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AUTO RACES LABOR DAY

HOHOKUS **RACE** TRACK

\$500 IN CASH PRIZES

4 BIG EVENTS

FIRST RACE AT 2 P. M.

ADMISSION 75c

8/31/1918

BIG RACE MEET AT HOHOKUS

Local and Out-of-Town Drivers Ready For Auto Races On July 4.

6/30/1919

Judging from the calibre of entrants in the auto races at Hohokus race track Friday, July 4, there is unlimited assurances of thrilling whirls for the \$1,000 offered by the promoters in prizes for the winners.

There are four races on the card, the feature being the free-for-all handicap for a distance of ten miles to be run off in five-mile heats. The other three numbers will be, stock Ford car race, five miles; Australian pursuit race, and a stock car race for a distance of twenty miles.

Pilots of this and contiguous vicinities, who have been in the habit of securing the lion's share of the prizes in past races, will have to look to their laurels Friday, as Philadelphia, New York and Newark have come forward with daring drivers for this grind.

The track will be put in the best possible condition, and a new dirt track record is expected to be made in the ten-mile race. The field inside of the half-mile circle will be reserved for parking purposes but the rails will be kept clear for the patrons, who wish to get a close-up view. "Chief" McNeice and his famous overseas band will furnish a high class concert.

The following are the names of the entrants and the type of car they will drive:

Philadelphia—J. Strickler, Chevrolet; Ben Jeremiah, Ford Special, and Jack Alberta, Ford Special.

New York—T. Shippacase, National, and Alvah Kipp, Kipp Special. The latter is being touted as the dark horse in the big tilt.

Rutherford—J. Mooney, Sterna.

Newark—O. Christian, Sterna.

Midvale—Joe Murchio, Chevrolet; Pete Murchio, Chalmers.

Haverstraw—T. Hoyt, Stutz.

Pompton—Ernie Geunther, Ford Special.

Montclair—T. Murphy, Locomobile.

Paterson—Hughie Zinn, Deussenberg; Louis Spadone, Chevrolet "Pep;" Jock Theile, Maxwell; Tonyacca, Chalmers, and F. McCoy, Mercer.

The band concert will start at 1 o'clock and the first race at 2:30 o'clock.

CRACK DRIVERS AT HOHOKUS

Auto Races On Friday Promise To Be Banner Events of Season.

7/2/1919

There has never been such an array of star drivers entered in automobile races in this part of the country as the list prepared for the big meet which is to be held July 4 at Hohokus race track.

The fame of the Paterson Auto association, under whose auspices the races will be held, for liberal purses and fair treatment has attracted most of the dirt track stars from the Eastern states.

Most of the local interest is centred around Hughie Zinn and Louis Spadone. Zinn has entered his Duesenberg Special and Spadone has been engaged to drive "Pep," the Chevrolet stock car, which won the last big race with Tommy Hughes at the wheel.

Foremost among the new entrants is Captain J. J. Ryan, of Camp Merritt, who will drive a Stutz. Captain Ryan is being touted by the soldier boys as a sure winner and every one of them who can get a pass for the day has promised to come over and root for him. Alvah Kipp, from New York city, is another driver of whom great things are expected. He has entered a Kipp Special and the advance information seems to make him the "dark horse."

"Ed" Strictler and Horace Yonker are two more drivers that have never been in any of the races in this territory. Both of them are among the big winners on dirt tracks and their advent to this field has aroused much interest among local drivers.

"Lon" Hoyt is a new comer with whom the "rail birds" will have to ponder. Hoyt has purchased Joe Murchio's Stutz, which is probably the most popular car that ever went to the wire on any of the nearby tracks.

BIG AUTO RACE MEET LABOR DAY

Crack Drivers Will Compete In Holiday Contests At Hohokus.

8/26/1919

Will Joe Murchio, the Midvale auto speed demon, remain New Jersey's champion of the one-half mile dirt track?

Jask Thiele with his Maxwell Special is among the foremost to flout this guess, but just who it will prove to be, is a thing to be settled on the Hohokus race track Labor day. Murchio cleaned up in his own special on the famous track last Fourth of July, but in spite of this Thiele thinks that his Maxwell Special can go one better and get the wave of the black and white flag at the finish.

While the half-mile track is going to show lots of smoke, another attraction at the Hohokus track is the fifteen-mile match race which Murchio is arranging for with an added purse, and which will bring together such drivers as Hughie Zinn, Nickie (Peppers) Schoendorf, Meyer Dressler, Andy Murchio, Ray Hansen and Roy Strickler.

Zinn has his Mulford Special all tuned up for the Labor day line-up and has his eyes on the big money in the ten-mile open, while Schoendorf with his twin six Packard, who came out ahead last Labor day, is figuring that all Labor days are the same to him.

Rutherford will be represented in Meyer Dressler with two Sterns cars and hopes to have better luck than in his three previous races. Andy, Joe Murchio's brother, will be there with his Chalmers, that showed up so good on the Fourth, to argue it out with Ray Hansen and Roy Strickler. A number of other speed demons are expected to send in their entries within the next few days, while some of the smoke eaters are keeping their cars in the dark in expectation of making a big show at the last moment.

The big event of the season is what the committee is looking forward to on Labor day and with the five big attractions which they have arranged for expect to draw a record crowd to the Hohokus track. The band will strike up at 1 p. m., and the drivers will get ready for the first big race at 2:30 o'clock.

AUTO RACES LABOR DAY

HOHOKUS RACE TRACK, HOHOKUS, N. J.

— 4 BIG EVENTS —

Band Concert, 1 p. m. First Race, 2:30.

Free-for-All 10-Mile Race. Special 15-Mile Match Race. Murch &
Thiele, Strickler, all claiming half-mile Dirt
Track Championship.

8/30/1919

ADMISSION \$1:00. GRAND STAND 50c

Automobiles parked inside of track, 25c.

SHAW'S CAR FIRST. IN TWO AUTO RACES

**Drives His Frontenac Special to
Victories on the Track
at Hohokus.**

9/25/1927

Special to The New York Times.

HOHOKUS, N. J., Sept. 24.—Ben Shaw captured first place in two of the three automobile races held here today at the Hohokus Garden park under the auspices of the National Motor Racing Association. A crowd of 1,500 persons witnessed the races.

The feature grind, a ten mile free for all, was captured by Shaw, in his Frontenac, in 11 minutes 55 4-5 seconds. Jimmy Cappola, driving his own special, was second, and Jack Miller in a Rajo Special third. Shaw also won the five mile match race, coming in ahead of Tom Butler and Lew Bailis. The time was 5 minutes, 41 seconds.

The five mile open race was won by Miller. He drove to victory over Mike Golasky in his own special and Tom Reed in a Rajo Special in 5 minutes 46 seconds.

Hohokus Auto Races Postponed Until Sat.

7/20/1928

The heavy rain of last week left the race track at Hohokus in an unsafe condition and the Eastern Speedway Association found it necessary to postpone the automobile events until this Saturday afternoon, July 21st.

Manager Eddie Otto, although disappointed in not being able to conduct the meet as scheduled, has been able to gather three more of the best drivers in the Metropolitan area to compete in all seven events.

'Wild Bill' Abertson, who created a new track record over the Hohokus half mile course in the opening meet of the season, will be back in an effort to break his own mark of 0.28 4-5 seconds for the half mile.

Charlie Ganung, popular driver who cleaned up in many events at Hartford last week, will be seen driving his new eight cylinder job. Bill Hoffman, will handle his Hudson Special. Last week Hoffman met with an accident at New Market, but his car is now in great shape. All together fifteen of the leading drivers in the East will face the starter at 2:30.

With the new process used to settle the dust placed on the track again this week, fans should be able to watch the cars at all turns and on the straightaway and enjoy many thrilling moments.

Airplane in Crash At Automobile Races

6/16/1929

(Associated Press)

HOHOKUS, N. J., June 15.—Several thousand persons attending the automobile races at the Hohokus Speedway late today witnessed the spectacle of an airplane crashing to the ground near the track.

The plane, circling the track at an altitude of about 1,000 feet, developed engine trouble, and the pilot, Walter Pace, of East Orange, brushed a tree in an attempt to reach a clearing off the track. A race was in progress at the time, but none of the drivers was near the spot where the aircraft wavered across the track, to strike a knoll on the other side.

PATERSON—Seven spectators at the **Hohokus Race Track** were injured when they were hurled off a rail fence yesterday as William Washwick, Long Island City, blinded by dust from preceding racing automobiles misjudged a turn, crashed through the fence and stopped against a row of parked cars within the grounds.

9/3/1929

Auto Drivers Race At Hohokus Track

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 2.—Racing fans will be given a treat in the form of automobile races at the Hohokus race track Saturday. This track is the fastest half mile dirt track in the East.

Every effort is being made by the management to make this first race of the season a big thrill by signing up a few of the drivers that have raced on Decoration Day at Indianapolis. Many of the best-known professional dirt track drivers in the East have been invited to compete in this meet which is being held under the sanction of the A. A. A.

While the entry list is not quite complete at this time, enough entries are in the hands of the officials to insure a fine card of events, the card to be presented at Hohokus will have eight events, trials and finals.

7/2/1931

Throngs View Special Racer In Local Store

Brandfon's Dusenbergs Interests Hundreds Of Curious Racing Fans

9/3/1931

The headquarters of the Auto Racing Association at the Benson Motor Sales of 290 South Broadway was the scene of excitement at which more than 500 curious spectators gathered between the hours of 8 and 9 in the evening when Benny Brandfon brought his Dusenbergs Special up to Benson to have it tuned up for the Hohokus race. The car raced at Indianapolis on Memorial Day and is well known to the auto racing fans along Broadway who quickly spread the word of its arrival.

Al Benson in addition to having driven racing cars has been mechanic to some of the best drivers in the country and is acknowledged in racing circles as the "specialist" who can get the last ounce of "soup" out of a racing car. So far he has been unable to lift a wrench to the car for fear that some misguided fan will lovingly fondle and accidentally break one of the finely adjusted parts.

The reason for the unexpectedly large crowd who have been to inspect the car is probably because it is the first Dusenbergs Special ever to be on display in Westchester County. It is an eight-cylinder creation, having a three and one-half inch stroke and a three and one-eighth inch bore. It has an overhead camshaft, single ignition, single valves, and is equipped with two Winfield downdraft carburetors. It turns over 4,400 revolutions and has an estimated maximum speed of approximately 130 miles per hour.

The car has been raced only in the Memorial Day classic at Indianapolis and the 100-mile dirt track championship race at Langhorne, Pa. After Labor Day it will be taken to Rockingham, Vt., for the 250-mile championship race on Sept. 14. Following this event the motor will be completely torn down and rebuilt for the great Memorial Day race at Indianapolis in 1932.

Schurch To Race In Hohokus Speed Test Labor Day

9/3/1931

The Hohokus Auto Racing Association announces that it has been able to secure Herman Schurch who will compete in the races to be held at the Hohokus track, Labor Day. Schurch is one of the leading race drivers of the country and has covered the "long 500" at Indianapolis several times in an effort to annex the most sought after speed crown in the world.

The Labor Day race at Hohokus is an annual fixture and attracts a large crowd of spectators who are drawn to the track by the large number of Western race drivers who make Hohokus their first meet in the Eastern circuit which includes such famous tracks as Rockingham Speedway, Syracuse State Fair and Langhorne, Pa.

While at the time of going to press the entries have not all come in, Al Benson informs us that they will include Benny Brandon "The French Flying Flash," Bill Denver of Los Angeles, Erick Dole of Peekskill (who will drive the Kay-Fleishman Special in which Bill Kay was wrecked at Langhorne), Bill Hoffman, Larry Ensinger, Rick Decker, Staten Island leaden footed driver and possibly Jimmy Patterson.

Racing Auto Plunges From Track Into Crowd; Ten Injured, Four Gravely, in Hohokus Crash

9/8/1931

Special to The New York Times.

HOHOKUS, N. J., Sept. 7. — One woman was critically injured, two children and a man seriously hurt and six other persons received minor injuries when a racing automobile, competing in the first event at the race track here this afternoon, crashed through a wooden rail fence on the outside of the southwest turn and catapulted into a crowd of spectators.

Among the seriously injured, all of whom were taken to the Paterson General Hospital, were Mrs. Ester Goldstein, 34 years old, of Momsey, N. Y., who was reported to be dying; her husband, Isidore, 37, and their five-year-old daughter, Lillian. The fourth person seriously injured was Avery Cohen, 7, of 137 Rutledge Street, Brooklyn, who was standing at the rail with his father, Louis Cohen. The latter was slightly injured.

Those who were slightly injured and were sent home after treatment at the hospital are:

David Sloane, 35, of East Paterson, N. J.; Louis Deutch, 39, 1,454 Walton Avenue, the Bronx; Irving Gerber, 22, 102 River Road, Bogota, N. J.; Julio Folgosi, 45, Tenafly, N. J., and

Mrs. Herbert Schmidt, 48, 219 Burlington Avenue, Paterson, N. J.

Al Blum of 3,004 Albany Crescent, the Bronx, driver of the small racing car, which was an added starter in the race, was thrown clear and escaped uninjured.

The accident occurred a few moments after the starter's flag had sent the six one-seater entries in the first event of the day roaring down the straightaway over a half-mile dirt course formerly used for trotting horse races.

Suddenly the automobile driven by Blum, distinguished by a large "44" painted on the hood, mounted the bank without veering, crashed almost broadside into the rail, and, as the wood splintered and gave way, rose and turned over into the terrified crowd.

Blum told the police he had been blinded by the dust and had not seen the turn soon enough. Race-track officials said, however, that his car was clear of the dust cloud at the turn. The race was under the auspices of the Hohokus Auto Racing Association.

3 RACING DRIVERS KILLED.

Fatalities Mark Contests at Hohokus,
Akron and Oklahoma City.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 10.—Arthur Noll, a racing driver, was fatally injured this afternoon when his car overturned during a warm-up circuit on the Hohokus race track. Speeding around the north curve with more than 3,000 persons watching, the car overturned three times. Noll was catapulted several feet through the air and died of a fractured skull and other injuries in the Paterson General Hospital. He was 30 years old and lived at 350 Central Avenue, East Orange.

7/11/1932

Cebula Wins Hohokus Auto Race.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., May 30.—John Cebula won the twenty-five-mile race, feature event on the annual Memorial Day auto racing program today on the Hohokus track. He finished ahead of George Herzog and was timed in 25:43.

5/31/1933

County Speedsters In Hohokus Races Sunday Afternoon

6/15/1933

Fred A. Loeloff, and Tony Ulacco of Tarrytown were among the first of the 60 race drivers to enter in the Eastern Point Championship auto race to be held at the Hohokus, N. J. Speedway on Sunday. Close on the heels of these entries came the names of Bill White, of Yonkers, and Bill Stoltz of Dobbs Ferry. James Johnstone of Armonk, who is at present trying to secure permission from the Armonk Airport, followed these last two with a letter requesting a post entry for a car he is at present conditioning for this event.

Loeloff has made a name for himself among the speed stars of the East in this his first year as a builder of exceptionally fast racing cars. His Riley Special would have won the last Hohokus Memorial Day race if the driver, Perry Conlinley, had not gone into a spin and crashed it through the fence. It was in this race that Tony Ulacco piloted Loeloff's Chrysler Special into third place in the 25 mile feature event. Sunday Loeloff's cars were among the leaders seen at Deer Park when the race was called off because of the dust.

To prevent a possibility of dust annoying the fans and drivers in Sunday's race the Hohokus Speedway has treated the surface with 13,500 gallons of oil and six tons of calcium chloride so that today the track is in much better condition than any asphalt surfaced speedway in the East. As a result all drivers are super-tuning their motors in order to stand the best possible chance of winning the \$100 prize for breaking the track record of 29 seconds made by Ira Vall in 1929.

A gala day is looked for by the promoters, while the Westchester County drivers claim that they are in a better position to win this race and bring auto race honors to this county than at any time since "Wild Bill" Kay of Yonkers, crashed through the fence at the Langhorne, Pa. Speedway after passing the national champion, Ray Keech.

2 Local Cars Entered In Jersey Races

6/17/1933

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Loeloff and Ulacco have made real names for themselves among the speed stars of the East in their first year as builders of exceptionally fast racing cars. Loeloff's Riley Special would have won the Hohokus annual Memorial Day race if Perry Conlinley of Ridgewood had not gone into a spin and crashed through the fence.

It was in this race that Tony Ulacco piloted a Chrysler Special into third place in the 25-mile feature event. Last Sunday local cars were among the leaders seen at Deer Park when the race was called off because of the dust.

Daredevil To Leap From Flying Racer

Bozo Balus, daredevil stunt man, has been engaged by the promoters of Hohokus, N. J., Speedway to perform his latest death-defying "stunt" for the benefit of the fans at the Eastern Point Championship Auto Races at Hohokus tomorrow.

Balus, whose list of stunts includes several records for parachute jumping and who thrilled the crowds at Atlantic City a few years ago when he walked a tightrope between two steel towers 175 feet in the air, is making his latest bid for fame by jumping from the tail of a racing car speeding 80 miles per hour. He will be aided by the use of a parachute which is expected to open and carry him high into the air; if it doesn't, you'll read about Bozo Balus's latest exploit in all the papers.

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Ulacco will drive his Falaco Special, powered by a stock Chrysler motor capable of 95 miles an hour. Loeloff's entry is a four-cylinder Ford Special. Though wrecked Memorial Day in the Hohokus races, it has been completely rebuilt.

The main feature tomorrow will be a 25-mile race, covering 50 laps around the half-mile track. Four qualifying heats of five miles each will be held and the 10 fastest times will qualify.

The opening tests will start about 1:30 o'clock.

Yonkers Auto Racer Crashes In Practice

7/22/1933

Gordon Miller, of Culver Street, Yonkers, smashed in to the new safety guard rail at the Hohokus Speedway, while going 60 miles per hour in practice yesterday afternoon. He emerged safe and sound although the car suffered a broken front axle and twisted frame. Officials of the American Racing Association, who saw the accident, claim that the addition to this guard rail to the Hohokus track, makes the Jersey oval unquestionably the safest auto race course in the East. Miller immediately set about making repairs to his car and hopes to have it in shape in time to start in the Eastern Point Championship Race at the **Hohokus Speedway** tomorrow afternoon.

In all seven Westchester County race drivers are scheduled to compete in this long awaited spectacle of speed. They include: Tony Ulacco and Perry Conlinley, of Tarrytown, Berny Smith of Dobbs Ferry, Bill White, Gordon Miller and George Johnson of Yonkers, who makes his home in Beverly Hills, Calif., but is staying in Yonkers for the duration of the Eastern Race season, and Bill White of Mount Vernon.

Yonkers Speedster Skids Off Track In Hohokus Race

Special to The Herald Statesman

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 31.—Bill White of Yonkers, driving in the feature event at the Hohokus Speedway yesterday, escaped injury when his car skidded off the track.

The machine was wrecked, however, and White could not continue. He had been leading for nine laps when the accident occurred.

The race, a 25-mile Eastern point championship event, was won by John Duncan of Belmore, L. I., with Gene Minard of Irvington, N. J., second. Perry Conlinley of Tarrytown finished third.

George Johnson of Yonkers was forced out of a qualifying lap of the race when his motor burned out.

7/31/1933

Local Racers Seek Laurels

9/2/1933

Johnson, White To Drive at Hohokus Monday

Two Yonkers race drivers will be in the lineup when 46 contenders for the 1933 auto race championship of the East roar into action at the Hohokus, New Jersey Speedway on Labor Day at 2 P. M. Every driver entered has been qualified to compete by winning sufficient championship points in the 67 races previously run this season in eight Eastern states under the sanction of the American Auto Racing Association.

The two Yonkers speed stars who are competing are George Johnson, formerly of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Bill White. Both Yonkers men made a splendid showing at the West Coast races last Winter but neither has had good luck since returning to Yonkers. Each, however, has acquired sufficient championship points to make him eligible to compete in this semi-final championship race.

More than 300 drivers have battled all season for the privilege of entering the finals of the East Coast championship. A third Yonkers man who made a real name for himself in Midwest competition under the colors of the National Motor Racing Association, will be eligible to compete if he wins at Stormville Sunday. He is Bill Holmes of Cornell Avenue.

Gordon Miller, Yonkers speed star, who escaped death when he cracked up in practice for the July 30 Hohokus race, will be unable to compete, having suffered a broken leg in a more recent accident. The track is located on the road to Ridgewood and is 20 minutes drive due west of the Yonkers Ferry.

Bill Holmes Races At Hohokus Track

9/23/1933

"Wild Bill" Holmes of Cornell Avenue, leading contender for the Eastern Point Auto Race Championship, will top the field of star race drivers from eight Eastern States scheduled to drive in the title races at the Hohokus, N. J., Speedway tomorrow. Last week Holmes broke the track record which had stood for five years at the New Jersey spot, and would have won the feature race, in which he finished second, but for an accident.

After last Sunday's thrilling contest, Bill stepped right out in the night races at Troy Hills Speedway, broke another track record, won the feature race and beat Johnny Cebula so badly that the Polish flash didn't know in what position he had finished when he rolled his car into the pits at the end of the race.

Holmes started driving on local tracks only a few weeks ago after he had spent two years bending the turns at the blistering pace set on the speedways of the mid-West. Since coming home he has won every race in which he competed with one exception and has built up a total of championship points by his amazingly consistent victories, which will make him the most dangerous contender for the title if he wins again Sunday.

Troutwein Auto Race Victor.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., Oct. 1.--Bill Troutwein won the twenty-five-mile auto race at the Hohokus Speedway today. Frank Bailey was second and Warren Caullette third.

10/2/1933

Moon Annexes Auto Race.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., Nov. 5.—With victory in his grasp today, John Cebula's car skidded at a corner on the last lap of the 25-lap auto race on the half-mile track, hit the fence and had to stop, allowing Jack Moon of Wallington to win the feature event. Cebula had led from the start. John Duncan was second. In the first heat to determine the six fastest cars in the time trials, Cebula won in 4:05 over eight laps.

11/6/1933

Motor Race Driver Dies.

Bernard (Buddy) Olmstead, 24 years old, dirt track automobile racer, died yesterday in the Paterson General Hospital of injuries suffered Thanksgiving Day when the racing car he was driving on the Hohokus race track crashed into a fence at a turn.

12/12/1933

INJURED AUTO RACER DIES.

12/12/1933

**Buddy Olmstead Was Hurt on
Jersey Track Thanksgiving.**

NORTHPORT, L. I., Dec. 11.—Word was received here this afternoon that Buddy Olmstead, one of the best known dirt track drivers in this part of the country, had died at the General Hospital in Paterson, N. J., of injuries suffered Thanksgiving Day when he lost control of his automobile in a race at Hohokus, N. J. His neck was broken and he suffered other injuries.

The body will be brought to Northport tomorrow. Funeral services will be held at the home of his parents Wednesday afternoon. Surviving are his father and mother and two sisters, Harriet and Edna. The latter sister is in Australia, making a tour of the world as a companion to Mrs. Roosevelt Denis, a cousin of President Roosevelt.

Winn in Auto Race Today.

Billy Winn, Bob Sall, Johnny Hannon, Lloyd Vieaux and Malcolm Fox wil' compete in the auto races at the Hobokus, N. J., Speedway today.

6/17/1934

ANGELONI WINS AUTO RACE

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 23 (U.P.).

—Racing from behind after being virtually out of the race, Harry Angeloni, New Brunswick, N. J. driver, won the 15-mile feature of the Hohokus speedway auto races Sunday. Al Gordon of Los Angeles, who also had to come from behind, was second and Bob Sall, of Patterson, N. J., eastern champion, was third.

7/23/1934

Ted Horn Is Added To Hohokus Race List

The most popular auto racer to perform at the Hohokus Speedway this season—Ted Horn, the blonde west coast ace from California—yesterday entered the lists to add his name to the many brilliant auto riding sensations who will compete in the big Labor Day meet at the Bergen track next Monday afternoon. With his entrance, the holiday program at Hohokus was assured of plenty of action.

8/30/1934

Thursday, October 4, 1934

Bob Sall Back For Hohokus Auto Races

Another wizard of the auto race track entered the lists today for the big meet scheduled for the **Hohokus Speedway** this Sunday afternoon when Bob Sall, Paterson-Ridgewood pilot filed his entry with Promoter John Kochman, adding his name to the many stars who will be on hand to compete in those races, the only ones under A. A. A. auspices this week.

In a hot mood after his repeated hard luck at the Hohokus track, Sall announced that he intended to step out there Sunday afternoon and cart off every single event in which he enters. He is determined to prove that his tough riding in the past few months is not indicative of his real strength as eastern champion of the A. A. A., he wants to demonstrate the prowess which won him that title last season.

The best of the crop are falling in line now, ready for the meet. Such performers as Harry Angeloni, Ben Shaw, Jimmy Kniesley and all the other 3-A stars are lining up now, and when racetime gets under way, all the big stars are expected to be in line.

10/4/1934

The time trials will start at 1:30 p. m. with the first race starting at 3 p. m. The races will feature the stars at top form, competing in an array of events which will wind up with the big 30-lap final, bringing the leading aces of the Association into the afternoon's program.

Hannon May Clinch Eastern Auto Crown

10/27/1934

HO-HO-KUS. N. J., Oct. 27 (AP).—**Johnny Hannon,** of Conshohocken, Pa., will try to clinch his Eastern auto racing championship at the half-mile Ho-Ho-Kus track tomorrow afternoon in the closing meet of the track season.

Hannon, leader in the point standing so far, will be the favorite again tomorrow but he will be opposed by a field of star drivers hopeful of taking first place in the 25-mile feature.

Among the starters will be Bob Sall, of Paterson, the 1933 champion; Clay Weatherly, of Dayton, O.; Milt Marlon, Bill Scarince, Jimmy Schumacher, of Reading; Frank Bailey, Harry Angeloni, Len Perry, Gus Zarka, Eddie Staneck and Johnny Duncan.

Shaw First in Auto Race.

HOHOKUS, N. J., Oct. 28 (AP).—Bob Shaw of Miami, Fla., today won the twenty-five-mile feature automobile race, one of a series for the Eastern States championship, at the Hohokus Speedway, in 26:42 4-5. Bob Sall of Paterson, 1933 Eastern States champion, was second, and Johnny Hannon of Norristown, Pa., who holds a big lead in points for the 1934 title, was third.

10/29/1934

Mackenzie Tops Field At Ho-Ho-Kus Event

5/4/1935

HO-HO-KUS, N. J., May 4 (P).—Doc Mackenzie, the bearded auto racing driver from Eddington, Pa., who won the Eastern season's opener at Reading, Pa., last Sunday, will head the field in the first 1935 race at the half-mile Ho-Ho-Kus track tomorrow.

Included also in the field for the seven-event program will be Johnny Hannon, of Conshohocken, Pa., defending champion of the Eastern three-A drivers; Bob Sall, of Paterson, the 1933 champion; Johnny Concannon, of Philadelphia; Ben Shaw, of Westville, track record holder, and Harry Angeloni, of New Brunswick.

Five Drivers Pass Ho-Ho-Kus Record

5/6/1935

HO-HO-KUS, N. J., May 6 (AP).—Speedway fans saw five men break the same record yesterday in the time trials which opened the first day's automobile racing card here.

Ben Shaw's 1934 record of 28.8 in the half-mile trial fell five times despite unfavorable track conditions which forced postponement of the 15-mile feature race.

When it was all over, Ken Fowler, of Paterson held the new record—28.1. Four other entrants and their times were: Bob Sall, Paterson, 28.2, Doc Mackenzie, of Eddington, Pa., 28.3. Johnny Hannon, Norristown, Pa., 28.7. and Vern Orenduff, of Florida, 28.7.

Sall won the first of the five mile qualifying races in 5:17.3. with Mackenzie second and Hannon third. Orenduff took the second race in 5:39.5, with Johnny Duncan, of Lawrence, N. Y., second, and Len Perry, of Madison, N. J., third.

Ho-Ho-Kus Event Won by Ben Shaw

6/10/1935

HO-HO-KUS, N. J. (AP)—With Ben Shaw, of West Hills, at the wheel, the car which the late Johnny Hannon drove when he won the Eastern dirt track title last year, sped to victory again yesterday in the 15-mile automobile racing feature at Ho-Ho-Kus Speedway.

Shaw nosed out Ken Fowler, of Paterson, in a close race, finishing in 15 minutes, 6 seconds. Bob Sall, of Paterson, the favorite, was forced out by motor trouble in the eighth lap.

A nasty spill on the muddy track during a time trial resulted in the injury of Bill Scarince, of Glen Rock, who was taken to Paterson General Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain. Scarince's car struck the fence and rolled end over end across the enclosure.

Shaw also set the fastest mark of the day, 29 2-10 seconds, in the time trials.

FLYING AUTO WHEEL KILLS BOY AT RACE

Jersey Lad, 12, Standing on His Parents' Car, Is Struck at Track in Hohokus.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 4.—Francis De Geyter, 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil De Geyter of 193 Pershing Avenue, Fair Lawn, N. J., was killed at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Hohokus automobile race track when a wheel from one of the speeding cars left the axle, leaped a guard rail and struck him in the face.

The boy was standing and his parents sitting on the top of their sedan outside the north turn of the track to watch a three-lap match race. Soon after the start the right rear wheel of the car of Len Perry of Madison, N. J., veteran racer, whirled off the axle and toward the De Geyters. The heavy wire-spoked wheel fractured the boy's skull and dislocated his spine. He was dead on arrival at Hackensack Hospital.

Mrs. De Geyter fainted and had to be treated at the home of a physician near by. Louis Vander Kyle of Passaic, who was standing on a barrel to watch the race, was hurt slightly when he fell to the ground in ducking the wheel.

Perry, unhurt, managed to get his car to the pits for a new wheel. No charge was made against him. A crowd of 8,000 spectators saw the accident.

7/5/1935

Keiper Third in Race; Wheel Kills Spectator

HO-HO-KUS, N. J. (AP)—Ben Shaw, of Westville, at the wheel of the car in which the late Johnny Hannon scored most of his triumphs, rode to victory again in the Independence program at the Ho-Ho-Kuc speedway.

Shaw edged out Len Perry, of Madison, in the 15-mile feature in which Walt Keiper, of Trenton, finished third. Shaw's time was 15:59 7-10.

Perry twice lost wheels during the day, once in the three-lap special with fatal results. The wheel struck and killed 12-year-old Francis deGeyter, of Fairlawn, a spectator. In the last lap of a five heat, another wheel flew off Perry's car but he finished the race on three wheels to take second place.

Doc Mackenie Is Victor In Auto Race at Hohokus

5/4/1936

HOHOKUS, May 4 (AP).—Doc Mackenzie is well started on his way toward another successful season on Eastern dirt tracks with three victories to his credit in the opening races here. He made an almost clean sweep of the events, winning the 15-mile feature, a three-mile match race and the first of the five-mile qualifying races. He finished second in the time trials.

Frank Beeder, of St. Louis, pressed him hard in the feature, holding the lead for 11 miles. Tommy Hinnerschitz, Reading, Pa., finished third. The summaries:

Three-mile match race for three fastest cars in time trials—Won by Doc Mackenzie, Eddington, Pa.; second, Frank Beeder, St. Louis; third, Johnny Duncan, Lawrence, L. I. Time, 2:58.7.

First five-mile qualifying heat—Won by Mackenzie; second, Beeder; third, Duncan. Time, 4:58.1.

Second five-mile qualifying heat—Won by Tom Hinnerschitz, Reading, Pa.; second, Harry Angeloni, New Brunswick; third, Len Perry, Madison. Time, 4:59.8.

Third five-mile qualifying heat—Won by Johnny Ulesky, Newark; second, Bill Schindler, Goshen, N. Y.; third, Frank Bailey, New Brunswick. Time, 4:56.7.

Five-mile consolation race—

Won by Vern Orenduff, Paterson; second, Tom McWilliams, Troy Hills; third, Bob Sall, Paterson. Time, 5:01.4.

15-mile feature race—Won by Mackenzie; second, Beeder; third, Hinnerschitz; fourth, Perry; fifth, Schindler. Time, 14.54.

Orenduff Leader Of Eastern Race

5/5/1936

LANGHORNE, Pa., May 5.—Fighting for the lead in the 1936 Eastern States AAA title race, Doc Mackenzie, 1935 champion, will make his next bid for a safe margin of championship points at Langhorne Speedway on Sunday, May 17, where victory will practically assure him of the diadem.

Whipped badly in the Reading inaugural auto race on April 26 when he crashed his car through a fence, Mackenzie struck back at his opponents at Hohokus, N. J., on Sunday and accumulated nearly enough points to regain the lead. Vern Orenduff, lanky Florida driver who took first money at Reading is now in first position, leading by only a few points.

Mackenzie's threat to recover the lead in the championship race completely upsets dopesters predictions. The Cragar car he drove to championship honors last year has been considered too slow to turn back the half score of new Miller machines that are being campaigned in the East this season.

TITLES MAY CHANGE IN DECORATION DAY MEET AT HOHOKUS SPEEDWAY

A chance to advance within touching distance of first place in the A.A.A. championship standings will be offered Harry Angeloni, New Brunswick auto race star Saturday afternoon, Decoration Day at the Hohokus Speedway where the annual holiday show is staged.

In second place now in the 3-A standings behind Doc MacKenzie, Angeloni will have a golden opportunity to move nearer the top spot in the Decoration Day show at Hohokus for MacKenzie will be busy in the 500 mile race at Indianapolis and consequently will not be available at the Bergen track. The bearded rider is ahead of the championship pack with 200 points and Angeloni is second with 144.

A victory in this meet will give the New Brunswick auto racer enough points to practically have him snapping at MacKenzie's heels, in most dangerous position. As a result, Angeloni will be gunning for the victory in that thirty-lap main event on Saturday.

In event of rain on Saturday, the meet will be held on Sunday, May 31st.

5/29/1936

Auto Racing Meet At Hohokus Track

A four-cornered fight for victory is foreseen by auto racing followers tomorrow afternoon at the Hohokus Speedway when the annual Decoration Day A. A. A. meet is staged. Ken Fowler, Harry Angeloni, Frank Beeder, and Tommy Hinnerschitz are seen as the four corners of the speed quadrangle standing out in that holiday picture.

Time trials are scheduled for 1:30 o'clock. The first will start at 3 o'clock.

5/29/1936

Hinnershot To Lead Race Field Saturday

Special to The Herald-Examiner
HOHOKUS, July 1—Tommy Hinnershot, leading A A A point scorer, and Harry Angeloni runner-up to Hinnershot, lead the entries for the annual Fourth of July speed show at the Hohokus Speedway here Saturday.

Hinnershot will pilot the car formerly driven by the late Johnny Hannon and passed on to his successor according to his wish.

Time trials will start at 1:30 P. M. with the first race set for 3 o'clock.

7/1/1936

CARD OF AUTO RACES AT HOHOKUS SPEEDWAY

The two auto race stars, who are leading the A. A. A. title standings, Frankie Bailey and Tommy Hinnershot, will be at the starting line of the final meet of the season at the Hohokus Speedway, Sunday afternoon, when the Eastern States Championships are run at the historic Jersey track.

Bailey and Hinnershot have been setting a mad pace down the home stretch of the season's campaign and when they collide at the Hohokus Speedway in Sunday afternoon's meet, they will be gunning for the precious triumph at any cost.

All the leading stars of the 3-A will be on hand, the Hohokus track being the only auto race spot in the east operating Sunday afternoon.

Time trials Sunday afternoon will start at 1:30 o'clock, with the first race being presented at 3 o'clock.

10/16/1936

Strong Field Set For Hohokus Race

Special to The Herald Statesman,

HOHOKUS, N. J., May 1.—
Tony Willman, the Milwaukee
Italian who won the first Eastern
auto race of the season last week
at Reading, will face a more for-
midable field tomorrow afternoon
at the Hohokus Speedway in Ho-
hokus, N. J.

5/1/1937

AUTO RACES AT HOHOKUS SPEEDWAY

When Bob Sall, bespectacled Paterson-Ridgewood auto race star defies his old Hohokus Speedway jinx on Sunday afternoon, June 20th four drivers from his own state will be among his biggest obstacles to the victory he is so intent on capturing.

Time trials on the 20th will start at 1:30 P. M., with the first race scheduled to start at 3:15 o'clock. The 30-lap final will wind up the program.

6/18/1937

2 Jersey Aces Meet In Hohokus Sunday

8/5/1937

Special to The Herald Statesman

HOHOKUS, Aug. 5.—When leading auto race stars meet at the Hohokus Speedway on Sunday afternoon in the month's only meet at that track, a duel between two of the drivers in the field may monopolize the spotlight.

Bob Sall, Paterson-Ridgewood ace and Ben Shaw of Westville, N. J., are the pair of stars likely to grab the attention of the fans at the historic Jersey track in this show. Both of them are ready for a spirited race, and their machines are primed for a gruelling conflict.

Shaw's determination to emerge triumphant in this show is based on his steady predominance in auto racing ranks. So skillfully has he maneuvered his high-powered speedcart to repeated triumphs that he is regarded as the toughest driver in the country to beat at the present time. Every time he has moved out on a racetrack he has marked up the best time of the day.

Midget Autos Race Today

Several of the outstanding midget automobile racing drivers in the East will appear at the Ho-Ho-Kus (N. J.) Speedway this afternoon. Seven events are on the program, all of which have attracted a strong entry.

8/8/1937

Auto Races Slated For Hohokus Track

9/3/1937

Special to The Herald Stateman

HOHOKUS. Sept. 3.—The best balanced field of auto racers to line up at the **Hohokus Speedway** this season will take the starting line Monday afternoon when Promoter John Kochman sends a hot array of 3-A speedsters into the annual Labor Day afternoon program.

One of the top favorites in the field is Frankie Bailey, New Brunswick star, who ranks among the most dangerous contenders for the standout ace honors in the auto racing ranks this year. Last season, too, he was a hot shot all the way with his consistent performances stamping him as one of the most dangerous threats in the ranks.

Bailey First in Auto Race

HO-HO-KUS, N. J., Oct. 3 (AP).—

Frankie Bailey of New Brunswick, A. A. A. Eastern States champion in 1936, defeated Bob Sall, holder of the title in 1933, in the final auto race meeting of the 1937 season at the Ho-Ho-Kus half-mile dirt track today. Jack Moon came up from tenth place to finish third, and Red Redmond of New York, winner of the half-mile qualifying test, was fourth. Redmond won the three-mile match race for the three fastest qualifiers.

10/4/1937

SALL SWEEPS AUTO RACES

Wins 3 Events at Ho-Ho-Kus, Bettering Track Marks

5/2/1938

HO-HO-KUS, N. J., May 1 (AP).—Bob Sall, Paterson veteran, made a clean sweep of the 1938 inaugural A. A. A. auto races today, breaking three records on the Ho-Ho-kus half-mile track. He won the three-mile match race in 2:46.25, the five-mile qualifying test in 4:39.38 and the fifteen-mile feature in 14:38.95, all bettering previous performances on the local track.

Ted Horn of Glendale, Calif., who had won the feature dash in two of the three A. A. A. race meetings in the country prior to today, trailed Sall over the line in the main event. Bud Henderson of Dayton, Ohio, was third and Honey Pupick of Long Island fourth.

7/5/1938

Racing Cars Lock Wheels; Boy Is Killed, 15 Injured

Special to the BUFFALO EVENING NEWS.

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 5.—A 12-year-old boy was killed and 15 persons injured Monday evening by two racing cars which locked wheels on the Hohokus speedway and veered into the pits at 60 miles an hour. One of the racing drivers was unhurt and the other suffered only a slight laceration.

The boy who was killed was Peter Thompson, of Ridgeway. He died in Hackensack hospital, where his father, who was seriously injured, is a patient.

Racing Auto Kills One, Hurts 11 As It Crashes Into Jersey Crowd

Five Seriously Injured at Hohokus Race Track When Car Gets Out of Control and Hurtles Into Infield Crowd—7,500 See Accident

7/5/1938

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 4.—A boy was killed and eleven other persons were injured, five seriously, when a racing automobile left the track at the Hohokus Race Track here late this afternoon and crashed into a crowd of spectators lining the infield guard rail. All but one of the persons struck were spectators.

The boy was identified later at Hackensack Hospital, where he died, as Robert Thompson, 10 years old, of Ridgewood, N. J. His father, David Thompson, was among the injured.

More than 7,500 persons witnessed the accident. Because of the mildness of the weather many persons who might have gone to the beaches and other resorts flocked to the stadium.

It was the seventh race, the next to the last and the feature of the day. The crowd sat tense as Francis Fanning, the starter, sent away in twos the ten cars entered. Eight cars had taken to the field. The last to be flagged away were Fritz Brehm of Bayonne and Henry Guerand of Newark.

They started off with a roar and the crowd cheered wildly. In an instant their cheers stopped as the rear wheels of the racing cars locked. Guerand's car headed for the inside rail and ran against it for a while, pulling Brehm's car along.

Suddenly Brehm's car tore loose from Guerand's and, out of control, headed for Fanning. After knocking the starter down it bounded through the guard rail into the in-

field and into a group of watchers.

Ordinarily, according to the police, the infield is reserved only for mechanics. Today, however, because of the crowd, many persons had gone to the restricted area, the police said.

As the car headed in the direction of the group there was a mad scramble to clear a lane, and in the excitement at least ten persons were shoved to the ground.

Brehm's car plowed through the crowd, striking the boy first and then mowing down the others until his car came to a stop. The driver was uninjured.

Emergency calls brought additional policemen and several ambulances from the Paterson General Hospital and Hackensack Hospital. The police were unable to restore quiet at the stadium for more than an hour.

Taken to the Paterson General Hospital were Fanning, 39, the starter, and Louis Pucci, 25, of 38 Graylock Avenue, Belleville, N. J. Fanning was suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg and a possibly fractured skull. Putti received a possibly fractured skull.

The following were taken to the Hackensack Hospital:

Vernon George, 28, of 149 Passaic Avenue, Hawthorne, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moser of 421 Straight Street, Philadelphia; Raymond Kenny, 27, of 2,895 Grand Concourse, the Bronx, and Thompson. George and the Mosers were suffering from possible internal injuries and were placed on the serious list.

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Kenny and Thompson were suffering from leg injuries and were reported not in serious condition.

Four others were treated at the scene and allowed to go home. They were Archie Sira, 38, of 237 Englewood Street, Englewood, N. J., lacerations; Betty Braunigan, 21, of 77 Christy Avenue, Clifton, N. J., injured right foot; Betty Williams, 40, of 89 Midland Avenue, Park Ridge, N. J., injured right leg, and Jo'n Ruskin, 29, of 144 Eighth Street, Carlsbad, N. J., bruised right arm.

Miss Marion Miller, a nurse who lives in Hohokus, was credited by the police as aiding greatly in caring for the injured. A spectator at the races, she was near the scene of the accident and volunteered to aid Dr. Kalman Case, the track physician, in the administration of emergency treatment before the arrival of ambulances.

The accident was the second of the day. In the preceding race Morris Tomlinson, 29, of 4,001 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, received a fracture of the right leg and possible internal injuries when his car overturned. He was taken to Barnert's Hospital in Paterson.

The second crash brought Michael A. Carella, Assistant Prosecutor of Bergen County, to the scene. He said he would make a full investigation. He added that he had talked with police officials and officials of the track, and that early inquiry had shown no criminal negligence.

Young Boy Killed By Racing Cars

7/5/1938

HOHOKUS, N. J., July 4 (A. P.). —A 10-year-old boy was killed and 17 persons, all spectators, injured today when two automobile racers locked wheels and plunged into the infield crowd at the Hohokus Speedway's holiday races.

The boy, who died shortly after being admitted to Hackensack Hospital, was identified by Patrolman Frank Mortimer of Hohokus as Peter Thompson, 10, of Ridgewood, N. J. The boy's father, David, was in the same hospital in a critical condition.

The accident occurred as Fritz Brehm, of Bayonne, N. J., and Henry Guerand, of Newark, N. J., approached the starter's flag in ninth and 10th positions for the start of the 30-lap, 15-mile main event.

Police Chief John A. McElroy said the rear wheels locked near the starter, Francis Fanning, of West Orange, and both cars swerved toward him. Fanning was thrown five feet into the air and landed on the track.

The cars, still locked, broke through the infield guard rail and ran wildly into the crowd. Spectators in the grandstand gasped as bodies were hurled about. Neither driver was hurt.

Ambulances took six persons, including the boy, to Hackensack Hospital, and two others, including Fanning, to Paterson General Hospital. He suffered a fractured leg.

A driver in the semi-final event, Maurice Tomlinson, 29, of 4001 Roosevelt blvd., Philadelphia, was injured when his car struck the guard rail and overturned. He was taken to Barnert Memorial Hospital, Paterson, with a fracture of the right leg.

Hohokus Race Tragedy May Inspire Council Ban

Hohokus, N. J., July 6 (AP)—Mayor Bernard L. Lamb called a special meeting of the borough council for tonight to act on the question of banning automobile racing at the Hohokus speedway where 11-year-old Robert Thompson was killed and 17 persons injured Monday.

"I would say this — that Hohokus has had its last automobile race," said Mr. Lamb, also state finance commissioner, in forecasting a ban on racing at the half-mile track. Five or six meets have been held every season for the past 15 years.

7/6/1938

Hohokus to Prohibit Automobile Races

Mayor Bernard Lamb of Hohokus, N. J., said today that there will be no more automobile races at the Hohokus Race Track, where an accident late Monday brought death to a boy and injuries to a number of other persons.

The Mayor said that he had called a special meeting of the Borough Council for tonight, at which, he said, a resolution or ordinance forbidding the motor races will be adopted, as he and the councilmen feel that the races should be discontinued.

7/6/1938

Hohokus Moves To End Auto Races

HOHOKUS, N. J., (AP)—An end to auto racing on Hohokus Speedway where a boy was killed and 17 other spectators injured in an accident Independence Day was at hand today.

The Borough Council directed Borough Attorney Thomas Doughty to draw up an amendment to its public performance ordinance which would prohibit racing and, meanwhile, directed Clerk John W. Lucas not to issue any race permits.

The decision was reached last night at a special meeting at the home of Mayor Bernard L. Lamb, state finance commissioner.

Lamb said the amendment would be introduced at the council's next session July 20 and that a public hearing would then be set for the proposed ban.

7/8/1938