

Vintage American Race Cars Traveling Museum



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Notes from our President Jim McDermott



The cold weather can make it feel like it is a long way before the season gets underway. It will get here sooner than we will be ready. Every year it seems like the cars are ready but at the last minute you realize that there are about a hundred little things you wanted to do and just never got around to them. Well now is the time to check things over and tighten up the bolts and check the fuel lines. The little things can be quite important as a loose bolt or frayed fuel line can turn into a nasty situation once you get on the track. If you have not touched your car since last season ended it might be the time to get into the garage and away from the TV. Even though the TV reporters are always ready with the latest "breaking news" not much is really new.

VARC is working on some breaking news. We plan on a banner season that will be **"greater"** than last season. I hear that several people are working on getting new cars ready to run. They will be a good addition to the already top quality field of vintage racing cars. We are looking forward to new members as they are the life blood of any organization. If you know of anyone with an interest in Vintage car racing talk up this organization as we have a lot to offer. If

you know of past member that has not been with us for several seasons invite them to return to the fun. Let them know about our excellent Facebook page and Web site. We need to get everyone signed up on our Facebook page and visit our Web site so they can view and comment on anything that is of interest to them.

We urge anyone that has not sent in their 2018 membership application to get that in the mail ASAP.

I have said it in the past but it needs to be emphasized. We have a vast knowledge of mechanical genius and history of oval track racing among our members. Our members are always willing to be helpful with their knowledge and experience.

When you need to find a part for your car or have something to sell you can post on the Web site Social Forum, on our Facebook page or email Melinda to have it posted. I am sure someone can help. The sharing of knowledge is always something that I find inspiring and very useful. I never had any experience running fuel injection but with the help of several of our members my knowledge is coming along. I am almost smart enough now to be able to ask the right questions. At least I know that you need a spring in the return line pill holder. Now if only I can figure out the barrel valve settings.

As far as the history of oval track racing you have to be at one of our events and talk to our members. Many can tell you who the best dirt track driver ever was, at least in their mind. They can remember the heroes of yesterday who were the bravest and toughest to ever put on a helmet. This history is what our mission is

all about. We strive to keep this memory alive by bringing our "Traveling Museum" class of vintage cars to the tracks around the country. Our effort to place our cars on display so that fans can get an up close first-hand look at the cars is just part of our mission. We also make the effort to keep these cars in the condition that we can put on a lively on track display with our exhibition style races. We have a vast collection of different styles of race cars. We cover many eras and types of cars. This makes for some interesting races. Did you ever wonder how a 1960's era super modified would compare to an east coast dirt modified? Or a full bodied stock car against an Offy midget from the 50's. We have them all. The drivers run them with a great deal of spunk so you not only get see the vintage iron but get to hear the roar of the engines in living color. Some of our drivers have a good deal of racing experience in their past and they get to show how it was done back the then. It might not compare to today's super-fast elaborate cars but this is where the innovation came from. Much of the modern technology came from the trial and error of the constructors and drivers of yesteryear. A great deal of the modern race car owes its safety and speed to the innovation dreamed up by the heroes of the past. We aim to keep that history alive and help educate today's race fans on where it all came from.

We are working on our schedule and already have a number of dates scheduled. I am looking for your input on the tracks that you feel you would like to see on our schedule. Look at last year's schedule and if you like a track or would like another track that we didn't get to last year drop me a note. We are starting to get recognition from many of the promoters that we are good addition to their program. In fact we are looking at our schedule as the "VARC Traveling Series". We have a dedicated membership that puts in a good deal of effort and travels a lot of miles so it is nice to feel the recognition from the tracks and race fans.

Well for now, back to the garage to get some things done as there is never enough time to check everything twice. Stay tuned for more soon.

Jim McDermott

Notes from our Vice-President John Morton



Well, I am tired of cold weather and needing a "Racing fix". Went to Fort Wayne for the indoor midget races. Had a good time. Ran into Tony Stewart there and thanked him for his generous time spent with our former member Jerry Nemire. You could see the twinkle in his eye and smile on his face that his act of kindness was appreciated. Behind that Bad A** Attitude is a humble racer. Got to see Russ Gamester win in a 1976 Grant King VW powered midget. "Old School Rules". Won't be long and we can at least catch a "NAPCAR" race at Daytona. Chili bowl was exciting to watch.

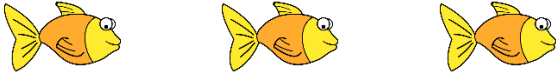
I hear about club members working on their rides. Some are changing colors while others are rebuilding their rides. I am working on a 1979 Nance Sprinter. Adding a transmission to make it more track friendly for one person to operate. Facebook the club and let us know of any projects you are working on.

In closing here is a puzzle to help keep your mind active. The first five members to Facebook the club with the right answer will get double money pay off for your spot in the first VARC event. I was going to have Gene give you a big hug but he might get confused!

See you at the track

John

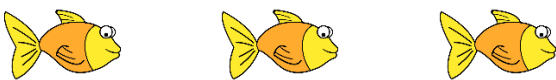




Puzzle:
Gone Fishing:

Three guys go out fishing. They decide in advance that whatever they catch, they're going to divvy it up equally when they get back to port. So they finish fishing for the day. They pull back into port and they're going to sleep on the boat overnight. Then they'll get up in the morning, divvy up the fish and go home. In the middle of the night, however, one of the guys has a severe indigestion flare-up, and he has to go right away to get some tums. So, he goes to take his third of the fish and he notices that the number that caught is not divisible by three unless he throws one of the fish overboard. So, he throws one overboard and takes his third and leaves. A few hours later another guy wakes up with horrible stomach pains. Gotta have the Kaopectate. He says, "I'll take my third of the fish and then I'll go home". So, he goes to take his third and he notices, interestingly, the same thing, that he can't take a third unless he throws one fish overboard. So, he throws one fish overboard, takes his third and goes home. The third guy, whose stomach is fine and no indigestion, gets up in the morning and he realizes that he hasn't take his third of fish. He figures the other guys are still sleeping. So, he says, "I'll take my third. However, he realizes that he can't take a third because it's not divisible by three. He throws one fish overboard, takes his third and leaves.

So the question is, what is the smallest number of fish by which this little scenario could have taken place? The smallest number of fish that they started out with?



Notes from our Secretary Dori Ordos

We are in the process of collecting Birthday's for our members and their spouses. Please send your Birthday (Month and day) to dorio7177@gmail.com

Remember if you have not sent in your membership application or car information sheet please do so.

Notes from our Editor Melinda Ahleman

I would like a quote in 10 word or less on why are a member of VARC. I would to add these comments to our Facebook Page, Web Site and other promotional materials.

If you know of a fan that enjoys VARC I would like their comment too.

Please email your/their comments to vintageracingcars@hotmail.com Please state that you give VARC permission to use your statement, name and photos on all promotional materials.

Mall Car Show

Race Cars and Future Stars Expo

March 9 - 11

Miami Valley Centre Mall
Piqua, OH 45356

Anyone that is interested in displaying their car please contact Melinda to get you more information. We have 1 member attending. We would love to have more.

Butch Evans Winter Project

I decided to change a couple things on my midget this winter to allow me to change the handling while racing. Since we rarely get any hot laps or even warm the engines I did not want a ill handling car that could possibly cause an accident. It happened to me once and I don't want to be the guy that should have quit or slowed way down. I made the right front torsion bar adjustable with a T handle back to the cockpit. When I worked for Ray Smith back in the late 60's, we did the same thing on his Ron Ward cars.



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George Oliver
Doug Oliver
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Dave Ordos - December
Shirley Layton -- December
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Mike Ahleman - March
Sandy McDermott - March
Bobbie Fordenwalt - March*

Upcoming Swap Meets

March 3 Fremont Speedway
Fremont Fair Grounds

March 3 & 5 Canton Swap Meet
Stark Co. Fairgrounds