

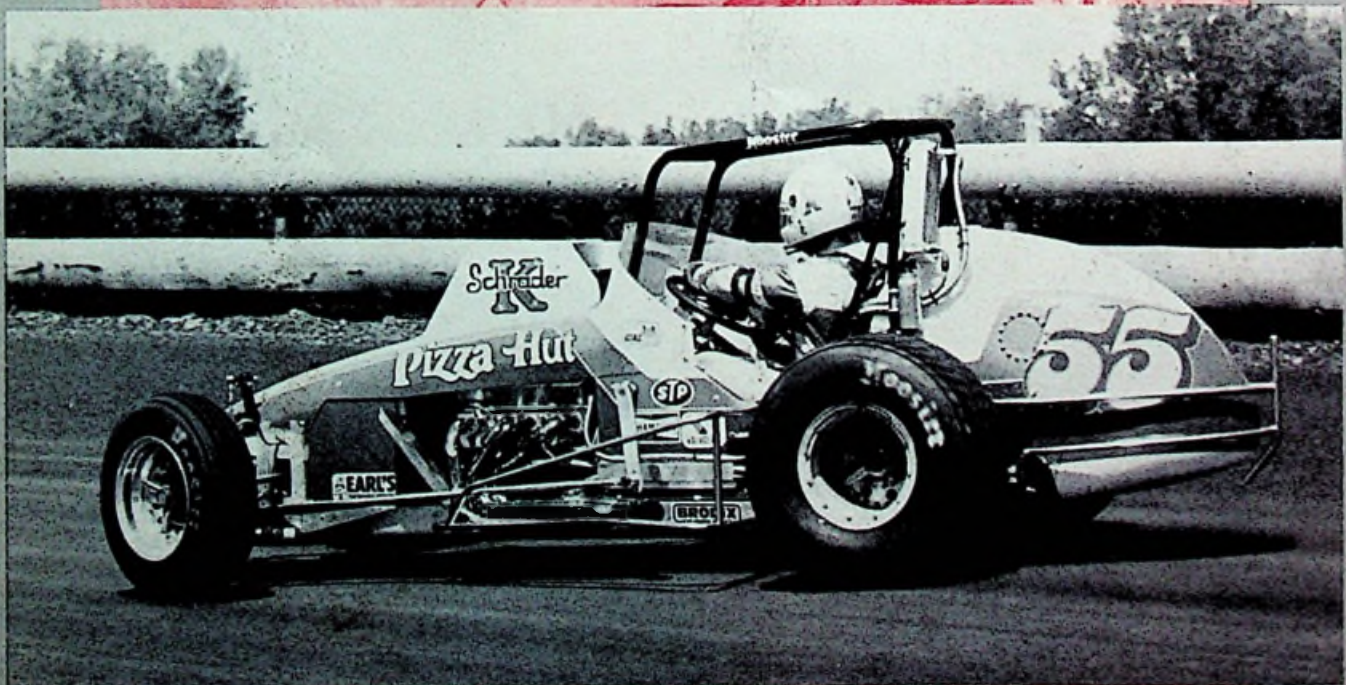
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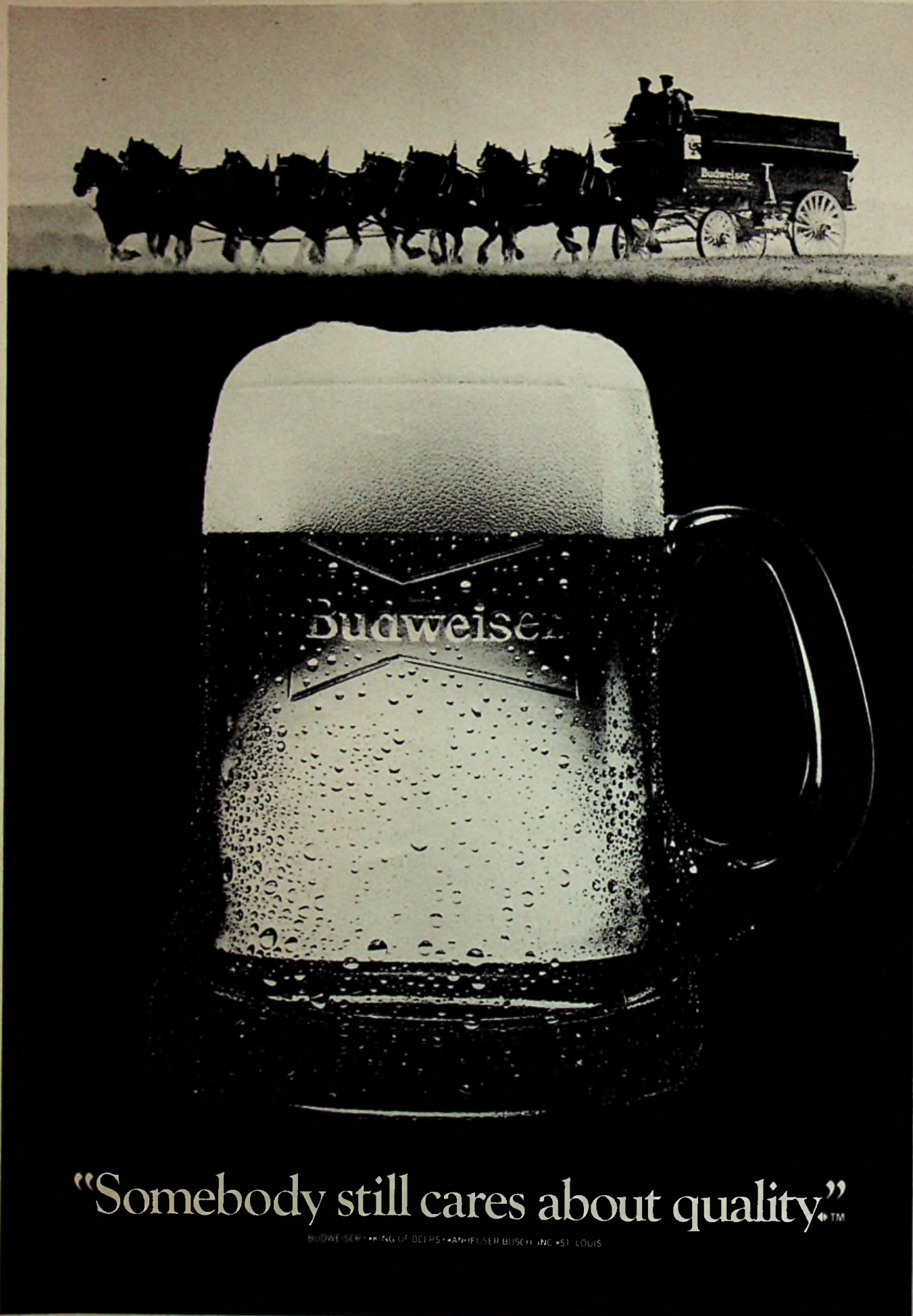
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Du Quoin State Fair

Since the inception of the Du Quoin State Fair, the event has been recognized throughout the Midwest as one of the region's largest annual attractions.

Although known as a "state" fair since its founding in 1923, the Fair was privately owned for its first 63 years. According to the late W. R. Hayes, founder of the exposition, "We decided to give our show the title of 'state' fair because that's what it really is in stature."

To back the statement up, Hayes promised that "the quality and extend of Fair presentations will be improved yearly as long as the Fair exists."

Today, the State of Illinois owns and manages the sprawling complex while reaffirming Hayes' vow.

"The Du Quoin State Fair has a rich tradition and history that makes it a jewel for the entire state," said Gov. James R. Thompson. "The Fair plays a vital role in the effort to make Southern Illinois a major tourism attraction."

When the Fair opened, it occupied 30 acres and was without electric lights. It did, however, feature a 3,000 seat grandstand beside a half-mile race track. The track is still used for training. Most indoor shows were presented under canvas but there were permanent horse barns, also still in use. Attendance at the first Fair was estimated at over 60,000.

Today, the Fairgrounds has blossomed into 1,400 acres, 900

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of which are maintained throughout the year as an outdoor recreational area. Buildings on the Fairgrounds include the 8,300-seat main grandstand and, accompanied with flanking bleachers, seating capacity is over 18,000. Other structures include the 33,000-square foot livestock exhibition hall and 12 horse barns.

Grand Circuit harness racing began at Du Quoin in 1942 and it was then that the Fair became a national event. In 1957, Gene and Don Hayes, sons of the founder, were successful in their bid to bring the Hambletonian to Du Quoin, beginning a 24 year marriage between the Fair and the famous American trotting race. Today, the Fair is the home of the international trotting championship, the World Trotting Derby.

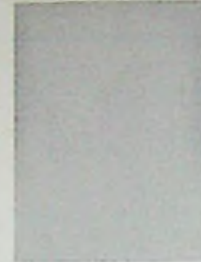
The Fair is also the host of stock and dirt car racing sanctioned by the United States Auto Club and the Automobile Racing Club of America. The Labor Day weekend is the traditional date for auto racing at Du Quoin.

Las Vegas, Broadway and Nashville get together for a 10-day period each year as dozens of the top entertainers have appeared at the Fair. The parade of entertainers performing at Du Quoin in their heyday is literally endless. Bob Hope, Johnny Carson, Nat "King" Cole, Diana Ross, Liberace, Sonny and Cher, Kenny Rogers, Liza Minelli and Alabama are only a few.

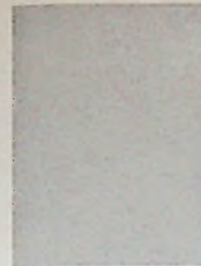
Silver Crown Championship Series Driver Profiles



Mark Alderson
Timberlake, S.D.
Birthdate: April 18, 1945



Steve Butler
Kokomo, Ind.
Birthdate: September 26, 1956



Nick Fornoro, Jr.
Lake Hiawatha, N.J.
Birthdate: January 26, 1956



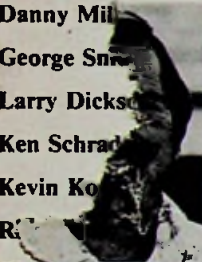
Rick Hood
Memphis, Tenn.
Birthdate: July 15, 1952

- 7 **Bobby**
- 10 **Steve P**
- 11 **Joe E** seven Silver Crown features in 1985 but was unable to match his best finish in the series. He was runnerup for the 1982 USAC Silver Crown championship, with eight "top-10" finishes in nine starts that year.
- 12 **Gray B** that year's STP "Most Improved Gold Crown Driver"
- 14 **Danny Mil**
- 16 **George S**
- 18 **Larry Dick**
- 20 **Ken Schrad**
- 27 **Kevin Ko**
- 29 **R**
- 30 **Chuc**
- 31 **T** USAC Silver Crown Series Champion (1980 and 1983). Gary suffered a miserable 1985 season, salvaging only a fifth-place finish in the "Pepsi-Cola 150" at Indianapolis Raceway Park. Gary leads nearly every Silver Crown category, including nine feature wins. He has won 80 races in his career and is a two-time USAC Sprint Car Champion.
- 37 **Billy**
- 39 **Rick Hood** In 1972 Gary appeared headed for victory in the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race in a stock-block powered car and only to have mechanical problems force him out of the event.
- 42 **Don D**

Steve wound up eighth in the 1985 Silver Crown standings and his runnerup finish behind Sheldon Kinser in the "Hoosier Hundred" helped him win the Stenger Ford "Rookie of the Year" honors. He was the runnerup for the 1985 USAC Sprint Car Championship and has won six USAC Sprint features, including one at Putnamville, Ind. in 1985.

A standout Midget driver, Nick finished ninth in the "Hoosier Hundred" at Indianapolis in his only 1985 Silver Crown start, although he had competed in four 1984 series events. He won four different Midget championships in 1985 and was the winner of the USAC "Hoosier Dome Invitational" Midget event in Indianapolis in early 1986. He now has four USAC National Midget victories to his credit, including the 1985 "Night Before the 500" at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Rick earned his first Valvoline/USAC Silver Crown Championship in 1985 with four victories in seven starts to beat Sheldon Kinser for the title by 159 points. Rick added his second consecutive USAC Sprint Car Championship in 1985 also, winning nine Sprint features. His Silver Crown wins came in the "Pepsi-Cola 150" at Indianapolis Raceway Park, the USAC/NCRA "Shootout" at Oklahoma City, the "Mountaineer 75" at Parkersburg, W.V. and the 100-miler at Du Quoin. In recognition of his comeback from late-1984 injuries, Rick received the coveted Valvoline "Jimmy Caruthers Memorial Award." The 1983 Silver Crown "Rookie of the Year" now owns six Silver Crown feature triumphs.



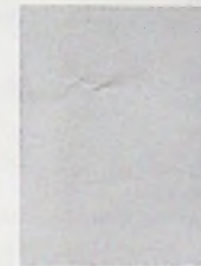
Gary Bettenhausen
Monrovia, Ind.
Birthdate: November 18, 1941



Steve Chassey
Carmel, Ind.
Birthdate: February 27, 1945



Chuck Gurney
Pleasanton, Calif.
Birthdate: April 20, 1949



Frankie Kerr
Bensalem, Pa.
Birthdate: September 13, 1960

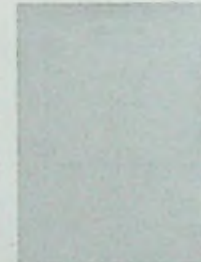
The 1984 "Hoosier Hundred" champion finished ninth in the 1985 Silver Crown points, with a third-place at Du Quoin and a fourth in the "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis. A 13-time winner in USAC Sprint competition, Steve was the 1980 USAC Sprint Car Series point runnerup. In 1983 he was voted STP's "Most Improved Championship Car Driver" for his performance in the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race in a stock-block powered car and his other accomplishments during that season.

Chuck's second consecutive victory in the "Tony Bettenhausen 100" at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield helped him to third in the final 1985 Valvoline Silver Crown points. A two-time "Hoosier Hundred" winner in Indianapolis, Chuck has also won in USAC Sprint and Midget competition and in 1985 won six races enroute to claiming USAC's first ever Skoal Long Cut National Supermodified Series Championship.

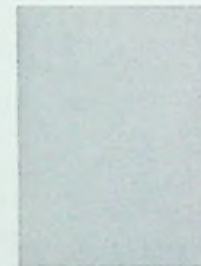
A favorite with East Coast racing fans, Frankie made his USAC Silver Crown debut in 1985 and in five starts recorded an eighth place finish in the "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis as his best finish. He wound up 24th in the final series standings.



Tom Bigelow
Whitewater, Wis.
Birthdate: October 31, 1939



Paul Clark
Madison, Wis.
Birthdate: November 23, 1952



Jac Haudenschild
Millersburg, Ohio
Birthdate: March 7, 1958



Sheldon Kinser
Bloomington, Ind.
Birthdate: December 9, 1942

Tom came back from a spectacular crash in the 1985 Silver Crown Series opener at Tampa, Fla. to compete in seven series races and would up 18th in the final points. His best finish was a fifth in the "Hulman Hundred" in Indianapolis in May. The winningest driver in USAC Sprint Car history (52 wins), Tom won the 1978 USAC Sprint Car Championship and the 1984 USAC National Midget title. He won the prestigious "Hoosier Hundred" in 1975 and has six career wins in the Silver Crown Series.

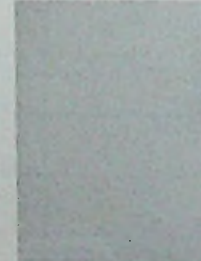
Paul competed in five USAC Silver Crown races in his first season with the series in 1985. His best finish came at the Du Quoin State Fair, where he placed 10th. Paul is also a veteran of USAC Midget racing.

Jac started only three Silver Crown races in 1985 but was runnerup to Sheldon Kinser in the "Hulman Hundred" in Indianapolis in May. He also owns four USAC Sprint car victories, including the opening race of the 1985 season at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora speedway.

Sheldon finished second to Rick Hood in the final 1985 Silver Crown standings after winning both the "Hulman Hundred" and the "Hoosier Hundred" at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. These wins brought his career total of Silver Crown victories to five. Sheldon is one of only two three-time USAC Sprint Car Champions and has 35 career USAC Sprint wins to his credit. He's a 12-year veteran of the Silver Crown wars.



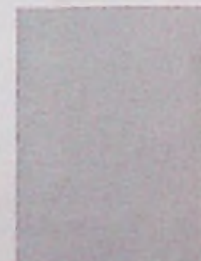
Dave Blaney
Hartford, Ohio
Birthdate: October 24, 1962



Bruce Field
Lockport, Ill.
Birthdate: October 2, 1950



Jack Hewitt
Troy, Ohio
Birthdate: July 8, 1951



Danny Milburn
Indianapolis, Ind.
Birthdate: June 1, 1949

Dave surprised many with his performance in the 1984 Silver Crown Series, not only winning the Stenger Ford "Rookie of the Year" honors, but the series championship as well. He was 10th in the Silver Crown standings in 1985, with a runnerup finish behind series titlist Rick Hood at the new West Virginia Motor Speedway in Parkersburg and was also third in the pavement "Pepsi-Cola 150" at Indianapolis Raceway Park, again behind Hood. Dave is also a competitor in selected USAC Sprint car events.

Bruce made his Silver Crown debut in 1985 and started four feature events, finishing seventh in the "Pepsi-Cola 150" at Indianapolis Raceway Park. He ended up 19th in the final standings. In the USAC Midget Series, Bruce won races at Winchester, Ind. and Williams Grove, Pa.

The 1981 Silver Crown Series "Rookie of the Year", Jack's best series showing in 1985 came in the opener at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa where he finished second to George Snider. He won the previously day's USAC/NCRA "Challenge" feature at Tampa. He added fourth-place finishes at Indianapolis and Springfield to place sixth in the final series standings. Jack also owns nine victories in USAC Sprint car racing.

Danny finished seventh in the "Mountaineer 75" at Parkersburg, W.V. during 1985, ending up 21st in the Silver Crown standings in his fifth season. A regular in the USAC Sprint Car series too, Danny has scored two Sprint feature victories at Lawrenceburg, Ind. and in 1982 was voted the True Value Hardware Sprint Car "Rookie of the Year."



Bobby Olivero
Lakewood, Calif.
Birthdate: December 24, 1946

A nine-year veteran of the Silver Crown Series, Bobby could only muster a pair of fifth-place finishes in 1985, in the "Tony Bettenhausen 100" in Springfield, Ill. (a race he won in 1979 and 1982) and the "Hoosier Hundred" in Indianapolis, Ind. (which he also won in 1979). Bobby was the 1979 Silver Crown Champion and nearly won the 1973 USAC Midget title. He was the first to regularly campaign a Volkswagen-powered Midget with USAC, a powerplant which now dominates that series. He now has 16 career USAC Midget triumphs. His final ranking in the 1985 Silver Crown Series was seventh.



Jerry Russell
Springfield, Ill.
Birthdate: March 4, 1956

Jerry made his Silver Crown debut in four 1984 races and was 11th twice in four 1985 starts. The 1984 True Value Hardware Sprint Car "Rookie of the Year." Jerry finished second in a USAC Sjsprint race at Springfield, Ill. in 1985 and wound up ninth in the Crestliner Vans Sprint car standings.



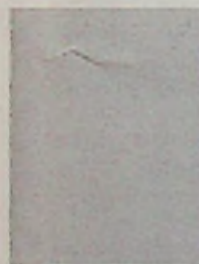
Johnny Parsons
Indianapolis, Indiana
Birthdate: August 26, 1944

Johnny's best finish in five 1985 Silver Crown appearances was a third in the "4-Crown Nationals" season finale at Rossburg, Ohio in October. A regular competitor in USAC races for two decades, Johnny has won 27 USAC Midget races and five Sprint features. He was runnerup for the 1976 Silver Crown title and the 1977 finish in the classic. He also grabbed the 1986 Jolly Rancher Candies USAC Midget opener at Fort Wayne, Ind.



George Snider
Bakersfield, Calif.
Birthdate: December 8, 1940

George won the opening race of the 1985 Silver Crown Championship Series at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa and was third in the "Hulman Hundred" in Indianapolis in May. He has four career Silver Crown wins as well as six USAC Sprint wins and four USAC Midget triumphs. George was USAC's first "Dirt Car" Champion in 1971 and subsequently won the 1981/82 USAC Gold Crown National Driving Championship. He's a veteran of 20 Indianapolis 500's, finishing eighth in 1975 and 1978, and started on the front row in the 1966 "500."



Mike Peters
Wichita, Kan.
Birthdate: August 19, 1950

A top competitor in the NCRA Championship Series, Mike has competed with USAC the past four seasons, finishing 20th in the 1985 Silver Crown Series standings. He was fourth in the Oklahoma City 50-lapper and was never out of the "top-10" in three starts.



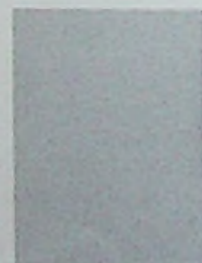
Rich Vogler
Indianapolis, Ind.
Birthdate: July 26, 1950

Rich failed to crack the "top-five" in eight Silver Crown starts in 1985, but was the fastest qualifier for both the "Pepsi-Cola 150" at Indianapolis Raceway Park and the "Mountaineer 75" at Parkersburg, W.V. He has won three Silver Crown races and has 88 total USAC feature wins in all categories to rank third on the All-time USAC winners list. He's a three-time USAC National Midget Champ (1978, 1980 and 1983) and won the 1980 USAC Sprint Car title. He made his Indianapolis 500 debut in 1985.



Larry Rice
Brownsburg, Ind.
Birthdate: March 24, 1946

Victory in the "4-Crown Nationals" finale at Rossburg, Ohio's Eldora Speedway vaulted Larry into fifth place in the final 1985 Silver Crown standings. A two-time (1977 and 1981) Silver Crown Champion, Larry was the 1981 "Hoosier Hundred" winner and also was "Co-Rookie of the Year" at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1978. He also won the 1973 USAC National Midget Championship and has 14 career USAC Midget wins.



Kramer Williamson
Palmyra, Pa.
Birthdate: June 26, 1950

Despite only 15 career USAC Silver Crown starts, Kramer has four "top-5" finishes to boast, including a third-place finish at Oklahoma City in 1985. He was second to Sheldon Kinser at Williams Grove, Penn. in the 1980 "Jack Gunn Memorial." He finished 12th in the 1985 USAC Silver Crown Series standings.

Du Quoin State Fair Track Records

Distance	Date	Driver	Car	Time	Speed
1 Lap	10/02/85	Rick Hood	Solar Sources	32.062	112.282
12 Laps	9/06/82	Rich Vogler	Seymour Enterprises	6:37.60	108.652
100 Miles	10/02/85	Rick Hood	Solar Sources	58:58.93	101.726

Silver Crown Series Box Scores

USAC Silver Crown Series Championship Series

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1-Mile Dirt Track — 100 Miles — Total Purse \$37,500

Fin. Pos.	St. Pos.	Driver	Car Name/Number	Money Won	Laps Comp.	Running/Reason Out
1	1	Rick Hood	Solar Sources (39)	\$8,000	100	Running
2	2	Chuck Gurney	Plastic Express (30)	\$4,000	100	Running
3	10	Steve Chassey	Genesee Beer (56)	\$3,000	100	Running
4	4	Sheldon Kinser	Ben's Tire/Gaerte Eng. (6)	\$2,000	100	Running
5	16	Kramer Williamson	OFIXCO (21)	\$1,800	100	Running
6	15	Bobby Olivero	Leader Card/Moran Elec. (15)	\$1,600	99	Running
7	11	John Andretti	Silverado (26)	\$1,400	99	Running
8	25	Jack Hewitt	Pro-Am Trailer (79)	\$1,200	99	Running
9	21	Steve Butler	Kenny Jarrett Farms (10)	\$1,100	99	Running
10	22	Paul Clark	Northwoods (91)	\$1,000	99	Running
11	18	Danny Milburn	Smith Speed Shop (14)	\$ 900	98	Engine
12	9	Larry Rice	Krieg/Richardson Rentals (9)	\$ 800	98	Running
13	12	Jerry Russell	Commercial Truck Comp. (53)	\$ 700	98	Running
14	28	Bob Cicconi	McClure Plastics (69)	\$ 600	98	Running
15	20	Rick Salem	Marcello Steel (42)	\$ 525	97	Running
16	7	Dave Blaney	GCQ Racing (51)	\$ 950	96	Engine
17	19	Gary Irvin	McCord Auto Supply (48)	\$ 425	95	Running
18	30	Randy Bateman	Healthmart Pharmacies (38)	\$ 400	95	Running
19	6	George Snider	Milw. Tru-Cut Sand. Disc. (16)	\$ 375	91	Accident
20	3	Joe Saldana	Amerling (4)	\$ 350	80	Running
21	17	Duke Cook	Little Champ/Continental (44)	\$ 325	72	Engine
22	26	Mark Alderson	B&G/LaGrande Auto. (95)	\$ 325	65	Rear End
23	27	Jerry Nemire	The Pointe Resort (12)	\$ 325	47	Engine
24	8	Rich Vogler	Seymour Enterprises (29)	\$ 325	42	Magneto
25	23	Gary Hieber	Bucks County Intl. (47)	\$ 300	40	Rear End
26	13	Bill Engelhart	Stenger's Leasing (58)	\$ 300	33	Engine
27	29	Duke DeRosa	Kwik-Way Machine (46)	\$ 300	30	Engine
28	24	Greg Staab	Ledford Construction (37)	\$ 300	22	Overheating
29	5	Gary Bettenhausen	Terre Haute 1st Nat. Bank (2)	\$ 300	20	Oil Tank
30	14	Ken Schrader	Pizza Hut of St. Louis (55)	\$ 300	19	Overheating

Average Speed: 101.726

Time: 58:58.93

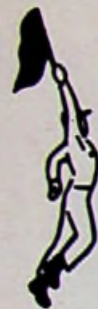
Fast Qualifier: Rick Hood (#39) - 32.062 seconds - 112.282 mph.

Qualifying Race Winners: (12 miles) - Steve Butler & Paul Clark

Lap Leaders: Laps 1-4 Hood, Laps 5-90 Gurney, Laps 91-97 Chassey, Laps 98-100 Hood

Yellow Flags: Laps 74-78 Cook stalled in turn 2; Laps 92-96 Snider Spun and hit fence in turn 1.

The Flags... from the driver's seat



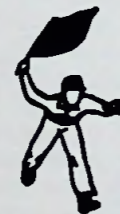
THE GREEN FLAG.....Here we go again. This is the starting gun, the opening whistle—the race is on! The green flag tells us that the race is officially started, and during the long events, keeps us informed that the track is clear ahead — hang on! Here comes that first turn!



THE RED FLAG.....As always, this is the danger flag. Just like the red in a stop sign, it means STOP—and right now! There may have been a bad spill —perhaps someone has been hurt, or the track is completely blocked—when we see this one, we get stopped as quickly as we can. The race will probably be restarted, but let's find out what happened first.



THE CROSSED FLAGS.....Half way! Crossed flags tell us that the race is half over. It makes no difference which one the starter uses. He holds the cloth of the flags along the handle so we don't confuse his meaning... if it's a 50-lapper, this signal means that there are only 25 to go... can't back off yet!



THE BLACK FLAG.....This is the "Consultation flag," telling me to pull into the pits on the next lap... it is often called the disqualification flag, but it doesn't necessarily mean that I have done something wrong... I may be throwing oil or losing a part of my car. Can't ignore these signals; if I get it more than twice, I'll be disqualified!



THE BLUE FLAG WITH DIAGONAL STRIPE.....This is the "passing flag." It indicates that a faster car is about to lap me... he has already passed me, and he now has a complete lap on me. This flag tells me to "hold my groove" or position on the track until I am passed. There he goes... but I'm not worried... he may not last long at that pace. If the flag isn't handy Bruce and Bud will use hand signals.



THE WHITE FLAG.....This one means simply "one more lap"... we've been a little too busy to count them, and this lets us know that we are starting on that last long lap. We're always glad to see this one, but the one we really wait for is:



THE YELLOW FLAG.....This is the "caution flag." It tells us to slow down; to hold our position until the green flag is thrown again. The yellow flag indicates that there has been an accident on the track, or that the track has been partially blocked by a stalled car or a thrown wheel or other object. The yellow flag will remain out until the officials have determined that no one is injured seriously or that the track is not completely blocked.



THE CHECKERED FLAG.....This is the big one, the one we've been waiting for... it means it's all over but the shouting. We all want to get under this one first, but of course we can't all do it. We keep trying though, and I guess that's why you keep coming back. Thanks for the ride? Don't mention it... come again. And remember, when you drive your own car, although there are no flag signals, keep your eye on those traffic signs and obey them... they're the "flag signals of the highway."

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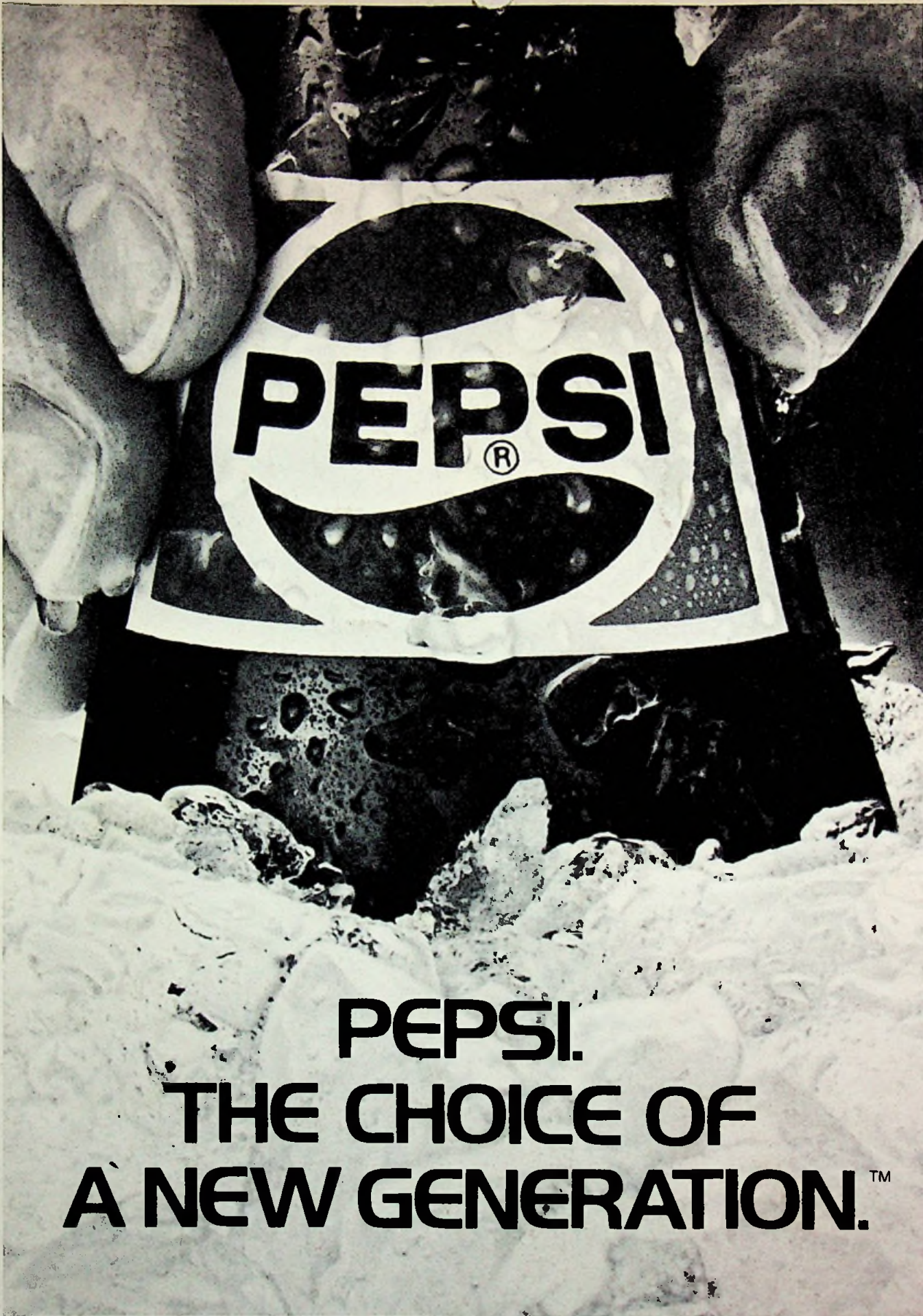
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