

Vintage American Race Car Traveling Museum

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Notes from Our President

The social forum on the website is open to all members. If you have something to offer or questions about the group please use this feature. We would love to see comments from our members. So sit down and type something. It's not that hard to do and the spell check works really great. Without it I would have worn out a dictionary (couldn't spell dictionary). Hope you are viewing this new site often as it will be updated and improved by Sef DeChristopher. We are looking to the future of this organization and this website is critical to achieving our mission and improving our presentation of our Traveling Museum of Historical Vintage Racing Cars.

Hope you are enjoying these newsletters. It is another great effort by Melinda and I am sure you have enjoyed them. We need more stories about our members so if you have anything that you think would be interesting to the group get it to Melinda for future newsletters. That includes your story. How did you get interested in car racing? What is your experience with racing? I am sure there is lots of history that would be of interest to VARC members as well as other vintage car enthusiast.

Our Facebook group continues to get requests to join from a wide variety of people interested in vintage racing cars and there seems to be a good deal of interest in the topics and pictures that are posted.

So far this year the participation from our members have been outstanding. We've had a very good turnout at our shows. Our group has been fulfilling our mission of bringing the past history of oval track racing to the public through our "Traveling Museum". The effort that members have been making in providing museum quality vintage racing cars to the shows has been noteworthy.

We have started a new procedure this year of notifying me if you are planning on attending the next event. This is very helpful to me as the tracks are always asking for the names of the people that will be coming from our group. This allows them to issue pit passes to the right people and no one sneaks in under our name. Hard to believe that some race fans or current racers would try to sneak in without paying. Just to review our understanding with the track's management. For each car that we put on display and run on the track we will get pit admission for the driver and one assistant per car. All other VARC members would be required to pay for their admission. I would like to know by the Thursday before if you are planning on attending. This information will then be sent to the track management. If your name is not on the list you will not be able to get in. If you are thinking about coming get on the list, if something changes your plans at least your name would be on the list. I will also use this information to let you know if there is a cancellation due to weather. This can save you from making an

unnecessary trip. I will also look at the list of people that are planning on coming to an event and if there is little or no interest in the event I will be able to cancel or get additional members to come to the event. This will save us the embarrassment of not having a decent car count. This has worked out well so far and I hope it will continue.

I have been having a few emails returned as not deliverable so if you have not been receiving emails check with me or Melinda to make sure we have the correct email address for you. Whenever we have an event I try to send out a little recap of the show and a reminder of the next one on the calendar. I also post the same letter on Facebook and the group web site.

I want to thank all the people that have posted pictures on our Facebook page. There are also some videos that have been posted. There are a lot of quality photos. Please post your photos or videos.

We are fortunate to have members that help out as assistants. There is always something that needs to be done just after we get strapped into our cars. It is a big help when someone jumps on a 4 wheeler and pushes the cars to the track. We can always use the help so if your car is not ready come out anyway. Just let me know and I will assign you to a car as assistant.

So far this year we have had great participation from our members and the events have been really impressive. If you haven't been able to join us yet you will be in for a surprise when you see the quality and effort that have been put forth by our really dedicated vintage racing enthusiasts.

I am looking forward to the rest of the season so I hope to see you at an event.

Thanks Jim McDermott



May 12

Attica Raceway Park

Attica was truly a great event for the vintage car groups. There were over 20 cars from both North Coast Vintage Oval Racing and VARC. We were able to present a great display of vintage cars and excellent on track action with all different types of cars. The show was a hit with fans. Many expressed how much they liked the vintage cars. We cannot thank the track management and staff at Attica Raceway Park enough. This is truly an outstanding operation.



Butch Evans won the feature in his remarkable Midget. Nice job Butch!

New member Brandon Bebout was a great help in getting cars to the track by operating a temperamental old 4 wheeler. Thanks Brandon hope you get your car finished in time for the next show.

Thank you to all the VARC members for the great effort that you all put into this show. It was good seeing all the members and everyone should be complemented on this outstanding event.



May 13

Expo Speedway

This was a Test-N-Tune Event. Apparently Jim McDermott and Terry Wells were the only two that needed to work out some bugs. Hopefully more will come out on June 11.



May 20

Waynesfield Raceway

Rained Out



May 27 & 28
 Angola
 Motorsport
 Speedway

We had a very good event at Angola Motorsport Speedway. On Saturday there were 14 cars on display and 12 were able to get on the track. The three on track sessions allowed us to put on a great show which was well received by the fans. Thank you to the track management and all the staff for their hospitality. This is truly a first class operation and they put on a great racing program. It's one of the nicest facilities that host VARC. Anyone that has not taken in a show at Angola owes it to themselves to get out and see some super racing.

There were a lot of different styles of cars on display starting with a very special 1947 Curtis Craft Offy powered midget, this is truly a classic race car. Also on display were full bodied stock cars, offset super modified roadsters, modifieds and sprints. One even had a wild flexible wing that automatically changed to add down force. The MVR and VARC members that were there are a special bunch of people. The effort put into bringing our "Traveling Vintage Race Car Museum" to the public is without equal. They all deserve a heartfelt "*Thank You.*" Thank you also to all the people that were so helpful in getting the cars to and from the track. Ron Verash did a great job as announcer, interviewer, photographer, and supporter of vintage car racing. Thanks Ron.



June 3
 Fremont Speedway

The number of vintage cars that turned out for this event was really impressive. The North Coast Vintage Oval Racers are deserving of a special thanks for inviting VARC to join their show. Between the two groups there were over thirty vintage cars on hand. The track management and staff did a remarkable job of fitting the vintage cars into their program and they too deserve a special thanks.

The different types of cars were really interesting. Every type of vintage race car represented. Starting with the midgets, sprint cars, champs cars, modifieds, full bodied stock cars, roadsters, sedans and coupes. The effort put in by the members to restore and keep these cars in running order shows true dedication to the mission of VARC Founder Jack Layton. He would have been proud to see this group of cars show at our events. The variety was great. It was enjoyed by the fans. Many have never had a chance to see these old cars run so I think that is special for them.

Fremont Hall of Fame had held their induction ceremony. It was inspiring to see that the hall of fame committee is so dedicated to the memory of yesteryear.



Caleb Griffith
 Sprint Feature
 Winner



Hank
 Lower
 Feature
 Winner

Stock Car
 Feature
 Winner





Thanks to the effort of Larry Boos Eldora Speedway is now confirmed. We will be going to the Four Crown event on September 22 & 23. This will be a static display only. But we are looking for a good turn out as VARC has a long history of appearing for this event. We will update you with the details as they are finalized.



Welcome New Members

Mark Ball	Brandon Bebout
Bob Fondenwalt	Rick Kilbourn
Cliff LaJouness	Clark Moore
Tim Sisson	Mike Stuart
Mike Swain	Scott Swain
Gerry Walker	Melinda Ahleman
Ron Cubic	Nick Homard



Bob Fondenwalt

Note from George Oliver

Spent the day at Ohio State Fairgrounds watching quarter midget racing. Below is a picture of the fourth generation of race car drivers from the family. He's telling his grandfather Doug and Uncle Chase that it fits him very well and is instructing Doug to write the check, we're taking it home to show his mom and dad.....

Brandon Bebout



Rich Kilbourn



Tim Sisson

