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On March 8, 1953 a meeting was held at the Thompson Speedway Clubhouse for the purpose of forming a new midget racing organization. Out of that meeting grew a success story: The Northeast Midget Association, Inc. (NEMA). The founders were dedicated racing men determined to salvage the remains of what had been the most successful spectator sport in the United States following World War II.

The first officially sanctioned NEMA race took place at the famed Seekonk Speedway, Seekonk, Mass. on May 30, 1953. The cars and drivers came from the ranks of several other racing organizations which had fallen on hard times.

The Years of 1953 and 1954 saw the fortunes of midget racing at their lowest ebb. Total purses of less than that paid to the winner of a feature race today were common place. Dedication and fortitude were indeed required during those dark days. These qualities were provided under the leadership of Milt Dentch, the first club president, car owners Ray and Wen Kelley, and John McCarthy; drivers Al Pillion and Ray Roberts; racing official Lenny Poe and many others. NEMA gradually outgrew its humble beginnings and emerged as a solid professional organization.

The early rules of NEMA prohibited the use of costly specialized racing engines. These engines were so powerful and expensive that owners with modified stock engines had little chance at the top prize money. By 1957 the stock block powered machines had developed to such an extent that this restriction was removed. Along with the improved competition with this rule change came a renewal of interest in midget auto racing among the competitors as well as the fans. NEMA has grown steadily throughout the last three decades and as it enters the 1980's it is considered to be the most innovative midget racing club in the country.

**N**EMA has sanctioned races in eight Northeastern states and three Canadian provinces with the most unique and exciting all racing show in the northeastern United States. There is a terrific blend of the traditional upright machines and the newer mid-engine roadster-type cars; also an excellent variety of engines including Offenhausers, 4 cylinder Chevrolets, the right half of a Chevrolet V-8 (Sesco), a Chevrolet V-8 cut to make a V-4, Ford Falcons, Pintos, and Capris, Volkswagens, and many others. There is an outstanding group of up and coming young drivers battling the established regulars for our driving honors. The show appeals to every type of race fan due to the close wheel to wheel action and the competitiveness of the cars and drivers.

NEMA is a democratic organization of people from all walks of life who become professional racers both on and off the track in their spare time and on weekends. NEMA presents a totally self contained show supplying not only cars and drivers but their own starter, track-side officials, announcer, handicapper, scorers and pit personnel.

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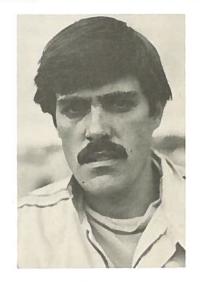
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Young rookie to NEMA who's driving to the top.

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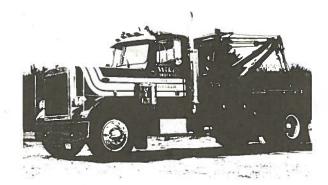
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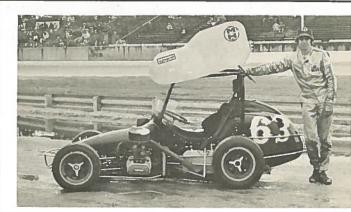
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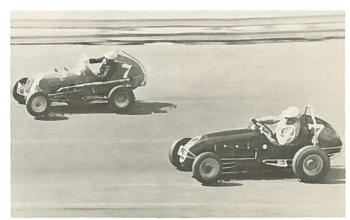
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Dick Gallagher passing inside.



Getting in some air time - then



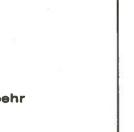
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