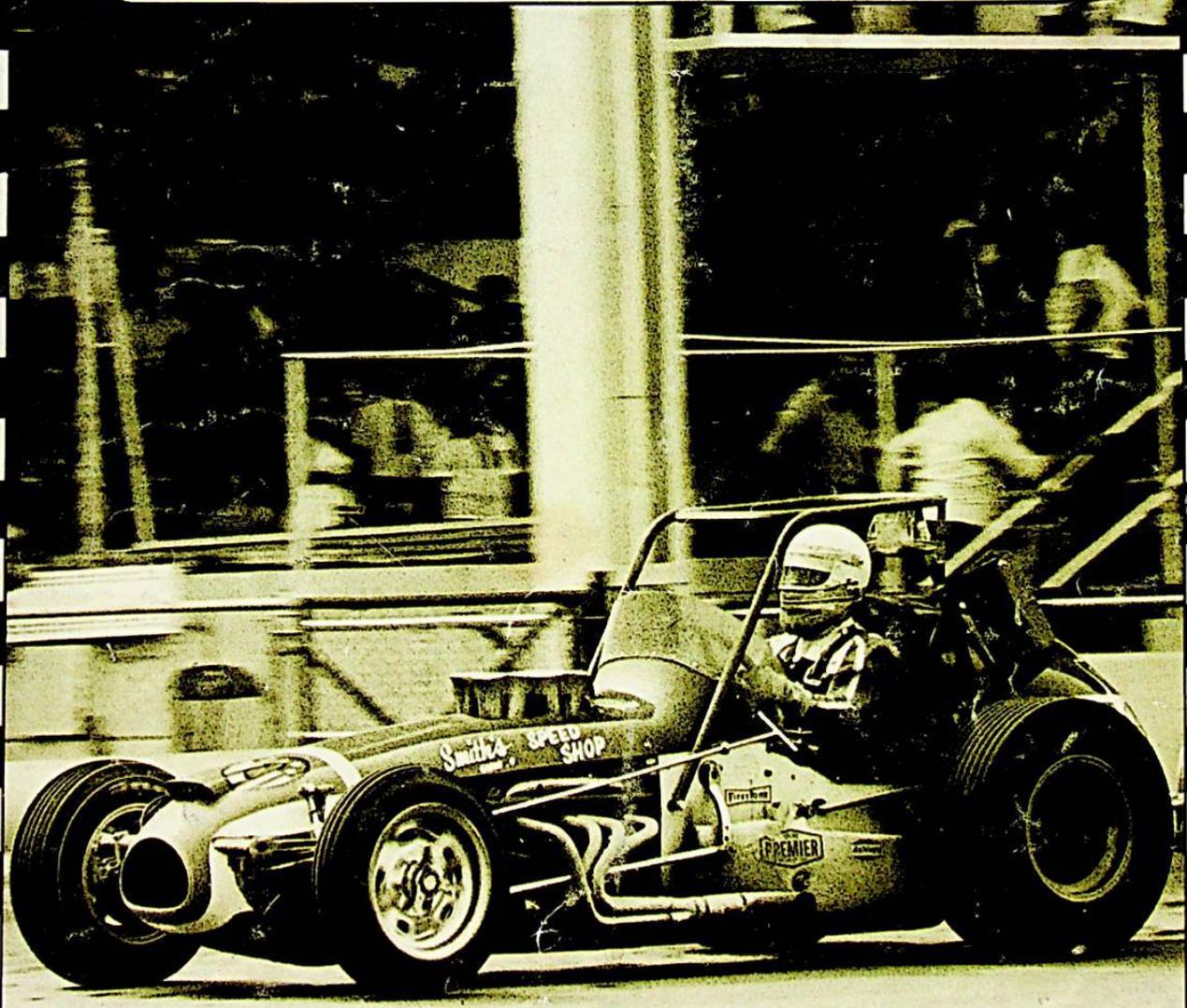


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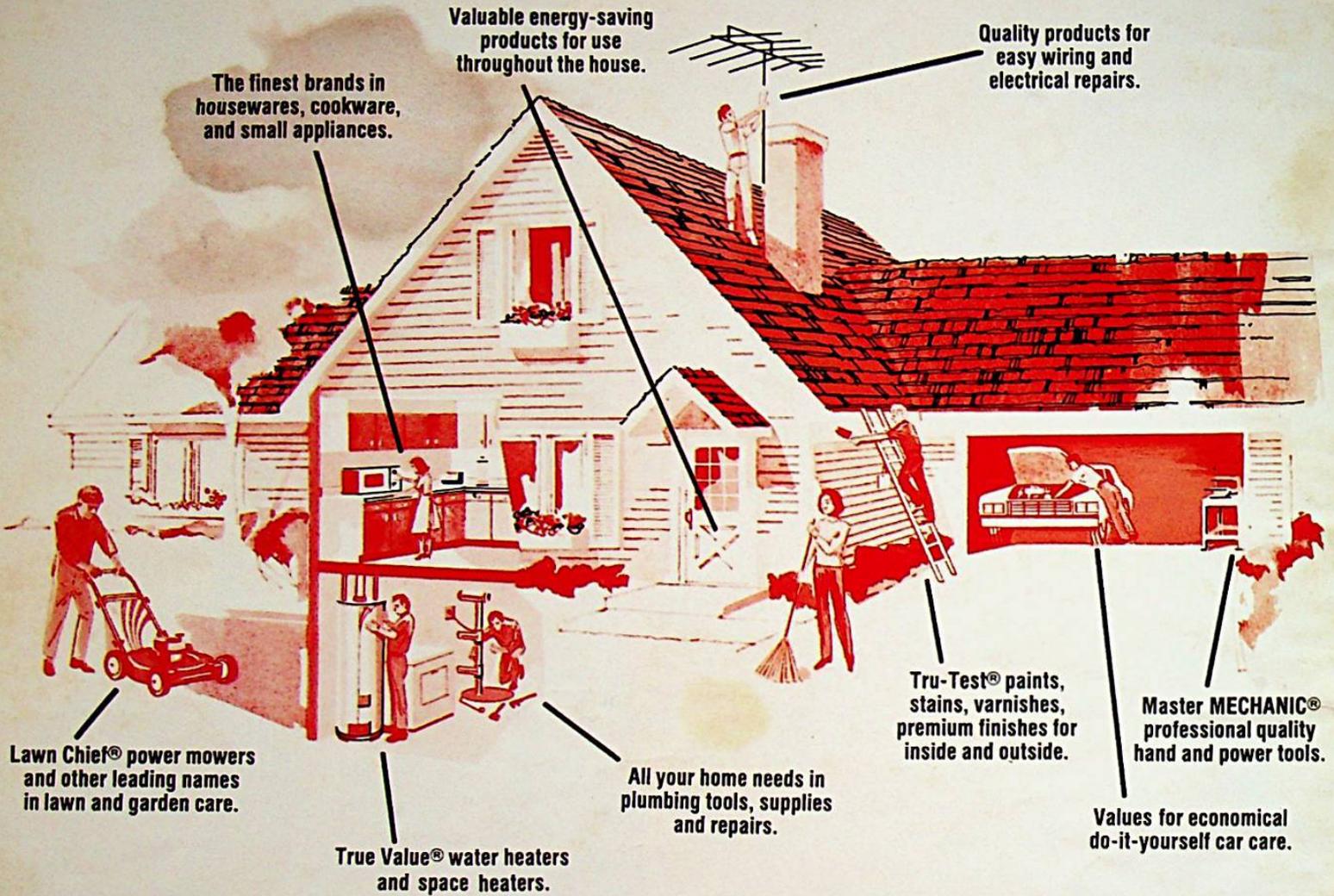
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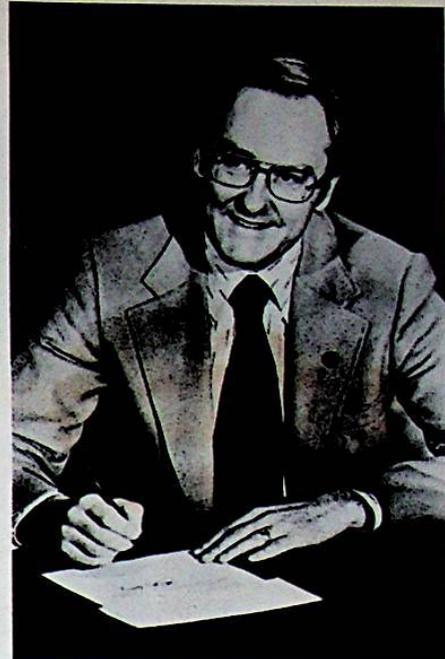
## ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

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Welcome to your 1983 Illinois State Fair!

The 1983 Illinois State Fair has just about everything anyone could want in summer entertainment. Record-breaking crowds have passed through the gates at the Fair for the last two years, and this year shouldn't be any different.

First-class entertainment will be featured again at the Grandstand every night during the Fair, with old favorites like the Beach Boys, back for the third year in a row, and Willie Nelson, back for his fifth straight appearance. This year Kenny Loggins, Alabama, and Juice Newton will be part of our lineup at the Fair. But that's not all.

There's a free circus for the kids and one of the best midways in the Midwest. For older Fair-goers, an air-conditioned rest area is twice as big as it was last year. And persons 60 and over get into the Fair free of charge, while those 16 and under don't have to pay admission.

On several Fair days, free harness racing features some of the best racing in the country. Back this year is the Ethnic Heritage Festival, dishing out some of the best in food from around the world. Plus, fireworks every night, USAC auto races, and free admission and parking the last Sunday of the Fair. This year's Fair offers something for every member of the family.

I know I'll be at the State Fair with my family as much as I can, and I hope to see you there. Enjoy Yourself!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Thompson".

James R. Thompson  
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"Where Illinois Gets Together", the theme of the 1983 Illinois State Fair, vividly states the purpose of one of our state's greatest events — to bring all Illinois people and industries together. The 131st Illinois State Fair will serve to showcase the finest in Illinois agriculture. It is a fair that belongs to everyone in Illinois. Our sincerest hope is for all residents — urban and rural — to attend.

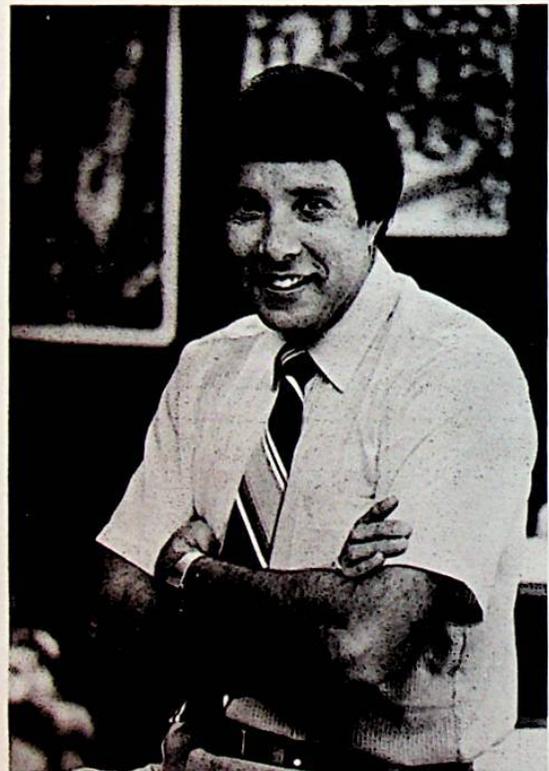
The 1983 Illinois State Fair will feature new activities, special exhibits, one of the nation's largest livestock shows, the greatest in Grandstand entertainment, a special Senior Center, nationally famous horse shows, the finest in agricultural exhibits, harness horse racing, USAC car racing, and other special exhibits to please everyone in Illinois.

Join us in Springfield and help make the 1983 Illinois State Fair the greatest of all state fairs.



*Larry A. Werries*

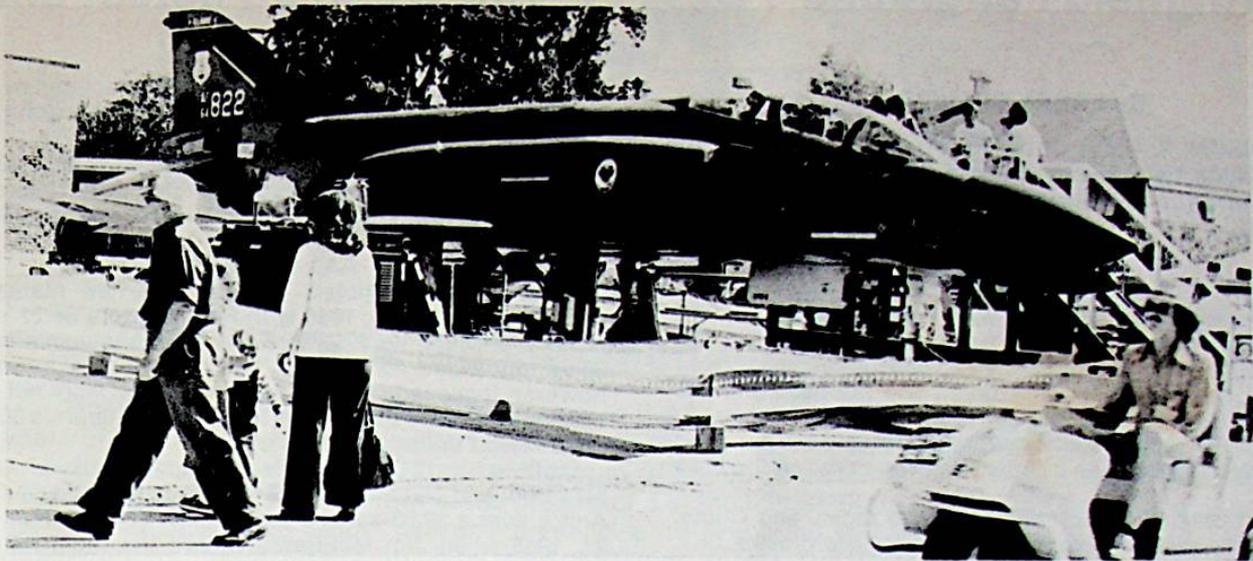
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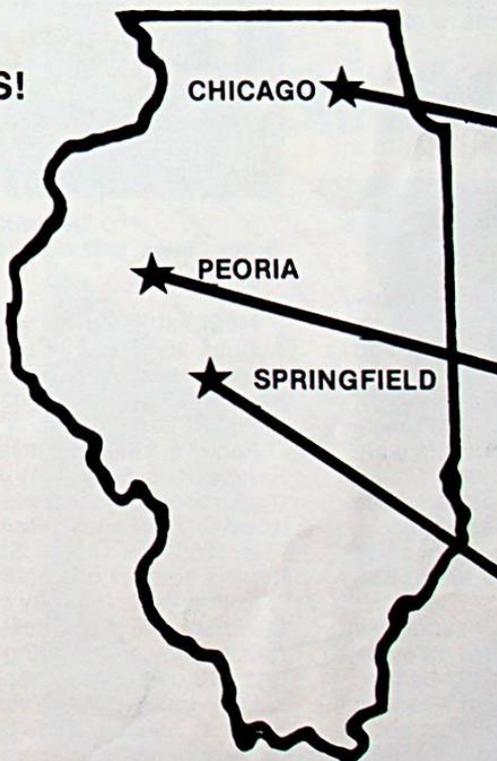
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# Springfield Fairground's Dirt . . . "The World's Fastest Mile"

By LARRY SULLIVAN

THOMSON, IL—It is fitting to review the history of the Illinois State Fairgrounds track in Springfield where Rick Ferkel set an official world's record last year for one-mile dirt ovals.

## PINGREY WINS

The present Springfield mile was inaugurated on Aug. 20, 1927. Wilson Pingrey of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, drove Bill Jefferies' 183 cubic inch Frontenac to the fastest qualifying time that day and then went on to win his heat and the feature.

His qualifying time was 46 seconds flat and his car used rubber which looked like bicycle tires compared to the tires of today.

The fair opened and closed with auto races, and Chuck Bane of Ellsworth, Ill., won on closing day. He drove a D.O. Gallivan. Pingrey finished second that day before a crowd of 4,300 fans.

The surface was dual purpose, used for both auto races and horse races. It replaced an older mile horse track. Prior to 1925 many events were hippodromed, as the promoters owned the cars and hired chauffeurs to put on the shows, as was the case at Springfield. Those were the days when race cars were shipped in railroad box cars from one fair to another.

A number of racing associations came into their own in the mid-1920s, such as the Tri-State Auto Racing Assn. of Decatur, the Mid-West Racing Assn. of Rantoul, the Central Illinois Racing Assn. and the Illini Racing Assn.

In 1926, two fair races were run on the old mile. Les Allen set the fastest time the first day at 46.3 seconds, a record for the first track.

Pingrey's record on the new mile of 46 seconds flat was broken on Aug. 18, 1928 by Louie Schneider of Indianapolis at 41.6 seconds on the opening day of the fair. He came back on the second day of racing to set another NTR with a time of 40.9, driving a Miller straight eight.

Tragedy struck early at the first fair race of 1929. On the third lap of the feature the cars of Wilson Pingrey, Johnnie Gerber and Carl Marchese crashed when they started to lap a slower car, suffering with engine trouble.

Pingrey lay near death in a Springfield hospital for nearly a month with a fractured skull and internal injuries, but he finally recovered. Marchese was also seriously injured and retired from racing.

One lap after this bad accident a car driven by Les Wright was lost in the dust coming into the front stretch and crashed into the high woven fence where many spectators were standing, killing one man and injuring eight others.

On the second day of racing Tony Willman lowered the track record to 40.1 seconds driving the Marchese Miller.

The 1929 fair tragedy brought many law suits and hassles which resulted in the fair dropping auto racing in 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933.

But starting in 1934, Hankinson Speedways inaugurated the first 100-mile race to be held on the Springfield mile running under the American Automobile Assn. (AAA) banner. This was the championship race for Indy cars and was won by Billy Winn driving the Deacon Litz Miller. He also set a NTR of 39.79 seconds.

Hankinson Speedways conducted the annual fair races from 1934-1940 except for 1939, when Norm Witte's Central States Racing Assn. sanctioned one of the two fair races.

George Connor brought the track record down to 38.15 seconds at the 1936 race driving the Marks-Miller. George "Joie" Chitwood also set a NTR of 37.40 during the 1939 fair in the big engined O'Day Offy.

In 1940, 1941, and 1946 the races were sanctioned by the International Motor Contest Assn. (IMCA) with John Sloan promoter.

On Oct. 13, 1940, Jimmie Wilburn set a new track record of 35.72 seconds which was not broken for a dozen years. Mike Nazaruk finally did the trick in 1952 with a sizzling 33.83 second lap.

## AAA RECORDS

However, AAA officials claimed that new marks were established Sept. 25, 1949 with Paul Russo's 36.21 second lap and on Aug. 19, 1950 for Tony Bettenhausen's mark of 35.88 seconds. As far as this reporter is concerned, however, these laps may be AAA marks, but were not record breakers because they weren't as fast as Wilburn's 35.72 second circuit under the IMCA clocks.

Starting in 1947, Springfield's races returned to AAA sanction, and Nazaruk's 1952 mark was lowered by George Amick with a 33.63 second lap in 1957. This held until Aug. 21, 1965 when Jim McElreath toured the facility in 32.89 seconds.



"TO THE WINNER GOES THE SPOILS"

Bobby Olivero, 1982 winner of the Tony Bettenhausen Memorial 100

McElreath's mark was shattered by Tom Bigelow on August 20, 1981 when he drove the #56 Genesee Beer Wagon car to a new track record of 32.59 seconds. This mark went by the boards when Rick Ferkel turned an amazing 27.97 seconds lap (a speed of 129 m.p.h.).

Ferkel's clocking marked the fifth time the Springfield Fairgrounds Speedway has held the world's one-mile dirt track record. The others were set by Connor in 1936, Chitwood in 1939 and Wilburn in 1940.

In 1955, the United States Auto Club became the sanctioning body of championship racing, succeeding the AAA.

In that year, the Indy cars, now referred to as Champ Dirt Cars, and the late model stock cars of U.S.A.C. became the racing body designating the end of the Illinois State Fairs' last two days, traditionally winding down the fair.

Like today, these very modern fast cars are drawing capacity crowds to the fair, and the records which exist are: Dirt Champ Cars, Tom Bigelow, one lap qualifying record at 32.594 seconds.

Winged Sprints, World of Outlaws, one lap qualifying record at 27.970 seconds. This converts to 128.709 m.p.h.

Joe Ruttman owns the USAC late model stock cars one lap qualifying record at 35.12 seconds.



## Dale Mueller Memorial Award

They called him the No. 1 auto racing fan in the country . . . traveling to auto races for over 32 years of his life, promoting the sport, taking auto racing movies, and he died doing it.

His movies are now housed in the Museum of Speed in Indianapolis, Indiana. On August 20, 1966, Dale climbed up on the roof of the grandstand at the Illinois State Fair, all the better to get racing movies of scenes below. He and a friend were preparing to take pictures of hot laps and qualifications, during an exhibition by the Army Green Berets. The Berets had tied a rope to the platform on top of the grandstand, on which the photographers were setting up. The other end of the rope was fastened to a wrecker across the track. The rope was pulled too tight, and the platform came down with Dale on it. Dale and the stage hand below were killed instantly. To these men the Dale Mueller Photo Award is dedicated.

### Winners:

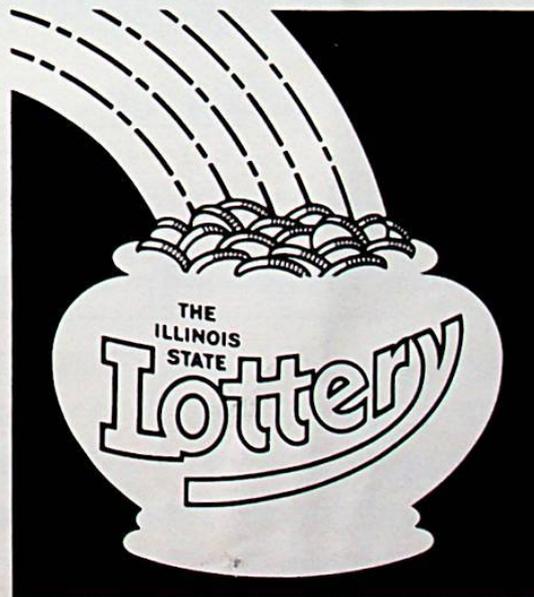
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First Runnerup: Allen Horcher — Plaque and \$100.00

Second Runnerup: Kevin Horcher — Plaque and \$50.00

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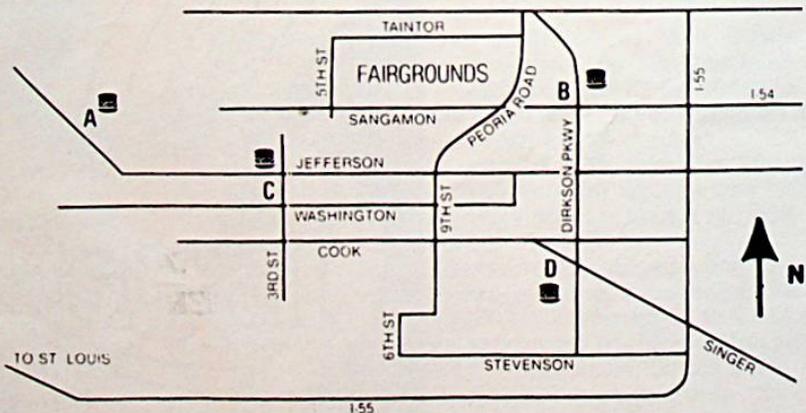


# Official Entries—Top 100 Mile Dirt Car Champions

| Car # | Driver            | Owner                          |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2     | Mark Alderson     | Steve Enslow                   |
| 5     | Bobby Olivero     | Leader Cards, Inc.             |
| 9     | Gary Bettenhausen | Delrose-Holt Racing Assoc.     |
| 10    |                   | Johnny Vance                   |
| 12    | Sheldon Kinser    | Bens Tire Clinic               |
| 14    |                   | Ray & Cissy Smith              |
| 15    | George Snider     | Dave LeFevre                   |
| 16    | Kevin Olson       | Wilke Racers, Milwaukee, WI    |
| 17    | Ron Milton        | Rob Babb                       |
| 18    | Larry Dickson     | Conroy Racing                  |
| 19    | Manny Rockhold    | Manny Rockhold                 |
| 20    | Larry Rice        | Peterson Niebel                |
| 21    | Ron Shuman        | Lloyd K. Stephens              |
| 22    | Jerry Nemire      | Nemire - Syring Racing         |
| 24    | Tracy Potter      | Steve MacPherson               |
| 26    | Ron Hughes        | Beth Jones                     |
| 27    | Mike Gregg        | Petauro Racing Ltd.            |
| 28    | Bill Engelhart    | R. & W. Snell                  |
| 29    | Rich Vogler       | L. A. Seymour & Sons           |
| 30    | Chuck Gurney      | Transportation Computer System |
| 31    |                   | Bill Mataka                    |
| 33    | Ronnie Burke      | Ronnie Burke                   |
| 34    | Jack Hewitt       | Mauri Amerling                 |
| 35    | Arnie Knepper     | Tom & Vicki Fischer            |
| 36    | Jim Hettinger     | Bob Truax                      |
| 37    | Randy Bateman     | Randy Bateman                  |
| 39    | Kenny Schrader    | Damon G. Fortune               |
| 44    | Tony Weyant       | Chuck Weyant                   |
| 46    | Jim Moughan       | George Egan                    |
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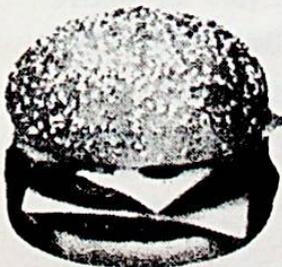
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|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 48    | Gary Irvin        | Shorthorn Racing            |
| 50    | Johnny Coogan     | Vetzel Racing               |
| 51    | Steve Siegel      | GCQ Racing                  |
| 52    | Steve Long        | Long Bros. Racing           |
| 53    | Larry Gates       | Lowell T. Schmidt           |
| 55    | Tom Bigelow       | George Middleton            |
| 56    | Steve Chassey     | Gohr Dist. - Dick Hammond   |
| 57    | Jeff Bloom        | Lyle Roberts                |
| 58    | Keith Kauffman    | Ralph DePalma               |
| 59    | Roger Rager       | David W. Robinson           |
| 60    | Paul Koch         | Frank M. Murray             |
| 64    | Greg Leffler      | Jet Engineering, Inc.       |
| 69    | Joe Saldana       | Del McClure                 |
| 70    | John Parsons, Jr. | R. & W. Snell               |
| 71    | Danny Milburn     | B.U.F. Racing, Inc.         |
| 72    | Terry Uehling     | Tradewind Industries, Inc.  |
| 74    | Billy Pauch       | Bill Pauch                  |
| 75    | Rick Hood         | Bill King Racing, Inc.      |
| 77    | Chuck Jones       | Chuck Jones                 |
| 78    | Ed Angle          | Donald P. Conrad            |
| 83    | Gary Gray         | Rufus Gray                  |
| 84    | Bud Wilmot        | Steve Wilmot                |
| 86    | Bill Vukovich     | Larry Hill                  |
| 87    | Jerry Weeks       | Doug Lang                   |
| 89    | Steve Cannon      | Dick Soubirou               |
| 93    | Bob Cicconi       | Lou Cicconi                 |
| 94    | Steve Ball        | Bob Gaby                    |
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**TONY BETTENHAUSEN MEMORIAL 100 MILE DIRT CHAMPIONSHIP RACE**  
**ILLINOIS STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
**AUGUST 20, 1983**  
**PURSE: \$37,500.00**

- 7:00 A.M. — 12:00 NOON — REGISTRATION & INSPECTION
- 10:00 A.M. — DRAW FOR QUALIFICATIONS
- 10:30 A.M. — PRACTICE
- 11:15 A.M. — QUALIFICATIONS
- 12:30 A.M. — DRIVERS' MEETING
- 1:00 P.M. — START OF FIRST (12 Laps) QUALIFYING RACE
- 1:15 P.M. — START OF SECOND (12 Laps) QUALIFYING RACE
- 3:00 P.M. — NATIONAL ANTHEM — Trumpet Solo by Mr. Tom Fliege of Springfield, IL
- START OF TONY BETTENHAUSEN 100

# THE OFFICIAL HOSTESS OF THE 1983 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

CHERYL HILL, reigning as the 1983 "Miss Illinois County Fair Queen", serves as Official Hostess for the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs and the Illinois State Fair. Cheryl won the title in January at the convention of the IAAF from among 57 County Fair Queen contestants.

A direct descendant of William H. Herndon, Abraham Lincoln's law partner, lovely Cheryl grew up in Lincolnland with her parents, John and Sharon Hill, plus two sisters, Kim and Debbie. Beauty runs in her family since 18 year old Cheryl's older sister, Kim, served as Miss Sangamon County of 1980 and competed in the top ten finalists on County Fair Night at the state contest in 1981.

During her years at Ursuline Academy Cheryl enjoyed Glee Club, serving on the Homecoming Court, National Honor Society, cheerleading and softball. An avid softball player and a good shortstop, she will have to give up the glove and bat this summer as she travels throughout the state attending fairs, parades and festivals.

Cheryl is presently enrolled at Lincoln Land Community College, majoring in Elementary Education with plans to finish her education at a state university. Despite carrying a heavy class schedule and working part-time in a local department store, she is proud to be on the Dean's List. Cheryl is a delightful, enthusiastic young lady looking forward to a busy fair season full of fun and adventure.



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# RACE DAY—SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

*Featuring Tony Bettenhausen Memorial Championship Dirt Car Races*

|  |                              |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 5:30 a.m. Jr. Milking Derby.....                     | Jr. Livestock Bldg.          | 2:30 p.m. Louie Popejoy & Players.....     | R.J. Reynolds Stage          |
| 8:00 a.m. Jersey Dairy Show.....                     | Coliseum                     | 3:00 p.m. Championship Dirt Car Races..... | Grandstand                   |
| Brown Swiss Dairy Show.....                          | Coliseum                     | Wendy's Free Circus.....                   | Circus Area                  |
| Jr. Dairy Judging.....                               | Jr. Livestock Bldg.          | 3:30 p.m. Spellbound.....                  | Lincoln Stage                |
| 8:15 a.m. Calvary Temple Church Bus.....             | Gate 11                      | Bingo.....                                 | Pitchers' Alley              |
| 9:00 a.m. Dahlia Show.....                           | Illinois Bldg.               | Greta Alexander, Para-psychologist.....    | Illinois Theatre             |
| Main Dish Using Beef, Bake-Off.....                  | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. | 4:00 p.m. Draft Horse Pull.....            | Coliseum                     |
| Cheerleading/Pom Pon Contests.....                   | Coca-Cola Arena              | T-Bone the Clown.....                      | Park Area                    |
| 10:00 a.m. State Fair Sheep Sale.....                | Sheep Barn                   | Stillwater.....                            | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. |
| T-Bone the Clown.....                                | Park Area                    | Jules Blattner.....                        | Pabst Saloon                 |
| State Fair Dead Lift Contest.....                    | Lincoln Stage                | Timothy P. & the R.R. 3.....               | Budweiser Barn               |
| Indian Pottery Demonstrations.....                   | Conservation World           | Honky Tonk Heroes.....                     | Stroh's Tent                 |
| Flintnapping Demonstrations.....                     | Conservation World           | Magnum Force.....                          | Old Style & Stag Tent        |
| Basketweaving Demonstrations.....                    | Conservation World           | De Luxury.....                             | Miller Tent                  |
| Campfire Cooking/Natural Foods Program.....          | Conservation World           | 5:00 p.m. Bingo.....                       | Pitchers' Alley              |
| 10:30 a.m. Louis Popejoy & Players.....              | R.J. Reynolds Stage          | Truth and Consequences.....                | Lincoln Stage                |
| 11:00 a.m. Pipe Smoking Contest.....                 | Illinois Theatre             | Candlewicking Demonstration.....           | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. |
| Bingo.....   | Pitchers' Alley              | 5:30 p.m. Wendy's Free Circus.....         | Circus Area                  |
| 12:00 noon T-Bone the Clown.....                     | Park Area                    | 6:00 p.m. T-Bone the Clown.....            | Park Area                    |
| Stillwater.....                                      | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. | Tin Roof Jazz.....                         | Dairy Bldg.                  |
| Lite All-Stars, Jim Shoulders & Bufford T. Lite..... | Miller Tent                  | Stillwater.....                            | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. |
| Ken Carlisle.....                                    | Pabst Saloon                 | 6:30 p.m. Spellbound.....                  | Lincoln Stage                |
| Gold Dust Band.....                                  | Budweiser Barn               | Bingo.....                                 | Pitchers' Alley              |
| Music Scene.....                                     | Stroh's Tent                 | 7:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Dance.....       | Senior Center                |
| Whiskey Bill & the Rainbow Riders.....               | Old Style & Stag Tent        | 7:30 p.m. Catholic Church Services.....    | Illinois Theatre             |
| Illinois Band.....                                   | Miller Tent                  | 8:00 p.m. Beach Boys.....                  | Grandstand                   |
| 12:30 p.m. Bingo.....                                | Pitchers' Alley              | Square Dance Festival.....                 | Lincoln Stage                |
| Louie Popejoy & Players.....                         | R.J. Reynolds Stage          | Bingo.....                                 | Pitchers' Alley              |
| 1:00 p.m. Grand Bake-Off.....                        | Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Bldg. | Savanna.....                               | Pabst Saloon                 |
| Wendy's Free Circus.....                             | Circus Area                  | The Young Swingers.....                    | Budweiser Barn               |
| Supreme Champion Dairy Show.....                     | Coliseum                     | Pulsar.....                                | Stroh's Tent                 |
| 2:00 p.m. T-Bone the Clown.....                      | Park Area                    | Pork & the Havana Ducks.....               | Old Style & Stag Tent        |
| Bingo.....   | Pitchers' Alley              | Paul T. Morris Band.....                   | Miller Tent                  |
| Truth and Consequences.....                          | Lincoln Stage                |  |                              |

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### FIRST QUALIFYING RACE

1. 57 Bloom
2. 86 Vukky
3. 47 Neber
4. 74 Fausch
5. 27 Gregg

### SECOND QUALIFYING RACE

1. 57 Siegel
2. 58 Wood
3. 28 Engfeld
4. 87 Weeks
5. 57 Newitt

|        | Car. No.            | Driver and Home | Type Car                 | Qualifying Speed | Finish Position |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Row 1  | <del>86</del><br>75 | Chumey<br>Wood  | 4. Grey B<br>21 - Shuman |                  |                 |
| Row 2  | 15                  | Snider          | 58 - Alderson            |                  |                 |
| Row 3  | 12                  | S. Kinser       | 40 - Rice                |                  |                 |
| Row 4  | 33                  | Buck            | 39 - Schneider           |                  |                 |
| Row 5  | 70                  | Parsons         | 18 - Dickson             |                  |                 |
| Row 6  | 72                  | Loring          | 55 - Bigelow             |                  |                 |
| Row 7  | 97                  | Martin          | 10 - Steve Kinser        |                  |                 |
| Row 8  | 44                  | Weyant          | 29 - Vogler              |                  |                 |
| Row 9  | 30                  | Surney          | 24 - Potter              |                  |                 |
| Row 10 | 56                  | Bloom           | 51 - Siegel              |                  |                 |
| Row 11 | 86                  | Vukky           | 5 - O. Livers            |                  |                 |
| Row 12 | 47                  | Atber           | 28 - Engfeldt            |                  |                 |
| Row 13 | 74                  | Fausch          | 87 - Weeks               |                  |                 |
| Row 14 | 27                  | Gregg           | 34 - Newitt              |                  |                 |
| Row 15 |                     |                 |                          |                  |                 |
| Row 16 |                     |                 |                          |                  |                 |

# FAMILY DAY—SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Midget Races • Allen Crowe Memorial Stock Car Races • Abe's Amble

## SUNDAY, AUG. 21

6:30 a.m. Abe's Amble ..... Grandstand  
 7:30 a.m. Catholic Church Service ..... Illinois Theatre  
 8:15 a.m. Calvary Temple Church Bus ..... Gate 11  
 9:00 a.m. Dahlia Show ..... Illinois Bldg.  
 Bocci Ball ..... West of Jr. Home Ec. Bldg.  
 Lutheran Church Service ..... Illinois Theatre  
 10:00 a.m. T-Bone the Clown ..... Park Area  
 Campfire Cooking/Natural Foods Program. Conservation World  
 Basketweaving Demonstrations ..... Conservation World  
 10:15 a.m. Calvary Temple Church Bus ..... Gate 11  
 10:30 a.m. Church of Christ Service ..... Illinois Theatre  
 Louie Popejoy & Players ..... R.J. Reynolds Stage  
 11:00 a.m. Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 12:00 p.m. Spellbound ..... Lincoln Stage  
 T-Bone the Clown ..... Park Area  
 Lite All-Stars, Jim Shoulders & Bufford T. Lite ..... Miller Tent  
 Savanna ..... Pabst Saloon  
 The Young Swingers ..... Budweiser Barn  
 Pulsar ..... Stroh's Tent  
 Pork & the Havana Ducks ..... Old Style & Stag Tent  
 Paul T. Morris Band ..... Miller Tent  
 12:30 p.m. Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 Louie Popejoy & Players ..... R.J. Reynolds Stage  
 1:00 p.m. Wendy's Free Circus ..... Circus Area  
 2:00 p.m. T-Bone the Clown ..... Park Area  
 Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 Truth and Consequences ..... Lincoln Stage

2:30 p.m. Louie Popejoy & Players ..... R.J. Reynolds Stage  
 3:00 p.m. Late Model Stock Car & Midget Races ..... Grandstand  
 Wendy's Free Circus ..... Circus Area  
 3:30 p.m. Sue Powell ..... Lincoln Stage  
 Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 Greta Alexander, Para-psychologist ..... Illinois Theatre  
 4:00 p.m. T-Bone the Clown ..... Park Area  
 Ken Carlyle ..... Pabst Saloon  
 Gold Dust Band ..... Budweiser Barn  
 Music Scene ..... Stroh's Tent  
 Whiskey Bill & the Rainbow Riders ..... Old Style & Stag Tent  
 Illinois Band ..... Miller Tent  
 5:00 p.m. Truth and Consequences ..... Lincoln Stage  
 Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 5:30 p.m. Wendy's Free Circus ..... Circus Area  
 6:00 p.m. Tin Roof Jazz ..... Dairy Bldg.  
 6:30 p.m. Spellbound ..... Lincoln Stage  
 Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 8:00 p.m. George Strait/Bellamy Bros./Bonnie Nelson ..... Grandstand  
 Bingo ..... Pitchers' Alley  
 Sue Powell ..... Lincoln Stage  
 Jules Blattner ..... Pabst Saloon  
 Timothy P. & the R.R. 3 ..... Budweiser Barn  
 Honky Tonk Heroes ..... Stroh's Tent  
 Magnum Force ..... Old Style & Stag Tent  
 De Luxury ..... Miller Tent

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 27 Gregg      5  
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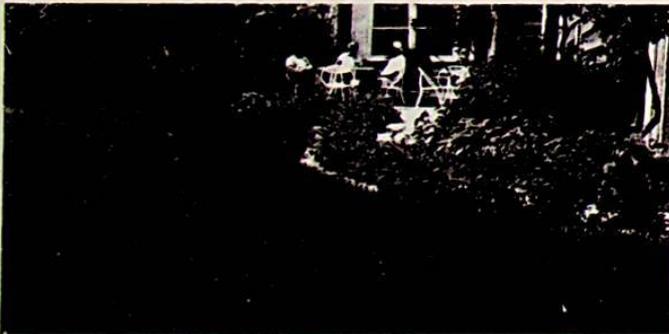
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## THE FAIRGROUNDS TRACK — 1947 VS. 1983

The pictures appearing on pages 14, 22 and 24 are reminiscent of the days that used to be. Photos are from the Bill Oldani collection. Where practical they will show a photo taken in 1947 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on the date of the race for cars then known as "Indy Cars", which is true — these cars competed at Indianapolis in the Annual 500 Mile International Series. With some slight adjustments, they made the circuit of dirt tracks. In those days, there were just a few tracks to race on, and Springfield was one of the highly favored, since capacity crowds converged on the facility from daybreak through dusk in the highest tradition of carnival atmosphere. The racing cars were then started by throwing a tow rope over the axle and being pulled with an auxiliary vehicle, such as a tow truck. The racers fell into line on the track in anticipation for the start. There were seldom more than a dozen entries, but the event went into record books as a sellout . . . Ticket scalpers were not uncommon. The captions on the pictures tell the story . . . please compare the race cars and facilities of yesterday to those of today. You can see the changes that have taken place.

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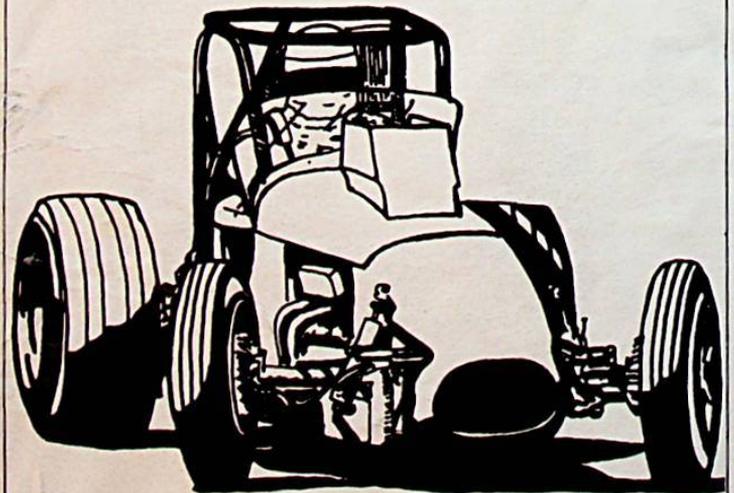
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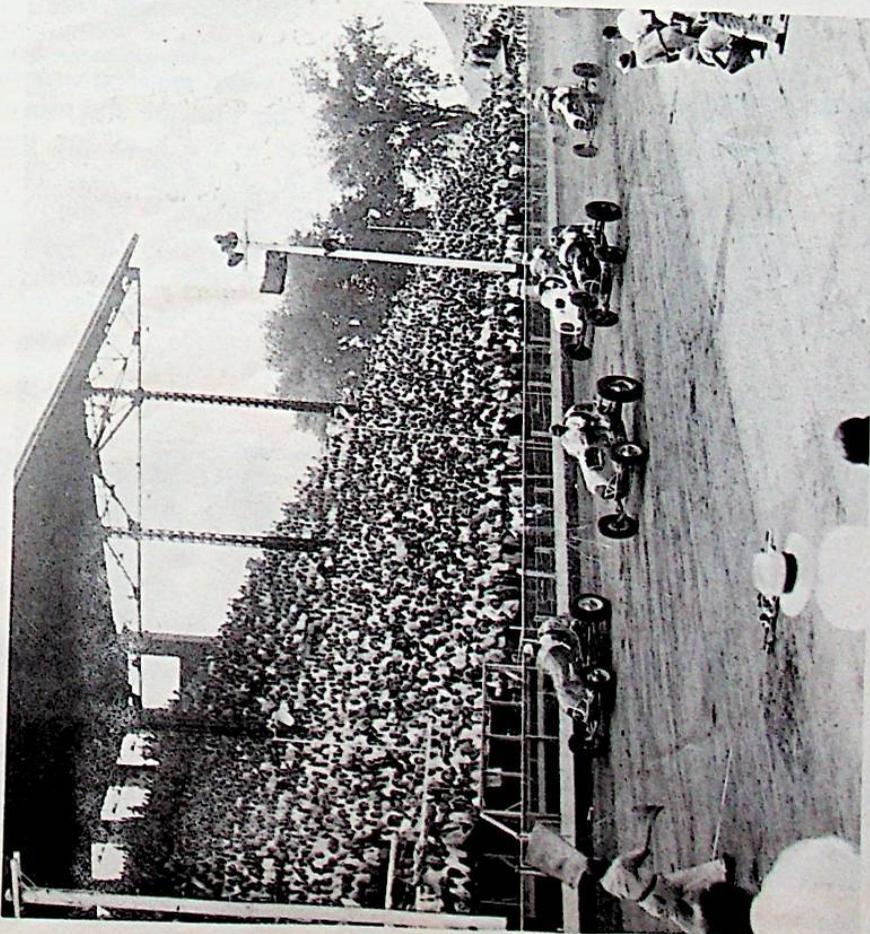
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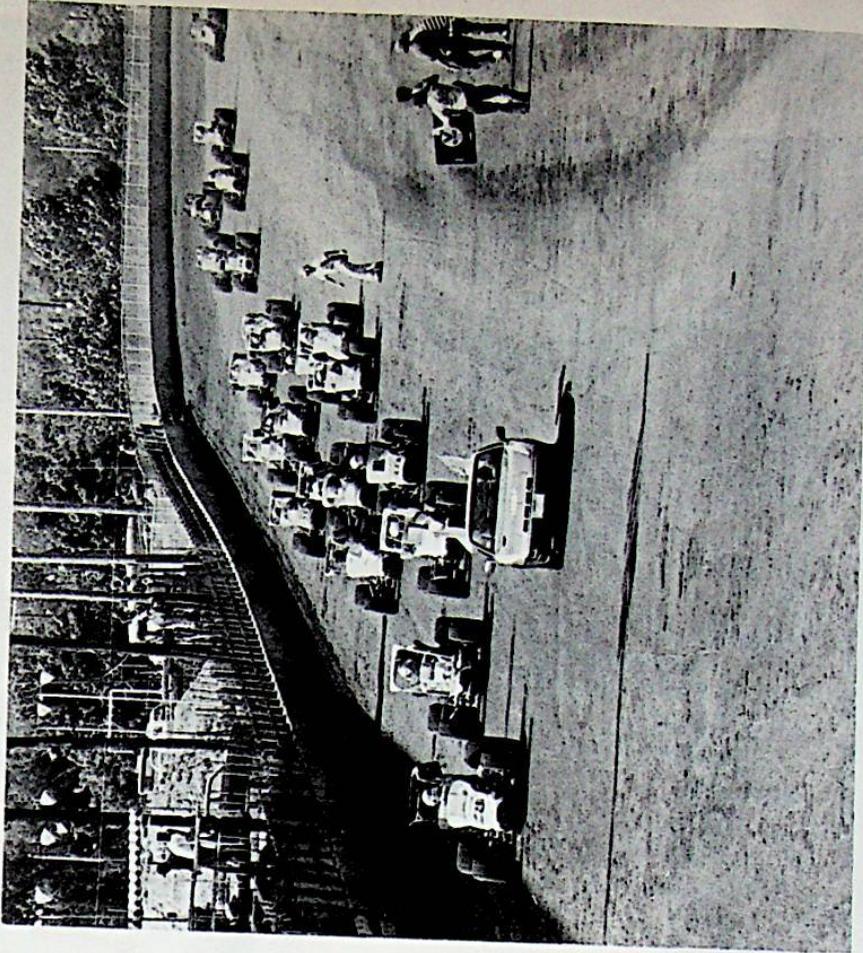
# START OF THE RACE — 1947 VS. 1982

(Photos courtesy of Bill Oldani)



1947

Note the starter waving the green flag and the pit people congregating so close to the racing groove. The flags used to control the conduct of the race are lying on the race track. The grandstand is essentially the same, but note the difference in the retaining wall which protects the spectators.



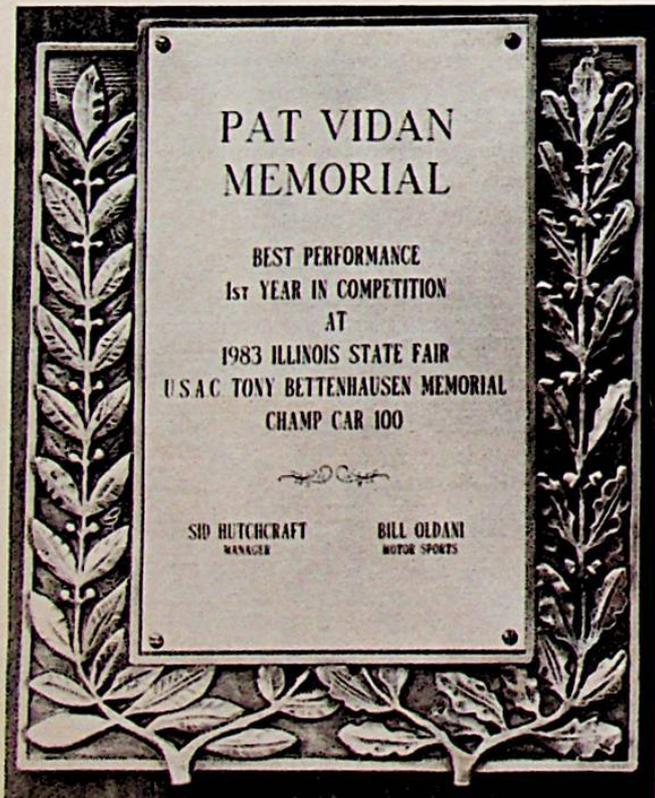
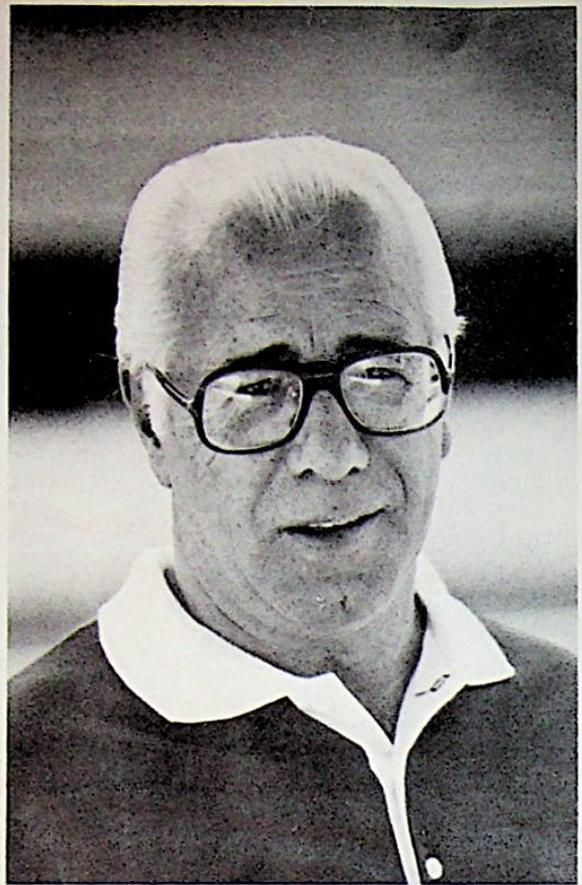
1982

The greatest change over the years will be noticed in the conformation of the race cars and the safety fence, now concrete reinforced with steel, and a catch fence on top of that, interlaced with cables. The Springfield facility is considered the very safest for both competitor and spectator. The starter is now stationed in an elevator lift at the left. His assistant hands him the appropriate flag when needed. Not the lack of dust. The track is treated chemically now, which makes the surface ideal for dirt tracking . . .

## PAT VIDAN . . .

Pat Vidan passed away on April 1, 1983, after a short illness. A brief resume of his contribution to auto racing is here presented. In memory of Pat, a plaque is being presented today to the driver who displays the "Best Performance — First Year in Competition at the 1983 Illinois State Fair U.S.A.C. Tony Bettenhausen Memorial Champ Car 100."

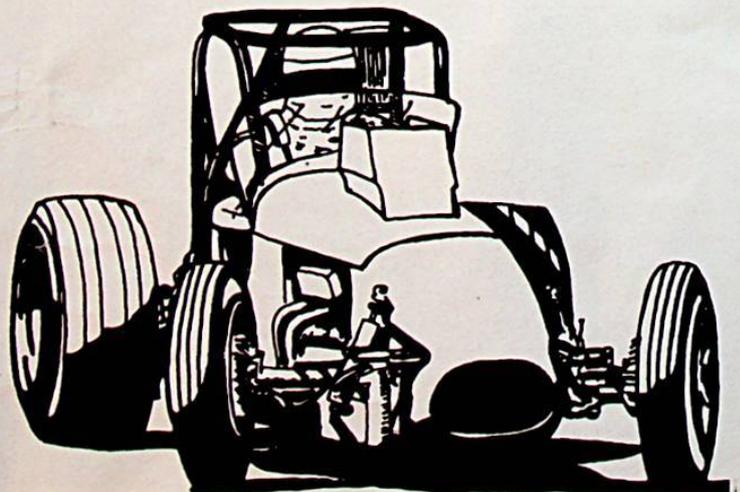
Pat Vidan retired from his job as chief starter for the Indianapolis 500 in 1979 after 18 years. He had an intense interest in race drivers, particularly those in the early part of their careers. Pat was a rugged man, a fitness advocate who operated a health studio for 14 of his years at Indianapolis. Vidan was a multi-talented person, as Rolla Vollstedt recalls, "If we had a delay to repair a fence or something, Pat might borrow a motorcycle and then come down the homestretch doing a handstand on the seat. He was a terrific athlete". As a youth he did tumbling and acrobatics, raced motorcycles, and was a member of the nationally known Multnomah Sheriff Stunt and Drill Team. He won the Tristate 3 Meter Board Diving Championship 4 consecutive years.



The Pat Vidan Memorial Plaque

Pat was often seen walking along with his arm over the shoulder of both novice and proven race drivers, giving advice and a "pat" on the back when it was called for, and a little criticism when it became necessary. Hence, it is appropriate to name this award, "The Pat Vidan Memorial", here presented for the first time today at the Dirt Champ Car Race.

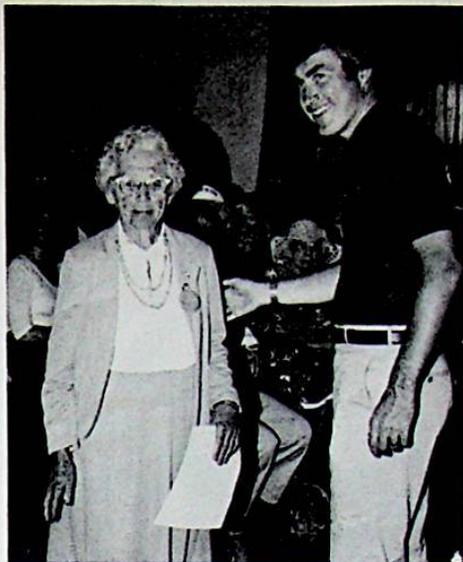
*By George Pasero*



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During the 11 days of the Fair, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Seniors themselves will be bringing entertainment, enjoyment and excitement in the form of nostalgic music, dance, etc. A revival of the Arts & Crafts of the past will be on display. Exhibitors will be available with up-to-date information regarding Senior Citizen programs and interests.



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The Beach Boys are in their 22nd year together. They are: Brian, Carl, and Dennis Wilson, their first cousin Mike Love, and Brian's former high school classmate, Al Jardine. In 1961 they had an immediate hit single titled "Surfin".

Performers of considerable talent have joined together with the Beach Boys. When Brian decided to retire from touring to concentrate on writing, arranging and production details, he was replaced by Glen Campbell.

Bruce Johnston, Mike Love's friend, joined the group in 1965, when Glen's solo success dictated a departure. In the early seventies Bruce left the group when he took what Mike describes as a "surfin' sabbatical," when he wrote the Grammy award-winning "I Write the Songs," which has become one of the most popular songs ever recorded.

Daryl Dragon, a talented keyboard artist, was soon introduced to the group by Bruce. He played with the band for almost eight years. During this time he met the only female ever to tour with the Beach Boys, Toni Tennille. We know them now as the Captain and Tennille.

The Beach Boys are said to have created the myth of California. They have romanticized the California lifestyle of sunshine, pretty girls and endless summers.

The Beach Boys have sold over seventy million records and have been awarded over twenty gold and platinum albums. They hold attendance records all over the world. They have evolved from one of the most successful popular groups in history to their current enduring status as an American institution.





# DAILY EVENTS, 1983 ILLINOIS STATE FAIR August 11 - 21

## CONSERVATION WORLD (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Children's Boating Safety Course .....        | 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.                             |
| Free Historic Canoe Rides .....               | 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.                             |
| Historic Craft Demonstrations .....           | 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.                             |
| Hunter Safety Quiz & B.B. Gun Range .....     | 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.                             |
| Smokey and Woodsey .....                      | Weekdays 2:30 p.m. Weekends 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. |
| Giant Forest Coloring Book .....              | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Live Fish Display .....                       | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Live Pheasant and Quail Display .....         | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Law Enforcement Field Equipment Display ..... | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Backyard Wildlife Landscaping Display .....   | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Practice Casting for Kids .....               | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Family Picnic Area - Cool and Shady .....     | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Conservation T-Shirts .....                   | 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.                              |

## DAIRY BUILDING (9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Free Games for Children ..... | 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. |
| Butter Cow .....              | 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. |
| Free Entertainment .....      | 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. |

## EMMERSON BUILDING (9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Amateur Art Show - Mezzanine .....           | 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.  |
| Senior Center Continuous Entertainment ..... | 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.  |
| Illinois Taste Test .....                    | 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. |
| 4-H Action Exhibits .....                    | 9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.  |

## EXPOSITION BUILDING (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

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|--|----------------------|
| Philatelic (Stamp) Show - Main Floor ..... | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. |
| Professional Art Show - Mezzanine .....    | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. |

## HOBBY, ARTS, AND CRAFTS BUILDING (8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Farm Products ..... | 8:30 a.m.- 8:30 p.m. |
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## ILLINOIS BUILDING (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

|  |                       |
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| Baby Picture & Poster Coloring Display ..... | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  |
| Bee Culture Exhibit .....                    | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  |
| Illinois Talent Showcase - Theatre .....     | 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. |

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT - JUNIOR ACTIVITIES BUILDING (August 11-19)

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 4-H Horticulture, Photography, Crops, Entomology, Woodworking, Electricity & Engineering ..... | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. |
| 4-H Public Speaking Contest .....  | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. |
| 4-H Demonstration Contest .....  | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. |

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT - JUNIOR ECONOMICS BUILDING (August 11-19)

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 4-H Foods, Clothing, Home Furnishings, and Crafts Exhibits ..... | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. |
| 4-H Food Demonstrations .....                                    | 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. |

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Bingo .....                  | 11:00 a.m., 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00 p.m.                       |
| Illinois Farm Expo .....     | 9:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.   |
| Government Tent .....        | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.   |
| Carnival World .....         | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.   |
| Ethnic Festival .....        | 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.   |
| Entertainment .....          | 12:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.  |
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| Blood Pressure Tests .....   | 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.   |
| Wide World of Wheels .....   | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.   |

PAT HENRY

## SPRINGFIELD'S ILLINOIS STATE FAIR HISTORIAN



Patricia S. Henry is a native of DeKalb County, but became a State Fair fan when she moved to Springfield with her husband, Donald, twenty-three years ago. She took many slide pictures at the fair to show to family and friends at home. A friend asked her to show her pictures at a program for one of the local high-rise apartment buildings. It was when some of the elderly residents began to recall the earlier days of the fair that she became interested in its history. She found information scattered in many places — old newspapers, old postcard collections, the State Historical Library and the Sangamon Valley Collection at Lincoln Library, the State Fair offices, and the reminiscences of people who had attended the fair for years. In August her favorite recreation is taking her two grandsons to the fair! She goes chiefly to see the animals and to gather more information, but the boys are very fond of Happy Hollow! Pat's contributions to this publication are liberally represented. The publishers wish to thank her as well as the Sangamon Valley Collection, provider of the many Illinois State Fair historical photographs.



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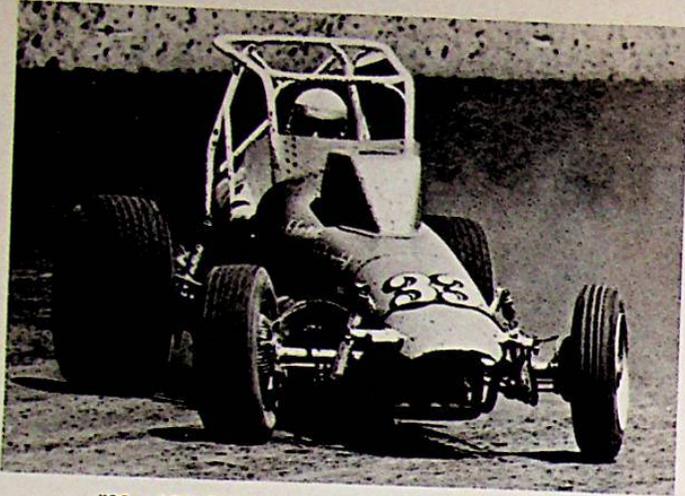
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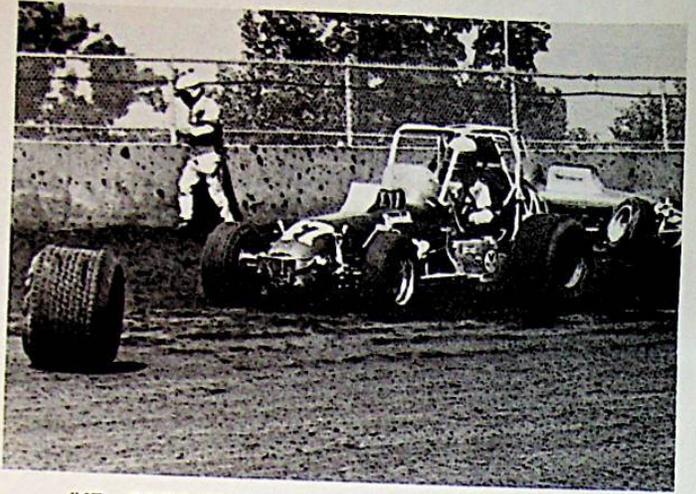
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# 1982 ACTION . . .



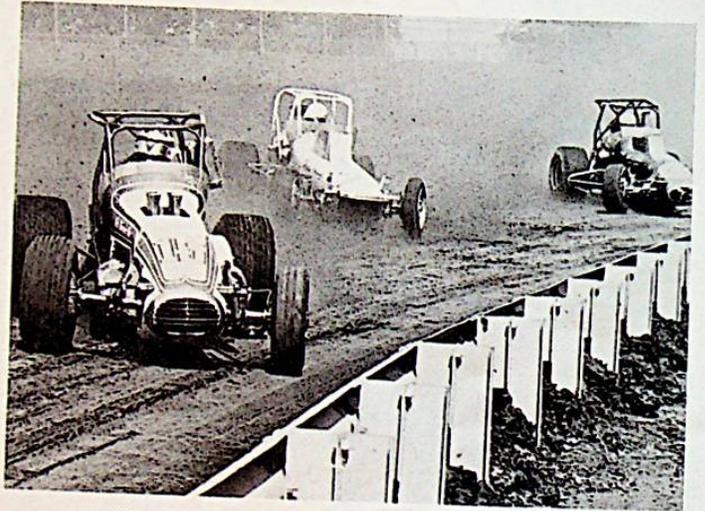
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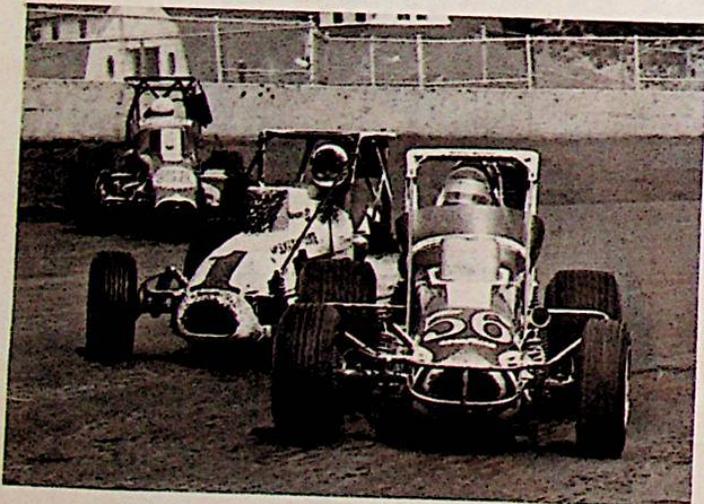
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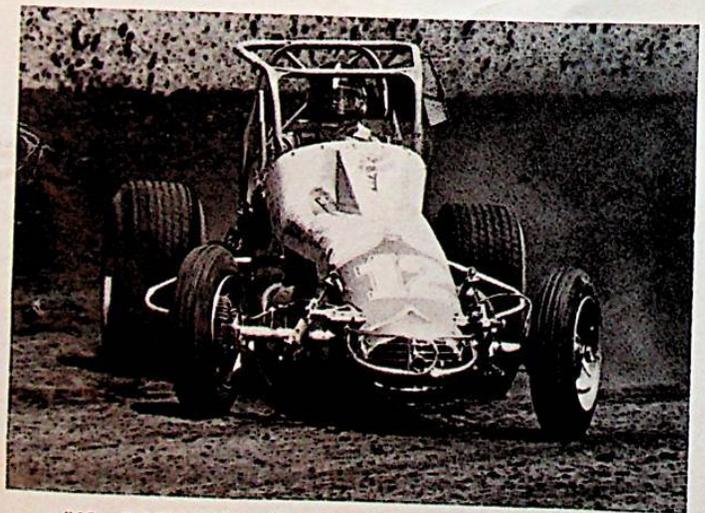
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#21—PONCHO CARTER (Photo by Ken Coles)



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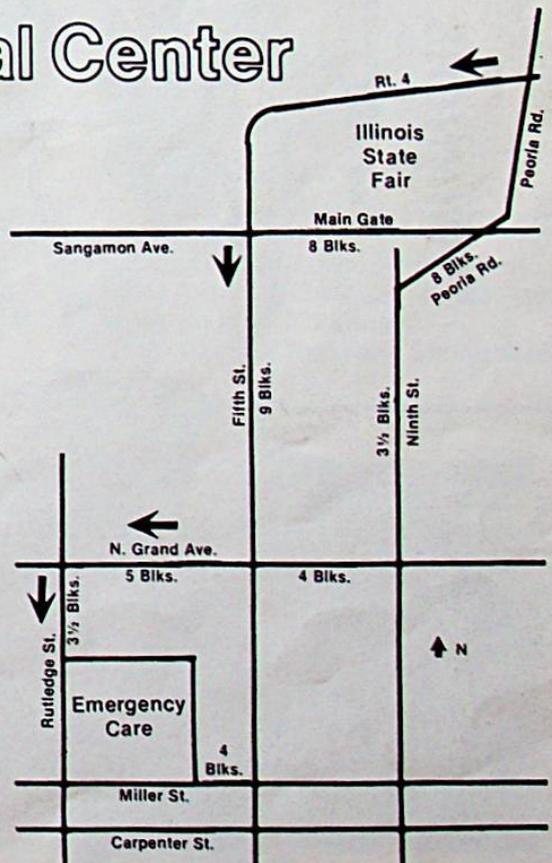
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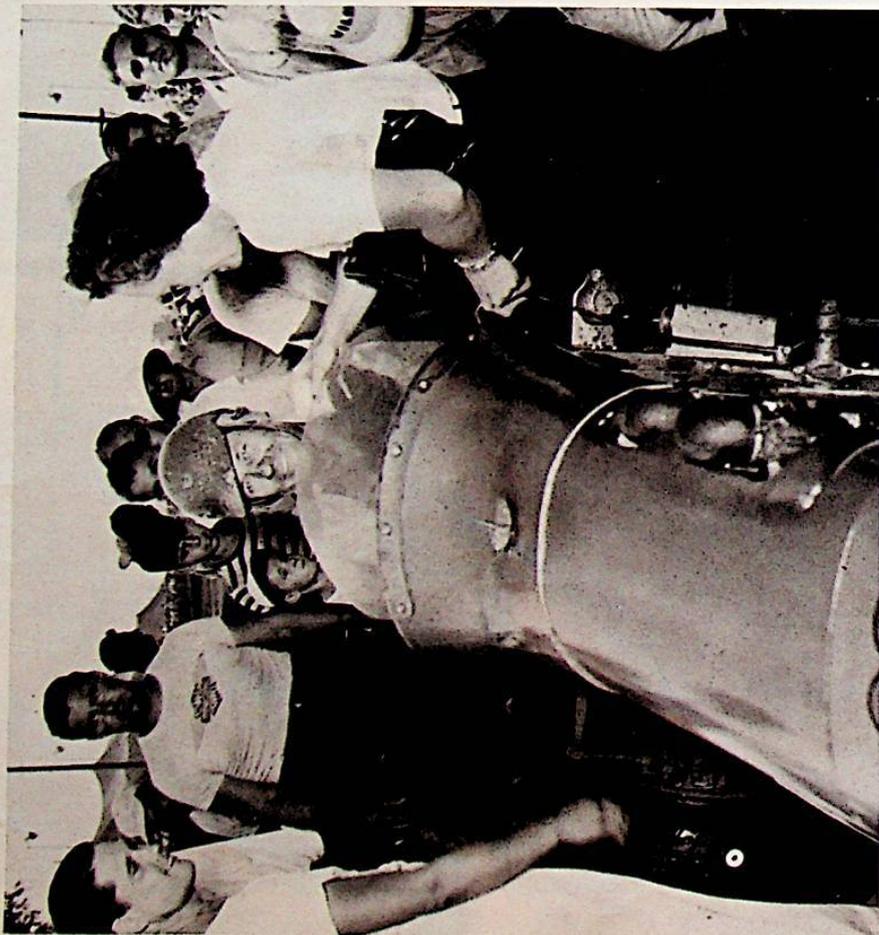
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# WINNERS — 1947 VS. 1982

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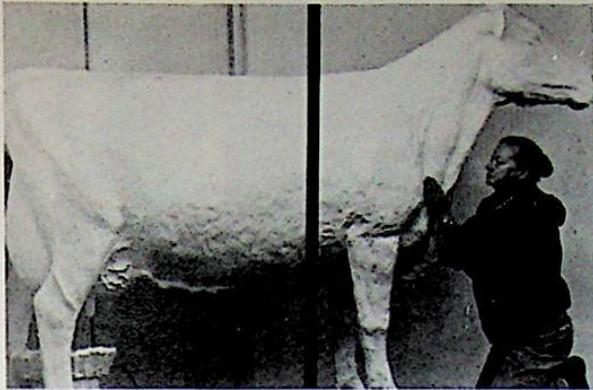


Winner of the race in 1946 or 1947, believed to be Jimmie Wilburn. Records are not available to definitely identify winner in the photograph. The smile is the same . . . Happy to have it over, and ready to go again.



1982

Winner of the 1982 Illinois State Fair Tony Bettenhausen 100 Mile Dirt Champ Race, Bobby Olivero, driving the A. J. Watson prepared Leader Card Special, receives congratulations and a kiss from the reigning State Fair Queen.



The traditional butter cow under construction by Norma Lyon in Dairy Building.

## THE BUTTER COW

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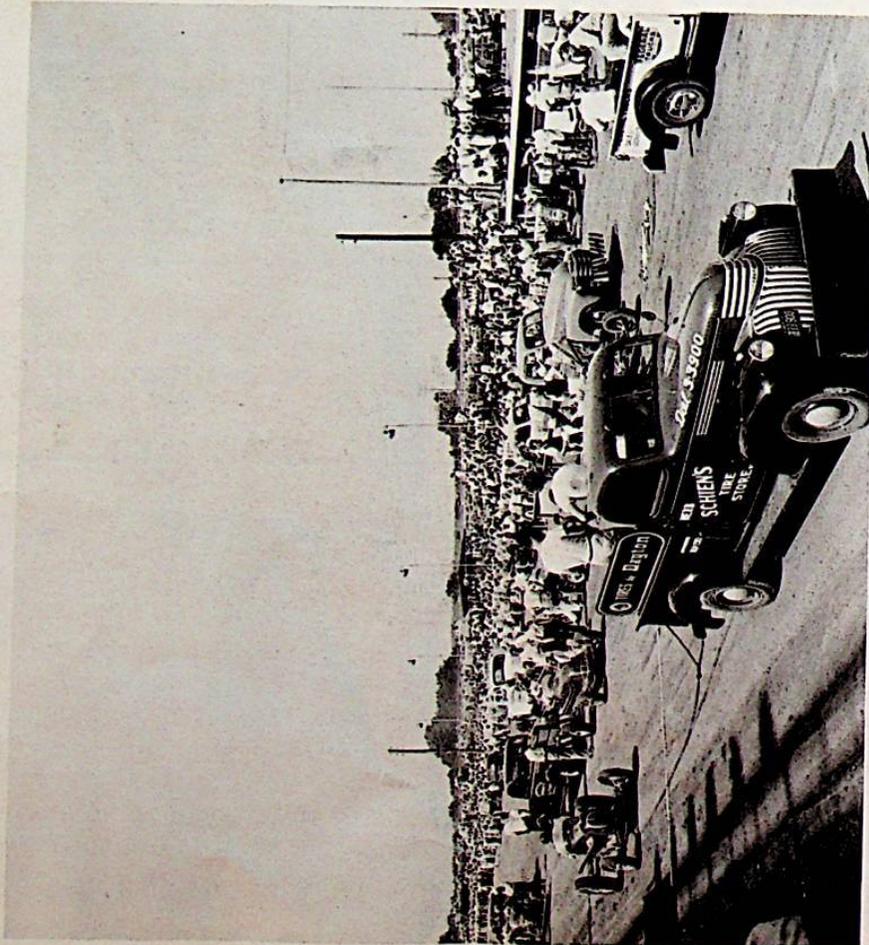
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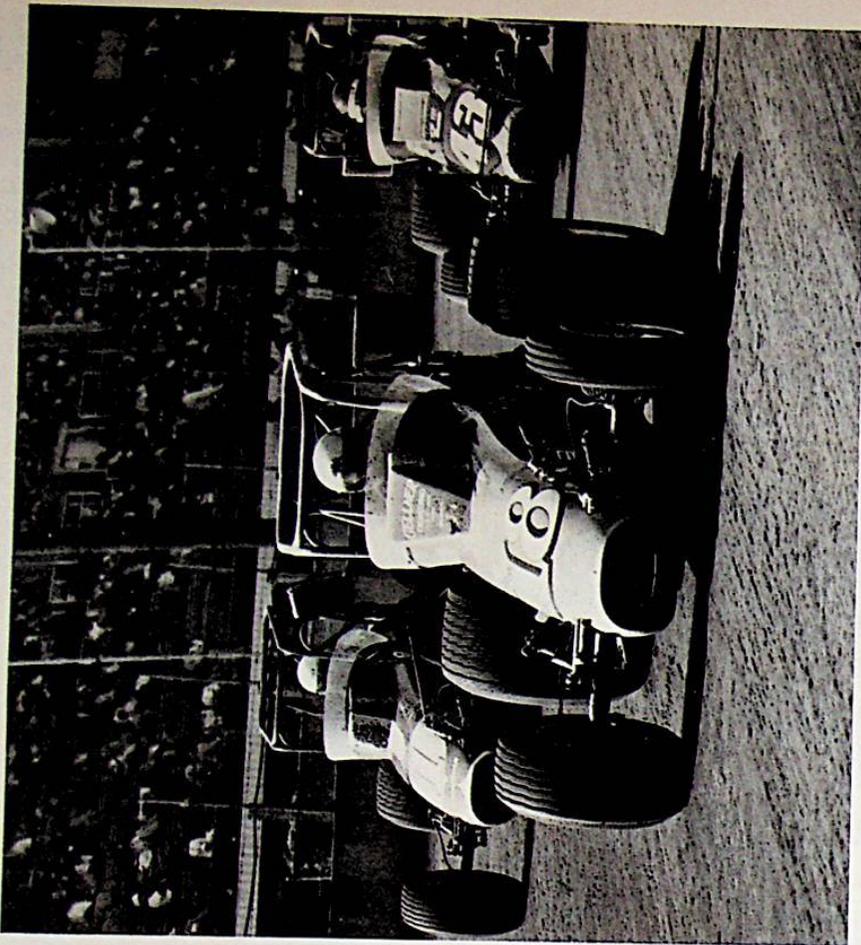
# GETTING READY TO RACE — 1947 VS. 1982

(Photos courtesy of Bill Oldani)



1947

Getting ready for the race — Tow trucks in place, ropes over the axle, drivers in the cockpits, (no roll cages), narrow tires, sleeveless shirts, etc., and note the crowd in the pit area.



1982

Getting ready to race — 1982 style . . . Several cars getting into their proper line up . . . Note the difference in cars: wide wheels, roll cages and lower center of gravity design, note the helmets and fire resistant coveralls on the drivers.



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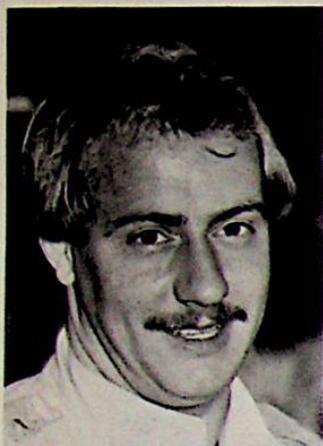


The Official Pace Car at the 1983 Indianapolis Motor Speedway was a Riviera Buick, and is also the Official Pace Car at the 1983 Illinois State Fair U.S.A.C. Tony Bettenhausen Memorial Dirt Champ Race, and the Allen Crowe Memorial Stock Car Race. Pictured is the Riviera which will do the inspection laps, parade and start of each race laps. These two beautiful convertible top Buicks are being furnished by Koester Buick Inc., a Decatur, Illinois dealer, located at U.S. 51, North of I-72. Werner W. Koester, President. These Buick convertibles are capable of speeds in excess of 125 m.p.h., powered by a 307 V-8, 5.0 litre, 4 barrel carbureator. These have been tuned to the highest degree of efficiency and have grand touring suspension, four wheel disc brakes, are Z-Barted throughout, and highest quality Michelin tires.

## KEN SCHRADER

Fenton, Missouri

Birthdate: May 29, 1955



Ken won the USAC Silver Crown Championship during 1982 with a consistent front-running performance. Though he didn't win any of the 10 races on the schedule, Schrader did manage a second, three thirds, a fourth and a fifth. He wrapped up the crown in the final race of the season at Nazareth, PA., with a fourth-place finish in a borrowed car. A ver-

satile performer, Schrader was USAC Stock Car "Rookie-of-the-Year" in 1980 and also finished third in the 1982 Midget point standings.

## MARK ALDERSON

Timber Lake, South Dakota

Birthdate: April 18, 1945



Mark was runnerup in the 1982 Silver Crown Series, moving up from a ninth-place finish in 1981. Mark's best finishes were a fourth here at Springfield, in the August 100-miler and a fifth in the season finale at Nazareth, PA., in December. He also had one sixth and four seventh-place finishes. Mark drove the highest ranking Dirt car in the

1981 Pocono 500-mile Championship race, finishing in 11th place.



## RON SHUMAN

Mesa, Arizona

Birthdate: September 15, 1952



Ron finished third in the 1982 Silver Crown Series after being in the thick of the battle for the crown through most of the season. A broken shock absorber in the season finale at Nazareth, PA., proved fatal to Ron's title chances. Known as the "Flyin' Shoe", Ron won the 50-lap Silver Crown segment of the "Four Crown Nationals" at Eldora Speedway,

Rosburg, Ohio. He also had two third-place finishes, a fourth, a fifth and two sixths in other races in the series. Ron has put together an incredible string of four consecutive USAC Midget victories in the Turkey Night Grand Prix at Gardena, CA.

## BILLY ENGELHART

Madison, Wisconsin

Birthdate: March 20, 1942



A former top Midget driver with 24 USAC victories to his credit, Billy has specialized in the Championship Dirt cars in recent years. He drove to fourth place in the 1982 point standings, rounding out his year with a fine second-place finish in the finale at Nazareth, PA. He also had third, fourth and sixth-place finishes to his credit. Billy won the

1978 Hoosier Hundred and was runnerup for the Dirt Championship in 1979. Billy also was runnerup for the 1972 USAC Midget title.



## 1983 COUNTY FAIR QUEENS

**First Row: (left to right)** — Kimberly Nalley (Carbondale), Jeanie Cline (Marshall), Kathryn Doelling (Venedy), Cheryl Hill (Springfield), Tracy Gher (Lawrenceville), Connie Cozart (Carrier Mills), Elizabeth Myers (Griggsville), Tracey Goodman (Roodhouse), Vicki Johnson (Springfield) — 1982 Illinois County Fair Queen, Beverly Quigg (Jacksonville), Rachel Shelton (Richmond), Lisa Yochum (Waterloo), Michelle Tisdale (Greenview), Kristy Eddleman (Gibson City), Molly Irwin (Danville), Kim Kielczynski (Rockford), Erna Rheinecker (Pinckneyville), Jodi Varble (Rochelle). **2nd Row: (left to right)** — Pamela Gady (Sadorus), Teresa Murphy (Chandlerville), Tara Fischer (Rock Island), Julie, Peters (Lewistown), Juli Ann Carie (Tuscola), Pamela Combites (Havana), Melody McMann (Oconee), Cheryl Tatge (Casey), Ann Campbell (Clinton), Jane Doss (Cambridge), Karen Sue Grunden (Quincy), Anita Wright (Princeton), Kirsten Svendsen (Paris), Barbara Flamm (Cobden), Pamela Reimer (Carlock), Sally Jameson (Milford), Molly Morris (Salem), Pennie Hildebrand (Mattoon), Susan Baalman (Hardin), Diana Cope (Bunker Hill). **Third Row: (left to right)** — Susan Harrison (Decatur), Christine Boehning (Hoyleton), Karen Wolf (Dixon), Missi Riggins (Vandalia), Cheryl Johnson (Libertyville), Christine Wolff (Altamont), Cynthia Cleek (Colchester), Joy Morris (Flora), Sandra Tifurston (Belvidere), Deena Womer (Bement), Shirley Blades (Assumption), Cathy Knott (Rushville), Kimberly Manning (Lincoln), Shelley DeVore (Mulberry Grove), Mollie Johnson (Naperville), Vicki Stith (Wenona), Pamela Allen (Georgetown), Mary Ann Voights (Pontiac), Denise Kinder (Newton), Bridget Lumma (Jerseyville).

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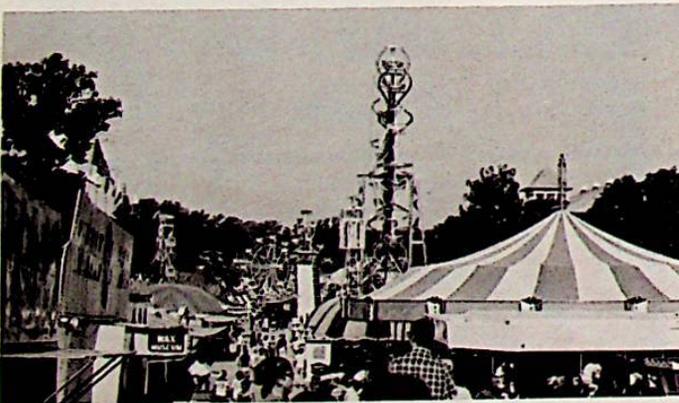
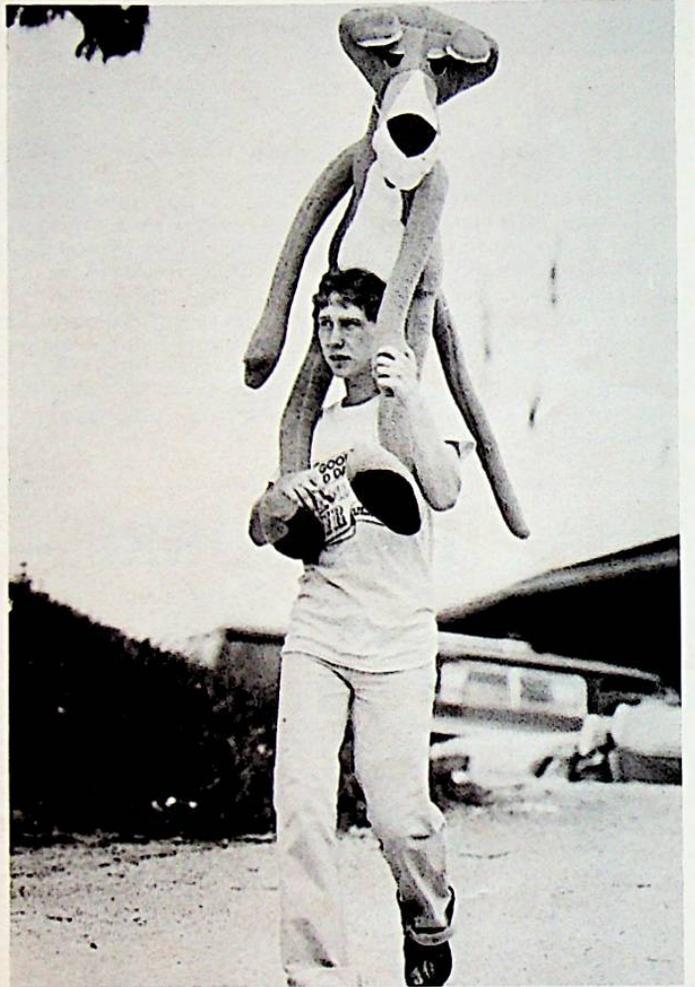
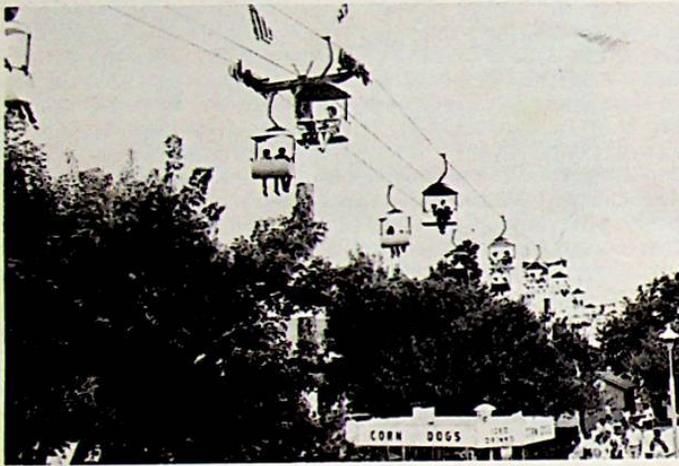
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# THE ILLINOIS STATE FAIR — THEN AND NOW

Patricia S. Henry

Since 1853 the Illinois State Fair has been educating and entertaining the citizens of this state and their guests from across the nation and around the world. Its general purpose has been to promote improved methods of agriculture and livestock raising, and to encourage exhibits of the best in labor and industry, education, arts and sciences.

In February, 1853, the Illinois State Legislature moved into its new home, the Capitol building on the square in downtown Springfield. One of its first acts at the new site was to incorporate the Illinois State Agricultural Society which had been founded in January. By May the Society members were planning a state fair in the fall for the purpose of promoting agricultural and mechanical arts as well as home products. The dates were set for October 11 through 14, and Springfield won the bidding for the location.

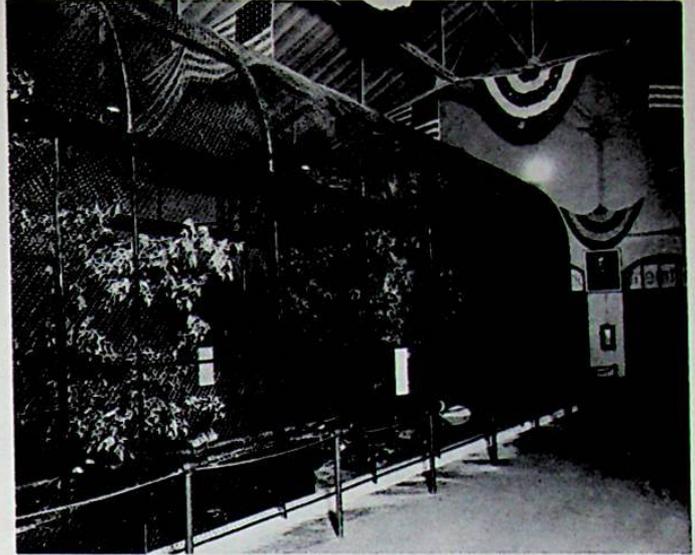
Articles in the newspapers of the day urged local citizens to clean the usual debris from the streets, polish their manners and "do their best to entertain, please and accomodate all who may attend the fair." Rail lines offered bargains in transportation, carrying visitors at half price and all livestock and display articles free of charge!

The fair opened on October 11 on Springfield's west side, where DuBois and Sacred Heart Academy now stand. Admission was 25¢ and there were 765 exhibits of livestock, produce, tools, flowers, art, needlework and the delicious products of home kitchens. Crowds of fifteen to twenty thousand attended on the third day, and it was reported that "not one inebriated man was seen!" On the last day Professor Jonathan Baldwin Turner of Illinois College in Jacksonville made a speech emphasizing the importance and dignity of labor. Eventually his dream led to our federally supported land grant college system and the establishment of such schools as the University of Illinois.

The first fair was a great success, both in attendance and financially, even clearing a profit of \$853.00 after premiums and awards had been deducted from the gross receipts of \$4,751.00.

In 1854 the second fair was held on the same grounds, but the crowds who gathered to hear the speech of Senator Stephen A. Douglas on the last day had to be moved to the Capitol Building because of rain. Abraham Lincoln, who was practicing law in Springfield at that time, made an opposing speech the following day.

In 1855 the state fair moved to Chicago, and for the next thirty-eight years it was held in twelve cities throughout the state — Alton, Centralia, Chicago, Decatur, DuQuoin, Freeport, Jacksonville, Olney, Ottawa, Peoria, Quincy and Springfield. Displays were many and varied, representing new developments in



Conservation Building Display In the 1930's

(Photo courtesy of Sangamon Valley Collection)

agricultural and home products. Entertainment and exhibitions were popular, too, and when the fair was held in Centralia for six days in September, 1858, the aftermath of a balloon demonstration provided some excitement.

At the end of a busy day, a balloonist who had been giving exhibitions tethered his craft to the fence of a farmer near the fairgrounds. Onlookers got in and out of the basket several times, but at one point the tether rope broke and the balloon ascended into the evening sky with the farmer's two youngest children aboard — eight-year-old Martha and her three-year-old brother, David. Great panic ensued! The Centralia paper published a special edition alerting people to be on the lookout for the young balloonists, and tele-

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## GARY BETTENHAUSEN

Monrovia, Indiana

Birthdate: November 18, 1941



Gary won the USAC Silver Crown Championship race at DuQuoin and ran second in the Hulman Hundred-feature at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, enroute to a ninth-place finish in the 1982 series. Gary won the 1980 USAC Dirt Car Championship, scoring victories in four races. A two-time USAC Sprint Car champion, Gary is one of the win-

ningest drivers in USAC history with 40 Sprint victories, 27 in Midgets, 6 in the Dirt cars and 4 in Championship cars. He had the 1972 Indianapolis 500 all wrapped up when ignition trouble put him out. Gary's USAC career earnings are well over the \$1 million mark.

## LARRY RICE

Brownsburg, Indiana

Birthdate: March 24, 1946



Larry is the only two-time winner of the USAC National Dirt Car Series championship, having scored in 1977 and 1981. He also won the prestigious Hoosier Hundred in the latter year. Larry also was USAC's 1973 National Midget champion. He was selected as the "Co-Rookie-of-the-Year" in the 1978 Indianapolis 500. He finished 10th in

the 1982 Silver Crown point standings. His best finishes were fifths at the first two races of the series, at Rossburg, Ohio, and here at Springfield. Larry owns 18 career USAC feature victories.



## LARRY DICKSON

Marietta, Ohio

Birthdate: September 8, 1938



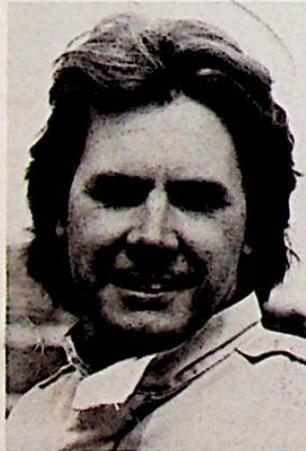
Larry was among the point leaders of the Silver Crown Championship season in the early part of the season, but slacked off to an 11th place finish in the point standings as he ran into bad luck. Larry won the Springfield 100-miler in early May and finished second in the event at Flemington, NJ. Larry was the first man ever to win three USAC Sprint

championships, having scored in that series in 1968, 1970 and 1975. Larry has 45 career victories in Sprint cars, five in Midgets and two in Dirt Championship cars. Dickson has made the Indianapolis 500 field eight times, with his best finish being ninth in 1969.

## RICK HOOD

Memphis, Tennessee

Birthdate: July 15, 1952



Rick, a newcomer to the Silver Crown circuit, ran in only three features during 1982, but won one of them, the main event of the Hulman Hundred at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. He also was fifth at DuQuoin and seventh here at the Tony Bettenhausen 100. Hood spends much of his time campaigning Sprint cars with the World of Outlaws.

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graphed messages were sent off in every direction. The balloon came down the next morning on a farm 18 miles away and the children were rescued, unharmed. David had been asleep, covered with his sister's apron! They were hastily returned to their distraught parents.

The tenth birthday of the fair, in 1862, fell at a time overshadowed by the Civil War and a general economic depression. Plans had been made to hold the fair with the Peoria Agricultural Society as host, but at the last minute it was found that "the Military," without the knowledge or consent of the Society, had taken over the fairgrounds as a recruitment camp! Plans were quickly changed to cooperate with President Lincoln's call for troops. Apparently some premiums were awarded, but without a general fair being held.

In 1871 the State Agricultural Society president, D. A. Brown, proposed that the state fair be given a permanent location. Other states had done this and their fairs benefited from using established facilities, but it was 22 years before this idea became a reality here, with various cities vying for the honor.

In 1872 the State Department of Agriculture was established and given control of the fair, which had grown larger every year. There was no state fair in 1893 because Illinois was heavily involved in the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. When voting for a permanent location finally took place in January, 1894, Springfield and Sangamon County won the vote on the 8th ballot by offering the 156-acre county fair site (still part of the present grounds), fencing, a sewage system, free electric lights for two years and paving of the streets.



Illinois State Fair, 1905  
(Photo courtesy of Sangamon Valley Collection)

By September 24, 1894, the fair was ready to open. The existing grounds and buildings were renovated and redecored, but the biggest undertaking had been the construction of the magnificent Exposition Building whose cornerstone had been laid on the

Fourth of July. Everything else — even the tree trunks — had been given a coat of whitewash — so the red brick Exposition Building stood out plainly, dominating the grounds. It looks much the same today — the Queen of the Fair!

Before the fair opened, the Sangamo Club of Springfield, at a cost of \$3,500, built an auxiliary clubhouse on the grounds, facing the race track, and on September 8 opened the first golf course in the city — four holes — on the infield of the one-mile track.

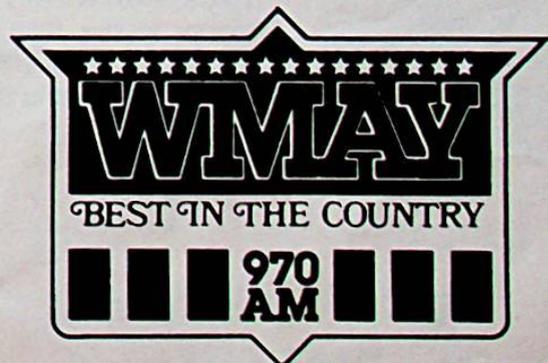
The fair opened on September 24 for a six-day run, with an admission charge of 50¢ for an adult, 75¢ for one person on horseback, and \$1.25 for a carriage-load of four. Well over \$30,000 was given in premiums. When the first permanently-located fair closed, it was declared a success in all reports.

The gigantic Dome building had been purchased for \$69,500 at the close of the Chicago World's Fair, moved to Springfield, and was reconstructed in time for the 1895 state fair. Its glass and metal dome was reported to be the second largest unsupported dome in the world, with only the dome on the cathedral in Leningrad — then St. Petersburg — surpassing it. The Dome Building stood east of the Exposition Building, and was used for horticultural exhibits as well as office space for the National Guard. It was lost in a spectacular fire in August, 1917, just before the fair opened that year.

At the southeast corner of the grounds (occupied today by a miniature golf course) Machinery Hall was built in time for the 1896 fair. The long shed behind it was most often used for farm machine exhibits. Between Machinery Hall and the Dome Building was a lagoon near which a nightly pageant, "The Fall of Pompeii," took place. The old Hall was

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## BEST STATE FAIR COVERAGE



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## **BOBBY OLIVERO**

Lakewood, California

Birthdate: December 24, 1946



Bobby won the 1979 USAC Championship Dirt Car series. He finished fifth in the 1982 Silver Crown standings, scoring a victory in the August 100-miler here at Springfield, and finishing second in the Hoosier Hundred at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. In 1979, Bobby won both the Tony Bettenhausen 100 at Springfield and the

Hoosier Hundred. Olivero also owns numerous USAC Midget victories. He drove the first competitive Volkswagen-powered Midget in USAC competition in 1973. He made the Indianapolis 500 field in 1977, finishing 25th.

## **JOE SALDANA**

Lincoln, Nebraska

Birthdate: November 14, 1944



"Little Joe", as he is affectionately known among the racing fraternity, finished sixth in the 1982 Silver Crown Championship standings. His best finish was second in the Tony Bettenhausen 100 here at Springfield, in August. He also had finishes of fourth, fifth, eighth, ninth and 10th. Joe won the Hoosier Hundred in 1976, beating the great

A. J. Foyt to the wire. He also won the prestigious "Hulman Classic" USAC Sprint race at Terre Haute in 1973.



## **KEITH KAUFFMAN**

Mifflintown, Pennsylvania

Birthdate: June 9, 1950



Keith had an outstanding Rookie year in the Silver Crown Series, winning the final event of the season at Nazareth, PA., and finishing seventh in the point standings. A graduate of the Pennsylvania tracks, Kauffman also won Rookie-of-the-Year honors at the 1982 running of the Hoosier Hundred at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

## **RICH VOGLER**

Indianapolis, Indiana

Birthdate: July 26, 1950



Rich led several of the Silver Crown Championship races during 1982 but always seemed to encounter bad luck. He apparently had the Hoosier Hundred locked up when a universal joint failed with about 10 miles to go. He finished eighth in the point standings. He was second at both the opener at Rossburg, Ohio, and the event at Raceland in

Denver. He finished third in both the Flemington, NJ. event and the season's finale at Nazareth, PA. Vogler is the only man ever to win the USAC Sprint and Midget crowns the same season, having accomplished that feat in 1980. He also won the Midget championship in 1978. Rich's perseverance during 1981, following the loss of his father in an early-season accident, earned him the Valvoline "Jimmy Caruthers Memorial Award".

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razed in 1973, and the long shed burned the following year.

Still seen on the hill over the west end of Happy Hollow, where the carnival is located, is the former Poultry Building, completed in 1896. It once was the center for all poultry exhibits, housing 2,000 coops, but now is used to store maintenance equipment. At one time a foot bridge, the Haskell Viaduct, connected the Poultry and the Exposition Buildings.

The first Woman's Building (the name was always spelled that way, not Women's Building) was constructed near the present site of the Dairy Building in 1899, but burned in 1901. It was replaced in 1903, but relocated on a site diagonally across the street from the fire station. It was used for years for women's activities and the site for the popular State Fair School of Domestic Science which started in 1899 and continued for 43 years. The Women's division and the popular school moved in 1930 to a new center, the Emmerson Building on the southeast corner of the main intersection, at the corner of streets presently called Central Ave. and Main Street. The former Woman's Building was remodeled and used as the Administration Building until it was razed in 1973. As women's activities at the fair became more diversified and part of various departments, they were no longer centered in any one building, and the Emmerson Building became the site of several Department of Agriculture offices. Then all the Department offices (except for the State Fair Entry and Space Rental divisions) were moved to the handsome new Department of Agriculture Building near the Eighth Street entrance. It was dedicated in March, 1982. The Emmerson Building is still in very active use as a Senior Center.

The Coliseum was constructed in time for the fair in 1901, then remodeled and enlarged in 1903. Open arches around the perimeter were occupied by booths where food and souvenirs were sold during the fair, but in a 1958 remodeling they were bricked in to form an interior walkway. The arena has always been the scene for livestock judging and shows, as well as big rallies and band concerts.

In 1903 the Dairy Building was constructed at a cost of \$20,000. It looks much the same today, and its big refrigerated display windows still house prize dairy products. It has been the home of the traditional butter cow for close to sixty years. The "cow" takes 488 pounds of unsalted butter, sculptured by hand over a wood and wire frame in a refrigerated case. Since 1969 this work has been done by Mrs. Norma Lyon, the talented wife of a dairyman in Toledo, Iowa. In former years after the fair the butter was scraped off the frame and used in pet and livestock food, but recently, because of its high price, Mrs. Lyon has sometimes re-used the butter for her next sculpture.

She does this work for several fairs, but all the animals are different.

Happy Hollow was at one time a wooded glen on the fairgrounds, but in 1907 was established as an area to bring the carnival and tent shows together and has been used for these activities most of the years since. Across the street is the popular Giant Slide, built for the Sesquicentennial Fair in 1968. The Sky Glider was installed the same year.

The Main Gate as we know it now was built in 1910. Before that, street car tracks entered the grounds at this point and trains brought passengers directly to the grounds at nearby platforms.

The Sears Roebuck pavilion, built in 1910, near the Dairy Building, had a ground level area for machinery exhibits and, on the second level, a five-room bungalow built and furnished completely with material which could be ordered from the Sears catalog. In the 1930's the bungalow was moved to ground level, east of the Dairy Building. The pavilion was used for a time for textile and art displays, then razed in 1971, but the bungalow remains today, and is the traditional home of the State Fair Superintendent.

Across the street is the old Conservation Building — now the Hobbies, Arts and Crafts Center. It was built in 1918, using much of the brick and steel from the ruins of the Dome Building, and many people still remember the exhibits of native wildlife of Illinois in the many pens and the big central fish pond. Conservation projects are now demonstrated in their own area on the northwest corner of the grounds in part of the 210-acre addition of 1924.

The Sheep and Swine pavilions, built in 1912, have been partially rebuilt and renovated and are still in

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## **DOUG WOLFGANG**

Sloux Falls, South Dakota

Birthdate: July 26, 1952



Only driver on the 1982 Silver Crown circuit to win more than one race, the "Wolf" scored at both Flemington, NJ, and Denver. In three other appearances in the series, he had two 14th places and one 17th. Wolfgang finished in 13th position in the point standings. He is one of the top drivers active on the World of Outlaws Sprint Car circuit.

## **SHELDON KINSER**

Bloomington, Indiana

Birthdate: December 9, 1942



Sheldon, the 1982 USAC Sprint champion, became only the second driver in USAC history to win that crown for a third time. He had bad luck on the Silver Crown circuit and, though he was a usual front-runner, he wound up 14th in the points. Sheldon's best performance came at the Tony Bettenhausen 100 here at Springfield, where he set a new track

record in qualifying and then ran third in the race. He also was fifth at the Hulman Hundred feature at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in May. Sheldon owns 29 career USAC Sprint victories and he finished sixth in the 1981 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. In the final Silver Crown race of 1982, Sheldon gave up his car to Ken Schrader so that Schrader could drive it to the championship.



## **CHUCK GURNEY**

Pleasanton, California

Birthdate: April 20, 1949



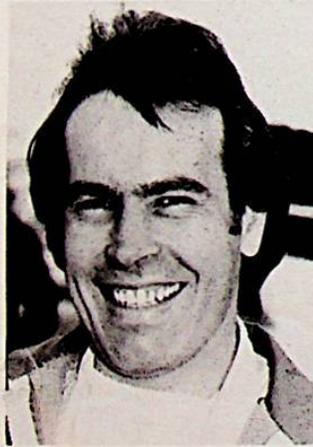
Chuck batted a cool 1.000 in the USAC Silver Crown Championship for 1982. He appeared at one program, the Hoosier Hundred at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, set fast time in qualifying and proceeded to win the event. Gurney, who had not run with USAC Sprints or Silver Crown cars for three years, also won a 1982 Sprint race, at

Hinsdale, Illinois. A former regular on the USAC Sprint circuit, Chuck was runnerup for that championship in 1978.

## **STEVE CHASSEY**

Clermont, Indiana

Birthdate: February 28, 1945



After being idle for much of the season, Steve got a ride in the Genesee Beer Wagon dirt championship car for the Du-Quoin 100-miler in September and responded with a fine drive to second place. Steve also ran the same car at the Hoosier Hundred, leading part of the race and finishing 13th, and at Nazareth, PA., where he was among the front

runners before being eliminated by mechanical problems. Steve placed 16th in series points. Steve finished second to Gary Bettenhausen in the 1980 Hoosier Hundred. He was runnerup for the 1980 USAC Sprint Car title. Steve qualified for the 1981 Indy 500-Mile Race but was bumped by a faster car.

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use. The big brick horse barns west of the Coliseum, constructed in 1913, were the original home of the 106th Cavalry. Across the street, the Beef and Dairy Cattle barns look much the same as when built in 1927.

The track and grandstand were rebuilt for the 1927 fair. The track layout was changed, and dirt from Kentucky was hauled in for the racing surface. This has long been known as one of the best and fastest tracks in the country, drawing the big names both in harness racing and auto racing. Quarter horse races are a special feature at the fairgrounds track. The grandstand also provides seating for the shows on the big stage facing the track. In earlier years revues and variety shows were popular, but the big-name stars of comedy and of country and western, rock, and soul music draw the biggest crowds today.

In depression years the W.P.A. accounted for much of the construction at the fairgrounds. The Junior Activities buildings and the Visitors' Service building (containing the fire station, and formerly a post office, etc.) were built in the late 1930's.

The Illinois Building, opened for the 1950 fair, replaces a big white house (formerly a school, which had been duplexed to serve as living quarters for the families of the Director of Agriculture and the State Fair Manager. The new building housed the State of Illinois exhibits formerly shown in a large tent. The 30-foot fiberglass caricature statue of Abraham Lincoln in front of the Illinois Building was constructed in 1967 by Carl Rinnus, the display director for the John Bressmer Company.

Livestock of all kinds has always been important to the fair and thousands of dollars worth of premiums are given each year for the horses, cattle, mules, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits which are winners in their special shows. The Western and Society Horse Shows, as well as the Draft Horse and Quarter Horse Shows, draw entrants from all over the nation.

Farm machinery and equipment have been highlighted at the fair since its very first year. The tractor pulling contest has replaced the horse pulling contest, but the excitement runs as high. The important exhibits each year of the farm basics—livestock, farm machinery and produce—have earned for our fair the reputation of being the greatest agricultural show in the country.

Achievement in many other fields is encouraged by the premiums offered for the prize-winning exhibits in arts, crafts and hobbies, education and science, culinary skills, music, and for competition in various games and races. Some contests are just for fun — the pigtail contest, hog and husband calling, coloring contest, pig races, to name but a few.

This year's twenty-fourth annual County Fair Queen

contest has provided a winner, representing beauty and talent — Miss Cheryl Hill — who will reign as official hostess during the 1983 Illinois State Fair.

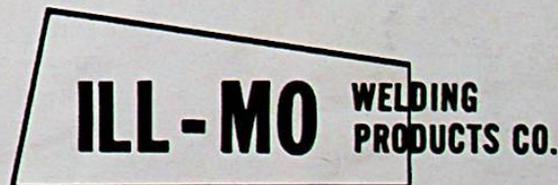
Government services are explained in a number of exhibits, and commercial displays and demonstrations add to the interest.

The new Senior Center, opened last year in the Emerson Building annex, features services and entertainment for Senior Citizens, while special youth projects and activities are centered in the Junior Department buildings on the west side of the grounds.

The present fairgrounds covers 366 acres, including the 210 added in 1924. Although early fairs were held in October and September, all dates since 1926 have been in August. The fair was not held from 1942 through 1945 when the U. S. Army Air Corps used the grounds as a supply depot during World War II. The Illinois State Agricultural Society operated the fair until 1872 when the newly-formed State Department of Agriculture was given control. In 1966 a State Fair Agency was set up, but in late 1979 the state fair management was returned to the Department of Agriculture.

From the opening day parade with its bands and floats, to the ribbon-cutting by the Governor, through the busy days ending with the traditional fireworks, the fair is a showcase for Illinois agriculture, industry, education and the arts. Its history is a fascinating and complicated story — space does not allow for all the information available in the dozens of different departments — but perhaps this brief look at its past will give you a new background for viewing the present day Illinois State Fair. Enjoy it, and come again!

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## CHUCK AMATI

Freeman Spur, Illinois

Birthdate: November 16, 1940



Variously known as the "Rhinestone Cowboy" and the "One-Armed Bandit", Chuck placed 17th in the Silver Crown Series points for 1982. Chuck got the former nickname because of his colorful wardrobe and the latter because he managed to drive and win in races at a time when he had one arm in a cast. Chuck's best finish was sixth here at

the Springfield 100-Miler in May. He also was eighth at Denver and ninth at Flemington. Chuck also campaigns USAC Sprint cars and won two features during the 1982 season.

## ROGER RAGER

Mound, Minnesota

Birthdate: September 3, 1948



Roger won fame when he qualified a car powered by an engine taken out of a school bus for the 1980 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. He finished 18th in the 1982 Silver Crown point standings. His best showings were sixth at Rossburg, Ohio, seventh at the Hoosier Hundred and eighth at the Hulman Hundred.



## JERRY NEMIRE

Toledo, Ohio

Birthdate: January 24, 1946



Jerry returned to USAC action in 1981 after being absent since 1975. He was voted the "Rookie-of-the-Race" at the 1981 Hoosier Hundred in which he placed ninth, and finished 16th in the 1981 standings. He slipped to 19th place in the 1982 Silver Crown points. His best finishes were seventh at Flemington and ninth here at Springfield.

## JERRY WEEKS

Anaheim, California

Birthdate: July 28, 1944



Jerry's best showing enroute to a 20th-place finish in the 1982 Silver Crown standings came in the season opener at Rossburg, Ohio, where he ran fourth. Jerry is an expert metalsmith as well as a respected Sprint and Midget driver and spends much of his time when not on the track working on race cars for his fellow competitors.



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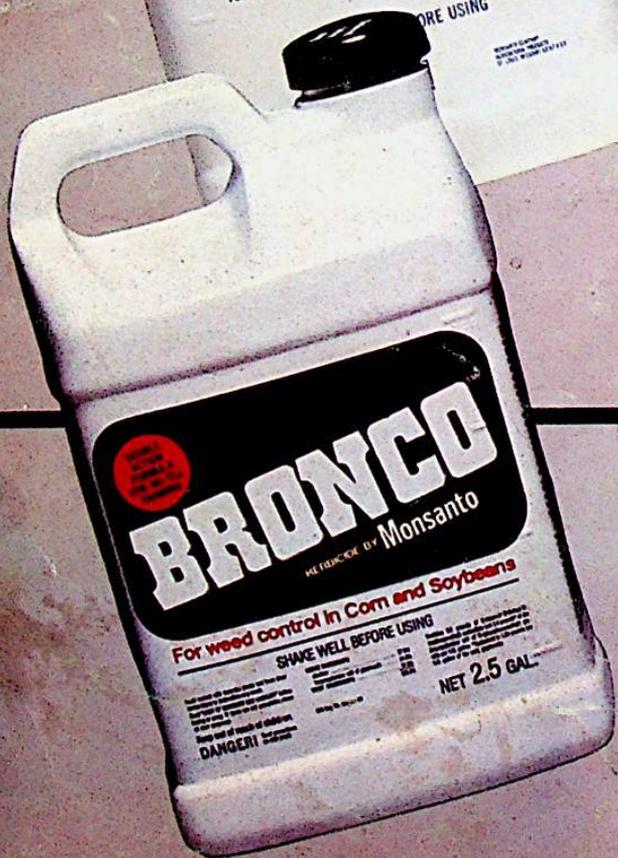
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