

HOT LAPS

By Michael J. Marrer

So you want to go Indy car racing? Just peel off 169,500 pictures of old George and you can be the proud owner of a new March speedway car. The road course version will run you an additional 5,000 bills. Of course, engines are not included.

The All Star Circuit of Champions takes care of their Sprint car high-point finishers. Among the goodies '86 champion Fred Linder took home was a brand new Challenger race car valued at \$15,000.

D.I.R.T. honcho Glenn Donnelly is part of a four-man group that purchased the Rolling Wheels Raceway in upstate New York. His plans for a Hudson Valley superspeedway are still on hold.

ARCA has also picked up a Busch to contribute to their point fund. But we strongly advise you not to consume their products. This Busch Industries manufactures cleaners, polishes, and car waxes.

The road to success is not always a straight line, but sometimes goes in circles. Just ask Hendrick engine builder Randy Dorton, who began his professional career with the Sox & Martin team as part of the 1320 crowd.

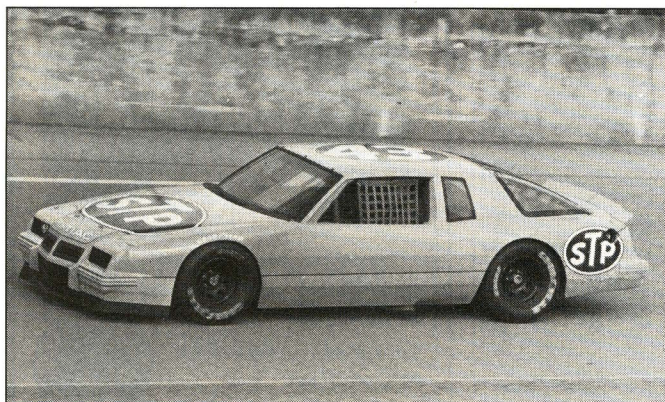
How did Darrell Waltrip describe his 207+ MPH lap during Daytona testing? "I came off the second turn and my eyes went 'TILT!'" Don't you just love it when he talks technical?

So far only two drivers have received the victor's laurels in more than 100 USAC main events—Mel Kenyon (107) and A. J. Foyt (158). But by the end of 1986, Rich Vogler was only three short of passing that mark.

Pyrotech, the group that brings you safety equipment, was named by *Inc.* magazine as one of the top-500, fastest-growing privately held corporations in the country.

Michigan's Rick O'Shay seems to be caught in a time warp. He drives his race car to the track, on the track, and from the track. We're talking an Enduro car here—an '81 Cadillac Fleetwood to be exact.

Who says you can only do your winter testing at Daytona and Talladega? The Geoff Bodine team rented Rockingham to avoid the crowded garages. It wasn't so long ago that you could pretty much pick any date you wanted to test. Now you have to share. So much for secrecy.



Even in their pre-season-testing anonymity, the NASCAR cars take care of their sponsors. (STP Corporation photo)

MAY

RACE DATES

ALL-PRO RACING ASSOCIATION

May 29-30 Hialeah Speedway, Hialeah, FL

ARCA

May 2 ARCA 500, Talladega, AL
May 22 Delaware Speedway Park, London, ONT.
May 24 Auto City Speedway, Flint, MI
May 30 Flat Rock Speedway, Flat Rock, MI
May 31 Toledo Speedway, Toledo, OH

ASA

May 2-3 Birmingham International, Birmingham, AL

CART

May 31 Milwaukee 200, West Allis, WI

NASCAR BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

May 2 Hampton Chevy 200, Hampton, VA
May 16 Busch 200, South Boston, VA
May 23 Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC
May 30 Dover Downs International, Dover, DE

NASCAR MODIFIED TOUR

May 17 Pennsylvania 150, Clearfield, PA
May 22 Winston 100, Stafford Springs, CT
May 31 Whitcomb 150, Winchester, NH

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

May 3 Winston 500, Talladega, AL
May 17 The Winston, Charlotte, NC
May 24 Coca-Cola 600, Charlotte, NC
May 31 Budweiser 500, Dover, DE

USAC GOLD CROWN

May 24 Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis, IN

USAC SILVER CROWN

May 22 Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN

WORLD OF OUTLAWS

May 8 Sante Fe Speedway, Hinsdale, IL
May 9 Indiana Fairgrounds Speedway, Indianapolis, IN
May 15-16 West Virginia Motor Speedway, Parkersburg, WV
May 20 Lernerville Speedway, Sarver, PA
May 21-22 Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, PA
May 23 Lincoln Speedway, Hanover, PA
May 24 Hagerstown Speedway, Hagerstown, MD
May 27 Port Royal Fairgrounds, Port Royal, PA
May 31 Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown, NY

Writer Gene Granger dug through his voluminous files and determined that 56 drivers are members of the millionaire's club solely through their race winnings. It's doubtful that anyone can figure out how much money they actually *spent* getting there.

Another racetrack will bite the dust to the ever-present land developers at the end of the season when Catamount Stadium closes for the last time.

Stafford Springs will be featuring the "Great Bed Race" on the Fourth of July weekend. That's right, your basic Sealy special. Could the track be laying the groundwork for a new division should the costs of their SK Modifieds escalate?

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Bob Cicconi, master of the Midgets, is stretching the wheelbase and will campaign a Supermodified this season.

Is Dennis Farina, ex-cop and star of TV's "Crime Story," really that tough? You might want to ask around the ARTGO circuit, where he was a security guard during the '76 season.

Although Richie Evans is gone, the spirit of his competitiveness lives on. At each stop on the NASCAR Winston Modified Tour, the driver who turns in the most outstanding showing will receive the Richie Evans Performance Award, courtesy of the *Speedway Scene* trade paper.

If the proposed purchase of AMC by Chrysler goes through, then Bobby Allison made history when he won the 1975 Southern 500. It was the last time that a Winston Cup car with the American Motors nameplate ever sat in victory lane.

When you name a race the "Rattlesnake Rodeo," you take the chance of getting bit. After 36 hours of steady rain, South Alabama Motor Speedway was forced to cancel this year's event.

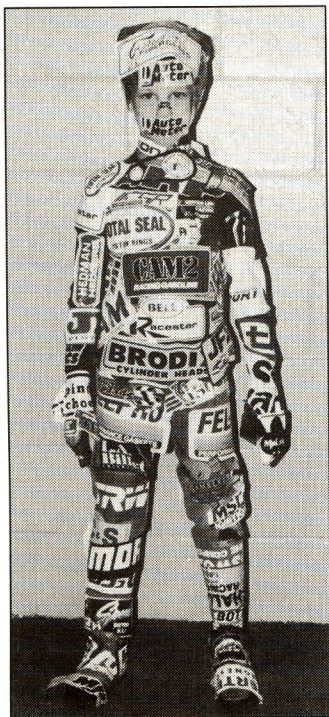
A few issues back, we wondered if Alan Kulwicki would come up with a new nickname for his car to tie in with Zerex, his sponsor. Instead, he ended up the recipient of a new handle. When you wear a jacket with a bright-red 'Z' emblazoned across the back, it doesn't take long before people start calling you "Zorro."

After watching the Super Bowl and Speedweeks events, it appears the "Gatorade Bath" may soon replace the traditional shower of champagne, to the relief of many photographers—and their expensive equipment.

To make a 272-cubic-inch V6 competitive on the Busch Grand National Sportsman circuit, carburetor restrictors are put on the 305-cubic-inch V8s. One team likened it to trying to suck a McDonald's milkshake through a straw.

ESPN has to rank as one of the most race-supportive TV networks. Their 1987 schedule includes 126 races from 12 different circuits.

Don't be surprised to see fewer people lining up at a tracks' press sign-in window. Stiffer insurance regulations are causing many facilities to closely examine the actual credentials of those on their media list.



The more sponsors a team finds, the greater the chances that the driver will be lost in the sea of uniform patches. Hopefully it will never reach the level demonstrated by young John Woods of Forney, Texas, as he gathered decals at the CIRCLE TRACK Trade Show. (Mike Marrer photo)

JULY

RACE DATES

All Dates Tentative, Call for Confirmation

ALL PRO RACING ASSOCIATION

July 3 Orlando Speedworld, Orlando, FL
July 4 Lakeland Interstate Speedway, Lakeland, FL

ARCA

July 3 Kil-Kare Speedway, Xenia, OH
July 25 Permatex 500, Talladega, AL

ASA

July 4-5 Wisconsin State Fair Speedway, Milwaukee, WI

CART

July 5 Budweiser Cleveland GP, Cleveland, OH
July 19 Molson Indy, Toronto, ON

NASCAR BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL SPORTSMAN

July 5 Budweiser 200, Jefferson, GA
July 12 Oxford 250, Oxford, ME
July 18 Advance Auto 200, South Boston, VA
July 25 Bobby Isaac Memorial, Hickory, NC

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

July 4 Pepsi Firecracker 400, Daytona Beach, FL
July 19 Summer 500, Pocono, PA
July 26 Talladega 500, Talladega, AL

NASCAR WINSTON MODIFIED TOUR

July 3 Firecracker 100, Williamson, NY
July 8 CAM-2 Motor Oil 150, Riverhead, NY
July 19 Outside Pole Qualifier, Thompson, CT
July 22 Budweiser King of Beers, Agawam, MA
July 29 Star 150, Epping, NH

STOCK CAR CONNECTION

July 10-12 Pennsylvania Int'l Raceway, Nazareth, PA
July 23-25 Birmingham Super Speedway, Birmingham, AL

USAC SILVER CROWN

July 11 Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN
July 18-19 Fairgrounds Speedway, Oklahoma City, OK

WORLD OF OUTLAWS

July 1 Sunset Speedway, Omaha, NE
July 3-4 Colorado National Speedway, Denver, CO
July 5 Black Hills Speedway, Rapid City, SD
July 8 Fairmont Speedway, Fairmont, MN
July 10-11 Red River Valley Fair Speedway, Fargo, ND
July 13 Cedar Lake Speedway, New Richmond, WI
July 16-17 Sante Fe Speedway, Hinsdale, IL
July 18-19 US 131 Speedway, Martin, MI
July 22 Knoxville Raceway, Knoxville, IA
July 29 Lernerville Speedway, Sarver, PA
July 30-31 Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, PA

New England SK Modified driver Mark Raccaro joined the division after extensive road-course experience with Formula Fords. We hope he was told there are no right-hand turns at Stafford.

Ford is easing back into racing by posting cash bonuses to any T-Bird in the top five at the six Stock Car Connection events.

A photo at Volusia County Speedway appearing in the *Daytona News-Journal* during Speedweeks showed at least eight cars on the track at once reportedly during time trials. We don't recall that much congestion during qualifying since playing "Pole Position" at the video arcade.

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