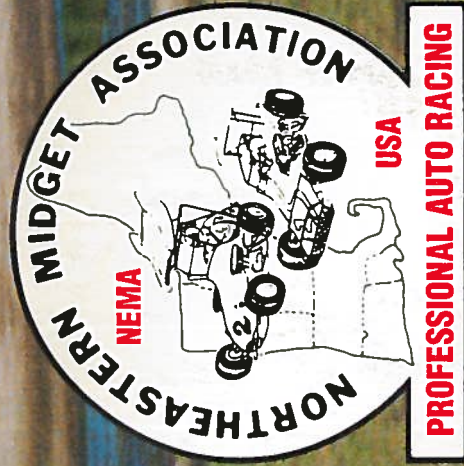


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2nd place car - Gene Angelillo's Skoal - Big Apple Stores Pontiac, with Drew Fonoro driving. (Kelley Photo)



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# ☆☆ CHAMPION DRIVER ☆☆

Joey Coy, Jr., Merrick, NY



Despite the fact that prior to this season, Joey Coy had not even seen some of the tracks on the NEMA schedule, he walked away with the championship. Though he learned his craft at the tough Pine Brook 1/10th mile, Coy was far from a rough and tumble TQ driver. Smoothness and consistency were the keys to his championship, taking two wins, seven seconds, and 14 out of 15 top five finishes.

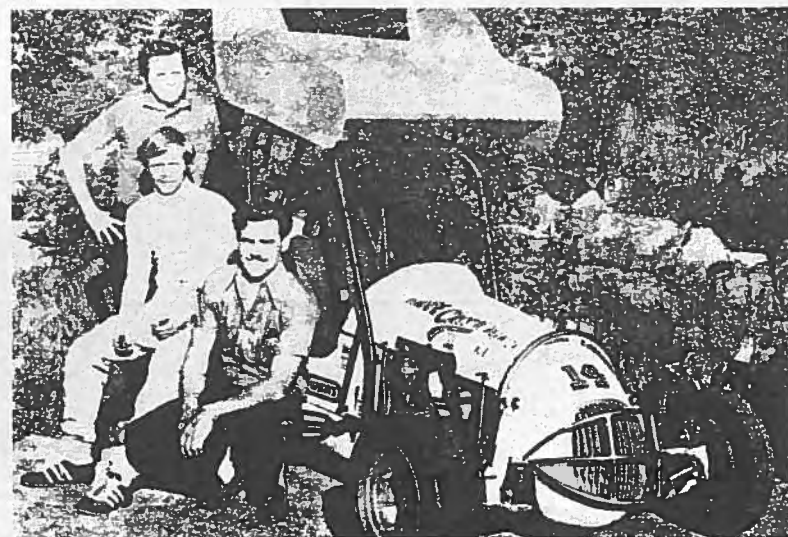
Left: Joey Coy after his win at Star. (Hayes photo)



Good night or bad, Joey always has a smile for his fans. (Kibbe Photo)



Above: Joey received the Bay State Old Timers Award after his win at Star. (L to R): Ginny Morelli, Joey, Herb Boyce, Ray Morelli, announcer Chris Romano. (Hayes Photo)  
Left: Joey drove Carl's first car, back in 1976.



# ☆☆ CHAMPION OWNER ☆☆

Carl Kibbe, Warwick, RI



Carl Kibbe, with his pretty Arias-powered Lindblad roadster. (Miour photo)



It has been a long time between championships for Carl Kibbe, and since 1986 for a feature win, but 1989 changed all that. Spearheading the family's effort to return to victory lane in NEMA competition, Carl put the car in Sunoco 94 colors for 1989 and called the shots in the pits. Week by week you could tell the frustrations of past seasons were over, and the Kibbe's quest for another title would be successful.



Above: Carl discusses the night's setup with driver Joey Coy. (Hayes photo)

Left middle: Brother Don and Carl debriefing driver Joey Coy. (Hayes photo).

Below: Father Clayton, brother Don, and Carl stop for lunch. (Hayes photo)



The team celebrates its first feature win. (L to R): Russell Kibbe, Joey's boys Kelly and D.J., Don Kibbe, Joey Coy, Clayton Kibbe, Carl Kibbe, Curt Kibbe. (Hayes photo)



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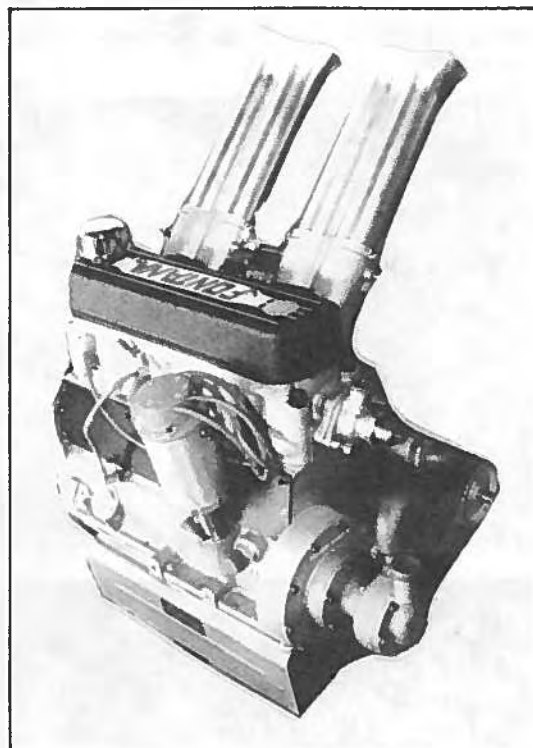
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## SECOND PLACE TEAM

OWNER: Gene Angelillo,  
Wolcott, CT

What can you possibly say about NEMA's four time champion owner that hasn't been said before? Gene's effort fell shy of the championship in 1989, but it was still the top-notch, professional display we've come to expect from the Skoal team. And, it produced more wins than anyone else on the tour.



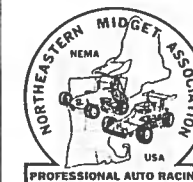
Drew after one of his seven feature wins in '89. (Hayes photo)

DRIVER:  
Drew Fornoro,  
Andover, NJ

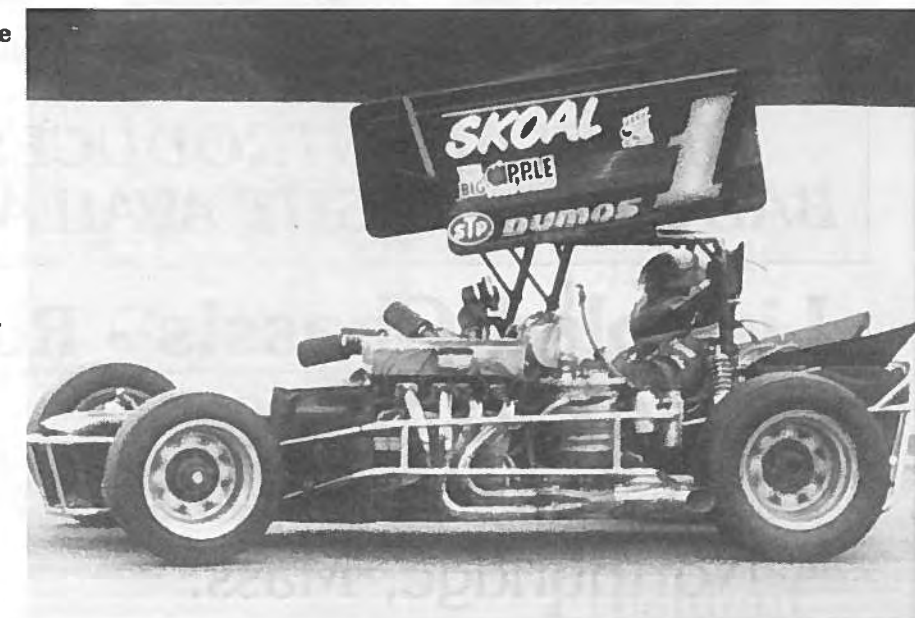
The defending champion didn't wind up wearing the crown in 1989, but it was a momentous year nonetheless. Adding seven wins to his record, Drew reached the 50 victory mark in NEMA competition, and it was all done in this decade. Among his wins this season were two of the most prestigious on the schedule; the Mike Kapulka Memorial, and the Oscar Ridlon Memorial. Drew won the shows back to back on Labor Day weekend.



Drew and Gene after winning the Michael A. Kapulka Memorial Race at Star. (Hayes photo)



The Skoal / Big Apple Stores Pontiac on the way to another win. (Hayes photo)







Joey Coy (Kibbe Photo)



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Reggie Ruggiero (Scott Nichol Photo)

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## THIRD PLACE DRIVER

Mike Favulli, Falmouth, MA

They'll be talking about the come from behind wins at Groveton and Thompson for years to come. 1989 will go down as one of the best years ever for the NEMA President. Despite the political pot boiling over throughout the season, once Mike put on his helmet he was all race driver.

Below: Favulli gets by 4th place finisher Brian Caruso (25) at Thompson on way to win...Howard Hodge Photo



Mike Favulli (Hayes Photo)

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Mike Favulli in the Cape Cod Aggregates Arias moving through traffic...Rich Hayes Photo

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## THIRD PLACE OWNER / FIFTH PLACE DRIVER

Frank Yantorno, Riverside,  
CT.

An outstanding season for one of NEMA's veteran drivers. Highlighted by a heat win and two third place feature finishes, the always smiling Frankie kept the Commerce Packaging/Jackson Auto Parts VW in the limelight all season long.



Left: Frank Yantorno (Hayes photo)

Below: Frank drove his Commerce Packaging /  
Jackson Auto Parts VW to 9 top-ten finishes in '89.  
(Hayes photo)

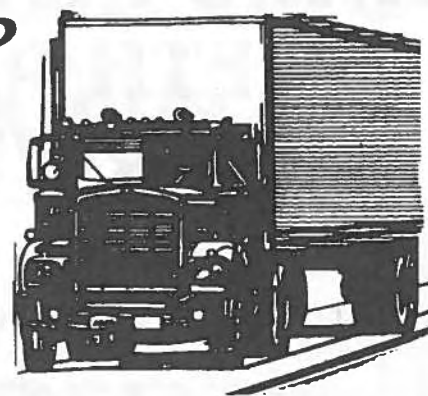




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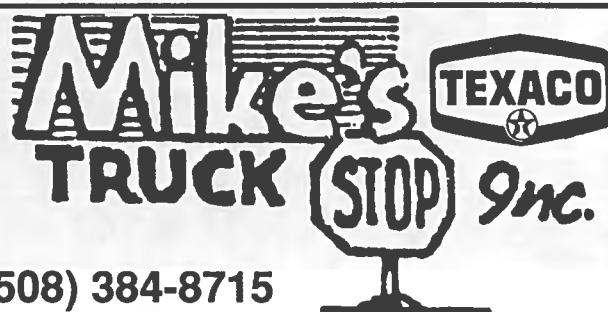
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# FOURTH PLACE OWNER/DRIVER



Brian Caruso,  
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Brian Caruso (Hayes photo)



Brian had 10 top-ten finishes in the Caruso Motorsports, Ltd. VW. (Hayes photo)



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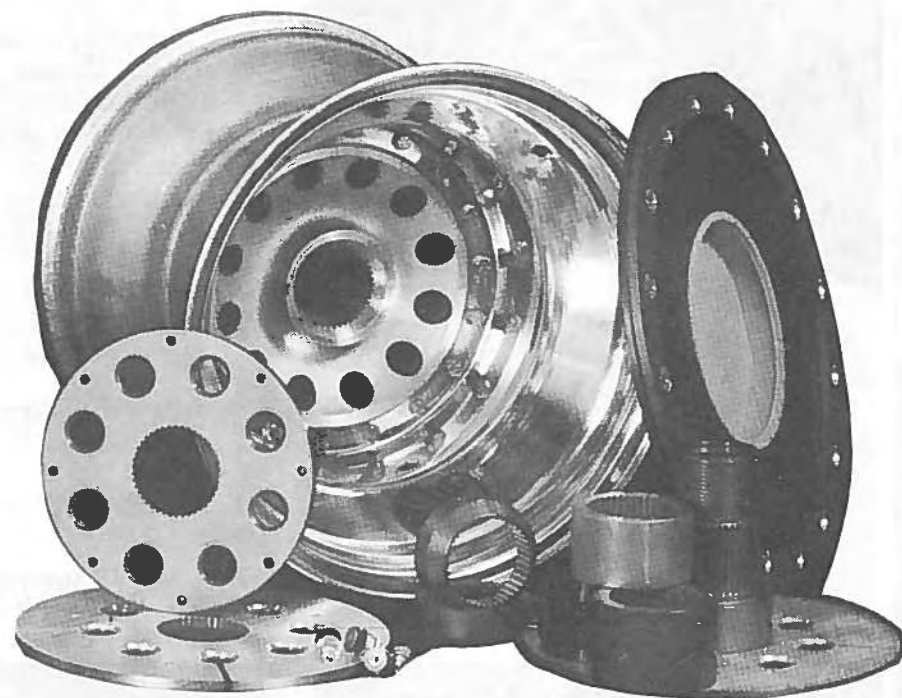
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## FIFTH PLACE OWNER / SIXTH PLACE DRIVER



Harry Johnson, Keene, NH

After sitting out all of last season Harry came back with a vengeance in 1989. With good top ten placings all year, the mild-mannered Harry piled up enough points for a personal best in year-long standings.

Harry Johnson (Hayes photo)



Sponsored by Kendall Oil, Harry put his VW in the top ten no fewer than eight times in '89. (Hayes photo)







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Connie Lajoie (Hayes Photo)

**OWNER: Connie Lajoie,  
Mansfield, MA**

This veteran racer fielded one of the smartest looking teams on the circuit, and the results on the track looked just as good, with a top ten points finish in only his sophomore year as an owner.

## SIXTH PLACE OWNER / SEVENTH PLACE DRIVER

**DRIVER: Michael Lajoie,  
Mansfield, MA**

In his second season Michael took a heat win at Hudson and several top five feature finishes. Maturing as a driver this season, Michael took full advantage of his father's car and was in the hunt at every race.



Michael Lajoie (Hayes photo)

Even though they missed the first few races, Michael still earned 8 top-ten finishes in the family Chevy II. (Hayes photo)





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## SEVENTH PLACE OWNER / EIGHTH PLACE DRIVER

DRIVER: Lee Smith,  
Natick, MA

Master of the bullrings, Smith's best drive came, as usual, at Hudson Speedway this year, with a second place feature finish. Despite missing a few events, Lee's hard driving gave him enough points for another good showing in the final standings.



Ed Czyzewski (Stoehr photo)

OWNER:  
Ed Czyzewski,  
Schenectady, NY

Steady Eddie saw another top ten points finish in 1989, with Lee Smith aboard his VW powered machine. The Polish Pirate can always be counted on at NEMA events, and it's always a pleasure to see him at the track.



Three-time NEMA Champion  
Lee Smith. (Hayes photo)



In spite of missing some shows in midyear, Lee drove Ed's Polish Pirate VW to 8 top-ten finishes. (Hayes photo)



# EARLY DAYS.....



This NEMA midget #25, shown here in 1964, was purchased the day this picture was taken by Bob Cherry from Brad Winter.

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# EIGHTH PLACE OWNER

Marilyn Angelillo, Wolcott, CT

Always a touch of class around any speedway pit lane, Marilyn saw considerable success as an owner this year, with Lou Rettenmeir, Jack Giannini, and Nick Fornoro all aboard the #45. Nick's win at Lee late in the season was one of the best races of 1989.

Marilyn's Skoal / Big Apple Stores upright Pontiac ran a limited schedule with three different drivers. Noki Fonoro won in it at Lee, and was up front at Thompson when it broke. (Hayes photo)



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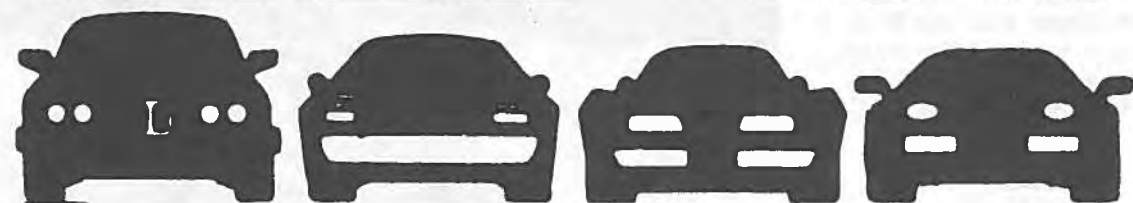
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## NINTH PLACE OWNER

Dan Blair,  
Springfield, MA

Carrying on in the tradition of his veteran sprint-car owner father, Ted Blair, Dan's own Blair V-4 Chevy powered his midget to some strong runs in 1989. The Hart Bros. / Dan Blair combination clicked well enough this season for a top ten points finish.

Dan Blair's Highland Machine Company racer is powered by a Chevy V4 designed and built by Dan, himself. (Hayes photo)



Ted Blair's sprinter at Shangri-La in 1955, with Bobby Boone driving (Blair photo)



## NINTH PLACE DRIVER

Lou Rettenmeir,  
Sherman, CT

Coming from the SCCA road racing circuit, Lou showed he could put his foot down and turn left with the best of them. Once aboard Gene Angelillo's newest badger, Lou really found his stride, posting three third place feature finishes.

Lou Rettenmeier (Hayes photo)



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## TENTH PLACE TEAM

OWNER: Paul Cleveland, Waltham, MA



The leader of the Cleveland clan had plenty to celebrate in 1989. The never-say-die attitude Paul projects on his team carried them to several fine finishes this season.

DRIVER: Doug Cleveland,  
Waltham, MA

Doug's late-season efforts really cemented his top-ten points finish in 1989. At Groveton his fourth place was a season high and at Thompson his duel with Lajoie for fifth was one of the best of the '89 campaign.

Left: Doug Cleveland (Hayes photo)

Paul Cleveland's Chevy II roadster scored 5 top-ten finishes in '89. (Hayes photo)





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## ELEVENTH PLACE OWNER

Pat Currie, Plymouth, MA

Pat's Chevy II powered machine scored some good runs in 1989, with drivers Paul Lawless, Jim Miller, and Glen Cabral aboard. With husband Jack turning the wrenches, this team's always determined spirit was indicative of NEMA participants.

Pat Currie (Currie photo)



The Currie team, including rookie driver Glen Cabral, struggled early in the year, but made the top ten in three of the last five events. (Hayes photo)

## ELEVENTH PLACE DRIVER

Jim Miller,  
Weymouth, MA

His awesome accident at Thompson made ESPN's Year-in-Review program, but that shouldn't be how Jim's entire year should be remembered. A fourth at Star was one of several strong NEMA runs, while a USAC B-main feature win in Ohio capped Jim's overall midget efforts in 1989.

Jim Miller (left), discusses the condition of a spark plug with Dick Bien. (Stoehr photo)





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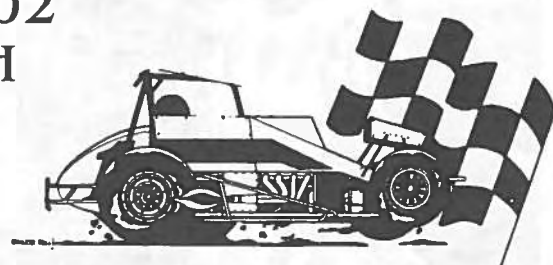
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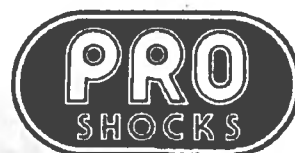
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## TWELFTH PLACE OWNER

John Lane, Hull, MA

This veteran NEMA owner brought out his car for a full season in 1989. Mike Luggelle was on board most of the time as it was good to see the Lane #24 back in NEMA competition.



Paul Stoehr (Hayes photo)



John Lane's Paragon Air CrossFlow Chevy II at speed.  
(Hayes photo)

## TWELFTH PLACE DRIVER

Paul Stoehr,  
Bridgewater, MA

Retirement suited Paul so well he came out of it to run for Jim O'Brien in 1989! Paul's first season in a badger netted him a season-high fifth place finish at the Oscar Ridlon Memorial.



John Lane (right) poses with his chauffeur, Mike Luggelle.  
(Hayes photo)



## THIRTEENTH PLACE OWNER

Patty Favulli, Falmouth, MA

NEMA's First Lady was biting her nails along with the rest of us as husband Mike gave the #80 upright the ride of its life in a thrilling victory at Groveton this year. Patty's welcome smile, however, is always there; win or lose.



Patty fielded two Cape Cod Aggregate Arias-powered racers for husband Mike this year, splitting her points; the roadster finished 13th. (Hayes photo)



Patty Favulli ...Alexander Photo



## THIRTEENTH PLACE DRIVER

Rick Hart, East Nassau, NY

This former Thibodeau Youth and Determination Award winner showed persistence and determination again in 1989, giving the Dan Blair V-4 Chevy some good rides during the season.

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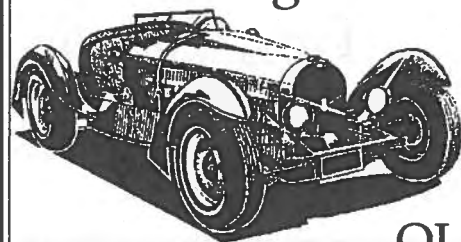
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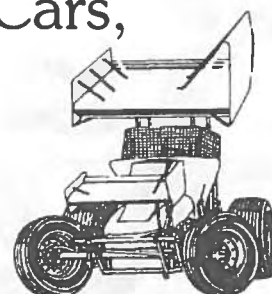
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## FOURTEENTH PLACE OWNER



Bill Tapply,  
Lunenburg, MA

Bill's #8 saw victory lane at Star Speedway this year in NEMA competition, as Mike Seymour won a heart-stopper against brother Bobby.

Bill Tapply holds the trophy as he poses with driver Mike Seymour after their win at Star. (Hayes photo)

## FOURTEENTH PLACE DRIVER

The Tapply Lumber VW on the track.  
(Hayes photo)



Babe Shaw,  
Concord, MA

Four heat wins highlighted the always fast Babe's abbreviated season. Strong feature runs included a third place at Riverside Park.

Babe Shaw in the Sue Shaw VW.  
(Hayes photo)



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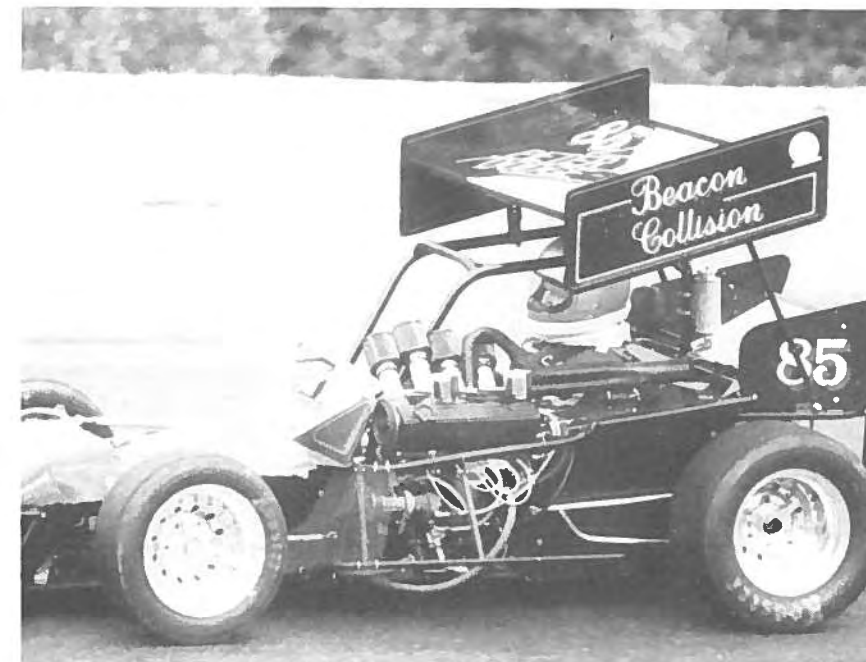
Russ Pinney,  
Suffield, CT

Russ' team never stopped trying in 1989, despite setbacks that would make others load up well before feature time. With sensational efforts by rookie driver E.J. Douville, Pinney's team personifies the "never give up" attitude of short track racers.



E.J. Douville in Russ Pinney's National Speed Center VW. (Hayes photo)

## FIFTEENTH PLACE DRIVER



Chris Kennedy,  
Arlington, MA

You can always count on Chris to support a NEMA event. Several good drives aboard the only Dodge powered machine in NEMA carried Chris to a top fifteen points finish for 1989.

Chris Kennedy in his own Peter Fuller Dodge 2.2 machine. (Hayes photo)



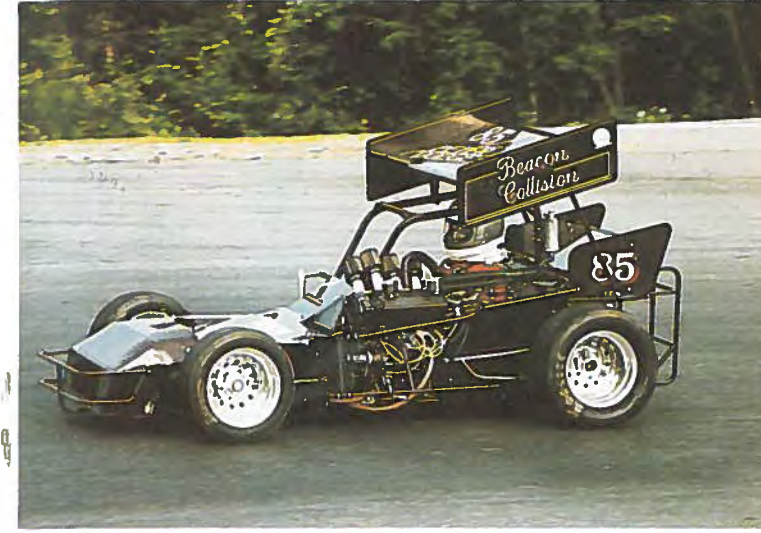
# NEMA MIDGET STARS FROM THE 1989 RACING SEASON...



FRANK YONTORNO in his own Commerce Packaging VW. (Hayes Photo)



LEE MENCHY, driving his rear-engined racer. (Hayes Photo)



CHRIS KENNEDY has the only Dodge in NEMA. (Hayes Photo)



HARRY JOHNSON drives his own VW. (Hayes Photo)



PAUL STOEHR in the Jim O'Brien Chevy V6. (Stoehr Photo)



NATE BOUTWELL, JR. steers his dad Smokey's Cosworth. (Hayes Photo)



ED DeVOE shoes the Frank Brett Chevy II. (Hayes Photo)



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DAVE SUCHY runs one of the last Falcons. (Nickel Photo)



NICK FORNORO, JR. in Mike Scrivani's roadster VW. (Hayes Photo)



BRIAN CARUSO brought out a new VW in 1989. (Stoehr Photo)



BILL MARCY in Carroll Sleeper's SESCO (Sleeper Photo)



# REMEMBERING....

**J**ust before Christmas 1989, the Northeastern Midget Association suffered the worst loss in its 37 year history; Wen Kelley, our long-time Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper and Chief Scorer died suddenly at home.

Wen first became involved with midget racing after the war by crewing for Bob Ochs, who ran with the Bay State Midget Racing Association, AAA, ARDC, UCOA and MARC. He was a charter member of NEMA when it was formed in 1953, and bought his own racer in 1957. His first race as an owner was in August of that year, at the old Cheshire fairgrounds in Keene, NH, with Hank Williams (Henry Surrence) at the wheel. Just two years later, he was the NEMA Non-Offy Champion owner for 1959, finishing third overall, behind the Offys of Ed Stone and Everett Rogers.



Wen (standing left), with brother Ray and driver Al Pillion after a feature win. Note the peeled-off tire cap on Al's arm. (King photo)



Wen tries the seat of his first car. (Kelley photo)

His drivers included two-time NEMA Champion Al Pillion, Johnny Dudevoir, Eddie Brown, Elmer Peckham, Billy Stofer and Don Keller. He gave their first midget rides to many time champion Joe Csiki and Canadian stock car great Jean Paul Cabana.

He attended 655 of the 659 events NEMA has sanctioned in its 37 seasons; he missed races only on his wedding day, the day his son was born, the day he broke an ankle and the day of a once-in-a-lifetime family gathering in Iowa. NEMA fans honored him with their Johnny Thomson Memorial Trophy for his many contributions to the sport, and he

Wen, Ray and crew with Wen's second car, driven by Ed Brown, painted like its sponsor's bread loaves. (Balser photo)



was one of the initial inductees into the Dick Gallagher Memorial Hall of Fame. Together with his brother Ray, he was the first recipient of the Bay State Old Timers Award for Dedication to the Preservation of New England Auto Racing.

During those years, we came to know his family as well. Wife Mary, son Sam (Wendell, Jr.) and daughter Betsey were often at the races, and we always enjoyed their company.

We'll long remember the Wen who won those awards. we'll long remember the Wen who did all that work for the club. But mostly, we'll remember the Wen who always had a cheery word and a little joke, who was always ready to help his fellow club members, who we most looked forward to seeing at NEMA shows.

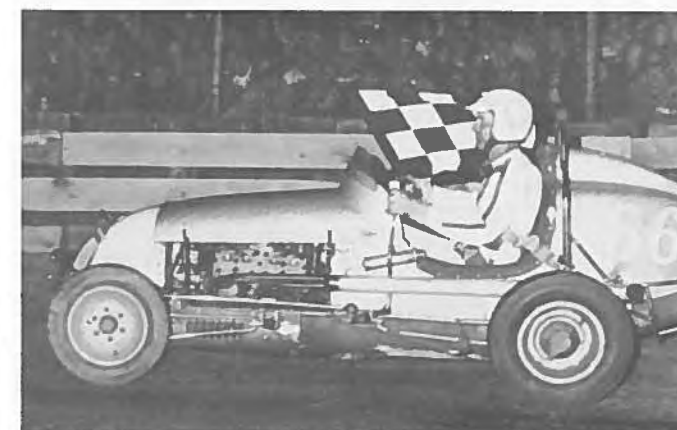
# WEN KELLEY



Left: Wen's third car was the famous Yacavone roadster. (Kelley photo)



Below: Dottie Mann, Wen and Louise Roberts review a lineup. (Kelley photo)



Bill Stofer, after a feature win in Wen Kelley's V8 in 1964. (Kelley photo)

John Dudevoir in Wen Kelley's V8. (Kelley photo)





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## WEN KELLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Mary Kelley



The Wen Kelley Memorial Award has been established by the club in memory of the man who truly was "Mr. NEMA" for the club's first thirty-seven years. Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper, Statistician, Historian and for many years a car owner, Wen was a major factor in keeping the club on a steady course through all the ups and downs of midget racing over that period.

The Award is to be given to a person who has exhibited Outstanding Dedication to the Northeastern Midget Association over a period of years. It is not expected to be awarded every year, but only when the Board decides a person's long-term club activities warrant it.

The Award is represented by a permanent trophy on which each recipient's name will be engraved. The recipients will each receive a smaller image of the permanent trophy.

There is no recipient this first year, but the Board has presented the first small trophy to Mary Kelley, the woman behind our own great man.



Four abreast at the Thompson World Series, 1989...Jim Feeney Photo



# THE JOHNNY THOMSON MEMORIAL AWARD

## Ed Czyzewski

The award is given in memory of one of the classic racers in an era where the main criteria for driving a race car was quite simple: guts. If that were the sole criteria for the award, then little wonder why this year's recipient gets it hands down. On Pork Chop Hill during the Korean War Ed Czyzewski paid a supreme sacrifice in service of this country; the loss of both legs and an eye.

Ed's handicap has never deterred him, however, as his career as a midget owner has taken him from Florida to the midwest and back. The first midget show run in the Pontiac Silverdome was won in Ed's car by Gene Getten.

A perennial finisher in NEMA's top car owner points standings, the "Polish Pirate" #2 is one of the most familiar sights on the NEMA tour. One of only three owners to be inducted into the Dick Gallagher Hall of Fame, Ed Czyzewski continues to be one of the sturdiest rocks on which NEMA stakes its reputation.

Paul Stoehr, a veteran of the "Polish Pirate," was the recipient of this award last year. How fitting his friend and long time car owner joins the ranks in 1989. Little doubt that Johnny Thomson would be proud. The award is given annually by Bill Estabrook, Ralph Miller, Dick Monahan, and Sam Weisberg.



Ed Czyzewski...(Stoehr Photo)



Johnny Thompson, MacLeod Offy, Westboro Speedway...Bob Miour Racing Photos



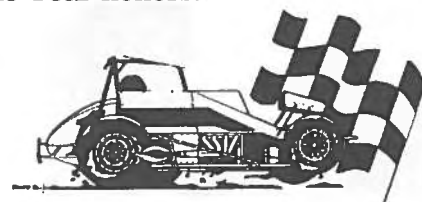


Lou Rettenmeir, Rich Hayes Photo

## ED CLOTHIER MEMORIAL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lou Rettenmeir

To come into a series in mid-year, hop into a division you've never run before, have three top three feature finishes and a top ten final points result is unheard of. Road racer Lou Rettenmeir did exactly that this year, outdistancing the field for Rookie of the Year honors.



## MECHANIC OF THE YEAR



Carl Kibbe

With a new round of restrictions for badgers in 1989, it was clear that Carl Kibbe had his work cut out for him before the green came down on the first race. But, despite added weight and less wing Carl's car was the class of NEMA competition in 1989, posting a phenomenal 14 top five finishes in 15 events, with only 1 DNF on the year, and that came while leading!

Carl Kibbe, ready to ship out with the Sunoco / Nelson's International Trucks Arias. (Kibbe photo)

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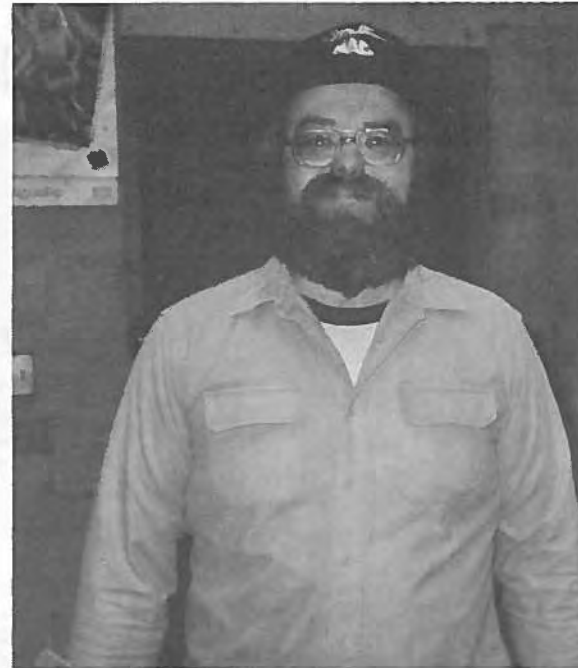


# MICHAEL A. KAPULKA MEMORIAL

## Halton J. Richardson III

The Michael A. Kapulka Memorial Award is given annually by the Favulli Team for loyalty and support as a crew member. It memorializes their teammate who fell victim to cancer a few years ago.

Harley Richardson has been active in racing for most of his life as a driver, owner, crew member, engine builder, etc. He got involved with midgets when Harry Johnson bought his car, and been with the car at every show it's made since then.



Harley Richardson (Johnson photo)

# IRON MIKE SCRIVANI AWARD

## Nick Fornoro, Jr.

"Iron Mike" Scrivani was one of New England's top car owners for many years. Many of the top drivers of all time shoed his cars around tracks all over the North East. Each year, his family remembers their patriarch with a special award.

"Nokie" Fornoro was the NEMA Champion Driver in 1981, driving for the Scrivani team, before going on to win five championships with ARDC in 1982 through 86. With NEMA, his record of twenty-six feature wins is second only to his brother Drew's fifty wins. His most recent NEMA win was at Lee this past fall.



Nick Fornoro, Jr. (Miour photo)

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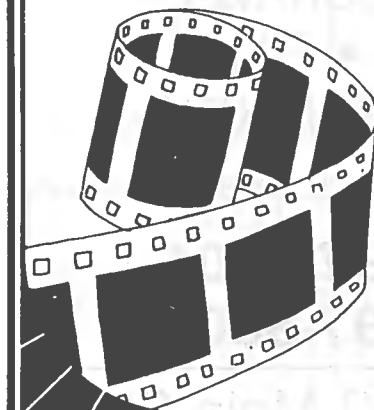
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# JOE CSIKI MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MOST IMPROVED DRIVER

Frank Yantorno

If you looked toward the lead pack this year you often found Frank Yantorno. Armed with a new chassis for 1989, Frank posted five top five finishes and one heat win on his way to fifth in the Driver's Championship. Seeing Frank's familiar #5 ahead of you on the racetrack was something you got used to this year. No doubt Frank hopes it's habit forming in 1990!



Frank Yantorno (Yantorno photo)

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# PAT THIBODEAU MEMORIAL AWARD FOR YOUTH, DETERMINATION AND TALENT

Keith Botelho

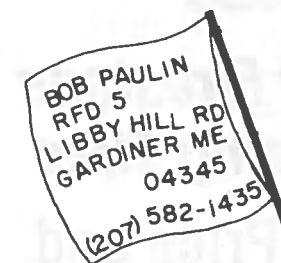
This street-stocker from Seekonk teamed up with Mazda Pete Pernisiglio in 1989 for his first crack at open-wheel racing. What Keith may have lacked in midget experience he made up for in persistence, and cracked the top 20 in final season standings. His spirit is consistent with the intent of the Pat Thibodeau Memorial Award.



Keith Botelho (Hayes photo)

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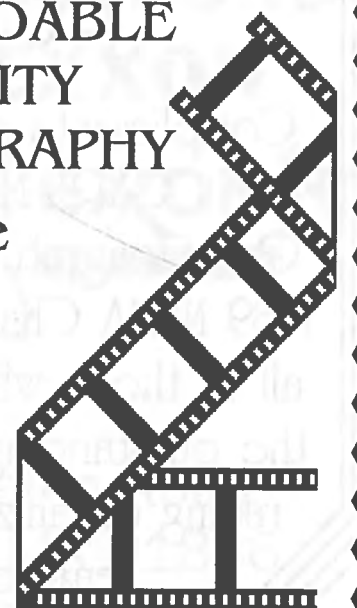


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# RAY ROBERTS MEMORIAL AWARD

Dan Blair

Old timers will tell you of Dan's father, a veteran URC sprint car owner who built his cars from the ground up. That is very much Dan's way of doing things as well; he spends as much time and probably more under the hood as any owner in NEMA. His efforts with the Blair V-4 Chevy rewards him this year with the Ray Roberts Memorial Award, given by an anonymous donor to a NEMA member who has achieved the best results with resources available to him.



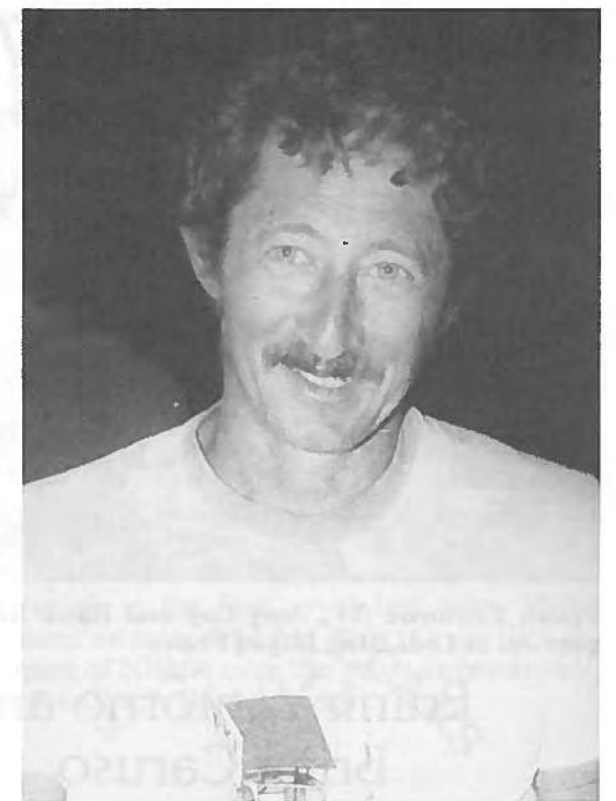
Dan Blair's #62 driven by Rick Hart....Hayes Photo

# ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEVER- SAY-DIE AWARD

Pete Pernesiglio

He may not have some of the resources of the more well-heeled teams, but he's got a wealth of determination. NEMA and Mazda Pete have got to be mentioned in the same breath, as his support of the club is second to none. Many a young driver has been given a chance aboard Mazda Pete's machine, often their first experience in open-wheel. They couldn't have it with a nicer guy.

A long-time associate member presents this award to one of NEMA's "little guys" for whom the club was founded.



Pete Pernesiglio (Hayes photo)

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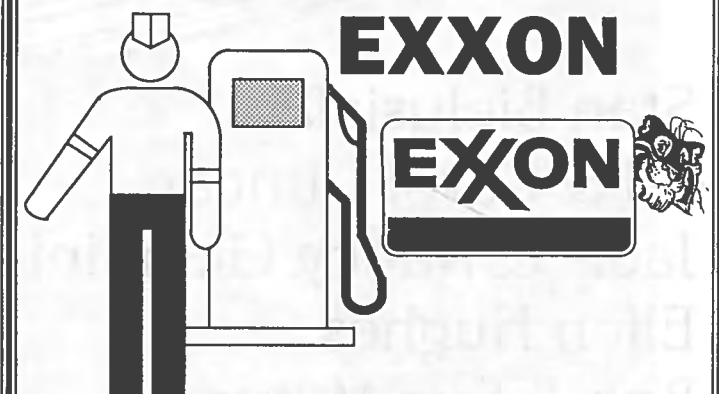
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# RONNIE EVAN / LEN THRALL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR TOP OWNER/DRIVER



Frank Yantorno (5) , Joey Coy and Hank Rogers Jr. at Lee...Rich Hayes Photo

## Frank Yantorno and Brian Caruso.



Brian Caruso (23) races Drew Fornoro at Star...Hayes Photo

In a tie for the top Owner/Driver award, Frank and Brian represent the best of the NEMA members who turn the wrenches, foot the bills, and drive the cars.

Veteran Yantorno's gritty little team turned quite a few heads this year as Frank held his own against the traditional front runners, earning himself the Joe Csiki Memorial Award.

From his first ride three years ago Brian's commitment to the midgets has grown larger each year. In addition to fielding a two-car effort this year, Brian also ventured to IRP to become New England's representative on ESPN's Thursday Night Thunder.

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# CHUCK DANIEL MEMORIAL AWARD

## Harry Johnson



Harry Johnson...

Our bespectacled, pipe-smoking Harry looks like he'd be more at home in the faculty club at Harvard than in the cockpit of a midget, but his love of midget racing shows every time he gets behind the wheel. After a season-ending crash in the first event last year, 1989 couldn't have been sweeter for Harry. It is very fitting his strong support of NEMA over the years is rewarded this year with the Chuck Daniel Award.



Did he say three wide or four wide...??? (Stoehr Photo)



## IT HELPS TO HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR....



The usual driver of this car could probably use it to beat most of the guys in those funny little cars...Kelley Photo



Being an official is just a bundle of laughs...Stoehr Photo



Ellen is really into midget racing...Stoehr Photo



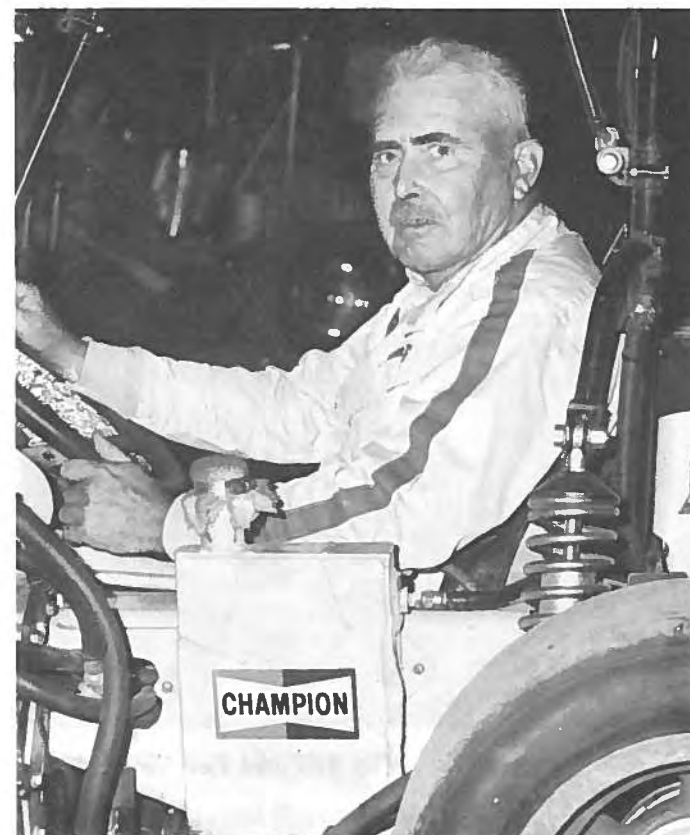
You mean I have to start on the pole again??...Stoehr Photo



Drivers are often a big help to their mechanics - Luggelle Photo



Some people take racing too seriously....Luggelle Photo



Dave Humphrey....(Miour Photo)

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Dave Humphrey

The winningest driver in NEMA's history, Dave won seventy-two feature wins on the way to his unmatched six NEMA Driving Championships. Although retired now, Dave can still be found in the pits at all NEMA events, ready to lend his expertise wherever he can help.

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# THE 1989 S.M. LORUSSO & SONS NORTHEASTERN MIDGET ASSOCIATION YEAR IN REVIEW



by Chris Romano

For NEMA, the last year of the decade really began in March at RACEARAMA, where a fine showing of midget machinery turned out for the three day affair. A short time later a doubleheader opened the season the last weekend in April at Star and Lee Speedways, respectively.

## Opening Night - Star Speedway - April 29

Drew Fornoro, defending NEMA champion, provided the fireworks midway through the opening event as an oil filter blew off and the car erupted in flames. Fornoro kept cool, however, guiding his car to a gentle stop while the flames billowed from turn two into turn three. A scorch on the arm would be all Drew suffered out of the incident.

There was still half the race to go, and heat winner Joey Coy, Jr., debuting aboard the Carl Kibbe roadster, led until he put a hole in the oil pan diving deep into turn one. With his departure Howard Bumpus assumed the lead and held off a hard-charging Mike Seymour for the win. ARDC champion Billy Hughes took third.



Mike Luggelle finds a new way of crossing the finish line at Star...(Hayes Photo)

## Lee Speedway - April 30

The following day at Lee Speedway everyone dodged the raindrops to get the event in. No one expected the Angelillo crew to be ready, but in fact, they had the car out for a shakedown run after the fire at Star Speedway the evening before. Drew Fornoro, proving the only way to shake a fall is to get back on the horse, rode his Skoal Pontiac to victory. Joey Coy and Mike Favulli rounded out a badger threesome.



Two champions: Joey Coy #94 and Lee Smith #2 at Star...(Hayes Photo)

## Star Speedway - May 27

NEMA would take a month off before reconvening for the Night Before the 500, Memorial Day weekend at Star Speedway. The Seymour brothers would take the heats, but could only manage third and fourth in the feature. Joey Coy brought the Kibbe organization its first win since 1986, with Drew Fornoro chasing him to the flag.

## Star Speedway - June 17

A few weeks later it was back at Star, where Bobby Seymour proved strong in the heat races again, winning both of them aboard two different cars. In the feature, however, he had to chase his brother to the flag, with Drew Fornoro in third. Mike was able to add \$500 to the winners purse, courtesy of D. Fales Fuel Oil, posting the award to the first upright midget across the line. Bobby Seymour was the recipient of a bonus from Hoosier Tires.



Noki Fornoro #21 and Joey Coy #94 had a couple of good bouts; this one at Star...(Hayes Photo)

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Riverside Park - June 24

One week later, NEMA returned to Riverside Park, in Agawam, MA, for the first time in 25 years. A season high car count of 31 showed up for the race on the tight, high-banked quarter mile. Jeff Horn opened up a huge lead and held on for his first feature win of the season, taking the upright bonus as well, this evening posted by Mike's Truck Stop. Joey Coy followed Horn across the line, with heat winner Babe Shaw in third. Brian Caruso finished fourth, and Riverside Park modified veteran Reggie Ruggiero brought Gene Angelillo's upright home fifth for his first ride in a midget.

## Star Speedway - July 7

A double header weekend July 7 and 8 proved to be one of the most exciting and controversial in NEMA history. Jeff Horn was in command of the Saturday event at Star Speedway for most of the race, but Drew Fornoro was right behind. A last lap, third turn pass proved disastrous as the two collided, with Fornoro able to keep going as the race went to yellow. It was decided to go green, white, checker, with Fornoro resuming the lead. An outraged Horn refused to return to the back of the field and was black-flagged. Fornoro fought off a good effort by Howard Bumpus and Joey Coy to take the flag. Bumpus actually took home more than the winner, however, as he received the Upright Bonus from Caruso's Lantern Lodge.



Doug Cleveland #87 and Ronnie Smith #99 battling at Star...(Hayes Photo)

## Hudson Speedway - July 8

The next day at Hudson Fornoro opened a huge lead, but the battle to watch was for second, as Frank Yantorno was putting in a season-best drive holding off Jeff Horn, who was coming from the back of the pack due to an early race spin. With a few laps to go Horn found himself in the middle of controversy again as he and Yantorno collided in turn three. Fornoro capped off a great weekend with another win, followed across the line by Hudson veteran Lee Smith and heat winner Mike Lajoie. Smith was the upright bonus winner from Seymour Enterprises.

## Oxford Plains Speedway - July 22

Late July must mean it's time for the NEMA northern swing, and the first stop in Maine was at Oxford Plains on July 22. Joey Coy's first time at Oxford obviously didn't intimidate him, as he won the feature handily from Drew Fornoro. Brian Caruso continued to find consistency mid-season as he took a heat win and third in the feature.



Jack Giannini #45, Jim Miller #12, and Paul Stoehr #16 at Beech Ridge...(Stoehr Photo)

## Beech Ridge Speedway - July 29

One week later it was a favorite stop on the circuit, the immaculate Beech Ridge facility of Ralph Cusack. Drew Fornoro and Joey Coy put on a demonstration of driving in traffic, as they bobbed and weaved all night, with Fornoro coming home the victor. Coming off a heat win the week before, Frank Yantorno placed third in the feature, clearly having one of his best seasons ever.

## Star Speedway - August 5

The third race in as many weeks was back at Star, where it was the Drew and Joey show again, with Drew taking win number five for the year. Road racer Lou Rettenmeir brought Gene Angelillo's latest acquisition, the former Jim Noguiera Sesco, home third.



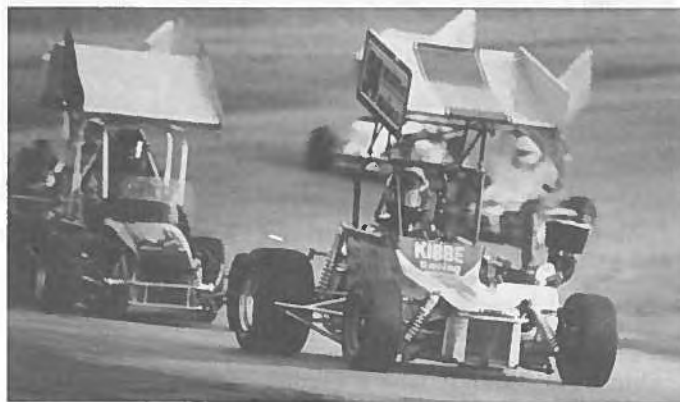
The race for the 1990 championship; Joey Coy #94 and Drew Fornoro #1 at Star...(Hayes Photo)



## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Riverside Speedway - August 19

Two weeks later NEMA made the long haul up to the tight Riverside bullring in Groveton, NH, for the most exciting race of the year. Drew Fornoro went out in a start line fracas, and on the restart Frank Yantorno, Glen Cabral, and Mike Favulli wound up in the weeds. When the race finally got underway Joey Coy took command and appeared to be an easy victor. Carving his way through the field, however, was Mike Favulli, who executed a last lap, finish line pass by a wheel. In addition to the packed house who were on their feet from lap to lap, a radio audience joined in the excitement, as the race was broadcast over an AM station.



Joey Coy #94 leads the pack down the backstretch at Groveton...(Kibbe Photo)

### Star Speedway - September 2

Labor Day weekend saw the Mike Kapulka Memorial and Oscar Ridlon Memorial events run at Star and Hudson Speedways, respectively. Mike Favulli made a valiant attempt to win the race run in memorial of his late brother-in-law, but at the flag it was Drew Fornoro again. Joey Coy continued his consistent season with a third.

### Hudson Speedway - September 3

The next day at Hudson Drew Fornoro took his fifth heat win in a row and his second feature of the weekend, his 50th in NEMA competition. A tearful Fornoro thanked the fans of Hudson Speedway, noting that his first NEMA win came there almost ten years ago. Joey Coy followed Drew to the flag, with Frank Yantorno a strong third.

### Thompson Speedway - October 15

It was a long layoff until the World Series at Thompson, where heat wins were taken by Nick Fornoro, Jr, aboard Gene Angelillo's upright, and Joe Payne, Jr. Nick was a favorite to take the next day's feature, but there were no

feature events at all due to the freak collapse of a section of grandstands. The NEMA season would extend into November as a result.



Mike Favulli #80 splits Mike Luggelle #24 and Chris Kennedy #85 at Lee...(Hayes Photo)

### Lee Speedway - October 22

So, it was on to the Octoberfest at Lee Speedway, where Nick Fornoro made good on his showing at Thompson, taking another heat win and the feature. The weekend was not without some heart-stoppers for Nick, however. With a handful of laps left in the feature Nick was stopped at the starter's stand for inspection. Some had observed the car throwing water, but Nick was given a clean bill of health and the race resumed. Chasing Nick all the way was Nate Boutwell, Jr., another heat winner on the weekend, putting in his strongest run of the season. Joey Coy brought up third in a race that saw tight battles all the way back to tenth.



Two youngsters, Glen Cabral #83 and Michael Lajoie #21, side by side at Lee...(Hayes Photo)

## YEAR IN REVIEW

### Thompson Speedway - November 5

It would be a feature only the first weekend in November for the rescheduled World Series, and at stake was the NEMA championship. Joey Coy held the point lead going into the event, but needed to finish ahead of Drew in the feature to clinch the championship.

Coy's worries were over just minutes after the green flag, as Drew blew an oil filter fitting, the same problem that befell the team in the first race at Star. Though Drew barely managed to keep the car off the wall, this time there was no fire.

Jimmy Miller led the first few laps of the feature, then slipped to second as Nick Fornoro took over after a yellow-flag restart. Chasing Fornoro hard into turn one, Miller had a shock mount break, sending his car violently into the wall. After the tremendous impact Miller's once immaculate machine destroyed itself further in a series of flips. Thankfully, Jim was OK.

Shortly after the restart Nick Fornoro's lead evaporated in a puff of steam; the overheating problem from Lee worsened at Thompson.

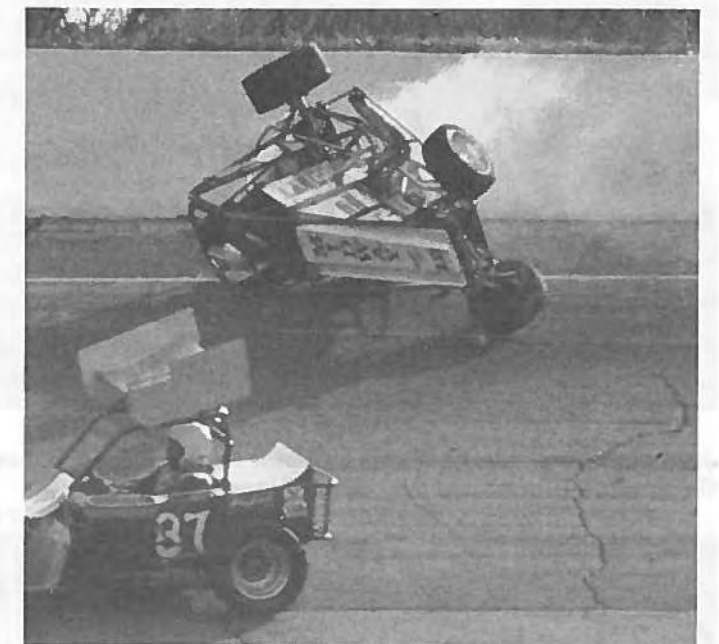


Drew Fornoro's championship hopes go up in smoke at Thompson....(Jim Feeney Photo)

So it looked as if Joey Coy would cap his year by winning the last feature of the decade and the championship to boot. However, someone was coming up from behind.

The death of his mother prevented Mike Favulli from competing in the heats, forcing him to start at the rear of the feature. But, much like the Groveton event, he was picking off cars once the green fell. "The cautions helped me," said Favulli, "otherwise I didn't think I had a chance to win." He was able to get around a tough battle for the lead that included Coy, Brian Caruso, and Lou Rettenmeir, and take what was probably the biggest victory of his career. "I've been coming to this place

Jim Miller rolled his car at Thompson after a vicious hit of the 1st turn wall...Mary Hodge Photo Series



since I was a kid. I've always wanted to win here," said Favulli.

Joey Coy finished second, his 14th top five finish out of 15 races, and Lou Rettenmeir held on for third.

So ended the 287th NEMA event of the 1980s, and the 1989 season.

Nothing more to say or do except.....  
**ONTO THE 1990s!!!**



## SCENES FROM LAST SEASON



Just sign here, sir, and you can start collecting tolls on the bridge tomorrow morning...Sleeper Photo



Some days you win, some days you lose, and some days it rains...and then you send the junior crew member out in the wet to cover the important things...Kibbe Photo



I dunno, maybe a 9.5!...Kibbe Photo



It's another fun day at the races!...Stoehr Photo



Lou Rettenmeier #45, Paul Stoehr #16, and Jim Miller #12 use up all the track at Star...Hayes Photo



Coming down for the start at Star...Hayes Photo

## 1989 NEMA STATISTICS

### FEATURE WINS

DRIVER			OWNER		
1.	Drew Fornoro	7	1.	Gene Angelillo	8
2.	Joey Coy	2	2.	Carl Kibbe	2
3.	Mike Favulli	2	3.	Patty Favulli	2
4.	Nick Fornoro, Jr	1	4.	Gorden Bumpus	1
5.	Howard Bumpus	1	5.	Bill Tapply	1
6.	Mike Seymour	1	6.	Bay Hayes	1
7.	Jeff Horn	1			
ENGINE			CHASSIS		
1.	Pontiac	8	1.	Chassis Dynamic	7
2.	Aries	4	2.	Badger	5
3.	VW	2	3.	Edmunds	1
4.	Cosworth	1	4.	Stewart	1
			5.	Challenger	1

### HEAT WINS

DRIVER			OWNER		
1.	Drew Fornoro	6	1.	Gene Angelillo	9
2.	Nick Fornoro, Jr.	5	2.	Susan Shaw	4
3.	Babe Shaw	4	3.	Bobby Seymour	2
4.	Bobby Seymour	4	4.	Louie Seymour	2
5.	Joey Coy	2	5.	Carl Kibbe	2
6.	Mike Seymour	1	6.	Mike Scrivani	2
7.	Howard Bumpus	1	7.	Bill Tapply	1
8.	Brian Caruso	1	8.	Gorden Bumpus	1
9.	Frank Yantorno	1	9.	Brian Caruso	1
10.	Jeff Horn	1	10.	Frank Yantorno	1
11.	Mike LaJoie	1	11.	Bay Hayes	1
12.	Mike Favulli	1	12.	Conrad LaJoie	1
13.	Joe Payne, Jr.	1	13.	Patty Favulli	1
14.	Nate Boutwell, Jr.	1	14.	Joe Payne	1
			15.	Nate Boutwell	1

### Perfect Attendance

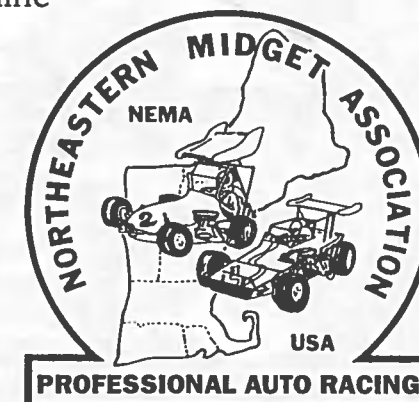
#1	Gene Angelillo
#23	Brian Caruso
#87	Paul Cleveland
#0	Harry Johnson
#94	Carl Kibbe
#5	Frank Yantorno

### Missed 1 Show:

#62	Dan Blair
#80	Patty Favulli
#24	John Lane
#25	Russ Pinney

### Missed 2 Shows

Monty Cocherline  
Pat Currie  
Chris Kennedy









# HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST YEAR...



Things are not going so well for Michael Lajoie's #21 as Brian Caruso #23 goes by...Hayes Photo



Paul Stoehr #16, Lou Rettenmeier #59, Michael Lajoie #21 and Joey Coy #94 mix it up ....Hayes Photo



Babe Shaw #107, Joey Coy #94 and Howard Bumpus #66, jockey for position at Star...Hayes Photo



Lee Smith #2 running ahead of Joey Coy #94 and Howard Bumpus #66 at Star...Hayes Photo



Jim Miller #12 and Doug Cleveland #87 race down the frontstretch at Star...Hayes Photo



The Skoal Team in battle at Star...Hayes Photo

# 1989 CHAMPIONSHIP OWNERS

Pos	#	Name/Hometown	Points	Pos	#	Name/Hometown	Points
1	94	Carl Kibbe	1747	26	38	Adele Zahar	372
		Warwick, RI				Stratford, Conn.	
2	1	Gene Angelillo	1600	27	\$	Nate Boutwell	322
		Wolcott, Conn.				Pelham, NH	
3	5	Frank Yantorno	1083	28	45x	Marilyn Angelillo	317
		Riverside, Conn.				Wolcott, Conn.	
4	23	Brian Caruso	1013	29	59	Gene Angelillo	308
		Attleboro, Mass.				Wolcott, Conn.	
5	0	Harry Johnson	985	30	4	Bobby Seymour	271
		Keene, NH				Marlboro, Mass.	
6	21	Conrad Lajoie	819	31	27	Dave Suchy	268
		Mansfield, Mass.				Annville, Pa.	
7	2ec	Ed Czyzewski	791	32	47	Ray Hayes	260
		Schenectady, NY				Tolland, Conn.	
8	45	Marilyn Angelillo	752	33	89	Lee Menchy	237
		Wolcott, Conn.				Quincy, Mass.	
9	62	Dan Blair	751	34	13	Frank Brett	229
		Longmeadow, Mass.				Hartford, Conn.	
10	87	Paul Cleveland	737	35	1	Larry Hentrich	221
		Billerica, Mass.				Hatboro, Pa	
11	83	Pat Currie	671	36	25	Brian Caruso	176
		Plymouth, Mass.				Attleboro, Mass.	
12	24	John Lane	670	37	8	Jack Gianinni	128
		Wollaston, Mass.				Waterbury, Conn.	
13	80B	Patty Favulli	643	38	29	Louie Seymour	94
		Falmouth, Mass.				Marlboro, Mass.	
14	8	Bill Tapply	573	39	66	Joe Payne	93
		Lunenburg, Mass.				Hawthorne, NJ	
15	25	Russ Pinney	566	40	18	Duke Pavlick	80
		Suffield, Conn.				Haskell, NJ	
16	85	Chris Kennedy	562	41	11	Carroll Sleeper	63
		Woburn, Mass.				Greenfield, NH	
17	107	Susan Shaw	553	42	63	Bobby White	58
		Concord, Mass.				Hull, Mass.	
18	800	Patty Favulli	548	43	78	Walter Pierce	41
		Falmouth, Mass.				Norfolk, Mass.	
19	99	Ronnie Smith	546	44	95	Dixie Ulbricht	22
		Peabody, Mass.				Wallingford, Conn.	
20	50	Peter Pernesiglio	518	45	7x	John Ferrell*	20
		Islip, LI, NY				Winham, Conn.	
21	12	Jimmy Miller	502	46	15	Ray Plakstis	18
		Weymouth, Mass.				Great Neck, LI, NY	
22	16	Jim O'Brien	492	47	3	Harry Weed	10
		East Haven, Conn.				Amityville, LI, NY	
23	21	Mike Scrivani	496	48	6	Sonja Elliott	10
		Wrentham, Mass.				Middleboro, Mass.	
24	17	Monty Cockerline	479	49	77	John Ellis*	10
		Granitville, Mass.				Cranford, NJ	
25	66Jr	Gordon Bumpus	409				
		Lakeville, Mass.					

\*Non-member



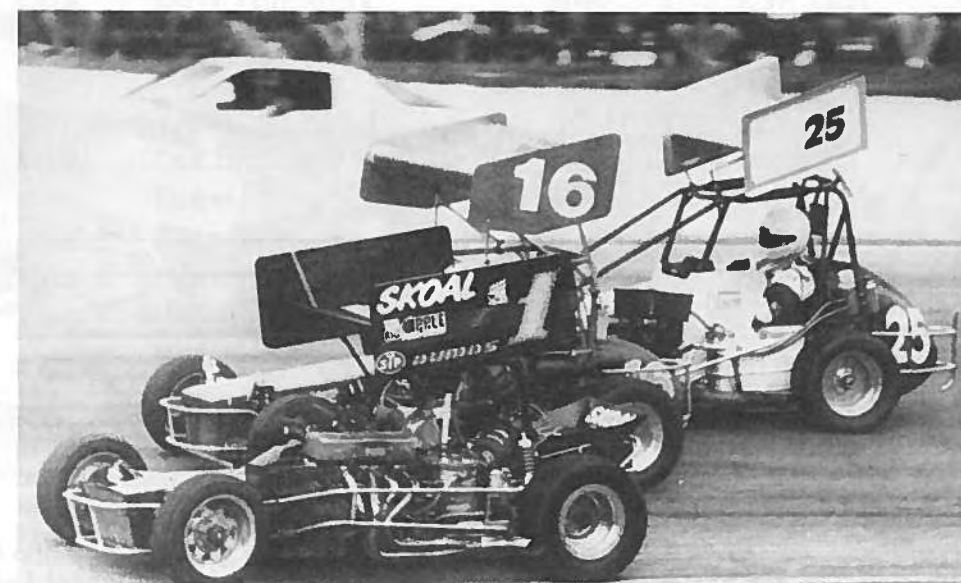
# 1989 CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVERS

Pos	Driver/Hometown .....	Points	Pos	Driver/Hometown .....	Points
1	Joey Coy .....	1597	27	Nate Boutwell, Jr. ....	252
	Merrick, LI, NY			Pelham, NH	
2	Drew Fornoro .....	1450	28	Jeff Horn .....	210
	Andover, NJ			Hudson, Mass.	
3	Mike Favulli .....	1051	29	Dave Suchy .....	208
	Falmouth, Mass.			Annaville, Pa.	
4	Brian Caruso .....	1039	30	Billy Hughes .....	201
	Attleboro, Mass.			langhorne, Pa.	
5	Frank Yantorno .....	933	31	Ed DeVoe .....	169
	Riverside, Conn.			E. Hartford, Conn.	
6	Harry Johnson .....	835	32	Lee Menchy .....	157
	Keene, NH			Quincy, Mass.	
7	Mike Lajoie .....	719	33	Bob Witkum* .....	150
	Mansfield, Mass.			Newburyport, Mass.	
8	Lee Smith .....	701	34	Paul Lawless .....	141
	Framingham, Mass.			Wollaston, Mass.	
9	Lou Rettenmier .....	650	35	Rob Hart .....	121
	Sherman, Conn.			Nassau, NY	
10	Doug Cleveland .....	587	36	Bob Eldridge .....	114
	Waltham, Mass.			Tyngsboro, Mass.	
11	Jimmy Miller .....	530	37	Jack Parker .....	112
	Weymouth, Mass.			Wrentham, Mass.	
12	Paul Stoehr .....	505	38	Jeff Gordon* .....	78
	Bridgewater, Mass.			Pittsboro, Ind.	
13	Rick Hart .....	490	39	Bill Marcy .....	76
	Nassau, NY			Chelmsford, Mass.	
14	Babe Shaw .....	483	40	Reggie Ruggiero* .....	68
	Concord, Mass.			Forrestville, Conn.	
15	Chris Kennedy .....	432	41	Joe Payne, Jr. ....	63
	Woburn, Mass.			Hawthorne, NJ	
16	E.J. Douville .....	426	43	Duke Pavlick .....	60
	Vernon, Conn.			Haskill, NJ	
17	Ronny Smith .....	416	44	Hank Rogers Jr. * .....	34
18	Mike Seymour .....	413		Scotsrun, Pa.	
	Marlboro, Mass		45	John Agor .....	21
19	Keith Bothelo .....	408		Wrentham, Mass.	
	Norton, Mass.		46	Paul Richardson* .....	20
20	Mike Luggelle .....	404		Georgetown, Mass.	
	Wollaston, Mass.		47	Ted Christopher* .....	12
21	Greg Stoehr .....	357		Waterbury, Conn.	
	Bridgewater, Mass.		49	Johnny Kay* .....	8
22	Nick Fornoro* .....	356		Old Saybrook, Conn.	
	Landing, NJ		49	Dixie Ulbricht .....	0
23	Bobby Seymour .....	351		Wallingford, Conn.	
	Marlboro, Mass.		50	Harry Weed II .....	0
24	Jack Giannini .....	347		Amityville, LI, NY	
	Waterbury, Conn.		51	John Ferrell* .....	0
25	Howard Bumpus .....	329		Winham, Conn.	
	Lakeville, Mass.		52	Dickie Elliott .....	0
26	Greg Cabral .....	312		Middleboro, Mass.	
	Plymouth, Mass.		53	Bob Cicconi* .....	0
				Prospect Park, PA	

\*Non-member

# 1980-1989 TOP TWENTY FIVE DRIVERS FINISHING POSITIONS 1 thru 10

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Drew Fornoro	50	18	24	14	10	1	3	0	1	0
2	Nick Fornoro	26	16	7	3	2	3	0	1	2	0
3	Lee Smith	15	19	16	22	15	15	13	8	5	4
4	Dave Humphrey	10	12	13	10	18	6	8	6	2	1
5	Butch Walsh	10	8	4	4	9	4	6	7	6	1
6	Mike Favulli	8	19	11	16	14	16	5	2	6	1
7	Bobby Seymour	8	10	18	8	11	11	10	3	2	2
8	Jeff Horn	7	6	3	2	2	6	3	5	1	1
9	Mike Seymour	6	6	9	10	10	13	5	5	7	2
10	Billy Mann	6	4	10	10	6	6	4	4	2	5
11	Bobby White	5	4	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
12	Bob Cicconi	5	2	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	0
13	Mel Kenyon	4	3	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
14	Jim Lowrey, Jr.	4	2	3	2	3	1	4	2	1	0
15	Mike Osite	3	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	0	0
16	Joey Coy	2	10	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
17	Russ Stoehr	2	4	0	7	5	7	8	4	3	6
18	Howard Bumpus	2	2	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	2
19	Hank Rogers, Jr.	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
20	Tom Bigelow	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
21	John heydenreich	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Kevin Olsen	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
23	Butch Yuris	1	1	0	1	1	8	0	4	1	1
24	Rich Vogler	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Brian Caruso	1	0	4	7	2	7	2	4	2	1

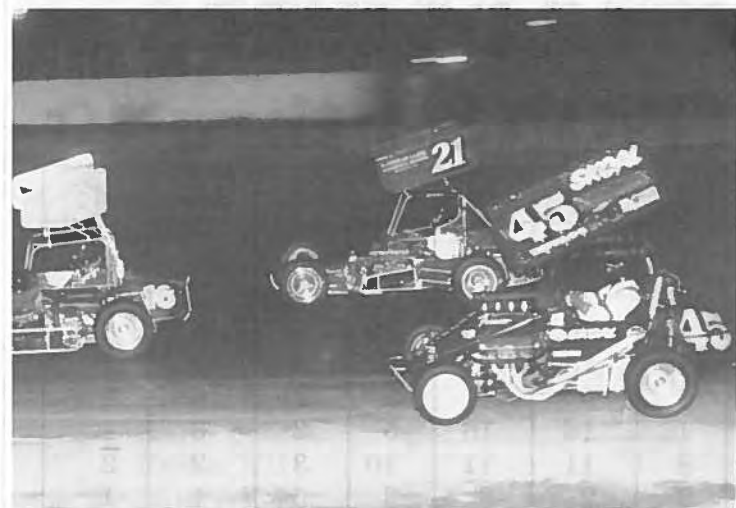


Drew Fornoro#1, Paul Stoehr #16, and Brian Caruso #25 run three wide at Star... (Hayes Photo)





## RACING AROUND THE CIRCUIT...



Paul Stoehr #16 holds off Michael Lajoie #21 and Jack Giannini #45 at Lee...Hayes Photo



Mike Favulli #80 moves high around Lee Smith #2 at Star...Hayes Photo



Bill Marcy #17 works the low side of Greg Stoehr #38 at Star...Hayes Photo



The Caruso Racing Team go at it at Lee...Hayes Photo



Doug Cleveland #87 and Chris Kennedy #85 run side by side at Star...Hayes Photo



All the grooves at Star are in use as Keith Botelho #50, Rick Hart #62, Harry Johnson #0 and Michael Lajoie #21 do battle...Hayes Photo

## NORTHEASTERN MIDGET ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS (1953-1989)

Year	Driver	Non-Offy Owner	Offy Owner
1953	Bill Eldridge	Gibby Parmenter - #55	
1954	Bill Eldridge	Gibby Parmenter - #55	
1955	Ray Burke	Giggy Leonardi - #75	
1956	Al Pillion	Ray Kelley - #33*	
1957	Bill Eldridge	Ray Kelley - #33	Ed Stone - #4
1958	Bill Eldridge	Gibby Parmenter - #55*	Ed Stone - #5
1959	Al Pillion	Wen Kelley - #66	Ed Stone - #11*
1960	Dick Brown	Pete Wrobel - #43	Al Monast - #19*
1961	Dick Brown	Joe Csiki - #22	Al Monast - #31*
1962	Joe Csiki	Joe Csiki - #22	Smokey Secondo - #32*
1963	Joe Csiki	Art Margison - #5	Smokey Secondo - #32*
1964	Walt Gale	Larry Cavanaugh - #82	Smokey Secondo - #32*
1965	Joe Csiki	Freeman Downing - #3*	Johnny Givens - #22
1966	Ray Roberts	Downing/Miller - #3	Smokey Secondo - #32
1967	Dave Humphrey	Downing/Miller #3	Bob Pascale - #81*
1968	Dave Humphrey	Miller #4	Bob Pascale - #1*
1969	Dave Humphrey		Bob Pascale - #1*
1970	Humphrey - Lou Fray	John McCarthy - #47	
1971	Dave Humphrey	John McCarthy - #47	
1972	Johnny Mann	Stropoli - #66	
1973	Fred "Butch" Walsh	John McCarthy - #47	
1974	Johnny Mann	Dewey Cali - #1	
1975	Bobby White	Flex Yuris - #83	
1976	Armond Holley	Rollie Lindblad - #48	
1977	Lee Smith	Lee Smith - #72	
1978	Dave Humphrey	Mike Scrivani, Jr. - #21	
1979	Bobby White	Bobby White - #63	
1980	Lee Smith	Carl Kibbe - #14	
1981	Nick Fornoro, Jr.	Jim Lowrey - #1	
1982	Lee Smith	Lee Smith - #72	
1983	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angellilo - #45	
1984	Billy Mann	Everett Rogers - #61	
1985	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angelillo - #45	
1986	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angelillo - #1	
1987	Bob Seymour	Bob Seymour - #4	
1988	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angelillo - #45	
1989	Joey Coy	Carl Kibbe - #14	

### NOTES:

Before 1957, Offenhauser (Offy) engines were not allowed.

From 1957-69, there were two class champions

(\*Indicates the overall champion).

In 1970, Lou Fray and Dave Humphrey ties for the driving championship.





Mike Sheehan



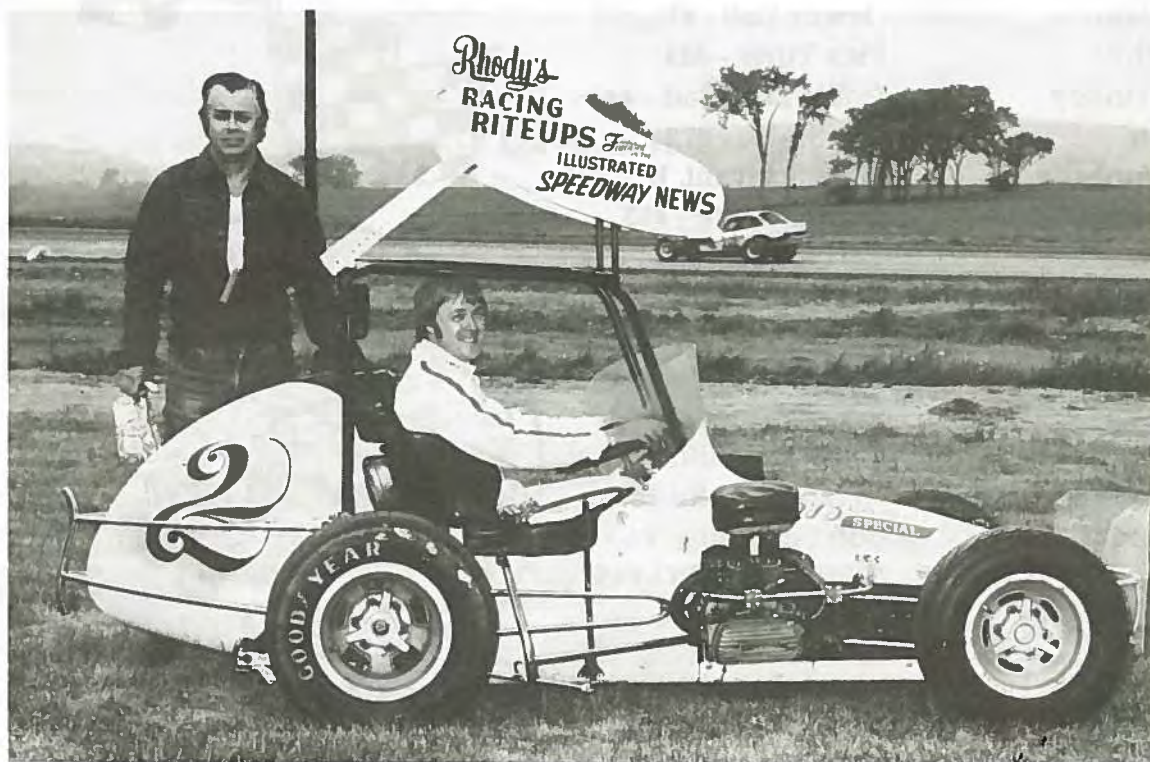
During 1989,  
NEMA lost three  
of its long-time  
members.

Mike Sheehan was primarily an ARDC member, but also retained NEMA membership, supported many of our events, and was a valuable liason between the two clubs...

Wen Kelley



Wen Kelley was our Secretary, Treasurer, Handicapper and Chief Scorer for many years.



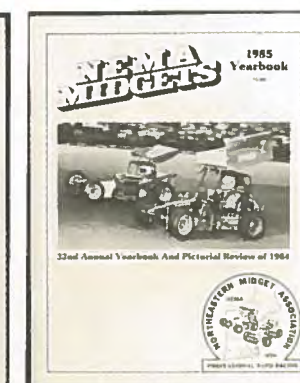
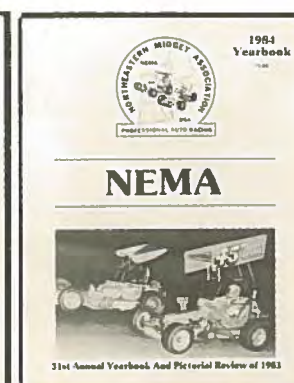
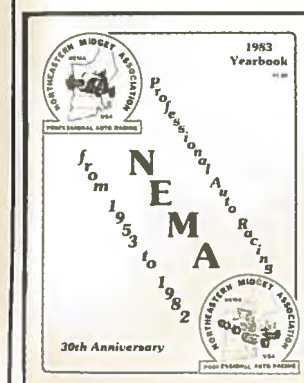
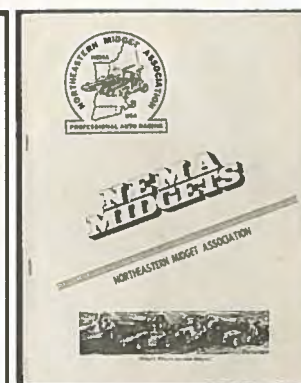
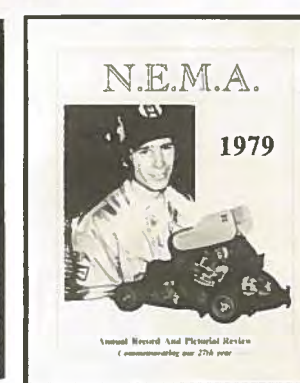
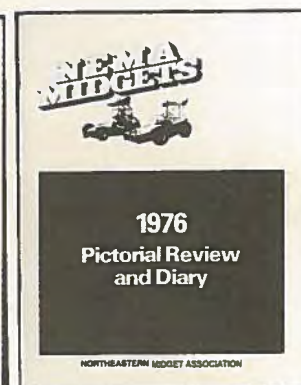
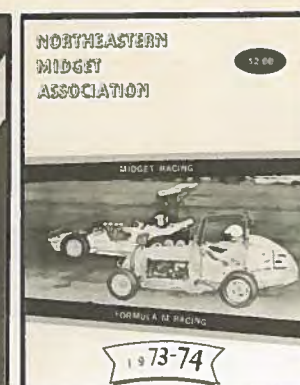
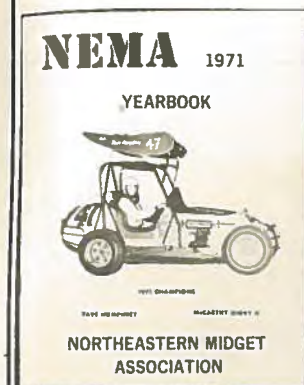
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