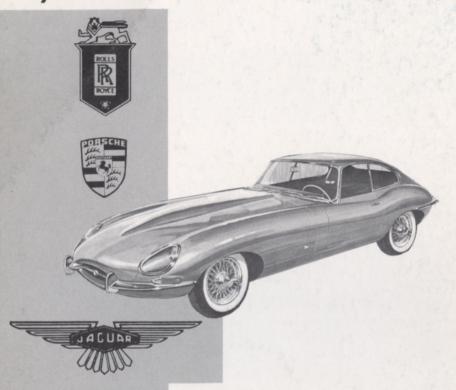
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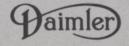
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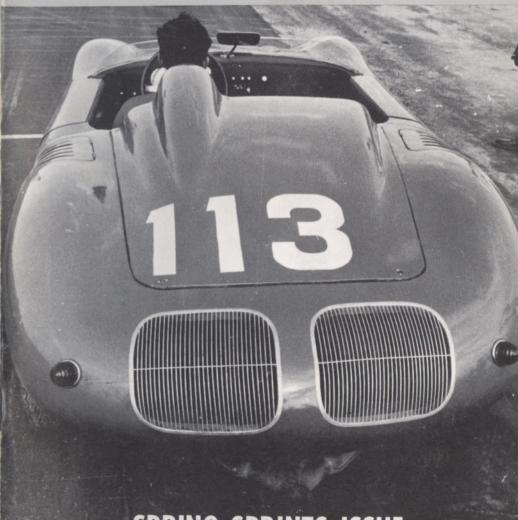






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# THE INSIDE LINE



Spring! That wonderful time of year when the top goes down, the tonneau goes up, and as the tach reaches for five grand, the solemn promises of a few short weeks ago to "trade the #?%&?/!! thing for a coupe" are forgotten in the whistle of the wind and roar of the exhaust.

If you see some car-driver combinations on your entry list that don't look right, don't blame the printer. They're not misprints. Every winter sports car owners play a game called 'Musical Cars'. It's something like musical chairs only more expensive and goes like this: Harry Keeler buys the Gil Lutz Lotus and sells his Veloce to Art Novak who in the meantime has sold his Alfa. Joe Charette trades his Alfa to Ron Roe for Ron's Corvair. Joe won't race the Corvair however, he'll use it as a tow car for the Sprinzel tuned Sprite he picked up in England. Everything clear?

Joe Mulholland was out for practice the other day with his new XKE Jaguar. We had a clock on him for a few laps and if he can find the right gears for this course there may be a few surprises in store for some of our Corvette drivers.

Brian Kent, author of this month's feature article, "Where Do Sports Cars Go In The Winter", is our Paddock Marshall today - a demonstration of raw courage after his comments about 'Hated Hibernators'.

We would like to call your particular attention to our new "Racing Thoroughbreds" series featuring sports car illustrations by John McKinnon. The first of these original drawings appears on page 14 of this issue. Well . . . nobody knows the complete answer, of course. Some sports cars disappear in the fall . . . never to be heard from again.

The others . . . well, we know what happens to some of them . . .

First to disappear, with reasonable certainity of resurrection are the 'Hated Hibernators'. As soon as the frost hits the fan these cars are retired from the scene to reappear on Easter Sunday, newly lacquered, bechromed and bebadged, to make every other sports car feel like a 2 CV Citroen.

These sports cars, if you will pardon the expression, spend the long cold winter months in disemboweled comfort in a heated garage or furnished basement. The custodians of these machines spend every available moment - even sacrificing "Father Knows Best", "Popeye" and "Lawrence Welk", to the fiendish task of polishing and painting, with no other thought in mind than the profound embarrassment of their friends. To illustrate the degree of opulent splendor that some of these cars enjoy, when the weather outside is enough to freeze the tips off a brass ignition key, the following remark was overheard last Halloween: "Charlie -

# WHERE DO SPORTS CARS GO IN THE WINTERTIME?

I swear that the stuff you've got on the garage floor is better than the carpet in the dining room!" Many of the cars that race on the Waterford course also fall into this group - but they can be excused, since they are only a passing fancy!

The second group of winter specimens are the 'cold weather waiters' or the 'slushy sliders'. This is the mob that loves to see the mercury cringing low in the thermometer. You'll find them on bleak Sundays in midwinter, formed into serpentine lines on the surface of some well frozen lake, waiting and waiting for the doubtful pleasure of skating around the perimeter. It is not too well known that these Ice Runs are usually won by the cunning but logical application of a handful of roofing nails, hammered

through the casings just before church attendance. The long wait in the chilling winds, however, seems to numb the savage 'win at all costs' attitude of the majority. For although sometimes over a hundred cars compete in an ice run - only one or two ever win!

Next, we will examine the winter activities of the Sports Car intellectuals or the 'Roving Rallyists'. This is a group of cars, mostly of Teutonic origin, that chase each other around the back roads at all hours of the day and night, waking cows, temporarily increasing egg production and, most dangerous of all - shattering the nerves of Nike Site Commanders! The instrument panel on a well equipped rally vehicle would invoke the envy of the Blockhouse Commander at Canaveral.



No less than four clocks representing the finest achievements of the watch-making industry are constantly checked by a shortwave receiver tuned to a broadcast time signal. Intricate devices measure distances, temperature pressure, direction, altitude, air speed, ground speed and in some cases the amount of radiation from last years nuclear explosions.

Two people are required to operate these machines; a navigator and a driver. The navigator slumps low in the seat peering myopically at slide rules, calculators and maps trying to decipher unintelligible instructions while at the same time muttering obscenities at the driver. The driver is the one who ill treats the carmashing gears, burning brakes and torturing tires - all the while speaking sweet, dulcet words of high regard for the design and construction of his machine.

And now, - a somber note: A tragic accident occurred to a sports

car during a large rally in early January. Common decency forbids the use of names. It seems that the miniature Univac calculator ran amok and navigated the car in ever-decreasing circles until it disappeared up its' own exhaust pipe!

But what of the real sports cars; those drafty, leaky, smoky jobs with the harp-like wheels? We refer, of course, to that fine group of sporting machines that throughout the bitter winter months, suffer all the indignities that Mother Nature and the Detroit Highway Department, can heap on their tatty, rag tops.

They can be seen day after day low in battery, bleary lamped and cold of tire, transporting their owners to and fro. Occasionally, these thoroughbreds will be entered in winter rallies or will take up position in the Ice Run queue; then, when spring comes, will turn out with patched paintwork and freshly 'Brilloed' chrome to compete with the 'hated hibernators'!

The owners of these cars are usually considered a little unhinged. Sometimes they can be seen nipping through the Woodward traffic, wearing an odd hat and three woolen scarves - in a late snowstorm . . . with the top down! This startling apparition causes panic among the regular travelers. They have even been known to divert their attention from girls in other cars. to stare, in shocked bewilderment, at the idiot who dares to expose his body to the raw elements. The rear end of the car ahead usually ends this state of bewilderment with tragic but merciful suddenness.

Well - thats where most of the sports cars go in the wintertime.

Just remember, if, next winter, you see some nut driving a sports car in the pouring rain with the top down, don't shake your head and make a derisive gesture - smile and wave in an understanding manner because that loonie in the sports car might be me!

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## THE LAP CHART-SYMBOL OF THE SERIOUS SPECTATOR

Well, here we are again at Waterford Hills watching the first meet of the 1962 racing series. Perhaps you have noticed, if you have attended previous meets, that some of the spectators are starting to look familiar to you. If so, you have probably also noticed the ones that are carrying certain accessories with them such as stop watches, lap charts, field glasses, blankets, thermos jars, and other items that make for comfortable spectating and also add to their enjoyment at the races.

For the moment, let's consider only two particular items: the stop watch and the lap charts. The other items are more or less self-explanatory, but why carry the lap charts and the stop watch? Here is the first inkling that you are observing a serious spectator; one who is equipped to get the most enjoyment out of watching a sports car race. After each race, he will be able to tell you not only the overall winner, which you probably already knew, but in addition, the winners of each class and whether any of the cars were setting new class or track records during the race.

It is not difficult for the average spectator to identify overall winners in the races at Waterford Hills. This is due to the course layout which allows the spectator an unobstructed view of the entire track. If, however, you plan on visiting other race tracks, you will find the races more difficult to follow. The entire track is not visible from any one point, and the number of cars running at any one

time is considerably increased. At these tracks you will see the cars at only one point on the course, and it will be more of a problem keeping their positions correct with only one look per lap. During the interval when the cars are out of sight, cars may have been passed or dropped out of the race entirely. With the use of a lap chart such factors would be duly noted and would not interfere with your enjoyment of the race itself.

OK. So, how do you operate a lap chart? Is it difficult? The answer is a quick NO. A lap chart is simple and uncomplicated.

First of all you require a sheet of paper lined like the sample chart printed on the following page. You will note that the squares on the chart are numbered both vertically and horizontally. The horizontal numbers, those across the top, identify the position of the cars as they pass in front of you, while the vertical numbers are used as lap numbers. Using the chart, you merely mark in the proper squares the numbers of the cars as they pass in front of your position.

The opening laps, where the cars are all bunched together, is a little rough. A good idea is to use a small piece of scrap paper to jot down the numbers of the cars as they pass. Remember to jot them down vertically. If you mark them horizontally, in the excitement a 2 and a 7 may very well come out as 27. When the field has passed you can then mark them in their proper squares. If you missed a car in the opening panic

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just put down an X. After the second or third lap, the car number you missed will become obvious.

So much for the early laps. As the race settles down, you will find vourself starting to recognize drivers and cars rather than just numbers. The numbers themselves will begin a repeating pattern and herein lies the secret to the lap chart. The sequence of numbers becomes so repititious that when the sequence is interrupted, you are immediately alerted. Let's assume, for example, that your sequence has been 4, 6, 23, 18, and 9 for the last few laps. Then it shifts to 4, 6, 9, 23, and 18. Immediately you are alert. Car 9 is beginning to move up. Put a stop watch on him to see if he is picking up seconds on the leader. Maybe he is flirting with the class or track record in his effort to overtake the first place car.

There are other items that you should watch for as the race progresses. Pit stops in a long race should be noted. When a car stops at the pits, place a ring around his number for identification. If you are not in a position to see the pits, put the ring around the numbers of the cars that fail to appear after a few laps even though they may be completely out of the race.

Something else that can be noted on your lap chart is the lapping of slower cars by the leaders. The most effective way of showing this is to use a vertical line at the position at which the leader passed. Don't forget to mark the leader in his proper lap also. To differentiate between the leader and the second or third place cars, which may also start to lap cars, use different colored pencil marks.

All this may sound a little complicated but in actual practice the procedure is very easy. By the time you have kept a few lap charts, you will wonder how you got along before without them. Instead of looking vaguely at a bunch of cars, wondering what lap they are on, you will not only know the lap they are on, but also what cars are actually in a position to give the overall or class leaders a battle. A good lap chart can readily indicate, early in the race, just how close the finish will be. Once you start using a lap chart you will never be without it. Your understanding and enjoyment of motor racing will increase tremendously and you will be on your way to becoming a serious spectator.

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Holder of the course record for sedans at 1 minute 37 seconds, Scotty is considered by many to be one of the clubs most experienced drivers. Starting out in 1956 Scotty began his racing career in an SCCA race at Elkhart Lake at the wheel of a Porsche. Progressing on, he competed at many events throughout the midwest including Put-In-Bay, Marlborough, and an occasional race across the boarder in Canada. Now, after nearly seven years as a competition driver, Scotty has a vast quantity of silverware on display, with the great majority bearing the inscription "1st" or "2nd".

Although Scotty admits that, "It's nice to win races", he also emphasizes the fun element and considers that his best effort to date came in the feature race for production cars at the Fall Classic races here at Waterford Hills last year. In this race,



after starting at the rear of the pack in 21st position, he out-drove and out-distanced many cars of far greater power and speed to finish a very creditable first in class and tenth overall.

Although 'sold' on the Volkswagen as a for fun race car, Scotty nevertheless has a project underway which, when completed, could cause a few of the Class E Modified drivers to start looking in their rear-view mirrors. This car, built around Volvo components, is scheduled for completion 'sometime in the future when I can spare the time from maintaining the VW in racing trim'.

Scotty's 'Better Half', Patty, is also quite a competitive driver in her own right and often takes a tour of the course, much to the embarrassment of some of our gentlemen drivers I might add!

When not racing, Scotty is usually found hard at work at his package engineering firm where he applies his own patents for shipping glass.

When asked if he ever gets scared behind the wheel, Scotty replied, "Yes I get a little nervous . . . on my way to the course. Out there on the highway everyone seems to think he's a race driver."

You can't miss Scotty Lidgard today. Look for the Volkswagen with the 'bugeyes' painted on the headlights that's being pushed to the limit through the corners. In fact the best way to spot him is to look among the leaders of the Production Sedan Race and you'll be almost certain to see Lidgard's 'Mighty Mite' running right with them, the pilot driving superbly . . . and for fun!

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Austin Healey 100-6 and 100-4, Triumph TR-2, TR-3, and TR-4, Morgan Plus 4, MGA Twin Cam, Fairthorpe Electron, Fiat Abarth 700 DOHC and 750 DOHC, Elva Courier, TVR (MGA 1600), Lotus Elite (stage I and II Climax), Volvo P1800.

#### CLASS F:

Sunbeam Alpine, Porsche 1500 and 1600 Normal, D.B. Dual Super HBR-5 850 and 950, Mercedes 190SL, Fiat 1500 Spyder, Denzel 1300S, Renault Alpine, MGA 1500, 1600, and 1600 Mk II, Sabra Sports, Facellia, Fiat Abarth 850 Spider.

#### CLASS G:

Porsche 1300 and 1300S, Alfa Romeo Guilietta, Sprite Mk I (with options), Sprite Mk II, MG Midget, Lotus 7 (BMC engine), D.B. HBR5 850, MG TF1500, Fiat Abarth 750 Mille Miglia, Berkeley B-95 and B-105 Fairthorpe Minor, Morgan 4/4 Series III (Ford 105E).

#### CLASS H:

Sprite Mk I, Fiat Abarth 750, Auto Union 1000SP, Fiat 1200 Spyder, MG TC, TD, and TF1250, Berkeley 500, Lancia Appia GT, NSU Sport Prinz, Dyna Panhard Junior, Morgan 4/4 (Ford 100E).

#### MODIFIED SPORTS CARS:

"Modified" Sports Cars (i.e. sports cars designed specifically for racing and "Production" cars that have been modified for racing) are grouped according to engine size as in the past. This year, however, some of the very large and very small classes have been dropped.

CLASS C: Over 3000 cc (Over 183 cu. in.) CLASS D: 2000 to 3000 cc (122 to 183

CLASS E: 1600 to 2000 cc (97-1/2 to 122

CLASS F: 1100 to 1600 cc (67 to 97-1/2

CLASS G: 750 to 1100 cc (46 to 67 cu. in.) CLASS H: Under 750 cc (Under 46 cu. in.)

#### FORMULA JUNIOR:

The Formula Junior (F. Jr. on your entry list) is a new class of single seat, open wheel racing cars using engines from small imported sedans. These engines, although under 67 cubic inches in displacement, are modified to produce up to 100 horsepower and drive the 800 pound racers at speeds as high as 125 miles per hour.

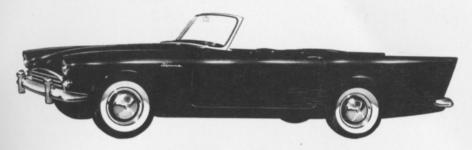
#### PRODUCTION SEDANS:

The requirements for a car to be classed as a Production Sedan are very similar to the requirements for a Production Sports Car, the main difference being a Production Sedan must have a minimum of four seats instead of the two seats required on sports cars.

At our course Production Sedans compete in two classes; under 91.5 cubic inches and 91.5 cubic inches to 200 cubic inches. Sedans of over 200 cubic inch displacement or over 110 inch wheelbase are not permitted to run because we believe such cars would be too difficult to handle on a short, twisty course such as Waterford Hills.

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