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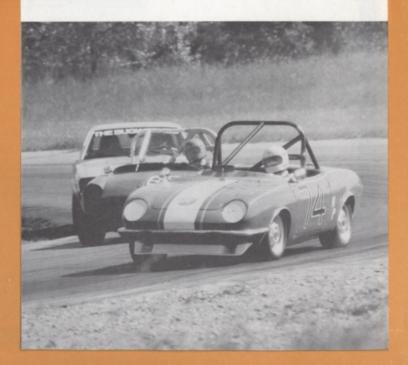
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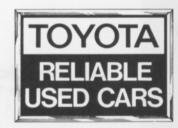
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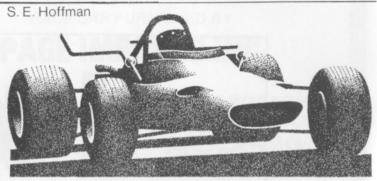
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### the inside line



Welcome to Waterford Hills Road Racing!

This year's September Fall Classics promises to be the best ever! This weekend's racing is always on the ragged, hairy edge. There's a lot at stake. Most important is who's going to be the 1976 champion. The finishing positions in the 1976 Top Ten Drivers list is by no means firm and the guys will be dicing for those spots. The big, rotating trophies for the class season winners will be awarded on Sunday night. In the hotly contested classes each of these races will make the difference. This weekend represents the last chance for those personal goals such as breaking a class record or just beating the dude whose tail lights you've followed all year. There's a "Let it all hang out; I've got all winter to fix it" attitude that makes for terrific racing at Fall Classics!

We did it again, we broke two class records in August. Bob Schneider set a new BSR record with his red Lotus Mallock, a car not seen much in the U.S. Barry Hartzel broke the FP time twice before getting it down to a 1:18 flat. Apologies to John Llewellyn of Chatham, Ontario — he set a new DS record in the June Can-Am Challenge and we didn't get it printed till this issue.

Some very special things are happening this Sunday. It is *Radio Station WDEE Day* and we welcome their promo winners, staff and celebrities! Also, there is a Porsche Club of America corral in the spectator area. And we want to thank the Corvette Club of Michigan for their corral and for providing the cars to parade the class contenders and trophies again this year.

At this time we'd like to say a very special "Thank You"

to all of our drivers, their pit crews and families for the splendid racing season. The high degree of competitiveness in conjunction with the super sportsmanship displayed is in the true tradition of sports car racing. At no other track I've worked, has there been such an attitude of "I want to beat you, but when we're both running right". Drivers loan each other car parts, tools and even "head wrenches" to insure that every driver can makes the grids. That's real espirit de corps!!

We'd like to thank all of our race workers, all 150 or so. Without them we couldn't function. Those beautiful volunteers give their time, energies, money and enthusiasm to make sure the race weekend goes smoothly. A real tip of the topper to you!

We'd especially like to thank all of our loyal fans whose cheers and applause put the frosting on our racing cake. Your enthusiasm is the spice of life to us racing hams! God bless you!

Happy viewing!!

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# the legend of ecurie poverty

 Joe Charette as told to S. E. Hoffman

With a passing nod to the Bicentennial, and a hearty congratulations to WHRRI on its seventeenth birthday this race weekend, we give recognition to one of the early racing teams, *Ecurie Poverty*. Ecurie means team and poverty needs no explanation!

There's a bunch of crazy things that happened to the team, according to legend, that is. Joe Brancik rolled his Sprite in the first turn on lap one and the race was red flagged. They righted the car, put it back in the grid and Joe won the race on the restart. On Ralph Yeakley's first trip to the new Mid-Ohio race course, his plastic windscreen shattered on the long straight. Uncle Ralph maintains to this day it was the wind pressure of going so fast, couldn't have been a stone. Then there's the story that Jim Syze flipped into the swamp and got snake bit crawling out. Joe Charette had to win the last feature race in 1962 and set a new record doing it to win the championship. He did, even minus third gear. Joe Brancik once arrived for a race at the old North Branch horse racing dirt track in the middle of the night and had to bunk down in one of the horse barns. He shared the hay with some creepy-crawlies and blamed his spin out the next day on not being able to decide whether to scratch before or after the turn.

With the advent of increased interest in sports car racing in the fifties and sixties, it was a racing adage that the lowly Sprite was an inexpensive way to go racing. But as the amateurs soon found out, there is no inexpensive way to go racing. Poverty is your constant fate.

That's when a bunch of Sprite drivers at Waterford decided to band together, so they started the 1962 racing season with a loose knit organization. They made a list of all the major Sprite parts they would need or like to have as spares, divided it up and each bought his share. That way they had a larger parts pool at the races to draw from. The strategy worked because that first year they had every car ready to race every race they entered. Of course, there were a few times that all the drivers pitched in to do a major motor rebuild right in the pits just to get one guy's blown engine together.

(continued)

It didn't take long before the group began calling themselves "Ecurie Poverty", an apt name for a team that mostly drove its street cars to the track, made some minor changes, and raced it. Pit crew people were so scarce that the drivers used to attach small pieces of tape to the dash (one for each lap) and tear them off each time they crossed the start-finish line.

Joe Brancik designed the Ecurie Poverty team patch, the sad-eyed little guy dragging his bag of broken car parts.



The team won more than their share of trophies, especially against the SCCA drivers at Mid-Ohio and on the Canadian tracks. Two of the originals, Bob Kliffel and Jack Gardella, made the SCCA national run-offs several times each. Other original members are Joe Charette, WHRRI champ, Ralph Yeckley, Bill Larson, Bob Crane and Jim Syze. Later members of the team are: Fred Salo, Dave Johnson, Bob Mynek, Bob Seghi, Dave MacKinder and John Alexander.

Over the years sports car racing has gotten more sophisticated and more expensive. The drivers on the track today owe a lot to the pioneer sports car drivers. Their struggles and enthusiasm made it all happen. So, let's tip a bit of the foamy to them today; they've earned it!





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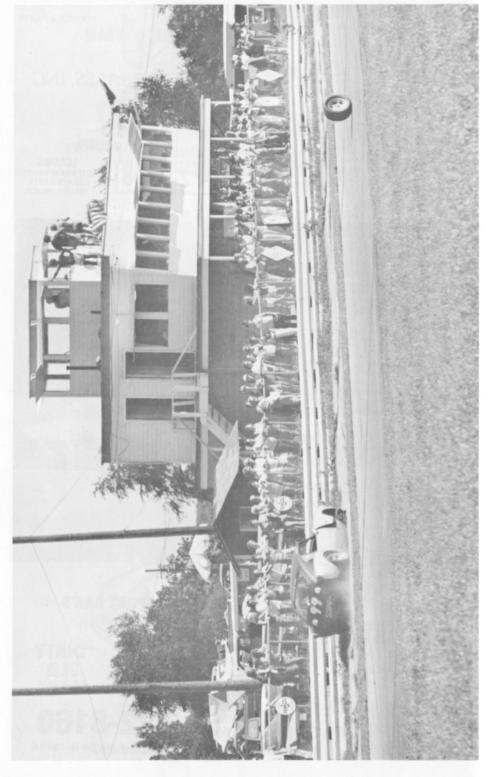
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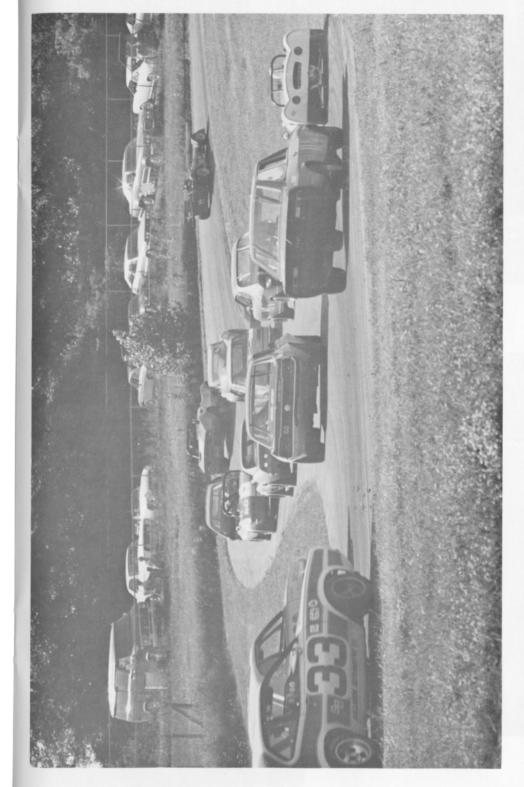
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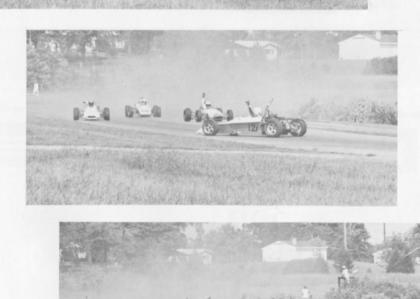
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### average lap speed chart

Min/Sec	MPH	Min/Sec	MPH	Min/Sec	MPH
1:00	85.326	1:17	66,488	1:34	54.463
1:01	83.927	1:18	65.635	1:35	53.890
1:02	82.574	1:19	64.805	1:36	53.329
1:03	81.263	1:20	63.995	1:37	52.779
1:04	79.993	1:21	63.204	1:38	52.240
1:05	78.762	1:22	62.434	1:39	51.713
1:06	77.569	1:23	61,681	1:40	51.196
1:07	76.411	1:24	60.947	1:41	50.689
1:08	75.288	1:25	60.230	1:42	50.192
1:09	74.197	1:26	59.530	1:43	49.704
1:10	73.137	1:27	58.846	1:44	49.227
1:11	72.106	1:28	58.846	1:45	48.758
1:12	71.105	1:29	57.523	1:46	48.298
1:13	70.131	1:30	56.884	1:47	47.846
1:14	69.183	1:31	56.259	1:48	47.403
1:15	68.261	1:32	55.647	1:49	46.968
1:16	67.363	1:33	55.041		

The Waterford Hills Road Course is 1.4221 miles long (7,509 ft. center line of track). To determine the speed of any individual car, time it for one complete lap and read off the speed from this table.

### class records

ASR BSR	John Greenwood R. W. (Bob) Schneider	Lola Mallock U2	1:12.8	5/72 8/76
CSR	Warren Purdy	Lotus 23	1:16.1	8/73
DSR	Don Clining	Meister Honda	1:20.8	5/75
AP	John Greenwood	Corvette	1:16.3	9/72
BP	Tim Morgan	Corvette	1:15.4	8/74
CP	Don Clining	TR6	1:19.6	5/74
DP	Gary Bendik	GT6	1:18.7	7/73
EP	Vic Skirmants	Porsche	1:16.5	6/76
FP	Barry Hartzel	MG Midget	1:18.0	8/76
GP	Hugo Carlson	MG Midget	1:20.0	7/73
HP	Mike Baldwin	Sprite	1:22.3	6/73
AS	Warren Tope	Mustang	1:18.6	5/71
BS	J. Byron Walker	Datsun	1:18.1	6/76
CS	Gary Allott	Mini Cooper	1:21.0	6/76
DS	John Llewellyn	Austin Cooper	1:26.2	6/76
SS/A	Donald Gibboney	Porsche	1:32.0	8/74
SS/B	Richard Koplin	Opel	1:30.0	5/76
SS/C	Joe Nonnamaker	Pinto	1:35.3	5/76
FB	Lew Cooper	Lola	1:09.1	7/73
FC	Norm Kirnberger	Brabham	1:13.6	8/73
FF	Andy Falbo	Crossle	1:10.9	7/75
FV	David Glenn	Lynx	1:16.9	8/74
F4	Gordon Green	P & G	1:16.8	6/74
FSV	Harold MacDonald	Lola T 324	1:09.7	6/76
** F/ALTC	Vince Muzzin	March	1:06.7	5/75

\*\* track record

# racing classes

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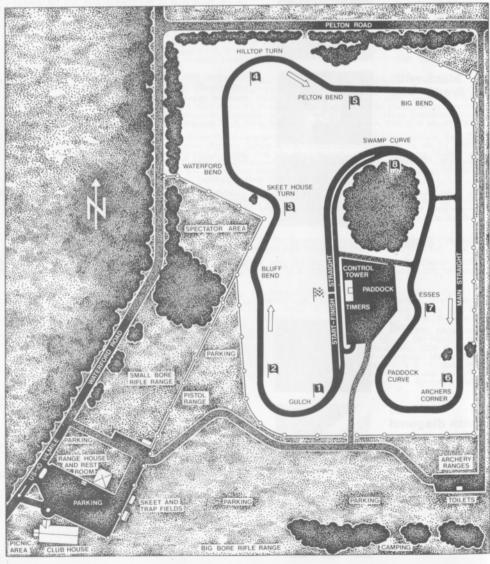
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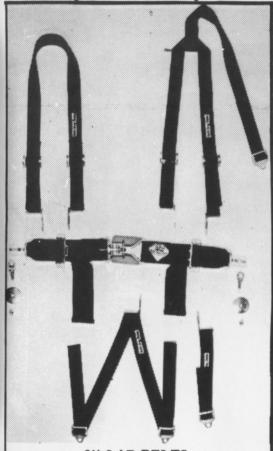
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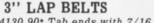




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