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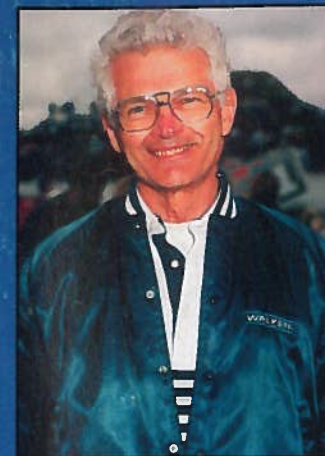
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Babe Shaw and Keith Botelho lead a full field of NEMA midgets to the flag at Seekonk.

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Russ Stoehr in Oswego Winner's
Circle by Bob Miour,
Bruce Beane by Rich Hayes,
#26 at speed by Rich Hayes.



The last race!...Mary Hodge



THE 1997 CHAMPIONS

FIRST PLACE TEAM BRUCE & ANN BEANE CHAMPION OWNERS BRIDGEWATER, MA RUSS STOEHR - CHAMPION DRIVER, CARVER, MA

Russell took his second NEMA championship, and delivered Bruce & Ann their first owners' title in convincing fashion, winning the final race of the season at Thompson. The pair will go down in NEMA history as one of the club's most successful associations, ranking right up there with McCarthy/Humphrey, Scrivani/Noki Fornoro, and Angelillo/Drew Fornoro. Bruce & Ann have decided to make 1997 their swan song, and, fittingly, it was the team's most successful. Russ dominated Oswego with two wins, took the inaugural Boston Louie Seymour Memorial at Seekonk, and added a pair of wins at Star Speedway in addition to his Thompson victory. Russell took six heat wins along the way, and finished in the top ten in every race except the second Waterford show and Seekonk's Venditti Memorial.

Russ, Bruce and Ann have represented the best in NEMA, and raced the best the East Coast had to offer, from Florida to Maine. The hallmarks of their success were their quiet determination, plus their loyalty to NEMA and to each other. Our club and sport were ennobled by their participation.



NEMA YEARBOOK 2



Russ Stoehr reaps the rewards of another Oswego victory. (B.&D. Photo)



Russell at speed. (Miour Photo)

THE 1997 CHAMPIONS



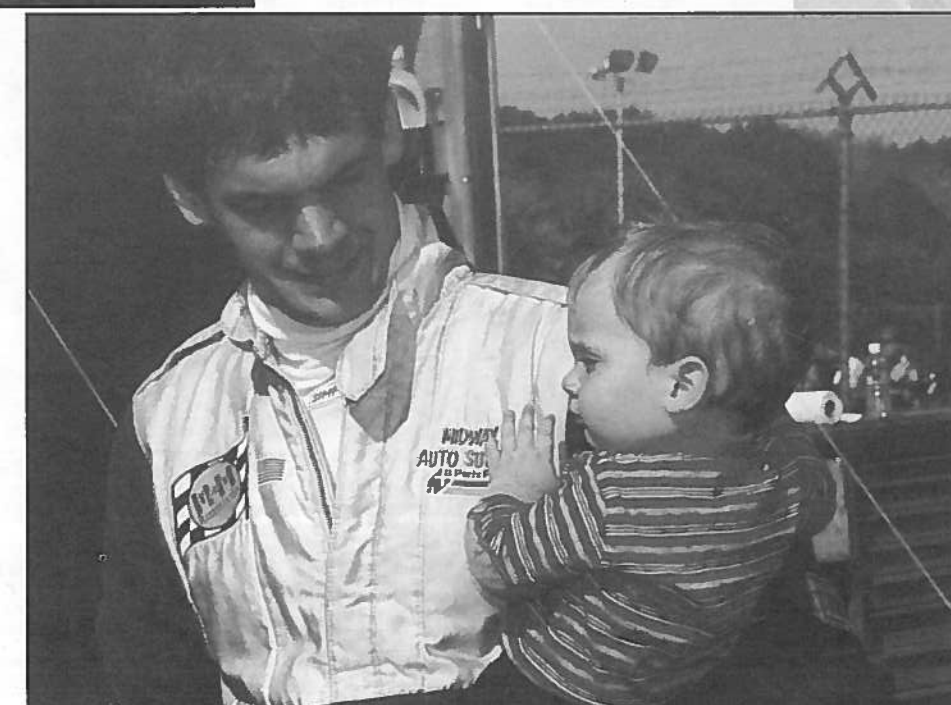
M&H's Marvin Rifchin, Ann Beane, and Dick Napen join Russ & Bruce in victory lane. (Hayes Photo)



The Championship Team. (Miour Photo)



Russ dives to the inside of Ed Breault. (Hayes Photo)



A fourth generation of Stoehr drivers? (Miour Photo)

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SECOND PLACE TEAM
OWNER - GENE ANGELILLO
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DRIVER - DREW FORNORO
ANDOVER, NJ



Last year's champs gave Bruce and Russ a run for their money, bringing the owner's title down to the final race at Thompson. Were it not for an engine that went sour in warmups at the Big T, Gene might have added yet another owner's crown to his mantelpiece.



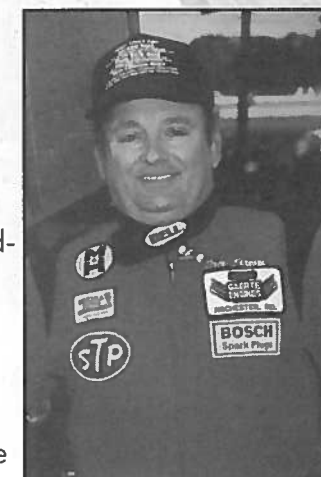
Top: Drew navigates Star Speedway. (Hayes Photo)

Middle: About as good as the day got at Thompson. (Hayes Photo)

Drew hugs the inside at Thompson. (Miour Photo)



It was still a good year for NEMA's most successful pairing. Drew took wins at Waterford and Monadnock, boosting his lifetime total to 69 wins, just three shy of Dave Humphrey's record. His win at Monadnock, where he and Stoehr swapped the lead three times on the last lap, is already being talked about as the best last lap ever at that track. Drew took five heat wins and amassed eleven top ten finishes overall in 1997.



The seven-time champ came close in 1997. (Hayes Photo)

Nick Fornoro, Jr., added a heat and feature win to the Angelillo effort, filling in for Drew at the June show at Star Speedway. Apart from Thompson, the only time the team failed to finish was at the Oswego Classic, where Drew could not avoid a powerless Bobby Seymour and launched himself into the foam.

THIRD PLACE TEAM

OWNER - SUE SHAW

CONCORD, MA

DRIVER - BABE SHAW

CONCORD, MA



Babe Shaw
(Hayes Photo)

Babe started the season with a convincing win at Star Speedway. It was his second career NEMA feature, and he easily outpaced the opening night field, the only car handling on the slick track. He followed it up with a second at Seekonk a week later, and scored two heat wins and ten top ten finishes as he and Sue had their best season ever.



Babe and Sue were championship threats all season. (Hayes Photo)

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FIFTH PLACE DRIVER - CHUCK WELLING

WRENTHAM, MA



Another top ten championship finish for Chuck and Ro. (Hayes Photo)

But for a first lap pile-up on the Thompson back stretch Chuck would have been fourth in the final standings. Still, he and Ro can hold their heads high,

as they had one of their best seasons in NEMA competition. Battling back from off-season surgery, Chuck finished fifth in the Star opener, fourth a week later at Seekonk, and added eight more top ten finishes before season's end. Ro fielded another car starting at Waterford, putting veteran Glen Cabral in the cockpit.



Chuck Wellings (Hayes Photo)

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FIFTH PLACE OWNER PAUL HULTGREN



Bobby ducks under Lee Bundy at Thompson (Miour Photo)

Mid season motor problems robbed Bobby of some critical finishes this season, but he still found victory lane, winning the Battle on the Bullring at Riverside Park. He picked up four heat wins, and nine top ten finishes on his way to another consistent championship finish. Third places at Oswego and Thompson proved the VW still has a lot of life left in it.

BELMONT, NH FOURTH PLACE DRIVER BOBBY SEYMOUR MARLBORO, MA

Bobby Seymour in the office. (Miour Photo)



SIXTH PLACE TEAM

OWNER - BILL & NICKIE TAPPLY LUNENBURG, MA DRIVER - MIKE SEYMOUR MARLBORO, MA

Mike Seymour (Miour Photos)



Mike won the August Waterford round in convincing fashion, beating the Vogler and Fontana powered machines of the Boetticher brothers. That paled in comparison to the evening of the Star Classic, however, where Mike raced away not from the field, but from the racetrack to attend the birth of his daughter. Persistent rains meant Mike didn't miss the feature, and the new dad returned the following day to finish third. In all, Mike had three heat wins and eight top ten finishes for long time owners Bill and Nickie Tapply.



Mike Seymour celebrated at Waterford this season.

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SEVENTH PLACE TEAM OWNER/DRIVER - ED BREAUT, HARRISVILLE, RI

Coming to us with a road racing background, Ed caught on quickly after buying Boston Louie's midget and starting the season at Seekonk's Wen Kelley Memorial. Four races later, at Oswego, he held off Drew Fornoro for his first heat win. He scored another heat win at Seekonk in October, and placed in the top ten eight times, including season best fourths at Monadnock and Oswego.



Ed Breault (Hayes Photo)

Ed cruises around Star Speedway (Hayes Photo)

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EIGHTH PLACE TEAM OWNER/DRIVER - JIM MILLER, WEYMOUTH, MA



Jim Miller (Hayes Photo)

After a few seasons off, Jim made a welcome return to NEMA, and ran strong all season long, finishing in the top ten five times. His new Gaerte powered machine liked the big tracks best, with three of his top ten finishes coming at Oswego and Thompson, but his best finish of the year came on a bullring, with a sixth at Riverside Park.



Jim tries for the inside of Bobby Seymour at Waterford (Miour Photo)



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NINTH PLACE OWNER
JIM O'BRIEN, CHESHIRE, CT
TENTH PLACE DRIVER
MATT O'BRIEN, FRAMINGHAM, MA

Once again the O'Briens' star shined bright on the big tracks, as Matt took another top ten finish at Oswego. He also scored a top ten on the bullring at Star Speedway, and ran consistently enough for the rest of the season to crack the top ten in the final championship standings.



Matt O'Brien (Hayes Photo)

Matt at speed. (Hayes Photo)

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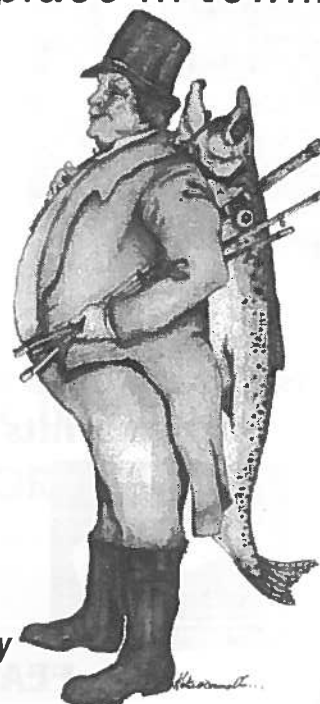


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TENTH PLACE OWNER/ELEVENTH PLACE DRIVER
MIKE LUGGELLE, HULL, MA

The Always Spectacular Mike Luggelle bookended his season with his top ten finishes. He ran tenth in the opener at Star, and finished strongly at Thompson in seventh. In between, he was always spectacular.

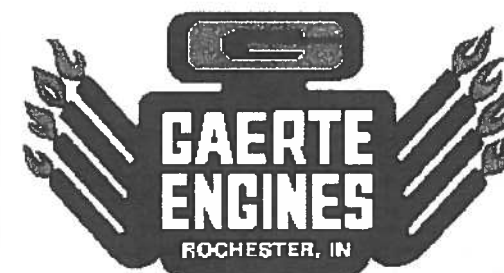


Mike Luggelle (Miour Photo)



Mike buzzes around Waterford (Miour Photo)

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WALT SCADDEN, MANCHESTER, CT
THIRTEENTH PLACE DRIVER
MIKE OBER, COVENTRY, CT

Last year's Rookie of the Year team struggled with some changes on their car, and survived a spectacular and scary engine fire at Waterford. Mike scored his two top ten finishes in the opening shows at Star Speedway and Seekonk.



Mike Ober (Hayes Photo)

Mike leads Mike Seymour at Star (Hayes Photo)

TWELFTH PLACE OWNER
LINDA CLEVELAND, SUDBURY, MA
NINTH PLACE DRIVER
DOUG CLEVELAND, SUDBURY, MA

The Cleveland clan kept up the NEMA tradition for another year, with Doug running consistently enough to crack the top ten in the championship standings. Doug placed in the top ten seven times, with a season best coming with a sixth at Monadnock.



Doug Cleveland (Miour Photo)



Dougie at the Bowl (Miour Photo)

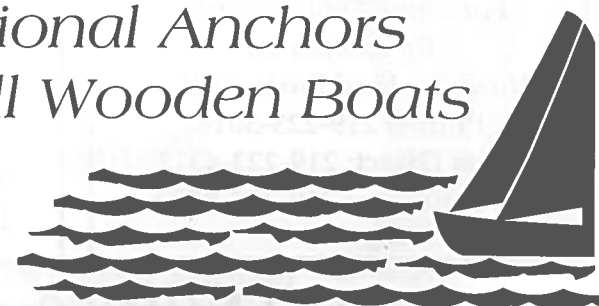
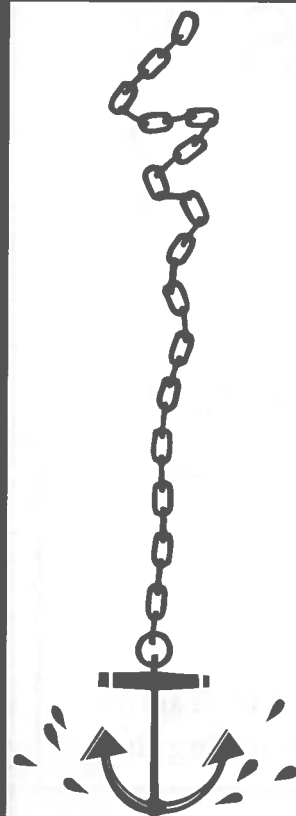
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THIRTEENTH PLACE OWNER/FOURTEENTH PLACE DRIVER ROBERT BOETTICHER, FARWOOD, NJ

In his first season of NEMA competition Robert had five top ten finishes. His Fontana loved the wide open spaces of Oswego and Thompson, and his best finish came at Waterford as he followed Mike Seymour and brother Rudy across the line.



Robert Boetticher (Miour Photo)

WISHING PAT, MARCO and the 54 TEAM



Keith Botelho in the Pat & Marco Campanale Esslinger...Scott Nickel Photo

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FOURTEENTH PLACE OWNER/TWELFTH PLACE DRIVER PAUL LAWLESS, HOLLISTON, MA



Paul Lawless (Miour Photo)

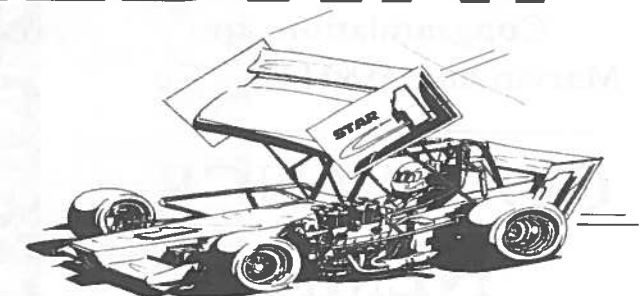
Once again this NEMA veteran was consistent. Seven top ten finishes highlighted Paul's season, including a fourth in the opener at Star Speedway.



Paul and Chuck Welling mix it up at Star (Hayes Photo)

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FIFTEENTH PLACE OWNER RUDY BOETTICHER, SR., TOTOWA, NJ

Rudy guided his namesake son to four top ten finishes, as this TQ veteran completed his first full season of NEMA competition. Season best finish for the team was Rudy, Jr.'s run in August at Waterford, where he finished second to Mike Seymour.



Rudy Boetticher, Jr. (Hayes Photo)

Rudy hustles around Star (Hayes Photo)

FIFTEENTH PLACE DRIVER PAUL STOEHR, BROCKTON, MA

Five top ten finishes marked this veteran's return to regular competition. The cheers were heard all over New Hampshire when he held off Babe Shaw and Mike Seymour for a June heat win at Star, and followed it up by a season best fourth in the race. At the last minute, with no practice, he qualified John Zahar's VW at Seekonk in October and finished seventh. Welcome back pal.



Paul Stoehr (Hayes Photo)



Paul races Bobby Seymour at Thompson (Miour Photo)

SIXTEENTH PLACE OWNER (CARROLL SLEEPER MEMORIAL) - BRETT MOWREY

Not only do they have the longest tow of all the club regulars, Brett and his crew had some of the toughest luck in the club this year. They never let it get them down, though. In fact, hardly anyone had more fun than this bunch.



Brett Mowrey and Doug Cleveland in tight quarters at Star. (Hayes Photo)

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Randy Hitt	Jayson Rochelle
Sonny Sanders	Doug Cleveland
Johnny Mann	Rob Hart
Doug Didero	Barry Cannon
Bill Case Jr.	Kevin Skully
Susan Spencer	Tom Howe
Randy Mausteller	Frank Yantarno
E.J. Douville	Paul Stoehr

Keith Botelho

JUST OUTSIDE OF THE TOP FIFTEEN



Keith Botelho had some great runs for Pat & Marco Campanale (Miour Photo)



Jonathan Barrows held off Russ Stoeher for a Star heat win (Miour Photo)



Jason Rochelle III took John Zahar's Trevis for a last ride. (Miour Photo)



Don DeLapp towed in from Troy, New York every race (Miour Photo)



Derek Pernesiglio tried out the family entry this year (Miour Photo)

N.E.M.A. POINT STANDINGS - 1997

OWNERS

Bruce Beane	1613	John Zahar	283
Gene Angelillo	1564	Jack Currie	274
Sue Shaw	1243	Monnie Wonder, III	246
Ro Johnson	1181	Seth Cockerline	238
Paul Hultgren (#9)	1034	Chuck Welling	205
Bill & Nickie Tapply	976	Jim Jackson	198
Ed Breault	968	Doug Starrett	153
Jim Miller	913	Larry Cheetham	142
Jim O'Brien	865	Scott Jackson	140
Mike Luggelle	858	Frank Brett	138
Walt Scadden	854	Bob Harrington	122
Linda Cleveland	842	P.J. Pavlick	84
Bob Boetticher	829	Don McErlean	83
Paul Lawless	804	Harry Weed, Sr.	80
Rudy Boetticher, Sr	801	Dick Williams	73
Brett Mowrey	726	Robin Bank	32
Cullen/Lowrie/Scott	724	Brian Suchy	22
Dale Greenwood	719		
Paul Scally, Jr.	714		
Don Douville	698		
Mark Buonomo	633		
Pete Pernesiglio	601		
Marilyn Angelillo	598		
Lee Bundy	568		
P. & M. Campanale	506		
Paul Hultgren (#40)	468		
Kelley Cannon	459		
Don DeLapp	411		



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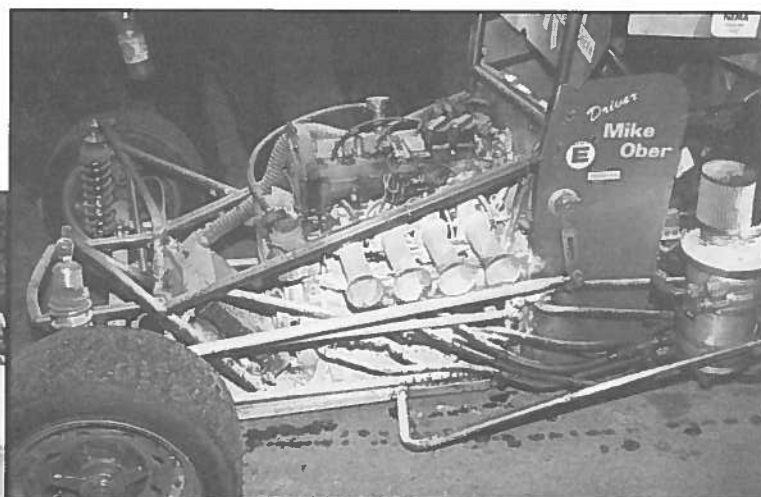
Sometimes, it's just not your day. (Hayes Photo)



Don't you hate it when this happens (Hayes Photo)



EVERYONE SCATTER! (Hayes Photo)



One engine, very well done. (Miour Photo)



Hey, where did the race track go? (Hayes Photo)

N.E.M.A. POINT STANDINGS - 1997

DRIVERS

Russ Stoehr	1613
Drew Fornoro	1384
Babe Shaw	1243
Bob Seymour	1136
Chuck Welling	1131
Mike Seymour	976
Ed Breault	968
Jim Miller	863
Linda Cleveland	842
Matt O'Brien	815
Mike Luggelle	808
Paul Lawless	804
Mike Ober	804
Bob Boetticher	779
Paul Stoehr	737
Brett Mowrey	726
Rudy Boetticher, Jr.	701
Bill Greenwood	669
Keith Botelho	664
John Ferrell	616
Derek Pernesiglio	581
Nick Fornoro	562
Mark Buonomo	521
Lee Bundy	518
Barry Cannon	509
Jon Barrows	468
Don DeLapp	361
Glen Cabral	359
Monnie Wonder, III	246
Paul Scally, III	214

Jim Jackson	198
Bryan Kobylarz	153
Scott Jackson	140
Ed DeVoe	138
Larry Cheetham	92
P.J. Pavlick	84
Dave Kelley	83
Dick Williams	73
Jason Rochelle	50
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This award has been given annually for 37 years by a group of midget racing fans from the Lowell, MA area. Currently, they are Bill Estabrook, Ralph Miller, Dick Monahan and Sam Weisberg.



Johnny Thomson (Miour Photo)

WINNERS OF THE JOHNNY THOMSON TROPHY

1961	Dick Brown	Champion Driver
1962	Joe Csiki	Champion Driver, Owner
1963	Smokey Secondo	Champion Owner
1964	Walter Gale	Champion Driver
1965	Len Thrall	Driver
1966	Bob Cherry	Driver
1967	Wen Kelley	Secretary/Treasurer
1968	Dave Humphrey	Champion Driver
1969	Bob Hart	Driver
1970	Lou Fray	Champion Driver
1971	Ronnie Evans	Driver
1972	Johnny Mann	Champion Driver
1973	Bill Eldridge	Champion Driver
1974	John McCarthy	Champion Owner, 12 Term President
1975	Dick Gallagher	Driver
1976	Johnny Evans	Second Generation Driver
1977	Ted Luce	Driver
1978	Lee Smith	Champion Driver
1979	Chuck Daniel	Car Owner, 3 Term President
1980	Bobby White	Champion Driver
1981	Fred Walsh	Champion Driver, 4 Term President
1982	Bruce Buffinton	Owner/Driver
1983	Drew Fornoro	Champion Driver
1984	Blackie Lamacchia	Owner, Champion Mechanic
1985	Mike Favulli	Owner/Driver
1986	Jim Lowrey, Sr.	Owner
1987	Gene Angelillo	Champion Owner
1988	Paul Stoehr	Driver
1989	Ed Czyzewski	Owner
1990	Joey Coy	Driver
1991	Bruce Beane	Owner
1992	Brian Caruso	Driver (posthumous; road accident)
1993	The Oxford Plains Speedway Family	
1994	Russ Stoehr	Champion Driver
1995	Marvin Rifchin	Tire Innovator, friend in need
1996	Carl Kibbe	Champion Owner
1997	Walt Scadden	Owner



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Dick Gallagher (Miour Photo)

The 1997 inductees represent several decades of car ownership, five championship titles, and years of service to NEMA. Carl Kibbe and his family fielded cars for many years with the club, and saw most of their success with two NEMA legends, Dave Humphrey and Joey Coy. Coy won the driver's title and car owner's title for Kibbe in 1989, 1991, and 1993, and Humphrey brought the car owner's title to Carl in 1980. The 1989 title was the last won by a Badger, but the Kibbes had little trouble making the transition to uprights. Carl is a former winner of Mechanic of the Year, and put his time in on the NEMA Contest Board.

Bruce Beane had the thankless task of serving as NEMA's Technical Director, but accomplished it with the patience and diplomacy he is known for. Bruce's contributions extended to a long stint on the NEMA Contest Board as well. Bruce is also a Mechanic of the Year award winner, and a veteran car owner with a long relationship with one driver. In their last year of competition together Bruce and Russ Stoehr buried the competition with their six wins, and Bruce's first car owner's title.

The Hall of Fame was established by the family and friends of Dick Gallagher, one of NEMA's most supportive members over the years until his death in 1984.

MEMBERS OF THE DICK GALLAGHER HALL OF FAME

Dickie Brown	Champion Driver 1960, 61
Bruce Beane	Champion Owner 1997, Long time Board Member
Ray Burke	Champion Driver 1955, 17 term Board Member
Joe Csiki	Champion Driver 1962, 63, 65
Ed Czyzewski	30 Years as a Loyal Car Owner
Chuck Daniel	President 1978-80, Long time car owner
Milt Dentch	First President 1952, 53
Freeman Downing	Champion Owner 1965; non-Offy Champ 1966-67
Maury Dumas	Starter 1957-93
Chris Economaki	National Speed Sport News 1934-91
Bill Eldridge	Champion Driver 1953, 54, 57, 58
Mike Favulli	President 1986-93, Top Driver
Frank Ferrara	Starter 1965-71
Dave Humphrey	Champion Driver 1967, 68, 69, 70, 71, 78
Ray Kelley	Champion Owner 1956, 57
Wen Kelley	Secretary 1954-84, Treasurer 1969-84
Carl Kibbe	Champion Owner 1980, 89, 91, 93
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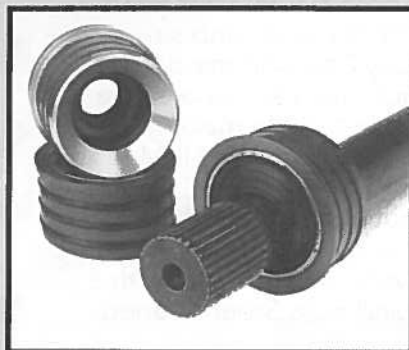
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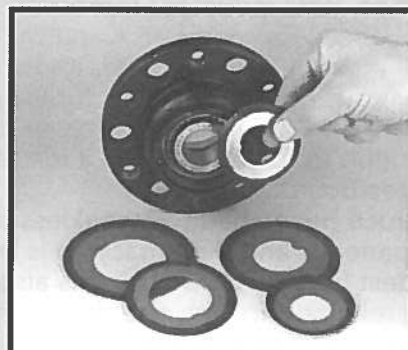
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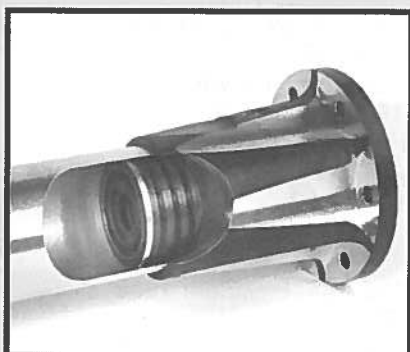
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It would be hard to find someone who worked harder for NEMA during 1997. In addition to fielding a new car for the 1997 campaign, Don took on many tasks as Vice President, and his long hours spent working behind the scenes helped save the Oswego events for the club. Don's efforts have also resulted in re-establishing a productive dialogue with the ARDC for 1998. His devotion to NEMA is reminiscent of the man this award is named after.

RECIPIENTS OF THE WEN KELLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

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| 1991 | Al Pillion; Champion Driver 1956, 59 |
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Ray Roberts; Driver |
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Marvin Rifchin; Tire innovator
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Earl Grant; Starter, promoter
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Bob Miour; Photographer
Irene Venditti; Track Owner |
| 1995 | None |
| 1996 | Bruce Beane; Car Owner, Board Member |



Wen Kelley (Miour Photo)



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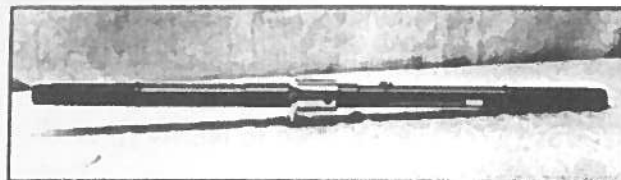
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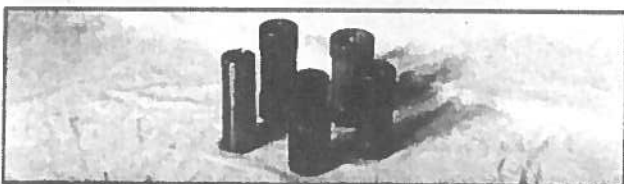
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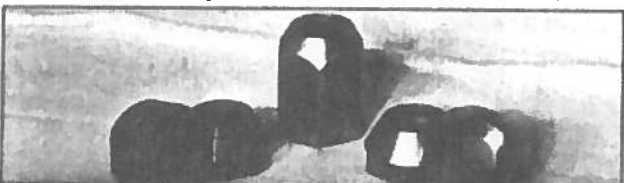
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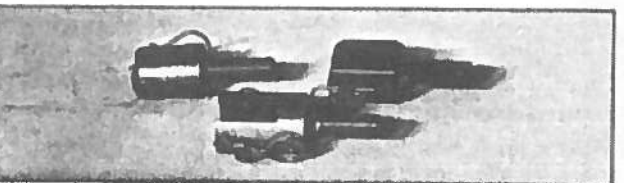
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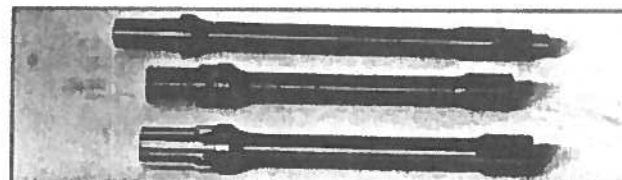
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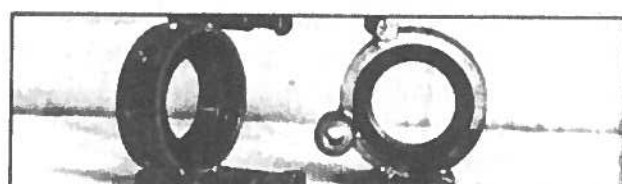
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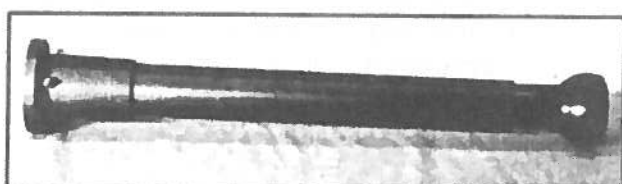
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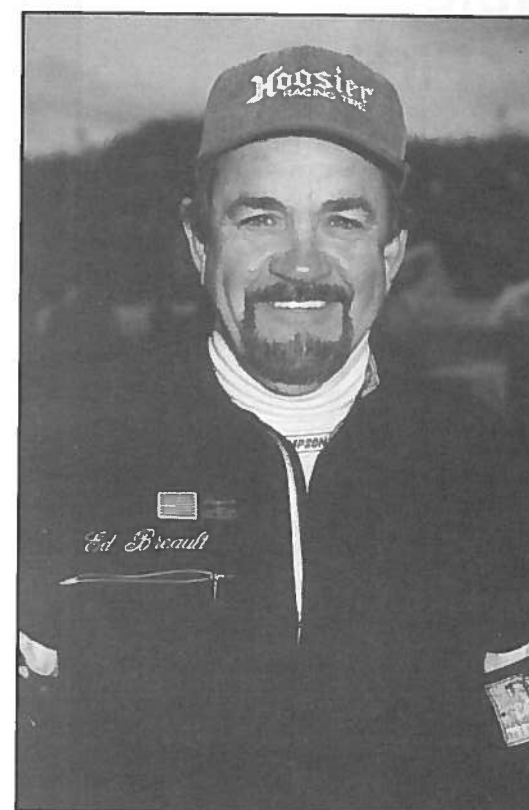
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Ed Clothier in the Czyzewski Ford (From the Dick Monahan Collection)

It is rare that a rookie makes such an impression his first year out, but Ed Breault took NEMA by storm in 1997, scoring two heat wins, eight top tens and a seventh place in the championship. His heat wins came against banner fields at Oswego and Seekonk, respectively, and his overall finish in the championship was the best for an owner/driver. Ed follows last year's Rookie of the Year Mike Ober as a road racer who developed a clear talent for racing on ovals, and a feature win is, no doubt, his next stop.



Ed Breault (Hayes Photo)



Mike Ordway runs with NEMA at Star (Hayes Photo)



A crowd at Star (Hayes Photo)

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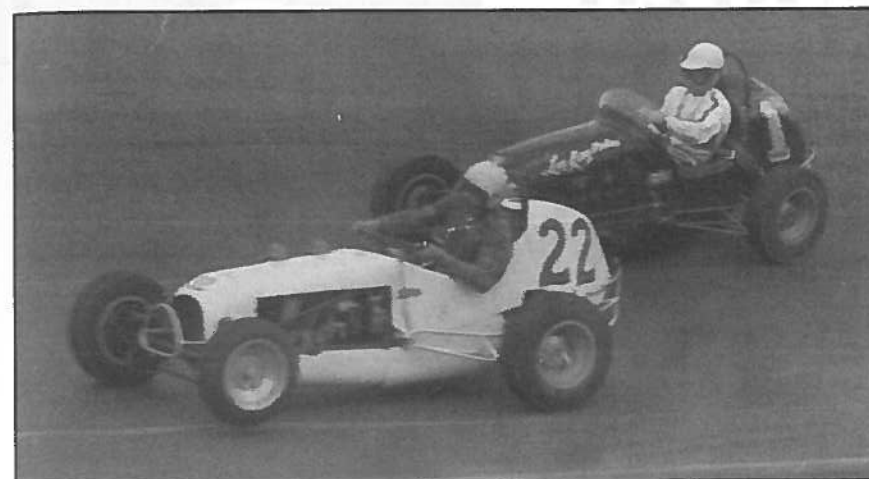
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Joe Csiki #22 (Les King Photo)

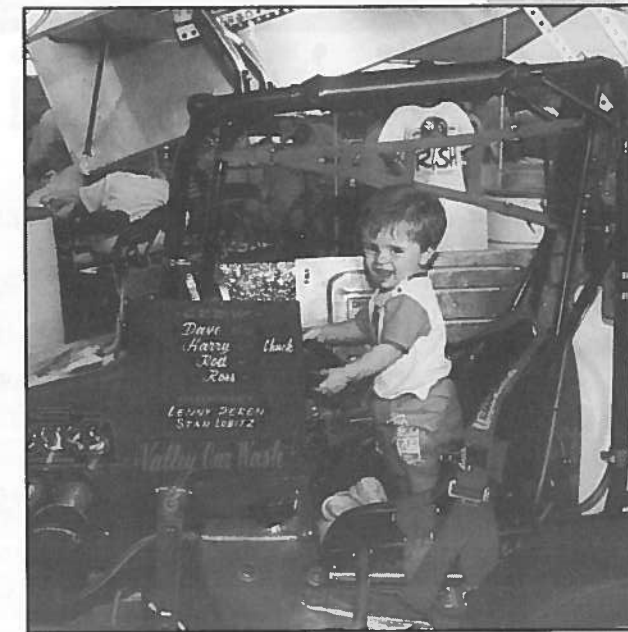
After a few seasons off Jim Miller returned with the goals to have some fun and finish the season with his car in one piece. He did more than that, scoring five top ten finishes, including strong runs at Oswego and Thompson. Staying out of the highlight tapes, Jim kept all four wheels on the ground and was consistent all season on his way to eighth in the championship standings.



Jim Miller



The mechanics get younger.....(Hayes Photo)



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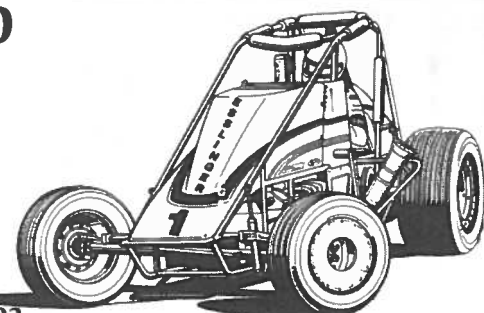
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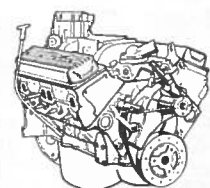


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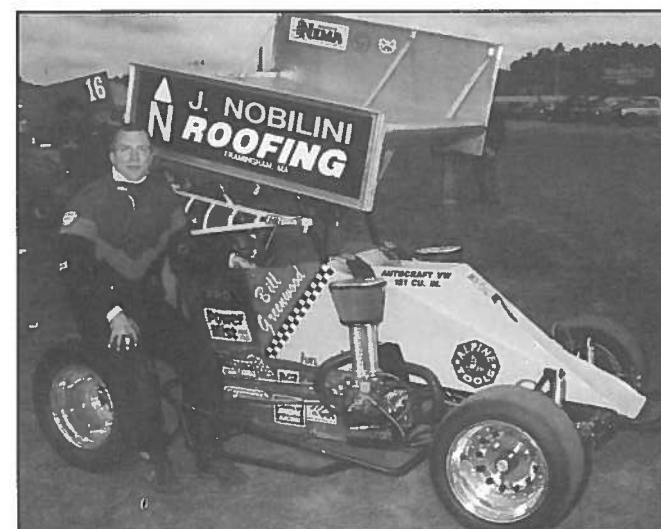
MECHANIC OF THE YEAR BRUCE BEANE



In his last season holding the wrenches Bruce delivered a car that carried Russ Stoehr to six wins, including dominant runs at the big tracks. Known for innovation and consistency, Bruce's efforts in 1997 delivered his best season ever, with six heat wins and twelve top ten finishes to go with his six feature victories and the championship. Always ready to help a fellow competitor, Bruce's knowledge, positive attitude, and wealth of experience made him one of the best mechanics on the circuit.

The championship team, moments after winning at Thompson. Among those pictured are the crew, Bruce and Ann Beane, Russ Stoehr, and Marvin Rifchin. (Hayes Photo)

Larry Cheetham joined us late in the season (Hayes Photo)



Bill Greenwood had another good season (Hayes Photo)



John continued he and Don's Excellent Adventure this year (Hayes Photo)

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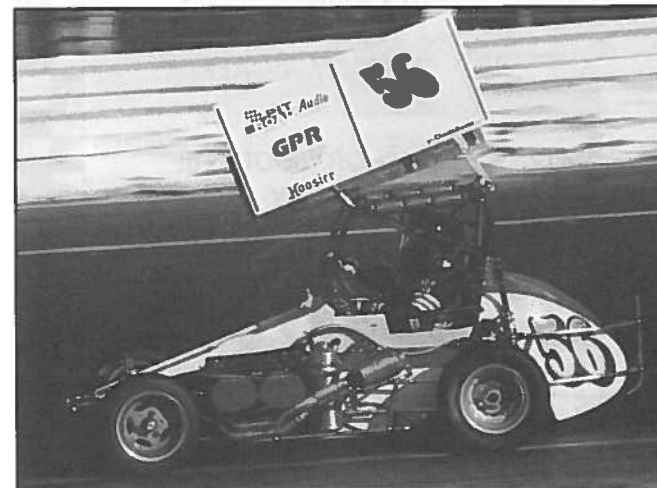
PAT THIBODEAU MEMORIAL AWARD FOR YOUTH, TALENT & DETERMINATION ROBERT BOETTICHER

Dividing his time between ARDC and NEMA pavement shows, Robert had five top ten finishes in his first season of NEMA competition. He was a clear threat to win at Oswego and



Pat Thibodeau (Miour Photo)

Waterford, and represents the youth and determination this award honors. He and his family are a welcome addition to NEMA.



Robert Boetticher



Lee Bundy, Mike Luggelle, and Mike Ober at Star (Hayes Photo)

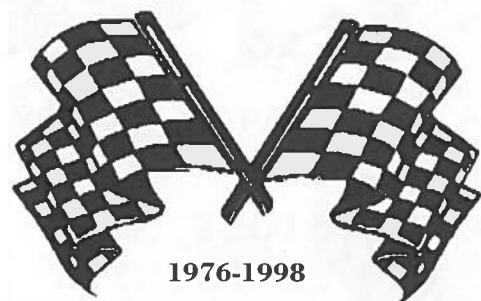


Bill Greenwood and Ed Breault dice it up (Hayes Photo)



Keith Botelho and Chuck Welling (Hayes Photo)

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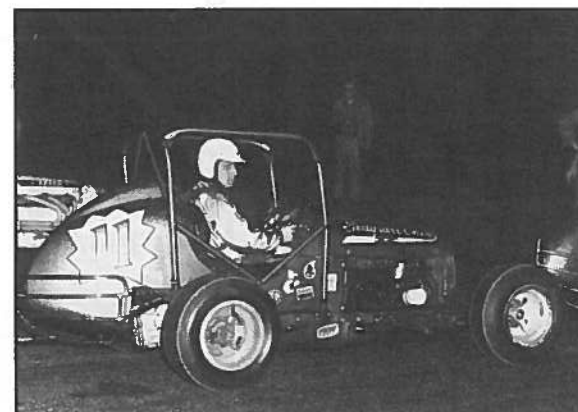


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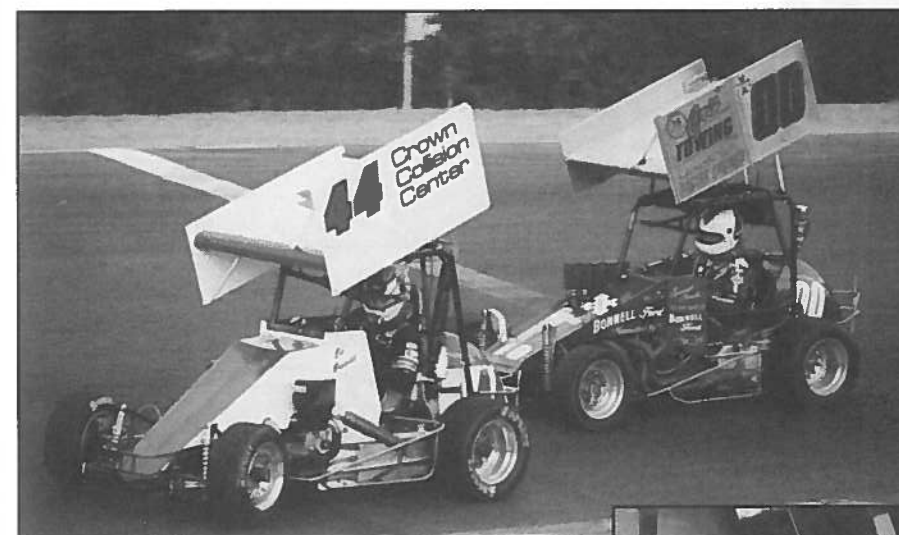
Ray Roberts (Miour Photo)

She is the driving force, the mother hen behind Cleveland racing. At the track she divides her time between car owner for husband Doug, and scorer for NEMA. It's not often you can find anyone to engage in either one of those tasks, let alone both, but Linda approaches each race with a serenity and sense of humor that make her a deserving recipient of the Ray Roberts Memorial Award.

Ray Roberts was a NEMA champion driver and long time Contest Board member. This award is given each year in his memory to a member who achieves the best results with the resources available to him.



Doug Cleveland on the inside of Paul Scally at Waterford (Miour Photo)



The Rookie and the Veteran at Star (Hayes Photo)



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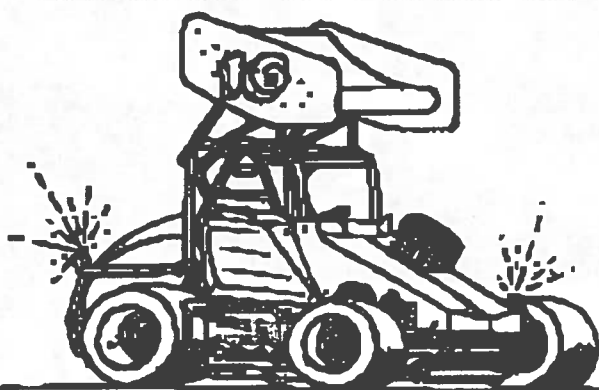


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Brett Mowrey - (Miour Photo)

This award is given annually by a long-time NEMA member who wishes to remain anonymous.



John Ferrell shows Brett Mowrey a wheel (Hayes Photo)



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Noki was successful in whatever car he jumped into this past season. (Miour Photo)

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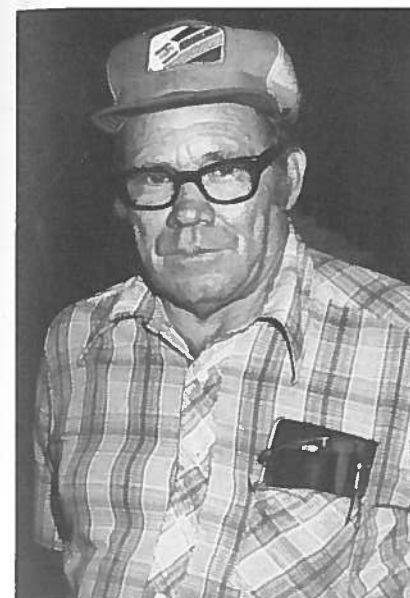
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CHUCK DANIEL MEMORIAL AWARD MIKE LUGGELLE



Chuck Daniel (Mour Photo)

Chuck Daniel was a low-budget NEMA car owner for many years and served as President from 1978 through 1980. This award is given in his name to a member who carries on in the Daniel tradition.

He might not have the prettiest car out there, and every now and he points it in some odd directions, but Mike Luggelle is one of NEMA's biggest boosters, and his enthusiasm is second to none. This year Mike had some fine finishes as he edged his car closer and closer to the front of the pack on each occasion. Nothing gets Mike down, and it takes an Act of God to get him to stay away from the racetrack. Where would NEMA be without guys like Mike?



Mike Luggelle (Hayes Photo)



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Walt Scadden



Walt's Olds holds off Babe's VW (Miour Photo)



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Few can match Bruce's dedication to open wheel racing in New England. He has served as crew chief, car owner, Tech Director, and Board Member in his many years of racing with NEMA. He is a walking encyclopedia of midget knowledge and history, which NEMA has benefited from on many occasions.



Bruce, Marvin, Russell; one tough combination. (Miour Photo)



Kids crawled all over the cars of Jim Miller, Mike Luggelle, and Walt Scadden at Thompson. (Mike Luggelle Photo)



John Barrows noses under John Ferrell at Star. (Hayes Photo)

NEMA LIFE MEMBERS BRUCE BEANE DICK MONAHAN



Bruce Beane (Hayes Photo)



Dick Monahan (Hayes Photo)

Together, this year's Life Member recipients have over 60 years of NEMA involvement. Bruce's involvement goes back 33 years, and he has seen the transitions from Ford Falcons, to Badgers, to Gaertes. He has helped to guide NEMA through all of its transitions, all the while fielding a competitive team.

Dick Monahan is in his thirty-first year of involvement with the club. Among the hats he has worn are mechanic and President, but he is best known since 1972 throughout New England as the Voice of NEMA, and on any given night can be heard high atop the speedway, creating yet another generation of open wheel fans.



You can always count on familiar faces at Seekonk; from left to right, Earl Grant, Frank Yantorno, Mike Favulli, Wally Saleeba and Dave Humphrey. (Miour Photo)

MORE AWARDS

PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1997

Gene Angelillo

Bruce Beane

Ro Johnson

Mike Luggelle

Jim O'Brien

Walt Scadden

APPRECIATION AWARDS (50-50)

Stacy Botelho

Ro Johnson

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Kelly Cannon

Brett Mowrey



Mike Ober dirt tracks it in traffic at Star. (Hayes Photo)

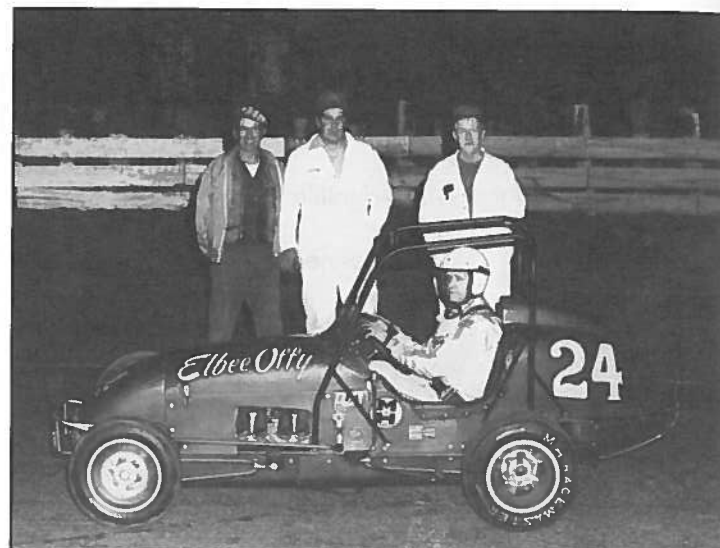


Two invaders at Thompson; Noki and Joe Gosek down the backstretch. (Hayes Photo)

REMEMBER WHEN...



Ed Duncan runs to the aid of Brian Handy at Westboro. (Miour Photo)



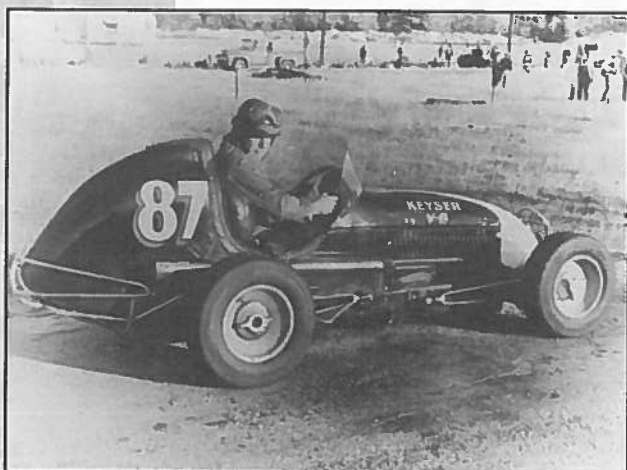
Walt Gale, 1964 NEMA champion in the John Lane Chevy II. John stands just behind the cage. (Miour Photo)



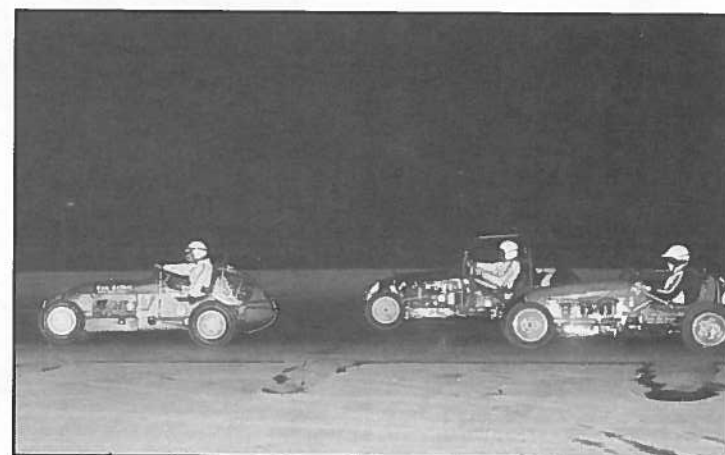
Wally White at Seekonk.



Ronnie Evans leads the #32 of Jerry Russo and the #17 of Len Duncan at Westboro. (Les King Photo)



Tom Saunders in the Keyser V8.



Al Bettinger in the #35, Dick Gallagher in the #7, and Ronnie Evans in the #20.



Bob Keyser in Wen Kelley's lacavone Roadster. (Miour Photo)



Lou Fray, 1970 Champion in Paul Young's 7-11 Offy. (Miour Photo)



Butch Walsh, 1973 Champion in the Mike Scrivani Offy. (Miour Photo)

A classic shot at Oscar Ridlon night at Hudson International Speedway. From left to right, Johnny Mann, Charlie Elliot (behind Mann), Russ Conway, Ken Smith, Lou Fray, Oscar Ridlon, and Dave Humphrey.



1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

STAR SPEEDWAY - MAY 17

After waiting a week for rain NEMA's 1997 season kicked off at Star, and Babe Shaw dominated the evening. While others couldn't find the handle on Star's slick surface, Shaw's handling was perfect as he cruised to his second career NEMA victory. Drew Fornoro was second, followed by sophomore sensation Mark Buonomo.

FEATURE - Babe Shaw, Drew Fornoro, Mark Buonomo, Paul Lawless, Chuck Welling, Russ Stoehr, Rudy Boetticher, Mike Ober, Doug Cleveland, Mike Luggelle.

HEATS - Drew Fornoro, Russ Stoehr

SEEKONK SPEEDWAY - MAY 24

The annual Wen Kelley Memorial produced a surprise winner, as Mark Buonomo held off a hard charging Babe Shaw and Russ Stoehr to take his first NEMA feature. Bobby Seymour led early, followed by his brother Mike, but engine woes ended their evenings early.

FEATURE - Mark Buonomo, Babe Shaw, Russ Stoehr, Chuck Welling, Drew Fornoro, Paul Lawless, Doug Cleveland, Barry Cannon, Mike Ober, Bobby Seymour.

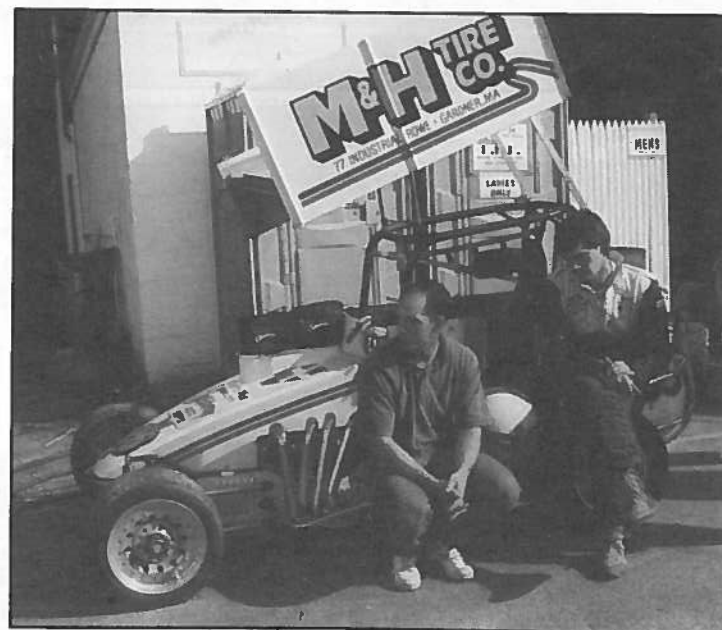
HEATS - Drew Fornoro, Bobby Seymour



Greenwood and Breault at Star. (Hayes Photo)



Russ to the outside at Waterford (Miour Photo)



The Stoehr brothers in contemplation (Miour Photo)

1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

STAR SPEEDWAY - JUNE 21

NEMA's annual wild night at Star saw many restarts as cars went spinning every which way on the demanding bullring. In the end it was Nick Fornoro, Jr., stepping into his brother's ride and taking the win for the Angelillo crew. Mike Seymour survived for second, followed by Russ Stoehr. Russ was chased to the flag by his father, Paul Stoehr, in one of his best races in years.

FEATURE - Nick Fornoro, Jr., Mike Seymour, Russ Stoehr, Paul Stoehr, Paul Lawless, Bill Greenwood, Brett Mowrey, Ed Breault, Barry Cannon, Matt O'Brien/Babe Shaw

HEATS - Nick Fornoro, Jr., Paul Stoehr

WATERFORD SPEEDBOWL - JUNE 28

It was green to checker at NEMA's annual stop at the Speedbowl, as Drew Fornoro took his first feature of the year. The Seymour brothers were out in front early and Bobby appeared to be a sure winner, but their tires faded and a patient Fornoro was there to claim the prize. Babe Shaw continued to run strong in second, while Bobby and Mike Seymour followed him across the line.

FEATURE - Drew Fornoro, Babe Shaw, Bobby Seymour, Mike Seymour, Russ Stoehr, Mark Buonomo, Paul Stoehr, Doug Cleveland, Barry Cannon, Brett Mowrey.

HEATS - Mike Seymour, Bobby Seymour



Ed Breault collects heat hardware at the Boston Louie Memorial. (Miour Photo)



Matt O'Brien in front at Star. (Hayes Photo)



Mark Buonomo wins big at the Konk. (Miour Photo)

1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

RIVERSIDE PARK - JULY 12

A wild night at the Park produced Bobby Seymour as the fifth different winner in as many races. A final restart proved to be leader Drew Fornoro's undoing, as fuel feed problems dropped him to second. Mike Seymour rounded out the top three.

FEATURE - Bobby Seymour, Drew Fornoro, Mike Seymour, Russ Stoehr, Mark Buonomo, Jim Miller, Ed Breault, Chuck Welling, Paul Stoehr, Babe Shaw.

HEATS - Bobby Seymour, Russ Stoehr

OSWEGO SPEEDWAY - JULY 19

NEMA rose to a last minute challenge to produce a banner field for the annual Oswego event, and out front at the end were big track specialists, Russ Stoehr and Drew Fornoro. Bobby Seymour upheld the VW honors in third, while supermodified regular Joe Gosek brought the Angelillo team car in for fourth. Newcomer Robert Boetticher rounded out the top five.

FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Drew Fornoro, Bobby Seymour, Joe Gosek, Robert Boetticher, Keith Botelho, Jim Miller, Ed Breault, Chuck Welling, Matt O'Brien.

HEATS - Joe Gosek, Russ Stoehr, Ed Breault



Mike Seymour gets the girl at Watford. (Miour Photo)



Niki gives the Scallys their first win. (Miour Photo)



Miller Time at the Big T. (Miour Photo)

1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY - JULY 25

In what some described as the best last lap they have ever seen, Drew Fornoro and Russ Stoehr swapped the lead three times, with Fornoro just edging Stoehr at the line. Mike Seymour had the best seat in the house, coming in third.

FEATURE - Drew Fornoro, Russ Stoehr, Mike Seymour, Ed Breault, Chuck Welling, Doug Cleveland, Paul Stoehr, Bill Greenwood, Brett Mowrey, Jim Miller.

HEATS - Russ Stoehr, Drew Fornoro



Waiting at the Bowl. (Miour Photo)



Mrs. Venditti and the Seymours at the Boston Louie Memorial (Miour Photo)



Glen picked up a ride in the second Welling/Johnson machine. (Miour Photo)

SEEKONK SPEEDWAY - AUGUST 2

A banner field of cars showed up for the first annual Boston Louie Seymour Memorial. With lap sponsorship coming from such luminaries as A.J. Foyt, Jr., Kenny Schrader and Dave Blaney, the evening was one of the biggest events in recent NEMA history. In the end it was Russ Stoehr winning his second of the year, while Nick Fornoro, Jr., picking up a ride with the Scally family, chased him to second. Mike Seymour continued to be consistent in third.

FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Nick Fornoro, Jr., Mike Seymour, Drew Fornoro, Babe Shaw, Keith Botelho, Rudy Boetticher, Jr., Doug Cleveland, Ed Breault, Bryan Kobylarz.

HEATS - Babe Shaw, Bryan Kobylarz, Ed Breault

1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

STAR SPEEDWAY - AUGUST 9

The mid-summer bullring tour continued, with Russ Stoehr firmly establishing himself as the primary championship contender, winning his third race of the season. Drew Fornoro chased him to second, while Babe Shaw recovered the form he showed in the Star opener for third.

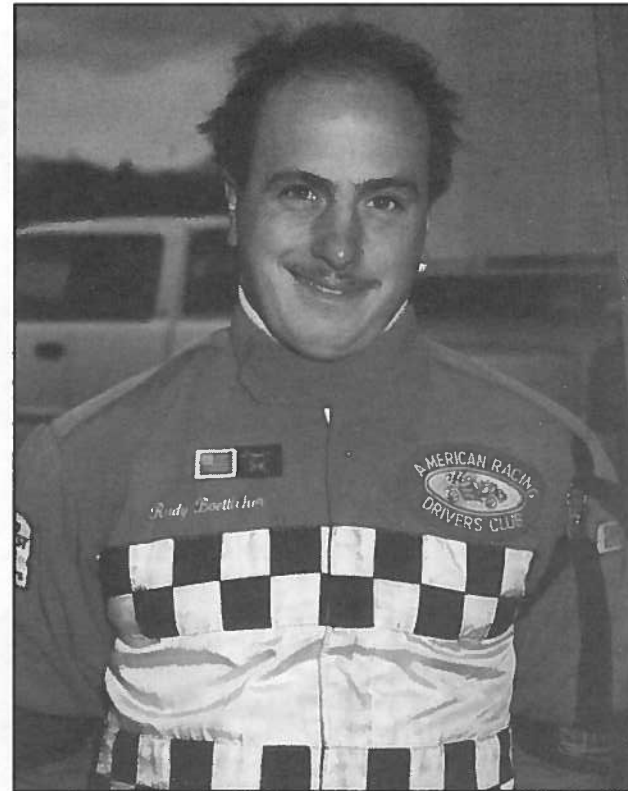
FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Drew Fornoro, Babe Shaw, Mike Seymour, Bobby Seymour, Doug Cleveland, Chuck Welling, Paul Lawless, Ed Breault, Brett Mowrey

HEATS - Babe Shaw, Mike Seymour

WATERFORD SPEEDBOWL - AUGUST 23

The "Bowl" produced some new faces up front, as Mike Seymour found the right tire combination this time and won for the first time since 1995. Rudy Boetticher and Ed Breault were fighting for the win, but Seymour caught them on the last lap in traffic, taking Robert Boetticher with him. The last lap scramble found Mike winning, Rudy Boetticher second, Robert Boetticher third, with Bobby Seymour and Breault rounding out the top five. The season's scariest moment came with five laps to go when Mike Ober's motor erupted in flames in turn two. He calmly guided it to the backstretch fire station, where the blaze was extinguished. Points leader Russ Stoehr had a tough night, ending up against the first turn guardrail after brushing wheels with another car.

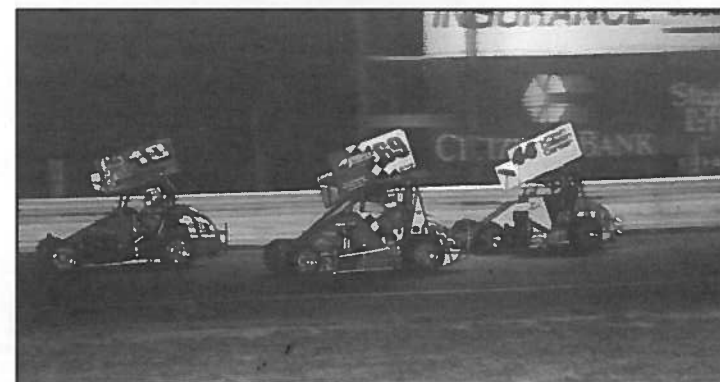
Lee Bundy, Chuck Welling, Ed Breault are just ahead of Drew Fornoro. (Miour Photo)



Rudy Boetticher, Jr., had lots to smile about this season. (Hayes Photo)



Is there anything more beautiful than a four abreast lap? (Miour Photo)

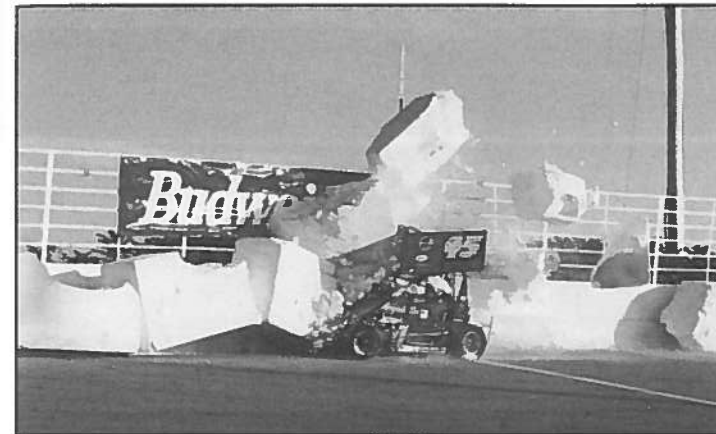


1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

OSWEGO SPEEDWAY - AUGUST 30

For the first time in several years the midg-ets returned for Classic Weekend at Oswego, and they did not disappoint. Russ Stoehr rocketed into the lead once more, but track favorite Joe Gosek chased him all the way to the checker. Babe Shaw held his own with the in-line motors, taking honors as the highest finishing VW. Points contender Drew Fornoro tagged the turn three foam hard after vaulting over a stranded Bobby Seymour, who was the victim of a broken torque tube.

FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Joe Gosek, Babe Shaw, Ed Breault, Rudy Boetticher, Jr., Robert Boetticher, Chuck Welling, Monnie Wonder III, Gary Halteman, Jim Miller



Drew Fornoro meets the Oswego foam...B&D Photo



Another 4-abreast start at Oswego...Jim Feeney Photo



Stoehr leads the pack out of Oswego's turn three...Jim Feeney Photo



STAR SPEEDWAY - SEPTEMBER 21

Heavy rains postponed the racing action from Saturday night to Sunday afternoon, as once again the midgets were paired with the supermodifieds for Star Speedway's Classic. Rookie Jon Barrows held off Russ Stoehr and a host of challengers for the early stages of the race, but in the end it was Stoehr winning again. Keith Botelho fulfilled the potential he showed all season long to come in for second in Marco and Pat Campanale's Esslinger, with new daddy Mike Seymour finishing third.

FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Keith Botelho, Mike Seymour, Bobby Seymour, Mike Ordway, Drew Fornoro, Chuck Welling, Jon Barrows, Doug Cleveland, Rudy Boetticher, Jr.

HEATS - Pat Abold, Jon Barrows

Fornoro and Gosek put on the squeeze at Star...Jim Feeney Photo

1997 NEMA SEASON IN REVIEW

SEEKONK SPEEDWAY OCTOBER 12

The D. Anthony Venditti Memorial at Seekonk produced its usual gaggle of cars, and the Volkswagens ruled the day at the House that Anthony built. Bobby Seymour was in front for much of the event, but Nick Fornoro, Jr., hunted him down and took advantage of a late race restart to win his third straight Venditti Memorial. Seymour was second, followed by Babe Shaw. Points leader Stoehr had a tough day, clipping a three car wreck in turn one at the start, then tangling with Matt O'Brien and retiring from the event.

FEATURE - Nick Fornoro, Jr., Bobby Seymour, Babe Shaw, Joe Gosek, Drew Fornoro, Paul Lawless, Paul Stoehr, Jon Barrows, Chuck Welling, Robert Boetticher.

HEATS - Mike Seymour, Bobby Seymour, Russ Stoehr

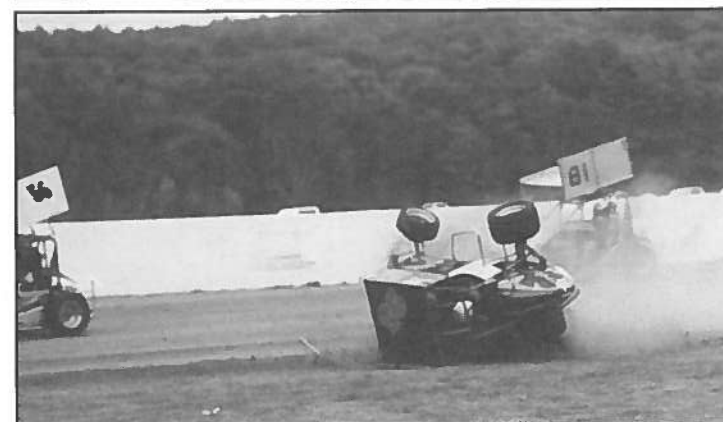
CONSI - Mike Ordway

THOMPSON SPEEDWAY OCTOBER 19

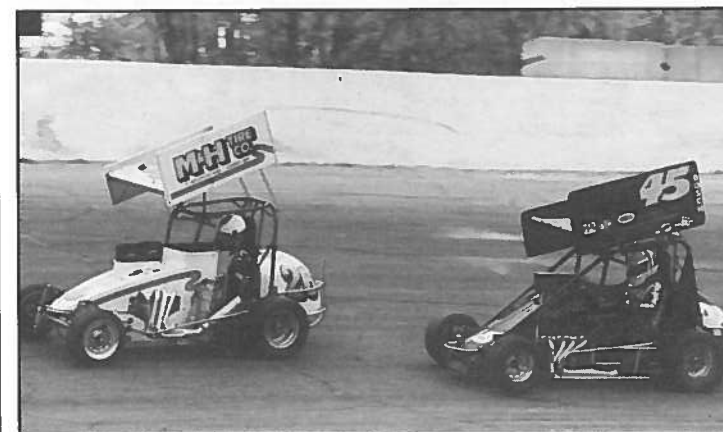
The car owner's title hung in the balance, while the driver's title was pretty much sewn up. When Drew Fornoro's machine broke a lifter after the Sunday warmup, Bruce Beane and Russ Stoehr wound up with the 1997 championships, respectively. After 33 years Bruce was stepping away from the sport, and the team went out in style, winning the show at Thompson after a race long battle with Nick Fornoro, Jr., and then Joe Gosek. Thirty-six cars showed up for the Thompson finale, and the backstretch became a parking lot on the first lap, sidelining Babe Shaw, Chuck Welling, Phil DiMario, and Dave Kelley, who put the crowd on its feet with his spectacular tumble through the infield.

FEATURE - Russ Stoehr, Joe Gosek, Bobby Seymour, Robert Boetticher, John Ferrell, Paul Lawless, Mike Luggelle, Nick Fornoro, Jr., Monnie Wonder, III, Jim Miller.

HEATS - Drew Fornoro, Nick Fornoro, Jr., Keith Botelho.



A wild ride at Thompson!...Jim Feeney Photos



Russ and Joe Gosek battled to the finish at Thompson...Jim Feeney Photo

1997 NEMA STATISTICS

FEATURE WINNERS

DRIVERS

Russ Stoehr	6
Drew Fornoro	2
Nick Fornoro, Jr.	2
Bobby Seymour	1
Mark Buonomo	1
Mike Seymour	1
Babe Shaw	1

OWNERS

26	Bruce Beane	6
45	Gene Angelillo	3
45a	Marilyn Angelillo	1
9	Paul Hultgren	1
8	Bill & Nickie Tapply	1
76	Mark Buonomo	1
30	Paul Scally II	1

ENGINES

Gaerte	9
Volkswagon	5

HEAT WINNERS

DRIVERS

Russ Stoehr	6
Drew Fornoro	5
Bobby Seymour	4
Mike Seymour	3
Nick Fornoro, Jr.	2
Paul Stoehr	1
Jonathan Barrows	1
Ed Breault	2
Joe Gosek	1
Babe Shaw	2
Bryan Kobylarz	1
Pat Abold	1
Keith Botelho	1
Mike Ordway	1

OWNERS

26	Bruce Beane	6
45	Gene Angelillo	6
9	Paul Hultgren	4
8	Bill & Nickie Tapply	3
107	Sue Shaw	2
44	Ed Breault	2
49	Doug Starrett	1
45a	Marilyn Angelillo	1
76	Mark Buonomo	1
40	Jonathan Barrows	1
56	Marco Campanele	1
	Pat Campanele	1
4	Bob Harrington	1
6	Harold Yetter	1
00	Dave Scott	
	Barbara Dyer-Cullen	
	David Lowrie	1

ENGINES

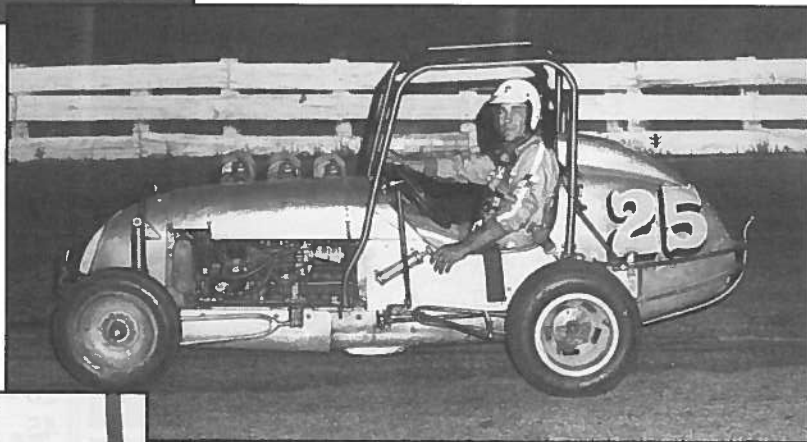
Gaerte	14
Volkswagon	14
Chevy II	1
Esslinger	1
Fontana	1



A pensive
Russ Stoehr at
Thompson...Mary
Hodge Photo



Frank Ferrara, Al Symanski, Jerry Wall's father, Jerry Wall, and Dick Monahan in victory lane. (Miour Photo)



Bob Cherry in one of the early Falcons, wrenched by 1997 Champion Car Owner Bruce Beane. (Miour Photo)



Bill Eldridge in the Gibby Parmenter V8-60. (Miour Photo)



Dandy Don Keller in the O'Brien #16. (Miour Photo)

REMEMBER WHEN...

NEMA 1997 TOP TEN FINISHES

	S t a r	S e e k o n k	S t a r	W a t e r f o d	R i v e r s i d e	O s w e g o	M o n a d n o c k	S e e k o n k	S t a r	W a t e r f o r d	O s w e g o	S t a r	S e e k o n k	T h o m p s o n
Russ Stoebr, Beane 26	6	3	3	5	4	1	2	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
Drew Fornoro, Angellilo 45	2	5	-	1	2	2	1	4	2	7	-	6	5	-
Babe Shaw, Shaw 107	1	2	10	2	10	-	-	5	3	8	3	-	3-	
Bobby Seymour, Hultgren 9	-	10	-	3	1	3	-	-	5	4	-	4	2	3
Chuck Welling, Johnson 69	5	4	-	-	8	9	5	-	7	9	7	7	9	-
Mike Seymour, Tapply 8	-	-	2	4	3	-	3	3	4	1	-	3	-	-
Ed Breault, Breault 44	-	-	8	-	7	8	4	9	9	5	4	-	-	-
Jim Miller, Miller 3a	-	-	-	-	6	7	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	10
Doug Cleveland, Cleveland 87	9	7	-	8	-	-	6	8	6	10	-	9	-	-
Matt O'Brien, O'Brien 16	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Luggelle, Luggelle 77	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Paul Lawless, Lawless 6,	4	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	-	-	6	6
Mike Ober, Scadden 37	8	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Boetticher														
Boetticher 56	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	6	-	10	4
Paul Stoebr, Scott 00	-	-	4	7	9	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
Brett Mowrey, Mowrey 84	-	-	7	10	-	-	9	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Rudy Boetticher,														
Boetticher 46	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	2	5	10	-	-
Bill Greenwood,														
Greenwood 7	-	-	6	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Keith Botelho, Campanale 56	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	2	-	-
John Ferrell, Douville 7x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Nick Fornoro,														
Angelillo 45, Scally 30	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	8
Mark Buonomo, Buonomo 76	3	1	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Cannon, Cannon 25	-	8	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jonathan Barrows Barrows 40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Joe Gosek, Angelillo 45b	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	2
Bryan Kobylarz, Starrett 49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monnie Wonder III, Wonder 51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	9
Gary Halteman, Halteman 91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
Mike Ordway, Harrington 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-

NEMA's ALL TIME FEATURE WINNERS 1953-96

1. Dave Humphrey	72	..... Bob Resco	3 *
2. Drew Fornoro	69 *	52. Johnny DeLeo	2
3. Nick Fornoro, Jr.	36 *	..... Wally White	2
4. Johnny Mann	28	..... Red Marlowe	2
5. Bill Eldridge	27	..... Tony Romit	2
6. Russ Stoehr	22 *	..... Vern Harriman	2
7. Joe Csiki	21	..... Frank Gehling	2
..... Lee Smith	21 *	..... Tommy McAndrews	2
9. Johnny Coy, Sr.	18	..... Leigh Earnshaw	2
10. Len Thrall	17	..... Jim Kirk	2
..... Bobby White	17	..... Ted Luce	2
..... Mike Seymour	17*	..... Hank Rogers, Jr.	2 *
13. Jeff Horn	16 *	..... Howard Bumpus	2
..... Bobby Seymour	16 *	..... Babe Shaw	2 *
15. Mike Favulli	15		
..... Joey Coy	15 *	65. Fred Meeker	1
17. Al Pillion	14	..... Bill Hickock	1
..... Walter Gale	14	..... Cliff Riggott	1
..... Jerry Wall	14	..... Bill Tilton	1
20. Dickie Brown	13	..... Oscar Saunders	1
..... Fred (Butch) Walsh	13	..... Barney Davis	1
22. Ronnie Evans	10	..... Bobby Boone	1
..... Bill Randall	10	..... Everett Rogers	1
..... Lou Fray	10	..... Johnny Dudevois	1
25. Ed (Dutch) Schaefer	9	..... Jim Whitman	1
26. Jerry Russo	8	..... Dick Gallagher	1
..... Ray Roberts	8	..... Gig Stephens	1
..... Armond Holley	8	..... Bill Stofer	1
29. Bob Cicconi	7 *	..... Hank Stevens	1
..... Billy Mann	7	..... Roger Bailey	1
31. Ray Burke	6	..... Bob Pick	1
..... Bert Brooks	6	..... Gene Bergin	1
..... Johnny Kay	6	..... Jim Hettinger	1 *
..... Hank Williams	6	..... Doug Cleveland	1 *
35. King Carpenter	5	..... Jim Fearick	1
..... George Monsen	5	..... George Ferguson, Jr.	1
..... Greg Stoehr	5 *	..... Johnny Coy, Jr.	1 *
38. Lenny Boyd	4 *	..... Tom Bigelow	1 *
..... Butch Yuris	4	..... Bruce Field	1 *
..... Mel Kenyon	4 *	..... Rich Vogler	1
..... Joe Payne, Jr.	4 *	..... John Heydenreich	1 *
..... Jim Lowrey, Jr.	4	..... Kevin Doty	1 *
		..... Brian Caruso	1
		..... Mark Buonomo	1 *
43. Bob Hart	3		
..... Tony Bonadies	3		
..... Russ Klar	3		
..... Don Keller	3		
..... Rick Hart	3 *		
..... Johnny Evans	3		
..... Mike Osite	3		
..... Lou Cicconi, Jr.	3 *		

* = currently active driver.

NEMA CHAMPIONS, 1953 - 1997

<u>Year</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Non-Offy Owner</u>	<u>Offy Owner</u>
1953	Bill Eldridge	Gibby Parmenter #55	
1954	Bill Eldridge	Gibby Parmenter #55	
1955	Ray Burke	Giggy Leonard #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	Walter 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 #3	Bob Pascale #1*
1969	Dave Humphrey		Bob Pascale #1
1970	Fray/Humphrey	John McCarthy #47	
1971	Dave Humphrey	John McCarthy #47	
1972	Johnny Mann	Stropoli #66	
1973	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 Angelillo #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 #94	
1990	Russ Stoehr	Gene Angelillo #45	
1991	Joey Coy	Carl Kibbe #94	
1992	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angelillo #45	
1993	Joey Coy	Carl Kibbe #94	
1994	Mike Seymour	Bill & Nickie Tapply #8	
1995	Drew Fornoro	Bill & Nickie Tapply #1	
1996	Drew Fornoro	Gene Angelillo #45	
1997	Russ Stoehr	Bruce & Ann Beane #26	

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 tied for the driving championship.



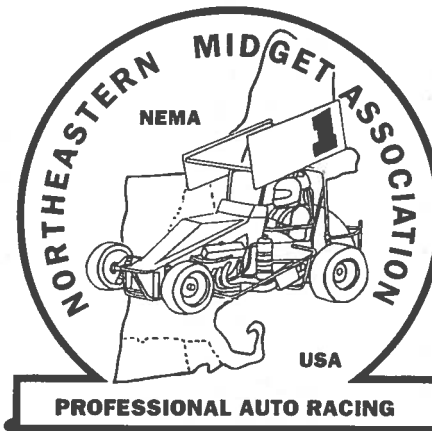
7-time NEMA driver champion, Drew Fornoro, talks with his occasional teammate, Joe Gosek, at Thompson... Carol Haynes Photo

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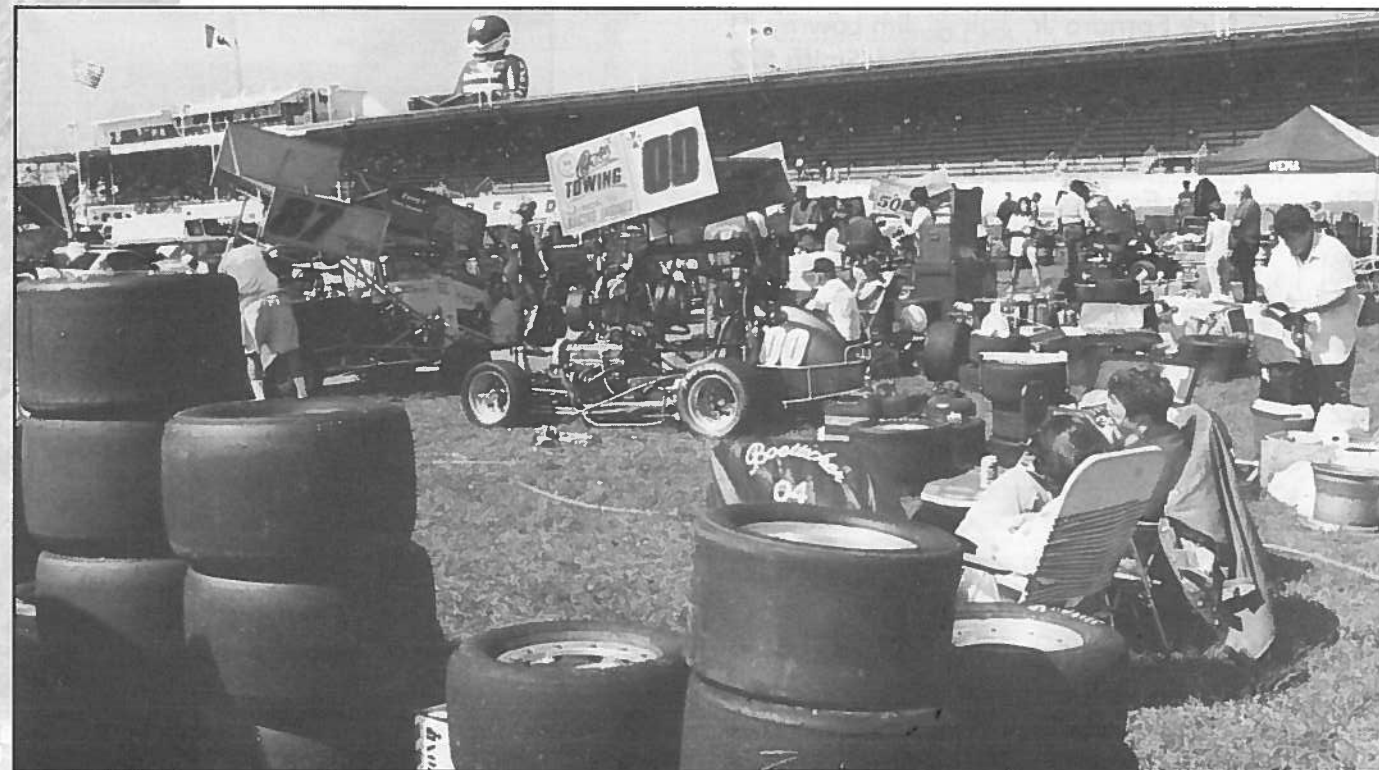
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