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## INSIDE



So you like Waterford! Well there's a handful of guys and gals down in the paddock who like *you* too.

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The first effort produced a one lane dirt track and this lasted until the dust the cars raised in the first event snapped them out of their dream and almost out of the county. With the blisters hardly healed they stuck out their necks again and went in hock for a wider track surfaced with asphalt and a lot of fencing to protect the spectators they hoped would come to watch their funny games.

You did come. And you kept coming, encouraging the dreamers to invest more time, energy and money to make it safe and still as interesting and exciting as possible for you.

We have many improvements planned but rising costs make it rather slow going and at times our future appears rather doubtful. Our driver and spectator safety record is unparalleled among tracks of this

kind. Waterford is one of the most challenging road courses in this country. We're proud of our drivers. A Waterford Driver is to be reckoned with no matter where he or she goes. WE are trying to keep our costs down. Our whole operation inside the fence is run by volunteer help. Our officials and our Turn Marshals are respected across the country for the beautiful job they do. Our Race entry fees are high, but award budgets and insurance premiums are too. The preparation and maintenance of a race car is costly and there's no reimbursement for a rolled car or a scattered engine, but the enthusiasm of the sports car nut is incredible. This Road Racing Club is testimony to that.

Waterford Hills is unique. We have no stockholders demanding a profit. Instead, we have a bunch of crazy enthusiasts who give their time and talents to keep alive that dream that the pick and shovel guys and gals had a few years ago.

You spectators are our partners, helping to pay for the things that cannot be bought with enthusiasm alone. Thanks for your support and please bear with us when we goof . . .

In recent issues you Sportsman readers have seen several articles and pictures relating to and explaining the sudden appearance of those "funny little furrin' cars" running all over the back eighty. To be sure you'll be kept up to date, your editor and officers have decided to make this column a regular feature in the Sportsman.

On August 9th and 10th, there will be a sports car meet for O.C.S.C. members only with the small sedans running on Saturday, August 9th, and touring and open sports cars Sunday, August 10th. This event is planned to attract nonmembers to O.C.S.C. who are interested in sports car activities. With enough new members, it won't take long to raise the money to pave the course. Announcements of this event are going to hundreds of sports car people and should result in signing up many new members.

A Sports Car Committee is being formed that will regulate the use of the new course in much the same way as the other committees regulate their particular activities. The course was laid out under the direction of Harry Barnes with the assistance of Bob Gubbins, Bob Clift, Ray Newman, Dick Norton and several others.

The 1.3 mile course has been graded and treated with chloride and received it's initiation under the wheels of some forty Corvettes on June 8th. O.C.S.C. member Bob Clift took home a first place trophy on that day. Bob really brought home the hardware June 29th when he won first in class and Fastest Time of Day at the Haven Hill Climb in Highland Recreation Area where he set a new record by going up the hill in 22.97 seconds.

In an impromptu run on the course, Bob Gubbins, with Fred Mayer navigating, turned the course in 2 minutes and 5 seconds to edge out Harry Barnes in his M.G.A., Art Novak in his Dauphine, and Dick Norton in his V.W.

Gubbins and Barnes turned in better times than even the fastest Corvettes. This attests to the superior handling of the small cars on a tight course such as ours.

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CLUB'S OFFICERS-Posing on steps of the track's control tower are (from bottom) Ed Lawrence, club vice president; Bob Moody, historian; Jack Jenkins, president; Dick Norton, registrar; Gordon Harrison, trustee; Bob Gubbins (left), treasurer, and Harry Keeler, instructor; Mrs. Joan Lawrence, statistician; William Parker, timer, and Seymour Spira, safety director.

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#### **Boast Sports Car Course**

By HARRY LeDUC

Looking from downtown Detroit 32 miles north, it appears as if sports car owners of the 120, Alfa Romeos 113, Morgans metropolitan area finally have 114, SAABs 117, Volvos 114 and set up a genuine center of competition for themselves.

A quarter-mile east of U.S. been constructed a 11/2-mile onds. smooth asphalt, 12-foot wide northern Oakland County.

#### SHOOTING RANGES

the Oakland County Sports- clock but officials plan to Pontiac. mans Road Racing Club, started last June with a small membership of sports car enthusiasts. There are now more than 200 members.

The entire layout comprises 170 acres, boasts a spacious log clubhouse, and offers skeet and trapshooting, a 26-target archcry range and rifle and pistol ranges. A 36-page magazine is published monthly.

Formal trials for sports cars are held the fourth week-end of every month, with trophies awarded. A Corvette has attained over 100 miles an hour on the 1,000-foot straightaway of the course and holds the record of 101.7 seconds for the track built in November.

course in 116 seconds, Tri- asphalt to permit wheel-toumphs in 118, Austin Healys in Volkswagens in 124.

#### FREE INSTRUCTION

Women drivers have gone 10, at Waterford, there has around the course in 136 sec-

Competition drivers give dual course that travels up and down instruction to new members at hills and through 80 acres of no cost, the course being open wooded land in lake-spotted every week end. Practice is always permissible.

The group in control is called driving presently is against the The club's address is Box 73.

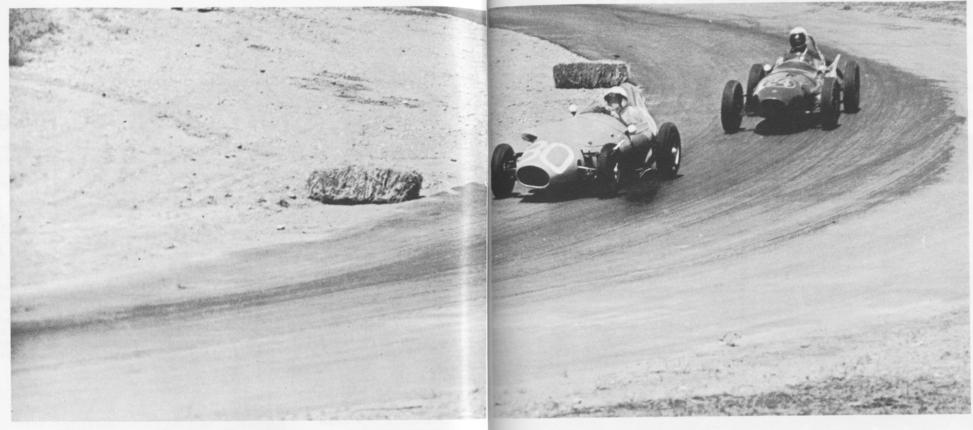
Jaguars are turning the widen the course to 24 feet of wheel racing.

> March and April will be big racing months, with six days of what is called Marque competition "on the only clubowned course in the USA." These trials are down for March 15, 28 and 29, and April 12, 25, 26.

Each Marque group will consist of three or more similar cars. Only members over 18 years of age are eligible for competitions but membership fees are low, at the most \$25 a With a 12-foot wide track, year for men, \$15 for women.



The Founders Three-Les Smith, Harry Barnes and Bob Gubbins.



## WHAT TO WATCH FOR AT WATERFORD HILLS

by Dave Davis Jr. & Trant Jarman

At first glance, the first-time spectator at Waterford Hills will find excitement aplenty, just trying to watch the cars go 'round and keep track of the leaders. However, the seasoned race-watcher knows that there's a lot more to look for, and these few important points will make all your trips to Waterford Hills a lot more fun, and sort of put you "on the inside".

Football fans and basketball fans know that every move the players make in practice, warming up, or just skylarking around the sidelines, is a clue to their performance in the contest to come. The consumate skill of Johnny Unitas or Bobby Layne compared to the efforts of a freshman quarterback is immediately obvious to the knowledgeable man-in-the-stands. This

applies directly to motor racing and you'll see it here today, if you watch carefully and know what to look for.

You'll see some first-rate drivers, with real skill and competitive spirit, fighting it out for that checkered flag. The first step in learning to judge their performances here, is to learn to distinguish between headstrong enthusiasm and true top-line race driving. The easiest way to determine a driver's level of skill is to time him for several laps and to compare his times on consecutive laps, both against themselves and against those of other competitors. Good drivers aren't just fast, they're consistently fast, and that makes the difference.

Top drivers lap times won't vary more than tenths of a second for an entire race. Neither will their technique change from lap to lap as they brake, corner, and accelerate toward the next turn. The best men establish the shortest route around the track in practice; this is their "line," and they'll follow it within inches every time they pass the spot you're watching.

Beware the driver who doesn't do this! Wild slides and screaming tires don't necessarily mean fast driving, and the man who screeches around the course and never takes the same line twice is not apt to be in the winner's circle at the end.

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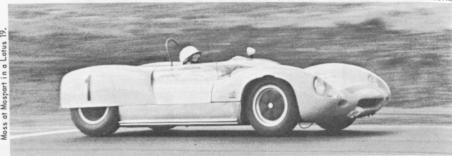
## August 27th.

**Waterford Hills Road Course** 

First Race 1:30 p.m. Admission at gate \$1.50

#### STIRLING MOSS

Photo Podvin



To try and outline the brilliant career of Stirling Moss, sometimes called 'Mr. Motor Racing', would indeed take many hours of pen wielding, reams of paper and quite a few gallons of ink. Sixteen years of successful competition is a long period to try and cover with a few scant paragraphs; but to give you some idea of what our guest has accomplished, we will 'touch briefly' on some highlights.

The time was the post-war period, and young Stirling Moss, like many other young British hopefuls began to indulge in a form of racing known as the Formula 3; a class for open wheeled monopostos displacing up to 500 c.c.s (30 cu. ins.). Stirling although not quite seventeen, at the time, displayed even then, the virtuosity and skill which was to stand him in good stead for the tougher and faster racing which lay ahead.

The years rolled by, and many were the trophys which were added to the Moss mantle. Soon the name of Stirling Moss reverbrated around the world, when as a factory team driver for Jaguar, he ensured his team's victory at the famous French classic - the 24 hour endurance race at Le-Mans, - where by his efforts as pace setter, he led the race at such a clip, that the opposition literally fell apart!

Many victories later - the year 1955, and we see Moss once again showing the way, in probably the most gruelling race of them all, the now discontinued "Mille Miglia", Italy's rugged cross country race - over mountains, through the villages and towns, and on across the dusty plains of Lombardy; where speeds of over 170 MPH were reached. This race, the most hazardous since Ben Hur tangled with Mesala in Rome's Collisium saw Stirling the winner in a Mercedes-Benz 300SLR, with a fantastic average of just a shade under 100 MPH!

"Always a bridesmaid and never the bride", is an old saying and as far as the World Driving Championship is concerned it is very applicable in Stirling's case. (The Championship is based on a points system over the racing season; each country having a race, counting points. The winner of each race receives 8 pts., second place 6 pts., and on down the list. The driver with the most points at the end of the year is champion). Stirling has been close on many occasions one year he lost by just one point! Last year his jinx seemed to be getting stronger, he missed two point getting races because of an accident in the Belgium Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps; when his Lotus F1, travelling at close to 130 MPH suffered a broken hub carrier, causing him to crash which demolished the car completely. Stirling was thrown clear - (he doesn't wear a seat belt), and was away from racing for six weeks, with a broken nose, and a fracture in each leg. The opinion was, that Moss would be out of racing for the rest of this year. This was not so, for a few days after leaving the hospital (much against his doctor's wishes, so the rumour goes), Stirling entered and won quite easily the "Tourist Trophy Race" driving a Ferrari GT.

Another example of Stirling's ability was seen more recently in this year's Grand Prix of Monaco - something like Waterford - a tight, short, circuit laid out through the streets of Monte Carlo. Giving away nearly 40 BHP to Ritchie Ginter of California in a Ferrari, Moss drove what must have

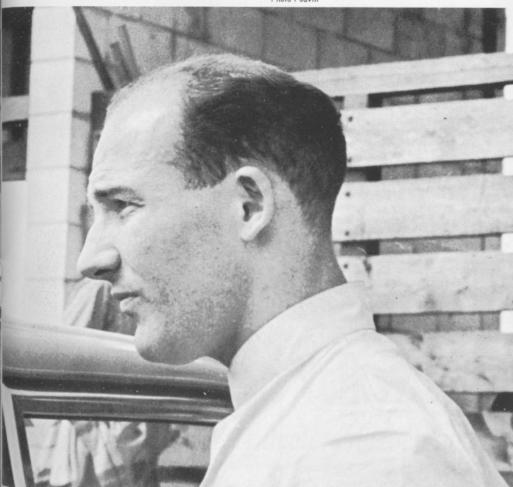
been a picture race, to win at a record speed.

His other great victory this year came at the Nurburgring in the German Grand Prix - 14 miles to a lap through the Eiffel Mountains. And Moss although again out-powered by the Ferraris, drove a brilliant race to win.

We could go on and on, calling off Stirling's victories, much in the way we read off the battle honours on a regimentle standard - but space does not permit, and superlatives do not do justice to Stirling Moss, the uncrowned 'King of Motor Racing' and our guest at Waterford Hills today.

> .... John Marsh CBC Program "R.P.M."

Photo Podvin



#### **Newest Foreign** Cars to Debut This Weekend

Big Field of Drivers From Midwest, Canada Are Expected

The Midsummer Trophy Race, with one of its largest field of entries, will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

Entries for the races on the Waterford Hills road course have been received from drivers in Michigan, Ohio and other Midwest states plus Quebec and On-

The debut of two cars which never have been seen previously in this country will be made. The Lotus XVII, which belongs to Glen Baldwin of Birmingham and the GMS Delta owned by Bob Gubbins, also of Birmingham, will see action in their respective classes.

The Delta is an import from England. It incorporates many English Ford parts including the Anglia engine and features unit construction in steel and fiberglas.

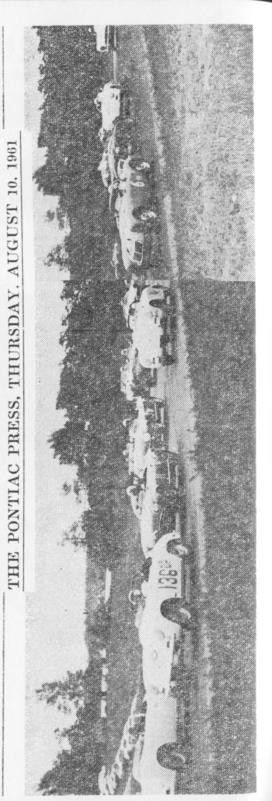
The Lotus XVII was built especially for the factory team to race at LeMans, France. It is powered by a 750 CC Coventry Climax engine and weighs less than 700 pounds.

Racing club president Art Novak said, "We have drawn some of the best cars and drivers in the country for this race."

Among the local drivers entered are Bob Clift of Pontiac driving a Corvett, John Camp of Pontiac, driving a Porsche and Dave Moothart of Pontiac driving an Austin-Healy.

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If you are at all associated with the sports car world, as a member of any sports car club, or a participant in races and other events, or simply enjoy the sport as a spectator, you probably know this man. Everyone seems to know Les and he seems to know everyone associated with this type of sport by their first names.



For those few who are not acquainted with this dynamo, here are some of the reasons why he is qualified to have this title.

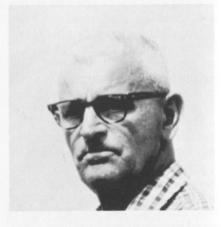
Sixty-three years young and getting younger all the time -

Loves to drive a sports car better than any other type automobile -

Enjoys working for anything that will improve the sport of auto racing -

Always willing to stop and talk and to help with what ever project might need doing -

Gets a "big kick" out of organizing ice runs, gymkhanas, or races and driving his Porsche in these fun events -



Likes people and has the "gift to gab" and a certain charm that appeals to everyone he meets - a real goodwill ambassador -

His trophy collection is not as impressive with racing trophies as a lot of drivers but he has the largest collection of enthusiasts trophies I have ever seen.

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Three years ago, at an age when most men would have long since retired from speed events, he drove his Sprite in races at Put-In-Bay and Mt. Clemens -

So, if you see this grey haired guy with a bristly mustache to match, driving around, stop him and say hello. He will be happy to stop and talk to you and I believe after a short conversation, you will agree this is the man to be known as "Mr. Sports Car". His full name? Leslie C. Smith, 1962 President of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Road Racing Club.

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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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As far as sedans are concerned, it doesn't, much. The Indianapolis 500 regularly attempts to justify its existence with some vague nonsense about being "America's greatest automotive testing ground", but the facts don't support this. What racing really seems to develop is better racing cars. Indy's only real claim to fame is the rear-view mirror, introduced there around the time of the Kaiser War. As it happens, today's Indy cars don't even have 'em anymore. So much for America's greatest automotive testing ground.

A few items, pioneered on road racing machines, do seem to be making a breakthrough though. One of these is disc brakes, now available on most medium-and-above-priced English cars. Another is independent rear suspension, although this claim is somewhat clouded by the fact that Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz both built fully independent family sedans long before that design became the vogue for racing cars, as it is today.

An interesting side note here is the knowledge that Volkswagen, brainchild of that great race car designer, Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, is vehemently opposed to racing. The managing director of VW, Heinz Nordhoff, is foursquare against it. He says it's a waste of time, effort, and money, and it proves nothing. I wish he could see Erhard Dahm hauling his silver beetle around Waterford; he might change his tune. (He might also froth at the mouth and tell Erhard to take that thing home and use it for what it was designed.)

What racing represents to those manufacturers who take part in it, is not any kind of proving ground at all, but rather a great big public relations gimmick. It's generally accepted that competition success results directly in sales success. That's why Pontiac does it, that's why Mercedes-Benz does it, and that's why literally hun-

dreds of men in the American automobile industry are heavily involved in it, even though the industry has imposed a no-racing ban on itself.

Sports cars are a little different, since they must behave a bit like racing cars or they won't sell; but they're an exception. For example, the American sedan never profited much from stock car racing; it just got more and more powerful, and bigger and bigger. Tradition and costs are two major factors that have always prevented any race-born innovations from filtering down to the consumer level. Although today's American sedans do handle and stop better than they used to, it's more because of the influx of good-handling European cars, than any lessons learned in racing.

So, we come again to the bare fact that racing is more for the benefit of the sales department than the engineering department. You, the fans, can take some smug pleasure from the knowledge that you're the cause of it all. All over Detroit, Stuttgart, Turin, Coventry, and the world's other autoproducing centers, there are gangs of expensive executive types, all hoping to come up with new cars that'll blow off everything on the track - just so you'll be impressed enough to buy one of the little dears.

You can poo-poo the whole thing and say that you're much too intelligent a car buyer to ever get roped in by such transparent goings-on, but if you're at all honest with yourself (as if anybody was), you'll admit that you're sort of pleased that Pontiacs like yours can lap Daytona at 150 - or that a Volvo like yours is a regular winner in the sedan races at Waterford - or that your Jaguar is powered by the same engine that won at LeMans year after year after year. After all, you're only human.

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M.S.C.C. membership is made up of motor sports enthusiasts; enthusiasm being the only prerequisite. Candidates are expected to work one event before qualifying as members. Club activities include a full yearly calendar of gymkhanas, rallies and ice runs. Annual dues are \$10.00 and \$1.00 for wives. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at Botsford Inn, Grand River and Eight Mile Road. For Information call Bill Smith—TU 5-2178.

#### **Ralligators**

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A keen interest in automotive vehicles and motorsports is the prime prerequisite of the Ford Motorsports Club which is made up of 85 percent Ford employees and 15 percent non-employees. Both a competitive and social atmosphere exist, as activities range from gymkhanas, time trials, slaloms, rallies, club trips, and social gatherings.

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It was with this in mind that a group of sports car enthusiasts within the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club of Waterford, Michigan, decided to add to the facilities of this old and respected conservation club, a sports car track that would serve this Mr. Average as well as his more sophisticated brother.

The Oakland County Sportsmen's Road Racing Club (O.C.S.R.R.C.) had its real beginning back in the spring of 1958. At that time, several sports car enthusiasts in the area were asked by long time O.C.S.C. members, Robert M. Gubbins and Harry Barnes, to join the club with the express purpose of promoting sports car activities within it.

In order to support such a movement, many new people, interested in sports car racing, were needed. Our now famous "Dear Sports Car Enthusiast" letter invited hundreds of people to join O.C.S.C. with the vague promise of a paved course sometime in the future. The response was beyond expectations and with a large grant from the Club to pay for grading, the three event "Pioneer Time Trials" was staged in August with great success on the twisting, dusty course.

Billowing dust with the resulting complaints from our neighbors in the nearby subdivision forced immediate action on paving the course; a project that hadn't been anticipated until late 1959.

Seemingly impassable blocks stood in the way of paving before winter, but with a remarkable show of persistence, persuasion, and enthusiastic effort, O.C.S.R.R.C. members made Michigan's first paved sports car course a reality on No-

vember 8, 1958.

Events of various types were run throughout the winter including Family Day which featured an ice run on O.C.S.C.'s Lake Townsend, combined with a time trial on the track. In the early spring, we began a six unit series of time trials known as the Marque Trials. In these runs, car classes were set up on the basis of car make instead of the usual engine displacement.

In the early summer, a new type of event was initiated to provide a change from the normal time trial, running strictly against the clock. This particular event known as the Australian Pursuit Race was modified to suit our course conditions. Since cars could not pass on the narrow 12 ft. wide pavement, they were started out at time intervals. When a car "caught" the car it was pursuing by coming within one second time distance, the "caught" car was flagged off the course and the pursuer was free to chase another. These races provided some very exciting moments and served to introduce the novices to wheel-to-wheel competition in a gradual way.

A great boost to Club morale came during the early part of September, 1959 when O.C.S.R.R.C. officers were informed by one of our members that a friend of his, who preferred to remain anonymous, was willing to put up securities for a bank loan to pave the second strip of the track and to make other improvements necessary to stage wheel-to-wheel-competition events. The offer was immediately and gratefully accepted with provisions made to safeguard the gentleman's securities. Plans were immediately made for

the staging of our Inaugural Race. In the short space of five weeks, this dynamic group had again done the impossible by preparing the plans and layout necessary to provide a 24 ft. wide course and organizing this Race.

The club members themselves erected a 2000 ft. board fence to minimize any inconvenience to our neighbors. Telephone lines, spectator fencing, pit and paddock area, land clearing, and many other projects were accomplished on weekends by willing volunteer workers.

While all this physical activity was going on, there were many hours spent in organizing the races. Announcements and applications were prepared and mailed; the program was assembled and prepared with the support of many advertisers; dedication ceremonies were arranged; publicity in the immediate area and surrounding communities was arranged, as well as the organization of the many complex procedures of running a race such as: registration, flag control, communications, crowd control, timing and scoring, trophies.

The large clubhouse with complete dining room, snack bar, and bar facilities, and the indoor rifle range plus 200 acres of scenic land bordered by two fine lakes makes membership particularly attractive. With our race course and the many improvements yet to be made, club members look forward eagerly to the tenth full season of racing on our beautiful Waterford Hills Road Course.

The details of the operation of this unique group show what a group of amateurs, with nothing but their unselfish enthusiasm for the sport, can accomplish with a purely volunteer organization.

#### Oakland County Sportsmen's Road Racing Club Champion Drivers

In 1960 the club originated a point system to enable it to determine the club champion driver of the year. They are:

1960 & 1961	Bob Clift
	CM Corvette
1962	Joe Charette
	GP Sprite
1963	Bill Osband
	DP GSM Delta
1964	Fred Salo
	HP Sprite
1965	Ken Nielsen
	Form. Jr. Lotus 20
1966	Tom Varner
	HP Sprite
1967	Paul Susalla

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#### **PUT-IN-B AY, 1963**

A boat ride was first on the agenda, with many trips required to move all cars to the island.





A truly magnificent Canadian MG-TF leads Bud Pell down the Start/Finish straight.

Timing and Scoring, under the direction of Joan Lawrence (Voltmer), was casual, to say the least. Equipment consisted of a card table, typewriter, cigarettes, Coke bottles, piles of paper, many kibitzers, and a grand total of two stopwatches.





The AC Bristols, which can really open up on a long, open course like Put-in-Bay, are about to lap slower TR-4. Top speed is more advantageous on this type of course than it is at Waterford, so the smaller cars aren't so much competition.



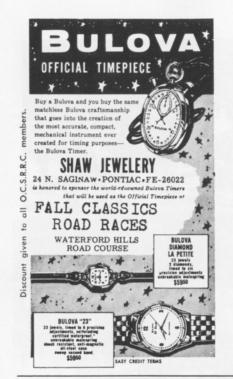
Gord Brown, Mini, pushes Volvo right off the road rounding the last corner.



The beginning of a crack-up, as the lead car swerves to avoid spectators in the road. The car ran up a telephone pole, was completely demolished, but the driver was untouched.

A more casual or fun weekend we couldn't imagine. First the boat ride, then tech inspection, held in a local gas station, then on to the paddock, located in a farmer's field. The course consisted of four long straights, but what with bumps, hills, spectators, and pheasants, it was an exciting course. And after it was all over, there was partying until the wee hours. Bets were paid off in champagne, race cars roared through the streets, and the motels were filled to capacity.

This race was the first at Put-in-Bay in four years, and while there will be no races held there this year, we have high hopes of a full season of racing on the island next season.



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CLASS:	CAR	DRIVER	TIME	SPEED	DATE
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	Chris Gahman	1:23.9	61.021	7/68
E-P	Porsche	Garrett Van Camp	1:22.6		
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 (Modifie	d):				
A-S/R	McLaren Ford	Richard Brown	1:16.2	67.188	9/67**
B-S/R	Porsche RS61	Frank Kahlich	1:21.1	63.132	7/68
C-S/R	Lotus XI	Bill Barber	1:22.1	62.358	7/68
D-S/R	Begra	Bill Mundus	1:28.3	57.9780	7/68
Formula:					
В	Brabham	Allan Moffat	1:17.2	66.316	7/67
C-1 (Rear)	Lotus XX	Ken Nielsen	1:19.4	64.478	8/65
C-2 (Front)	Woodward DKW	John Grames	1:19.3	64.556	5/67
Libre	Lotus XX	Ken Nielsen	1:23.2	61.533	8/65
Sedans:					
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		
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The Hill Climb continued on through 1958, but was shut off at that time by authorities of the State of Michigan.

The course was silent for four years, when the MG Car Club, Detroit Centre, took over the task of persuading the officials to reconsider. And last year over 60 cars entered the re-organized event, which was held in November.

The two-day event included practice on Saturday, timed runs on Sunday, and food and accommodations were available at the Lodge. Nearly all the old records were broken on Sunday, with Joe Mulholland setting a new overall record in brother John's Lotus XX Formula Junior. The old record was set by J. C. Kilborn in a 2-liter Lotus.

This year the Haven Hill Climb will be held on November 14 and 15. The event is open to all licensed drivers, and full competition equipment is required. There is plenty of room for spectators. Reservation should be made as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.

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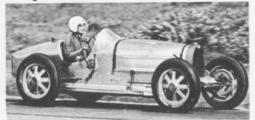
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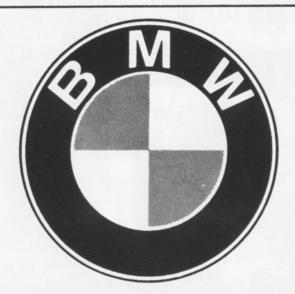


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Goofs, or unusual ways of doing things-Ahem!, are not limited to novices. Before he acquired his current red Vette, Dennis "The Menace" Waskiewicz used to campaign his "Halloween" Corvette, an orange one with black stripes. Dennis and his Vettes thoroughly enjoy slipping and sliding through the tight turns at Waterford. During one race Dennis came roaring out of the swamp turn leaving an unbelievable trail of white smoke. He raced into the pit lane, slammed on the brakes and leaped out before the car had completely rolled to a stop. Dennis was convinced the fire would cause an explosion in his gas tanks. Time and further investigation revealed that in his exuberant racing, Dennis had discharged his fire extinguisherthis was his smoking emergency! Experienced lady drivers sometimes have their troubles, too. Andrea Gleason recalls driving one race which was eventually called after the third flip-and she was it! Recovering nicely, Andrea went to be the official commentator for Channel 50 which wanted to broadcast the feature races. As soon as the cameras began to roll the drivers stopped same! Channel 50 got two hours of everyone driving nicely-there was not one even mildly spectacular spinout. Barbara Beurmann one Saturday practice tipped her Alfa on its side. On Sunday, when she knew her parents would be watching, Barbara got promises from the officials including the P.A. announcer not to mention her mistake on Saturday. Satisfied her parents would never know. Barbara started her race -only to roll over in front of the spectator area on the hill!

Playing "Do You Remember?" is fun when you have ten years of racing to draw from. There are so many things. Vic Skirmants getting the black flag for being too far in front of the carefully staged pack of racers for a TV commercial. Tony Franciosa losing his left front wheel on the swamp turn in the last lap and accelerating enough to keep his NSU upright until he crossed the finish line to win. Then he commandeered the second place finisher to take him around on his victory lap! So many things! It's been fun chronicling some of our memories-here's to more! From all the Digest staff our heartiest congratulations on the first ten years and our best wishes for another ten - at the very least.



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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.

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At this point we would like to express our appreciation to all of those wonderful people who have spent hours building our track and readying it for this our Inaugural Race. While we have not the space to mention them all by name, we here offer our thanks for the many backbreaking hours spent erecting fences, digging post holes, cutting weeds, and preparing the track for paving. Without them, this Race could not be a reality.

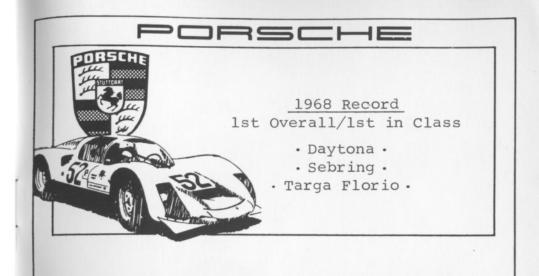
Nor do we mean to slight all of our faithful members who worked on the committees necessary

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