivalry Resumes At Flemington

FLEMINGTON — Dick O'Neill, Trenton, and Mel Weidner, Reading, Pa., will be speed arch-rivals again Sunday when the New Jersey auto race season opens with a six-event program here at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

Both of these speedsters com-

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peted in the eastern AAA opening race at Reading and each displayed enough fight to indicate they would be scrapping rivals Sunday. O'Neill drives a McDowell Special and Weidner a V8 Special.

Six events Sunday will highlight a 30-lap New Jersey AAA inaugural sweepstakes, with opening time trials set for 1 p. m. and the races for 2:30.

The Weidner-O'Neill feud arose when Weidner outmaneuvered O'Neill and took second in a 10-lapper at Reading. O'Neill claimed Weidner "boxed" him on the turns and prevented him from finishing up with the winners.

The Jerseyite plans to step-up his engine for Sunday's Flemington program and he feels confident he'll make a creditable showing with the star entries—especially Weidner. This is O'Neill's first season in pro AAA competition.

# Fleischman Set For Auto Races At Flemington

4/7/1954

FLEMINGTON—Racing chauffeur Burt Fleischman, a newcomer from Buffalo, N. Y., won't be short on courage when he reports for Sunday's AAA auto races at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

In his debut with the professional AAA big cars at Reading, Pa., Fleischman crashed through the rail and was rushed to a hospital with head and rib injuries. He was released following treatment and returned to the scene of the race.

The New Yorker displayed both grit and spirit when he signed for Sunday's Flemington race a few hours after leaving the hospital. He'll still wear bandages when he rolls out the famed 98Jr race car for the New Jersey opener Sunday.

Previous success as a midget car chauffeur earned Fleischman his start in the big time AAA wheel this season. Keith Unverderben, Hamburg, N. Y., new owner of 98Jr, liked the driver's style and started him in the car at Reading. The machine was built in California and formerly held the Far West and Midwest AAA titles.

Both Fleischman and Unverderben report the car sound and ready for Sunday's Flemington program. When the starter's flag drops, Fleischman will strive to follow the motto of all drivers, "Keep between the fences."

Such noted stars as Dick Linder, Joe Sostilio, Tommy Hinershitz, Len Duncan, Jiggs Peters, Ernie McCoy and Al Herman also are entered Sunday. A 30-lap sweepstakes final heads the six-event action.

# AAA Car Races At Flemington

4/8/1954

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Sunday's supermen will include fireball Jiggs Peters, from Plainfield, a record smasher at Reading. The Jerseyite covered ten laps (ten miles) in four minutes 16.71 seconds at the Keystone City to beat all previous efforts at that distance.

Peters will pilot the same car, the hot Frank Curtis Offenhauser, in Sunday's races here. It is the same machine in which Trenton's Wally Campbell rode to several track triumphs last season.

Also set to fire-up a fleet "Offey" in the state inaugural are Joe Sostillo, Eastern AAA champion; Tommy Hinnershitz, former champion; Len Duncan, Eastern AAA midget champion; Ernie McCoy, Dick Linder, Otis Stine, Al Herman and Burt Fleischman. Fleischman, a newcomer, is recovering from a rib fracture received at Reading.

Others entered include Johnny Matera, Dick O'Neill, Mel Weldner, Joe Barzda, Jim Whitman, Howard Bechtel and Joe Matera.

# Flemington Race Draws Joe Sostilio

4/8/1954

FLEMINGTON — Eastern AAA Champion Joe Sostilio and New Jersey's Jiggs Peters are picked to produce new record thunder at the Flemington Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon.

Both drivers are set to join a star laden field for New Jersey's first AAA auto race of the year and, if late form holds up, there'll be changes in the local record book this weekend. Sostilio drives the Frey Offenhauser, champion car in the east last year, while Peters chauffeurs the Curtis Offey formerly driven by Trenton's Wally Campbell.

Sostilio, from East Natick, Mass., and Peters, of Plainfield, each hit the record trail last Sunday at Williams Grove, Pa. The former cracked the standing 10-lap mark when he won the first race in 4 minutes 15.94 seconds, for his second heat win of the season.

Peters was hot in the second race, however, and covered the same distance in 4:15.56 to hang up the best clocking in Grove history. The Jerseyan also posted a new 10-lap record at Reading, Pa., two weeks ago.

Slated to join in the record hunt here Sunday are such speedlights as Tommy Himmershitz, Ernie McCoy, Len Duncan, Al Herman, Dick Linder, Johnnie Matera and Joe Barzda.

A 30-lap (15 miles) New Jersey AAA Inaugural sweepstakes caps the six-event action Sunday afternoon. The program also includes four 10-lap races and qualifying time trials, with the trials set for 1 o'clock and the races for 2:30.

*Seeks Repeat Victory*



**Bill Holland**

# Holland Hopes To Repeat At Flemington On Sunday

FLEMINGTON — Bill Holland hopes to hit pay-dirt again at the Flemington Fair Grounds Sunday afternoon.

A winner at the Flemington Fair last year, Holland is after additional glory Sunday when New Jersey's auto race season opens at the half-mile track here. A 30-lap sweepstakes finale caps the six-event AAA curtain raising.

The former "500" winner and Eastern AAA champion will chauffeur the \$15,000 Dutch Clup Offenhauser against a host of rival stars awaiting Sunday's checkered flag. He moved a notch closer to another Eastern title last weekend when he got third in the car at Williams Grove, Pa.

Holland now resides at Indianapolis, where he'll drive in his sixth 500-mile race on May 31. He won the annual classic in 1949 and took second three times, 1947, 1948 and 1950.

The ex-500 star's standout rivals Sunday will include Ernie McCoy,

Tommy Hinnershitz, Jiggs Peters, Al Herman, Len Duncan, Dick Linder and Joe Sostillo. McCoy was eighth at Indianapolis last year. Sostillo is the new Eastern AAA champion.

Four 10-lap heat races and qualifying time trials round out Sunday's program, with the trials listed for 1 p. m. and the races for 2:30.

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# Six-Event Program Starts Jersey Auto Race Season

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 9—  
Can New Brunswick's Joe Barzda do it again?

## Won at Reading

That's the question that will make the rounds here at the Flemington Fairgrounds tomorrow afternoon when New Jersey's auto race season opens with a six-event program.

Barzda pulled the hat trick for the second time recently when he shot his supercharged V-8 Special to victory over some of the nation's top drivers and cars at Reading, Pa. Here Sunday afternoon, he'll go after the big shots again starting with qualifying time trials at 1 o'clock and the racing at 2:30 o'clock.

A 30-lap (15 miles) inaugural sweepstakes, three 10-lap heat races, and a 10-lap consolation event comprise the competitive speedfare. The program is sanctioned by the AAA Contest Board and directed by Sam Nunis Speedways.

Barzda, who formerly won over the AAA gaslights at West Palm Beach, Fla., out-spied such stars as Bill Holland, Duane Carter and Dick Linder at Reading. He led the pack throughout a 10-lap race, despite the fact his rivals all were driving a power-packed Offenhausser.

Both Holland and Linder, plus a big turnout of other stars, are entered here Sunday and Barzda had his work cut out for him. A late report, however, states that both the Jerseyite and his fiery V-8 are ready to surprise the big boys again.



**JOE BARZDA**  
... seeks second win

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Also down to pilot a costly Offey here are Ernie McCoy, eighth at Indianapolis last year; Joe Sostilio, Eastern AAA champion; Tommy Hinnershitz, ex-champion; Len Duncan, Eastern AAA midget champion; Nick Fornoro, former ARDC champion; Al Herman, "500" ace, and Jiggs Peters, record crasher deluxe. Peters recently posted new 10-lap marks at Reading and Williams Grove, Pa. Sunday's official entries and cars:

Joe Sostilio, Offenhausser; Tommy Hinnershitz, Offenhausser; Bill Holland, Offenhausser; Ernie McCoy, Offenhausser; Jiggs Peters, Offenhausser; Dick Linder, Offenhausser; Nick Fornoro, Offenhausser; Len Duncan, Offenhausser; Ottis Stine, Offenhausser; Al Herman, V-8 Special; Mark Sooy, Hal Special; Jim Whitman, Whitman Special; Bill Case, Ford Special; Joe Kena, Magnaflex Special; Dick Fries, Ford Special.

Also, Freeman Downing, Tinken V-8; Mel Weidner, Ford Special; Johnny Matera, Matera Special; Donald Wood, Mercury Special; Bill O'Neill, Ford Special; \* Ellis McDowell, \* Cal' S. S. Special.

\* Driver to be announced.

# Races At Flemington Today

4/11/1954



Jiggs Peters

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 11 (AP)—Ernie McCoy of Reading, Pa., today won the first feature race of the American Automobile Association big-car racing season at the Flemington Fair Grounds.

He covered twenty-five miles over a half-mile track in 12:06.06 before a crowd of 8,000. The race was carded for thirty miles, but track officials cut it when it started to rain.

Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., was second and Fred (Jiggs) Peters of Plainfield, N. J., third. Fourth, fifth and sixth places went to Bill Holland of Indianapolis, Len Duncan of Philadelphia and Al Herman of Allentown, Pa., in that order.

Hinnershitz set two track records: 4:24.98 for ten laps and the best time trial for a half-mile, 25.24 seconds.

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# Plainfield Speedster Seeks Third Track Record In Row At Flemington Oval Today

FLEMINGTON — All eyes will be on record-hungry Jiggs Peters, from Plainfield, at the Flemington Fair Grounds this afternoon.

Down to match speed with the nation's top drivers in the state's first auto race of the year, Peters is after his third track record in as many weeks. Six AAA-sanctioned events this afternoon highlight a 30-lap (15-mile) inaugural sweepstakes, with opening time trials set for 1 o'clock and competitive racing to begin at about 2:30.

Peters opened the season with a bang two weeks ago when he posted a new 10-lap record at Reading, Pa. He skirted the half-mile strip ten times in 4 minutes 20.51 seconds to eclipse the time of 4:20.76 previously set by Tommy Hinnershitz.

The Plainfield Express was record-traveling again at Williams Grove, Pa., last Sunday when he covered ten laps in the new time of 4 minutes 15.56 seconds. He nudged a count of 4:15.94 set earlier in the day by Joe Sostillo, Eastern AAA champion.

Hinnershitz and Sostillo, along with such greats as Bill Holland, Ernie McCoy, Len Duncan, Al Herman and Dick Linder, hope to stop the Plainfield ace's record spree this afternoon. Like the Plainfield driver, all will pilot power-packed Offenhausers.

Hinnershitz, former Eastern AAA boss, is entering a brand new \$17,000 job. Sostillo will chauffeur the same Fray Offey which brought the eastern title last season.

## Two Trenton Drivers

Among other entries today are Trenton's Bill O'Neill and Don Wood; Ottilis Stine, Mark Sooy, Mel Weldner, Jim Whitman, Nick Fornoro, Bill Case and Joe Barzda. The latter surprised speed circles when he drove a V8 Spe-

cial over some of the country's fastest Offeys at Reading.

Four 10-lap events precede the 30-lap finale on this afternoon's competitive bill-o-fare.

Official entries are as follows:  
Joe Sostillo, East Natick, Mass.,  
Offenhauser.

Tommy Hinnershitz, Reading, Pa.,  
Offenhauser.

Bill Holland, Indianapolis, Ind.,  
Offenhauser.

Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa.,  
Offenhauser.

Jiggs Peters, Plainfield, N. J.,  
Offenhauser.

Dick Linder, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
Offenhauser.

Nick Fornoro, New Britain, Conn.,  
Offenhauser.

Len Duncan, Philadelphia, Offenhauser.

Ottilis Stine, York, Pa., Offenhauser.

Al Herman, Allentown, Pa.,  
Offenhauser.

Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, N. J.,  
V8 Special.

Mark Sooy, Bridgeton, N. J.,  
Hal Special.

Jim Whitman, Paramus, N. J.,  
Whitman Special.

Bill Case, Doylestown, Pa.,  
Ford Special.

Joe Kena, New York, Magnaflux Special.

Dick Fries, Reading, Pa.,  
Ford Special.

Freeman Downing, Westford, Mass.,  
Tinken V8.

Mel Weldner, Reading, Pa.,  
Ford Special.

Joe Mattera, Deer Lake, Pa.,  
Ford Special.

Johnny Matera, Elizabeth, N. J.,  
Matera Special.

Donald Wood, Trenton, Mercury Special.

Bill O'Neill, Trenton, Ford Special.

# Flemington Race Taken by McCoy

FLEMINGTON, April 11—Ernie McCoy of Reading, Pa., won the feature race here today and in doing so set a new track record. The scheduled 30 lap, 15-mile grind was halted at the end of 25 laps due to a rain storm and McCoy's time for the 25 laps was 12:06.06, a new record set before a crowd of about 5,500 fans.

Second place went to Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., while third place was grabbed by Jiggs Peters of Plainfield, N. J. Bill Holland of Indianapolis, Ind., came home fourth, Len Duncan of Philadelphia was fifth and Al Herman of Allentown grabbed the sixth place slot, Nick Fornoro of New Britain, Conn. and Johnny Kay started in the feature event but did not place.

Hinnershitz and McCoy did a bit of record breaking in the time trials. First McCoy broke Wally Campbell's old one-lap record of 25.46 with a time of 25.38 and then Hinnershitz came along to top McCoy's mark by posting a fast 25.24.

Hinnershitz started the day in fine fashion by setting a new track record of 4:25.98 for the first 10-lap heat race. The old mark was 4:38.20. McCoy was second and Holland third in this race.

Second heat honors went to Peters while Joe Sistiolo of East Natick, Mass., was second and Duncan finished third. Time was 4:38.68.

In the third heat it was Al Herman of Allentown on top at 4:51.77 with Fornoro second and Kay third while Joe Barzda of New Brunswick copped the fourth heat, Mel Weidner of Reading placing second and Al Chamberlain of Altoona, Pa., taking third place honors.

Although McCoy and Hinnershitz both hit the rail during the main event the day was noted for the fact that no injuries, serious or otherwise, occurred.

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# McCoy Outruns Foes in Rain To Win Flemington Feature

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By WALTER T. CHERNOKAL

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 11.—Track records were shattered for every distance this afternoon at the Flemington Fairgrounds as Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., and his Vargo Offy took top honors over a rain soaked AAA field of Offys and one lonely V8 (Johnny Kay). Originally scheduled for 30 laps, the main event had to be checker flagged at the end of 25 laps since the rain became too hazardous for the cars and drivers on the track.

At this point McCoy was leading with Tommy Hinnershitz, Fred Peters, Bill Holland, Len Duncan, Al Herman, Johnny Kay and Nick Fornora following in that order.

Promoter Sam Nunis in traditional style braved the rain and came unto the track to present Ernie McCoy and car-owner Jake Vargo with their respective first place trophies. A rapid retreat for shelter followed and another record breaking program of AAA sprints was written into the books.

Ernie McCoy gave the fans a little something to talk about when he set a new one lap record of 25.38 seconds in the time

trials. This however, lasted only until four time eastern AAA champ Tommy Hinnershitz came out for his time trial. Tommy not only got in a very fast lap, he broke McCoy's record with a 2'24 posting giving the Reading farmer the fastest time trial of the day.

Before the trials were completed, Joe Barzda gave the railbirds and two-thirds of the Offys present for today's events a very embarrassing setback as he set the fourth fastest time of the day with an excellent 25.72 seconds.

The first 10 lap event ran true to form as Hinnershitz took the yellow and blue deuce wide open

into the first turn and kept it in front all the way to the checker-flag with another record breaking performance of 4 minutes 24.98 seconds. Ernie McCoy was the runnerup ahead of Bill Holland.

Dropping out of the first heat with engine trouble, Barzda came back for the second heat but again was unable to make the main with a fourth place finish behind Peters, Sostillo, and Duncan.

After leading the third heat for four laps, Joe dropped out on the sixth lap when the engine failed him again. The lead position then became a struggle between Nick Fornora in his initial AAA sprint car appearance and Al Herman in Mike Caruso's supercharged No. 3. For four laps Fornora was in command of the situation, however, on the 9th lap, Herman made his move in the second turn and went ahead of Fornora who outsped Johnny Kay in the other Barzda V8 for the runnerup position.

Barzda finally appeared to have licked his problems by coming up from eighth place to win the 10 lap consolation event going away from Mel Weidner, Al Chamberlain, Jim Whitman and Joe Mattera.

The ten car main event lineup of cars got underway in a slight sprinkling of rain and when the green flag was waved by starter Austin Shay, the rain started coming down harder. Ernie McCoy jumped into the lead on the first lap and Tommy Hinnershitz was unable to catch the fleeing Ernie who kept his lead until the race curtailing flag was displayed at the end of 25 laps.

One consolation for Barzda despite his ill-luck all afternoon was the knowledge that among all the Offys in the main event-one non-Offy—Joe's other car driven by Johnny Kay had upheld the stable's reputation of sneaking in among the Offys.

Complete Results:

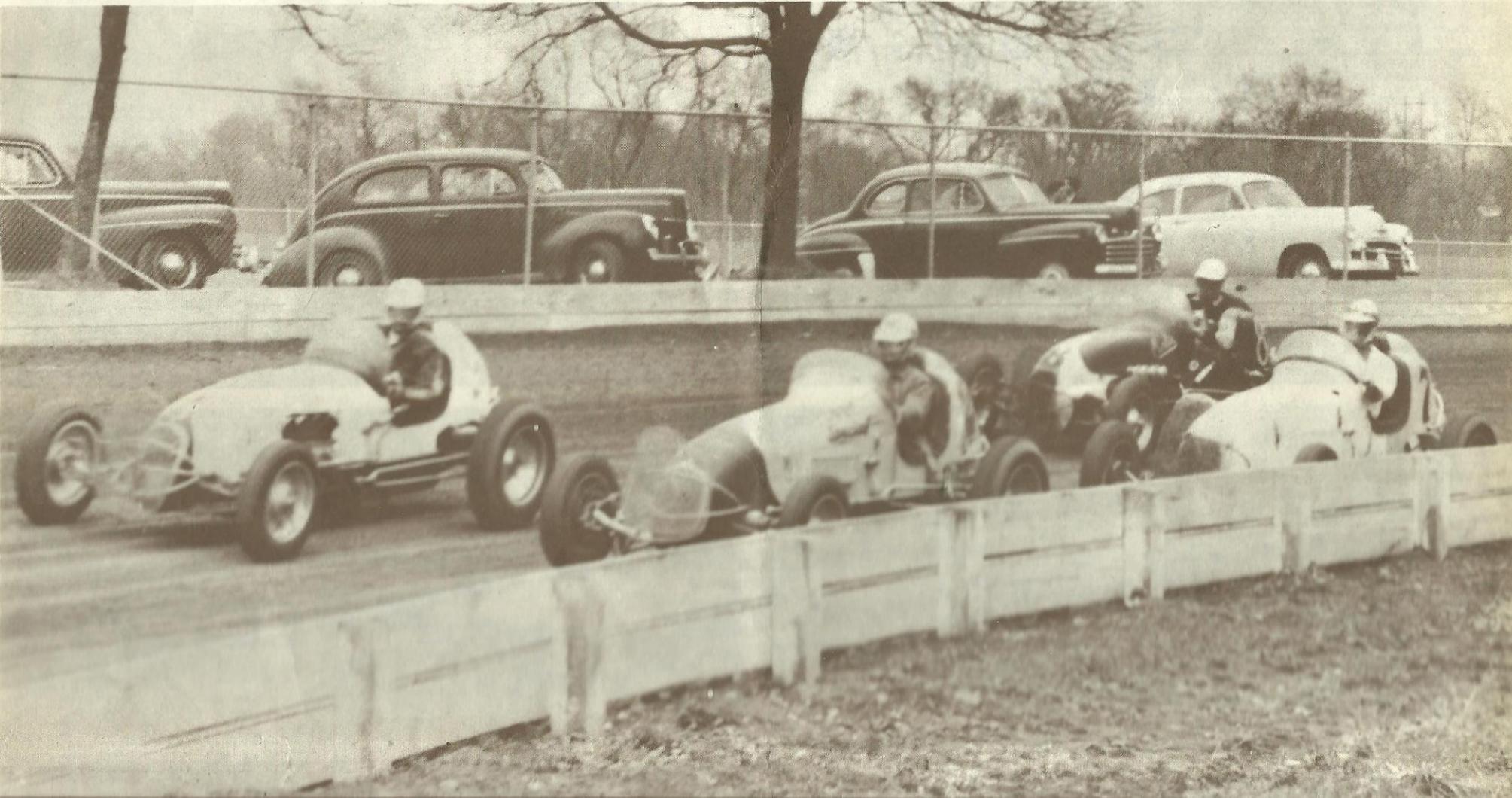
TIME TRIALS  
Tommy Hinnershitz (N.T.R.) 25.54  
(Hinnershitz Offy)

Ernie McCoy	25.38
(Vargo Offy)	
Bill Holland	25.54
(Culp Offy)	
Joe Barzda	25.72
(Barzda V8)	
Joe Sostillo	25.98
(Fray Offy)	
Fred Peters	26.21
(Curtis Offy)	
Len Duncan	26.36
(Hickey Offy)	
Al Herman	27.18
(Caruso Offy)	
Nick Fornora	27.38
(Cal Offy)	
Mel Weidner	27.84
(Les Weidner Ford 6)	
John Matera	28.02
(Matera Hal)	
Johnny Kay	28.25
(Barzda V8)	
Joe Mattera	29.12
(Mattera Mercury)	
Mark Sooy	29.14
(Sooy Hal)	
Al Chamberlain	29.21
(Leitenberger Offy)	
Jim Whitman	30.12
(Whitman V8)	
Les Hammer	31.67
(Downing Mercury)	
Don Wood	34.42
(Wood Mercury)	
First heat — 10 laps — Hinnershitz, McCoy, Holland. Time: 4:24.98—(new track record).	
2nd heat — 10 laps — Peters, Sostillo, Duncan. Time: 4:38.63.	
3rd heat — 10 laps — Herman, Fornora, Kay. Time: 4:51.77.	
Consy — 10 laps — Barzda, Weidner, Chamberlain. Time: 4:53.22.	
Feature — 30 laps — McCoy, Hinnershitz, Peters. Time: 12:06.06 — (new track record).	

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AND, AWAY THEY GO IN THE FEATURE AAA SPRINT EVENT AT THE FLEMINGTON, N. J., FAIRGROUNDS. ERNIE MCCOY, HOLDING THE POLE POSITION IN THE LINE-UP WON THE EVENT WITH A RECORD-SHATTERING RUN. ALONGSIDE ERNIE PICTURE IS TOMMY HINNERSHITZ WITH BILL HOLLAND # 7 AND ED SOSTILIO BRINGING UP THE REAR.-LOUTREL PHOTO.

# Midget Auto Racing Card Set May 16

4/25/1954

FLEMINGTON — A seven event program of topflight midget car auto races, sanctioned by the American Racing Drivers Club (ARDC), will be staged at the Flemington Fairgrounds, Sunday, May 16, fair officials announced today.

William J. Kinnamon, vice-president of Flemington Fair, said that the "Doodlebug Derby," featuring a 50-lap (25 miles) sweepstakes finale, would be under the direction of Sam Nunis Speedways. The Nunis organization presented the New Jersey inaugural big car auto races here on Sunday, April 11.

Nunis and ARDC president Ed (Dutch) Schaefer are busy rounding up top talent for the midget opener. Entry papers have been mailed to all outstanding drivers throughout the east and the speed heads expect a record field of stars for the "bargain" bill.

Along with the 50-lap main event the midget program will include a 15-lap semi-feature, a 10-lap consolation race, three 10-lap heat events, and opening qualifying time trials. The time trials begin at 1 p. m. and the races at 2:30.

The "four-cornered" Flemington track is considered an ideal site for the coming midget events. Three new track marks were posted during the recent big car races here and ARDC officials predict at least that many new records will go up May 16.

Schaefer, who won the eastern midget car championship several years ago, is expected to drive a high-powered Offenhauser in the crowded action on May 16.

# McAndrews Among Drivers In Flemington Races Sunday

FLEMINGTON — Among the carefree speed demons set to bear down on the throttle at the Flemington Fair Grounds this Sunday afternoon is a thrill show driver of prominence.

Shorty McAndrews, of Allentown, Pa., a regular member of

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the Jole Chitwood Daredevils, will return to auto racing here as a competitor in Sunday's ARDC midget car races at the local track. A 50-lap finale tops the six-event speed bill.

A noted eastern race chauffeur prior to joining the thrill show six years ago, McAndrews is set to take up where he left off this weekend. He is slated to drive the power-packed Offenhauser formerly driven by Allentown's Charlie Miller, and there are many who predict the combination will click Sunday.

McAndrews got his start in the speed business as a "stooge" or helper for the late Billy Winn. He was a promising swimmer at high school, but soon gave it up for the more-inspiring sport of auto racing.

Tony Martino, ex-ARDC champion, and Cliff Riggott, New England ace, also are entered for Sunday's action. It will be Riggott's first start since he suffered a broken leg and arm at Springfield, Mass., last Fall.

Others in the midget field include Tony Romit, Steve Yannigan, Carl Miller, Vern Land, Dutch Schaefer, Bert Brooks, Mike San Felice and Trenton's Con Oslegal.

# Tony Romit, Midget Driver, in Jersey Race

5/16/1954

Flemington, N. J.—Tony Romit, Bronx speed demon of the midget auto racing tracks, is one of the top-flight drivers who will start in the six event program this afternoon at the Flemington Fair Grounds here. The races are being sponsored by the ARDC after a lapse of 10 years.

Ed (Dutch) Schaefer, president of the American Racing Drivers' Club and a competitor on all the former Bronx racing strips, will be one of the rivals of Romit along with Carl Miller, Shorty McAndrews, Mike San Felice, Vern Land, Joe Szabo, Tony Martino and Steve Yannigan who will be in Offys.

Opposing those cars will be hard-charging V8 cars with such aces at the wheels as Cliff Riggett, Bert Brooks, Jim Forte, Ed McDonnell, Ed Marino and Con Oslegal. Brooks will drive the car which won the ARDC V8 championship last year.

The featured event will be a 50-lap event in which a field of

30 of the most noted drivers and cars will roll postward for the qualifying trials which will start at 1 o'clock. Under the direction of Sam Nunis' Speedways, the contests will officially begin at 2:30.

Also to be staged along with the 50-miler are a three 10-lap heat tests and a semi-final 10-lapper. The winner of the 50-lap race will receive a trophy following its conclusion.

McAndrews, a thrill show driver with Joie Chitwood's Daredevils, is making a comeback on the racing strip and will drive one of the "Offys" entered. McAndrew will operate the car formerly driven by Miller and which won the ARDC V8 championship last year.

## AUTO RACER KILLED 5/17/1954

FLEMINGTON, N.J. (AP)—Brooke Durant, 23, of Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y., was killed yesterday when his midget auto racer bumped a railing on a turn and rolled over in the feature race at Flemington Fair Grounds.

Durant, son of John B. Durant of the Boston bureau of The Associated Press and an auto racer of some three years experience, suffered head injuries in the crash and died en route to Hunterdon Medical Center Hospital in Flemington.

Bert Brooks, 34, of Paterson was treated for arm injuries at the same hospital and released. His car struck Durant's vehicle as it rolled.

Durant was a graduate of Scituate, Mass., High School and was employed as welder with a New York construction firm.

He leaves his widow, Louise, a 7-months-old son, his father and mother and a younger brother, David. The elder Durants and David live in Scituate.

## Midget Auto Racer, 23, Killed

FLEMINGTON, N. J., May 16 (AP)—Brooke Durant, 23 years old, of Islip, L. I., was injured fatally today in a midget auto race at the Fair Grounds here. Mr. Durant, son of John B. Durant of the Boston bureau of The Associated Press, was hit in the head in an accident in the third lap of the fifty-lap feature race.

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## RACE DRIVER KILLED

FLEMINGTON, N. J., May 18. (AP) —Brooke Durant, 23, of Islip, Long Island, N. Y., was injured fatally today in a midget auto race at Flemington fair grounds. 5/17/1954

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# New York Driver Killed In Midget Auto Crash At Flemington Fair Oval

FLEMINGTON — Brooke Durant, 23, of Hicksville, L. I., N. Y., was killed at the Flemington Fair track yesterday afternoon when his midget race car struck another machine and turned over several times during the 50-lap feature event.

Durant, married and the father of an infant girl, was endeavoring to improve his position entering the first turn when the mishap occurred. He received severe head injuries and was rushed to Hunterdon Medical Center in one of two ambulances stationed at the track.

The feature race, which was stopped twice due to accidents, was finally won by Charlie Miller, veteran midget racer of Philadelphia. Joe Szabo, Woodbridge, was second, and Bill Compton, Sellersville, Pa., took third.

## Treated For Burns

Another driver Bert Brooks, from Rockville, Conn., suffered arm burns in the same pileup with Durant, and he was released from the hospital following treatment.

Brooks won the first 10-lap heat race on the six-event midget program, while other similar races were won by Compton, Miller and Willis White, of Milton, Mass.

Joe Woolsey, Long Island, N. Y., was thrown into the fence when his radiator hose broke during the third heat race. The New Englander escaped serious injury, however.

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## The summaries:

First race — 10 laps — Bert Brooks, Rockville, Conn.; Bud Olsen, Paulsboro; Vern Land, North Bergen. Time—4:00:67.

Second Race — 10 laps — Bill Compton, Sellersville, Pa.; Tony Romit, Bronx, N. Y.; Brooke Durant, Hicksville, L. I., N. Y. Time—4:55.

Third Race — 10 laps — Charlie Miller, Philadelphia; Joe Szabo, Woodbridge; Al Pillion, Auburn, Mass. No time (restart). Dick Gallagher, Lowell, Mass., retired with foot injuries.

Fourth Race—10 laps — Willis

White, Milton, Mass., Jim McKinley, York, Pa. (Two to start in the feature). Race called seventh lap.

Feature Race—50 laps—Miller, Szabo, Compton, Land, Romit. (No time recorded).

## Car Fire At Old Bridge

A car fire marred yesterday's stock car program at Old Bridge. John Perdoni, 27, of Jamesburg suffered injuries. Perdoni leaped from the car with his clothes aflame. He was rushed to St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, and treated for first and second degree burns. He was released from the hospital on his own insistence. The car caught fire in front of the stands. A mechanic said the blaze may have been caused by a gas line break.

# Flemington Auto Events Three Days

8/29/1954

**FLEMINGTON** — Outstanding speed chauffeurs from scattered states are lining up for three days of championship auto races next Saturday, Sunday and Monday (September 4-5-6), at the Flemington Fair.

The speed events, including a program of midget car races next Saturday afternoon, and two afternoons of AAA big car races next Sunday and Monday (Labor Day), comprise the biggest auto race schedule in Flemington Fair history.

Bill Holland, Indianapolis 500-mile winner in 1949, has signed to compete in both AAA races next Sunday and Monday. The former East Coast AAA champion will drive the noted Berks Trailer Sales Offenhauser, Ted Nyquist, car owner, announced. Holland won a feature race at Flemington last year.

Next Saturday's opening midget car races will feature drivers of the Midget Auto Racing Club (MARC). Included among the pilots slated to compete here for the first time are Bob Hart, Nassau, N. Y., 1953 club champion; Bill Bichtman, Alcove, N. Y., current leader; Johnny DeLeo, New Britain, Conn.; Barney Davis, Pittsfield, Mass., and Tom and Oscar Saunders, Stamford, Conn.

Also due to compete in the AAA twin bill are such well known big car pilots as Fred (Jiggs) Peters, Plainfield, N. J., winner at the recent Bedford (Pa.) Fair; Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa.; Mike Magill, Haddonfield; Joe Barzda, New Brunswick, and Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass.

Each of the race programs next Saturday, Sunday and Monday will include six events with time trials starting at 1 p. m. and the racing at 2:30.

# Auto Racing Tripleheader For Weekend

9/2/1954

**FLEMINGTON** — For the first time in the long history of the Flemington Fair, Manager William Kinnamon has booked with Sam Nunis Speedways to produce three days of automobile races this year. They are carded Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with the Saturday speed program being confined to championship MARC sanctioned midget car races. Time trials at 1 p. m. will be followed by five competitive races, the first of them due to start promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Len Thrall, Broadbrook, Conn.; Bill O'Brien, New Haven, Conn.; Bill Hickok, White Plains, N. Y.; Lou Staples, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Jim Cox, Nassau N. Y., are the latest entries received at race headquarters by promoter Sam Nunis.

On Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6, the last two days of the Flemington Fair will again be featured by the AAA sanctioned big car races. Indianapolis 500-mile speedway stars will participate along with East Coast dirt track stars.

The field will include such notables as Bill Holland, 1949 Indianapolis winner, Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa., Joe Matter, Deer Lake, Pa., Mark Sooy, Bridgeton, N. J., Eddie Gallione, Schenectady, N. Y., George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa., Mike Magill, Haddonfield, N. J., and others.

The AAA program on Sunday and Monday will include time trials, three 8-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation race, and a 20-lap (10 mile) feature sweepstakes, with the time trials at 1 p. m. and the first heat race at 2:30.

# AAA Racing In Spotlight At Flemington

9/3/1954

**FLEMINGTON** — East coast championship AAA Big Car auto races are scheduled to take over the fleet half-mile dirt track at the Flemington Fair Sunday afternoon and again on Monday (Labor Day), with six big events each afternoon. Time trials will start at 1 p. m. and the first of four heat races at 2:30 p. m., climaxed by a big feature and final Flemington Fair 20-lap (10-mile) sweepstakes.

Promoter Sam Nunis again will be in charge of producing the races for the Fair Board, and has lined up Indianapolis and other dirt track drivers.

Included in the field will be Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa., Hank Gritzbach, Schenectady, N. Y., Ray Jannelle, Providence, R. I.; Al Herman, Allentown, Pa.; Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass., and Donald Woods, Trenton, N. J.

The half-mile Flemington Fair dirt track has been "groomed" to record smashing condition by the Fair personnel and promoter Nunis predicts new records will be set and established Sunday and Monday during the Fair races. The track will have several tons of calcium chloride applied each day to give the drivers and spectators a dust free track.

Most of the drivers entered will be driving America's most expensive racing machines, "Offenhauser" ranging in cost from \$10,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

Midget auto races tomorrow will launch three days of speed events on the Flemington Fair track.

# Midget Car Races Slated For Flemington Tomorrow

FLEMINGTON, Sept. 2 — The three-day auto race speed program at the Flemington Fair opens with championship HARC sanctioned midget car races Saturday afternoon, Sept. 4, and the field of car drivers, according to promoter Sam Nunis, will be the largest in history of the fair races.

The latest entries received include George Flemke, New Britain, Conn.; Johnny DeLeo, New Britain, Conn.; Bill Bitchman, Springfield, Mass.; George Turas, Bronx, N. Y., and Bill Hickok, White Plains, N. Y., and by the time the entries close, it is expected that some 35 midget cars and drivers will be on hand to attempt to qualify at 1 P. M. The program consists of three eight-lap races, a 10-lap consolation, and a 25-lap feature sweepstakes, plus time trials.

On Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6 (Labor Day) the annual AAA sanctioned regulation big car auto races will take over the fleet fast half-mile dirt track each day with the same trials set for 1 P. M. and the first race for 2:30 P. M.

The field of AAA Indianapolis 500-mile and dirt track championship star drivers will include such notables as the 1949 Indianapolis winner, Bill Holland, also winner of last year's Labor Day feature race at the fair; Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass., current leader in the AAA east coast

championship point standings; Al Keller, Bloomfield, N. J., recent winner at Williams Grove, Pa.; Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa., finisher in the 500-mile race for the past two years, and Buster Warke of Allentown, Pa.

The AAA program on Sunday and Monday will consist of time trials three eight-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation, and a 20-lap (10-mile) feature final.

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# Championship Midget Races Set at Flemington Today

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 3— Championship midget auto races under the sanction of Midget Auto Racing Club (NARC) will open the three days of auto races at the 1954 Flemington, N. J. Fair tomorrow. With time trials set for 1 P. M., and the first of five races scheduled for 2:30 P. M. The program will consist of three 8-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation race, and a 25-lap Flemington Fair trophy sweepstakes.

The field of entries include George Flemke, New Britain, Conn.; Johnny DeLeo, New Britain, Conn.; Bill Bichteman, Springfield, Mass.; Bob Boone, Alcoa, N. Y.; George Turas, Bronx, N. Y.; Len Thrall, Broadbrook, Conn.; Bill O'Brien, New Haven, Conn.; Bill Johnson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Bob Hart, Nassau, N. Y.; Berney Davis, Pittsfield, Mass.; Johnny Carpenter, Farmington, Conn.; Bill Hickok, White Plains, N. Y.; Lou Staples, Bridgeport, Conn.; Gordon Divian, Stamford, Conn.; Jim Cox, Nassau, N. Y.; Ron Evans, Windsor, Conn., and Rodger Bailey, Patchogue, N. Y.

On Sunday and Monday, Sept. 5 and 6 (Labor Day) the Flemington Fair will play host again

to its annual two days of AAA sanctioned big car auto races with time trials starting each day at 1 P. M., and the first competitive event at 2:30. The program will include time trials, three 8-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation race, and a 20-lap (10 miles) feature sweepstakes.

Promoter Sam Nunis has again lined up what he terms the greatest field of Indianapolis and dirt track stars to ever appear at the annual Flemington Fair. The majority of the drivers will be driving Offenhauser racing machines. Among the nationally known drivers that will be on hand include the 1949 Indianapolis winner, Bill Holland, who also won the Labor Day Feature race at the 1953 Flemington Fair. Holland this year will be driving a brand new \$15,000 Offenhauser, owned by Ted Nyquist, sportsman of Reading, Pa.

9/4/1954

# Flemington Offers Two Race Cards

9/5/1954

**FLEMINGTON** — The first of two days of AAA big car auto races at the 1954 Flemington, N. J. Fair is slated for today with time trials at 1 o'clock and the first of five competitive races at 2:30.

The second card of AAA races is scheduled tomorrow (Labor Day), to close the 1954 Flemington Fair race track program.

Promoter Sam Nunis declares that the half-mile Flemington Fair dirt track is in its best racing condition in many years. Nunis expects many old records to be lowered and new ones established today and tomorrow. Many of the nationally known dirt track drivers, with their Offenhauser racing machines, will be on hand to qualify each day at 1 p. m.

The field for both days of the AAA races includes Ernie McCoy, Reading, Pa.; Ray Jannelle, Providence, R. I.; Buster Warke, Allentown, Pa.; Al Herman, Allentown, Pa.; Johnny Thomson, Springfield, Mass.; Eddie Gallione, Schenectady, N. Y.; Charlie Musselman, Collegeville, Pa.; Hank Gritzbach, Schenectady, N. Y.; George Fonder, Lansdale, Pa.; Joe Mattera, Deer Lake, Pa.; Mike Magill, Haddonfield, N. J.; Mark Sooy, Bridgeton, N. J.; Russ Klar, Lynebrook, L. I.; Milt Frankhouser, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Holland, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dick Mealy, Trenton, and Al Keller,

The program of races each day will consist of time trials, three 8-lap heat races, a 10-lap consolation race, and a big 20-lap (10 mile) sweepstakes.

## Musselman Sets Car Record

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 5 (AP)—Charlie Musselman of Collegeville, Pa., bettered the Flemington Fair Grounds Speedway record for ten miles today with a time of 9 minutes 2.59 seconds in an A. A. A. Eastern big-car race. Musselman drove the Offenhauser in which the late Bill Schindler set the previous mark of 9:03.32 in 1951. 9/6/1954

# Musselman Wins

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## Flemington Race

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 5—Newcomer Charles Musselman of Collegeville, Pa., set a new track record in winning the 20-lap feature race of the AAA Eastern Championship big car program before a record crowd at the Flemington Fair here today.

With a crowd of 16,192 looking on, Musselman piloted his Offy around the half mile oval in 9:02.59, bettering the old mark set by the late Bill Schindler. Musselman was driving the same car used by Schindler.

Al Keller, Bill Holland, Johnny Thomson and Al Herman finished in that order behind Musselman.

In the MARC midget car races on Saturday, a crowd of 15,472 (another record), looked on as Johnny Coy, New England speedster, won the 25-lap feature event. Dick Mealy of Trenton had one of the best qualifying times but failed to finish in a preliminary heat.

The big cars resume again tomorrow with time trials set for 1 o'clock and the feature event starting at 2:30 o'clock.

## Keller Wins Big Car Race

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 6

(AP)—Al Keller of Bloomfield, who finished second yesterday, today won the Eastern American Automobile Association big car feature at the Flemington Fair Grounds. His time for the twenty-lap, ten-mile race was 9:06.38. John Thomson of Springfield, Mass., was second and Tommy Hinnershitz of Reading, Pa., third.

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# Keller Wins 20-Lap Race Before Record Fair Crowd

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 6—With another record-breaking crowd of 16,714 racing fans on hand, Al Keller of Bloomfield, N. J. won the 20-lap AAA Eastern States big car feature at the Flemington Fair here today.

Keller, a former stock car chauffeur, whipped around the half-mile track in the fast time of 9:06.31. Johnny Thomson, who broke a qualifying record in the 500 at Indianapolis this year, finished second ahead of Tommy Hinnerstitz, Al Herman and Bus-

ler Warke. Hinnerstitz and Keller were one-two in the qualifying time trials.

Charles Musselman, who won the Sunday feature, had tough luck today as he spun into the fence in the first heat and cracked a rod. It was welded in time for the consolation but again Musselman spun at the same spot and was out of the race.

Al Herman won the first qualifying heat with Mike Magill second. The second heat went to Dick Fries with Ernie McCoy runnerup. Thomson won the third heat followed by Warke and Bill Case. Len Duncan ran out of gas after holding third spot through most of the heat. Consolation honors went to Hank Rogers with Nick Bonoro second. The three-day program of midget and big car races, directed by the popular Sam Munis, drew over 50,000 fans.

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