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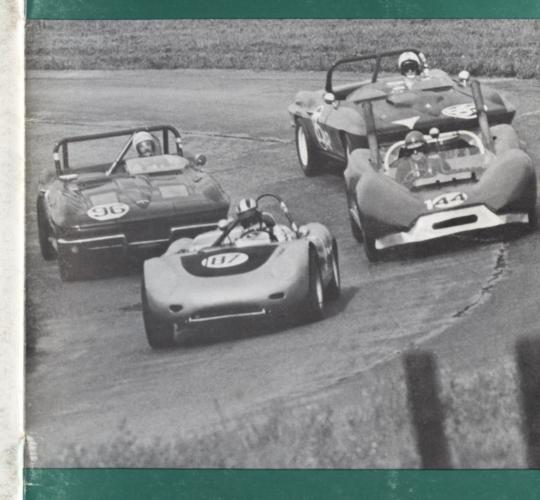
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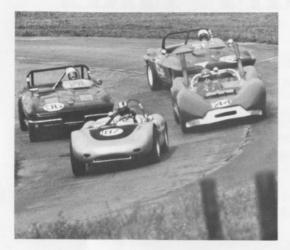


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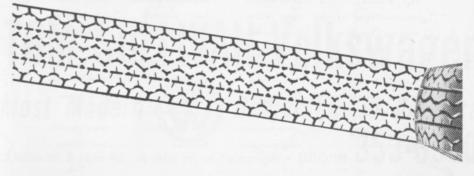
Welcome back to the Waterford races! The "heated garage" season is over and none too soon. Many of our veteran drivers have returned; look for some in new racers and classes. Also, our drivers' schools have produced rookies in plenty to challenge last year's winners. All in all our eleventh season is off to a rolling start.

Getting our "digest" off to a rolling start is OCSRRC Corporation Presdent, Art Novak. He is a former driver and one of the founding members of this road course. From his ten years of experience Art takes us behind the scenes for an inside look at what it takes in personnel, money and so on to run the racing program. This is an interesting and totally different way to "watch" racing.

In addition, our starters, Lou

Higgins and Hal Goff, offer a fascinating look at the serious as well as the lighter side of "what it's all about" around the start-finish line. Besides sharing starting duties, both men share their memories of more or less meeting Graham Hill. Lou, concentrating on trying to shave in the side mirror of a camper in the middle of the busy Daytona pits, merely snarled a reply to Hill's quite civil, "Good morning". Hal relishes his recall of the impeccable Britisher, knees to chin, happily piloting a mini-bike up and down the paddock lanes at Watkins Glen.

We hope everyone enjoys our May race program and will be back with us on June 28-29 for the SCCA, Detroit Regional Race.



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June	4	Club Meeting	OCSRRC
	28-29	REGIONAL RACES	SCCA-Detroit
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Aug.	6	Club Meeting	OCSRRC
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INSIDE THE FENCE

Art Novak

What does it take to put on our OCSRRC road races here at Waterford? In two words, it takes people and money.

The people include the drivers and their pit crews, paid help such as the ticket takers, ambulance crews, and the fourteen private policemen on duty in the parking areas, and spectators. In addition, it takes a minimum of approximately 91 volunteer workers who perform various duties. These include: 36 flag communication & safety personnel, 23 timers and scorers, 4 paddock workers, 6 track marshals, 2 doctors, 3 trustees of the course, 4 technical inspectors, 6 registration personnel, 3 Chief Steward and crew, 1 or 2 announcers. Taken all together, we're quite a group.

The money part of racing divides itself, as money always does, into outgo and income. There are services hired in addition to those mentioned above. Advertising and publicity are not free. Then there is the cost of maintaining and improving the loud speaker and communication phone lines, the fencing and safety barriers, and the track itself. The OCSRRC Corporation is a non-profit organization and any income from especially good spectator attendance is plowed back into track maintainence and

improvements.

While the road racing group does not receive any of the monies from concessions, it does have three sources of income. The driver entry fees (\$17.50) and pit pass fees pay for all expenses incurred inside the fenced area (including free lunches for the volunteer workers) and trophies. This amounts to approxi-

mately \$3,300.00 per year. The spectator admission of \$2.00 on Saturdays and \$3.00 on Sundays is expected to pay the cost of insuring themselves and the salaries of the private guards. The third source of income is the "Waterford Hills digest".

I hope the above information will give everyone a better understanding of the number of people needed inside the fenced area and of the variety of jobs they perform. A close look at the cost data should answer the question of why we had to raise admissions and why we may have to have another increase if our spectator insurance cost keeps rising. (The only alternative is to hold closed races which means "closed" to spectators.)

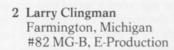
We are proud of our road racing here at Waterford and feel we have a lot to offer our spectators. We are quite convenient to both Detroit and Pontiac and within comfortable driving of Toledo, Ohio. We offer a full day's program starting at 10:00 a.m. with the first practice session. We are the only track in southeastern Michigan offering amateur road racing and this lends a special anything-can-happen-any-time excitement to our races. Friendly rivalries, such as last season's green MGB and yellow Porsche, make for good racing.

To those of you who are here for the first time, I hope you are enjoying our first race weekend and will be back with us through the season. Ant to those *real* enthusiasts who support our racing program—occasional rain and cold notwithstanding—God bless you, I think you're cut from the same fruit-cake that we are inside the fence!



WATERFORD 1968

1 Garrett Van Camp Farmington, Michigan #149 Porsche, E-Production







3 Tom Abbott Farmington, Michigan Bobsey Vee, Formula Vee

4 Bill Mundus Ann Arbor, Michigan #121 Begra, D-Modified





5 Bernd Leckow Warren, Michigan #177 Porsche 911, Sedan-4

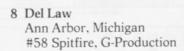
TOP TEN DRIVERS

6 Bill DeBoer Grand Rapids, Michigan #8 Cortina, Sedan-3





7 Roger Roeske Inkster, Michigan #56 VW, VW Class







9 Carl Harrington Livonia, Michigan #10 NSU-Prinz, Sedan-2





AVERAGE LAP SPEED CHART

Min/Sec	MPH	Min/Sec	MPH	Min/Sec	MPH	Min/Sec	MPH
1:10	73.137	1:20	63.995	1:30	56.884	1:40	51.196
1:11	72.106	1:21	63.204	1:31	56.259	1:41	50.689
1:12	71.105	1:22	62.434	1:32	55.647	1:42	50.192
1:13	70.131	1:23	61.681	1:33	55.041	1:43	49.704
1:14	69.183	1:24	60.947	1:34	54.463	1:44	49.227
1:15	68.261	1:25	60.230	1:35	53.890	1:45	48.758
1:16	67.363	1:26	59.530	1:36	53.329	1:46	48.298
1:17	66.488	1:27	58.846	1:37	52.779	1:47	47.846
1:18	65.635	1:28	58.177	1:38	52.240	1:48	47.403
1:19	64.805	1:29	57.523	1:39	51.713	1:49	46.968

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Production Sports:					- /			
A-P	AC Cobra	Tom Payne	1:22.2	62.206	5/64			
B-P	Corvette	Bill Petree	1:21.6	62.748	5/67			
C-P	Lotus Super 7	Jeff Lance	1:22.5	62.055	8/67			
D-P	Lotus Super 7	Evan Walter	1:22.7	61.909	9/68			
E-P	Porsche	Garrett Van Camp	1:22.6	61.982	8/68			
F-P	Lotus 7	Chris Gahman	1:25.1	60.159	9/67			
G-P	MG Midget	Bill Koch	1:24.5	60.587	8/67			
H-P	Sprite	Dwight Knupp	1:26.7	59.049	9/66			
Sports Racing (modif: A-S/R B-S/R C-S/R D-S/R	McLaren Ford Alfa Bobsy Lotus XI Begra	Richard Brown Len Pickering Bill Barber Bill Mundus	1:16.2 1:20.8 1:21.2 1:28.3	67.188 63.362 63.110 57.978	9/67** 9/68 9/68 7/68			
Formula:	SOMEON BEAUTION OF THE BEAUTIO		1:17.2	66.316	7/67			
В	Brabham	Allan Moffat	1:17.2	65.552	9/68			
C-1 (Rear)	Rassey	Bob Clemens	1:19.3	64.556	5/67			
C-2 (Front)	Woodward DKW	John Grames	1:19.5	04.330	3/0/			
Sedans:					0/67			
S-1	NSU-Prinz	Paul Susalla	1:30.4	56.632	8/67			
S-2	Anglia	Peter Quenet	1:27.0	58.846	8/67			
S-3	Cortina	Bob Transou	1:26.3	59.325	8/68			
S-4	Lotus Cortina	Allan Moffat	1:24.2	60.802	9/66			
V-W	Volkswagon	Roger Roeske	1:33.9	54.521	8/68			

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Additional information: Walt Paliga, 561-2536 or Write: Ford Motorsports Club, Director of Membership, Box 296, Main Office, Dearborn, Michigan.

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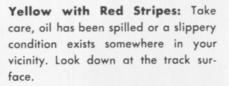
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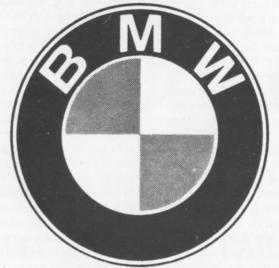
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LAST MAN UP THE TELEPHONE POLE

Lou Higgins and Hal Goff as told to Sue Hoffman

One of the most dramatic moments in sports car racing at Waterford comes just following the playing of the United States and Canadian national anthems. While everyone is still standing, the announcer solemnly intones into the sudden silence, "Gentlemen, start your engines." The panoramic photograph dissolves into a flurry of activity: race workers and pit crews make a final ready-check on their assignments, drivers buckle in and raise their arms to indicate their engines are running, spectators settle into comfortable positions to watch. All eyes focus on the starter as he waves the green flag over his head in the traditional furled figure-8 signal "Wind 'em up!" A fifteen second eternity, then the full green and "They're off!"

The race starter's job is not really that glamorous. There is 95% hard work to more than out-balance that 5% in the spotlight. For Starter, Lou Higgins, and Assistant Starter, Hal Goff, the season begins in April when they help instruct novice drivers and flag for the drivers' schools. They also flag all race practice days—no spectators or applause, just hard work and long hours.

Let's look at a typical race day which for our starters runs from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Their first task is to check their safety equipment and flags. The flags are kept, handle foremost, in a box much resembling an elongated umbrella stand. They are kept in the following order, left to right: checker, red, black, white (if used), oil, meatball, yellow, blue, green. Both Lou and Hal

must be experienced enough to grab a flag without looking at the color—there might not be time to double check! At 9:30 Lou and/or Hal attends the drivers' meeting. There, one of them gives a brief rundown of flag meanings and a review of standard procedures for entry to the track and re-entry to the pits—"Stay in the correct lane. When we flag 'go'—Go!" And the perpetual reminder, "Gentlemen, use your mirrors."

Race practice begins at 10:00. Lou or Hal flags the racers onto the track under the yellow caution flag and both keep an unofficial check to stay at the 30 car limit. When the Chief Steward signals "Thumbs up," the starter waves the green flag and allout practice begins. Besides holding the green flag, the starter uses the blue to warn a driver that a faster car is overhauling him, the meatball and/or black flags to signal a driver to return to the pits, and the yellow to indicate when a hazardous situation has developed on the first turn. The remaining flags are thrown when circumstances dictate it. Also, during the practice the starter must checker off cars which have completed their mandatory five practice laps and signal on their eager replacements. When the practice session is ended, the starter checkers each car then grabs the red flag and runs up track to direct the cars into the pit lane. The proper procedure is to hold the checkered flag open over the head and direct traffic with the furled red. Lou and Hal admit that on a couple of rare occasions the flags have been reversed, causing some little conster-

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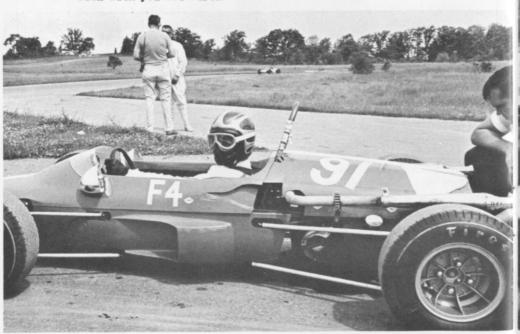




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nation to the drivers coming out of swamp turn—who flipped on the cool-out lap?!

Lou and Hal both work while the track is in use and they divide their duties roughly as follows. The man on the flags handles them and faces traffic. He listens for the Chief Steward's orders. The other half of the dynamic duo watches the course, especially Turn One which the starter backs up in yellow flag situations. He checks cars for a drag or leak, keeps an eve on the lap chart in the timing stand window, and calls the position of the lead car as it finishes the last lap and rounds swamp turn to take the checkered flag. Obviously, Lou and Hal are busy men. They listed the following requisites for their job, as they see it: technical skill, concentration, even temperment, and fleet feet! The eyes of a ferret, the hands of a juggler and total recall don't hurt either!

While Lou and Hal must be constantly alert, they do have time to appreciate some of life's lighter moments, such as the look on the driver's face as his white Porsche came to a halt on the flag box. Or the entangled formula Vee drivers who slid past on the infield side, so busy they never noticed our stalwart starters playing "Ring around the telephone pole". Or Dick Brown in his McLaren coming out of swamp turn so pretty, so low and so fast that it took Lou four laps to realize he was backing up sideways-a neat trick! And there's always one novice at a drivers' school who, when black flagged, forgets to continue one lap and throws out the anchor in the middle of the start-finish line.

Both men recall with genuine chuckles their nervousness when they started their first race. Hal is convinced he stood a full minute, stagestruck, wondering if he remembered how to wave the green flag. After the race Pat Brown assured Hal he had been quicker than he thought, maybe even a little *too* quick. Pat, who was in the first grid, had glanced down at her tac and half the field was past her! Lou was more spectacular. He exuberantly leaped into the air, waved the flag, tripped on landing and wound up sitting on the most obvious place to do so!

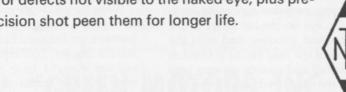
Since they do work interchangably we asked Lou and Hal what the differences are between Starter and Assistant Starter. Lou replied, "Really not too many. I have more experience and the responsibility is ultimately mine. Of course there are fringe benefits to the Starter's job. When the big-bore stuff is running, I can tell Hal to take the flags!"

"He's friendly that way", Hal added. "Actually I'm still learning from Lou how to handle certain situations, but I've got my first lesson down pat—if those formula Vees come back this year, regardless of my personal inclinations, I'm the last man up the telephone pole!"



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"Production" Sports Cars (i.e., cars not designed primarily for racing) are grouped in classes according to their racing performance. This system of classing makes driver skill rather than car performance the primary factor in winning races.

CLASS A: Abarth Simca 2000; Cobra 427; Sting Ray 427 (thru 1967); Sting Ray 427 Roadster (1966); Griffith 200; Porsche GTS/904; Shelby GT500 (thru 1967); Sting Ray 396

CLASS B: Aston Martin DB4, DB5, DB4GT and Zagato; Cobra 289; Corvette 327 and 283; Sting Ray 327 (thru 1967); Sting Ray 327 Roadster (1968); Ferrari 250GTO, 275-GTB, Berlinetta Lusso, 250GT (SWB), GT (California, coupe and cabriolet), 2-plus-2; Jaguar E 3.8 and 4.2; Shelby GT350 (thru 1966, and 1-4V 1967).

CLASS C: Abarth Simca 1300; Alfa Romeo TZ; Datsun SRL311U; Ginetta, G4-1500; Lotus Elan (roadster, coupe and drophead); Mercedes Benz 300SL; MGC; MGC-GT; Morgan SS; Osca 1600 GT; Porsche Carrera 1500 and 1600; Porsche 356B, C2000 GS, 911, 911 S, (11L; Sunbeam Tiger 260; Toyota 2000GT; Triumph TR250 and TR5.

CLASS D: AC Bristol; Aceca Bristol; Alfa 2600 Sprint and Spider; Arnolt Bristol; Austin-Healey 3000; Daimler SP250; Elva Mk. 3 and 4 (1800); Elva Mk. 4 (T1800); Fairthorpe Electron; Fiat Abarth 1000 DOHC; Ginetta G4-1000; Jaguar XK120, 140, 150; Lotus Super 7; Marcos GT1000; Speedwell GT2A and 2B; Triumph TR4, TR4A (IRS); Turner Climax; TVR Mk. 3 1800; TVR Climax: Yenko Stinger.

CLASS E: Alfa Duetto, Giulia Spider Veloce 1600, Giulia Sprint GT and GTC, Sprint Speciale; Austin-Healey 100-6; Elva Mk. 4 T Ford, Mk. 1, 2, 3, 4 1622; Fairthorpe Electron Minor; Lotus Elite; Mercedes 250 SL; MGB; MGT-GT; Morgan plus-4; Porsche 912, 356C/1600SC and 265B, S90, 356 1500/1600 A, B, C; Triumph TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, GT6; Turner 1500; TVR Mk. 3 1622; TVR Vixen 1600 Ford (provisional); WSM GT: GSM Delta.

CLASS F: Alfa Giulietta Super 1300, Sprint Speciale, Giulia Sprint and Spider 1600; Alpine Al10-1100; Austin Healey 100-4, Sprint 1275; Datsun SPL311 and SPL 311U; Fiat Abarth OT 1300/124 coupe; Glas GT1700; Lotus 7 and 7A; Mercedes 230SL; MGa 1500, 1600, 1622, twin cam; MG Midget 1275; Morgan 4/4 Mk. 5; Sabra Sport; Sunbeam Alpine; Spitfire Mk. 3 1300; Volvo P1800; GMS Delta (Ford 105E).

CLASS G: Alfa Sprint and Spider 1300; Abarth OTS 1000 coupe; Alpine A108-1000; Sprite 1100 and AN8; Datsun SPL 310U; Fiat Abarth 700, 750DOHC, 1000 pushrod, OT1000 Spider; Fiat 1500 Spider DOHC, 1500 Spider and cabriolet, 124 Sport Spider; Glas 1300GT; Honda S800; Matra; Midget 1100 and AN3; Porsche 1300; Rene Bonnet CRB; Spitfire Mk. 1 and 2; Turner 950S.

CLASS H: Sprite 948 Mk. 1 and 2; DB HBR5 851-954; Fiat 850 Spider; Fiat Abarth 850S, 750GT, 750MM; Fiat 1200 Spider; Honda S600; Midget 948; MG TC, TD, TF 1250, TF 1500; Morgan 4/4 Mk. 4; NSU Wankel Spider.

MODIFIED OR SPORTS RACING 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.

CLASS A: Over 2000 cc (over 122 cu. in.); CLASS B: 1300 to 2000 cc (111½ cu. in.); CLASS C: 850 to 1300 cc (46 to 111½ cu. in.); CLASS D: Under 850 cc (under 46 cu. in.).

SEDANS

Six classes of Sedans are run, the cars being grouped by performance potential.

CLASS VW: Volkswagen 1200 and 1300.

CLASS I: Renault; Simca 994 & 1290; BMW 700; Mini-Minor 850; Saab Standard 750, 850 and 750 Sport; Ford Anglia 997; Fiat 600, 750, 850, 1100 and 1300; Opel Kadette 1078; Hillman Imp 875; MG 1100; NSU 1000 L, S, C, 996 cc; Volkswagen 1500; Honda 750.

CLASS II: Alfa Giulia 1300; Ford Anglia 1198; Mini Cooper S 970 and 1071; Renault Gordini R8 1108; Saab 850 Sports; Hino Contessa 1251; Datsun 1595; Saab 1498; NSU TT-1085; NSU TTS-996; NSU 1200 TT-1117; Fiat Abarth 1000, Volkswagen 1600; Mini Cooper 997.

CLASS III: Alfa TI 1600; BMW 1600 and 1800 TI; Corvair Monza; Ford Cortina 1498; Isuza Bellet 1991; Sunbeam and Hillman 1725; Toyota Carona 1899; Volvo 1600 and 1800; Valiant 2786; Mini Cooper S 1275; Renault Gordini 1300; NSU 1200 TTS and TTC 1177; Fiat 1200.

CLASS IV: Alfa TI Super 1600 and GTA; BMW TISA, Lotus Cortina; Corvair Corsa, Porsche 911; Fiat Abarth 1200; Sedans over 180 cu. in. to 5 liters, 112" wheelbase, and 3500 lbs. maximum.

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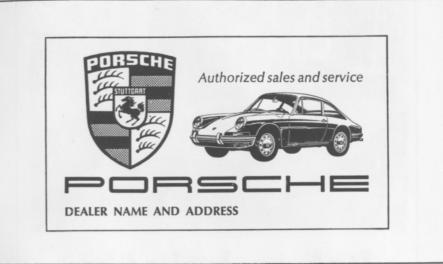
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