

1971 YEARBOOK

SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAYS SUSQUEHANNA



MITCH SMITH



KEN NEISWENDER



RUSS SMITH

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1971 IN REVIEW

The 1971 racing season began March 14th at Susquehanna where a chilled crowd watched Mitch Smith romp to victory in the inaugural race. The final race of the season took place at Silver Spring where Jerry Mullen captured the fifty lap event. There was plenty of action between the opening and closing events. Mitch went on to win eight more feature events, including the 5th annual "Keystone 50", on his way to the super sprint point crown. Mitch's counter part in the sportsmen division, Russ Smith, also won nine feature events aiding in his second championship at Silver Spring. Ken Neiswender didn't win a feature all year, but won the Hobby point championship by virtue of consistent finishes week after week.

A dark shadow was cast over the entire 1971 season when a boycott was staged at Silver Spring halfway through the season. This unfortunate event led to the suspension of many drivers in both the sportsman and hobby division. Many drivers also lost points accumulated up to that time due to actions taken on the part of the track management. Although the field of competitors was decreased, the quality of racing was never diminished. Tight wheel to wheel racing, the trademark of Silver Spring, continued.

It was a very safe year at both speedways with none of the drivers seriously injured. The most serious incident occurred early in the season at Susquehanna when a car careened into the infield. It was very fortunate that the only injury resulted in a broken leg for a pit crewman.

The season featured a "first ever" when the Super Sprints journeyed to Silver Spring. Lynn Paxton captured the twenty five lap feature event. It was a season of thrills, chills and disappointments. It had its winners, losers and also rans. Next spring, the circle will begin anew. The engines will be fired up, the drivers will be strapped in, and the green flag will drop on another exciting year of racing action.

SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY 1971 FINAL POINTS – SUPER SPORTSMAN

<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
98	Russ Smith, Reading	2160	20	Vance Yinger, Middletown	405
07	Butch Kreiser, Jonestown	1455	00	Bill Griffiths, Carlisle	360
45	Jerry Mullen, Newport	1425	21	Lynn Weibley, Carlisle	255*
17	Gary Kreiser, Jonestown	1280	24	Barry Boyer, Fleetwood	225*
03	Fred Putney, Mechanicsb'g	1250	6	Ron Kreitzer, N. Cumb.	200
37	Glenn Warren, Jonestown	1085	55	George Heist, Lebanon	190
4	Bob Danner, Enola	895	22	Dave George, Bl.R.Summit	175
1	Ray Garver, Lemoyne	770	97	Milt Davis, Mechanicsb'g	170
77	Bob Brymesser, Carlisle	755	17	Buzz Mullen, Duncannon	155
34	Jerry Wolfe, Annville	670	15	Del Barr, Mechanicsb'g	120
50	Dick Myers, Hummelstown	450	70	Ed Shank, Shiremanst'n	40
7	Ron Powers, Franklinton	415			

* not eligible for point money or trophies, competed in less than 60% of races.

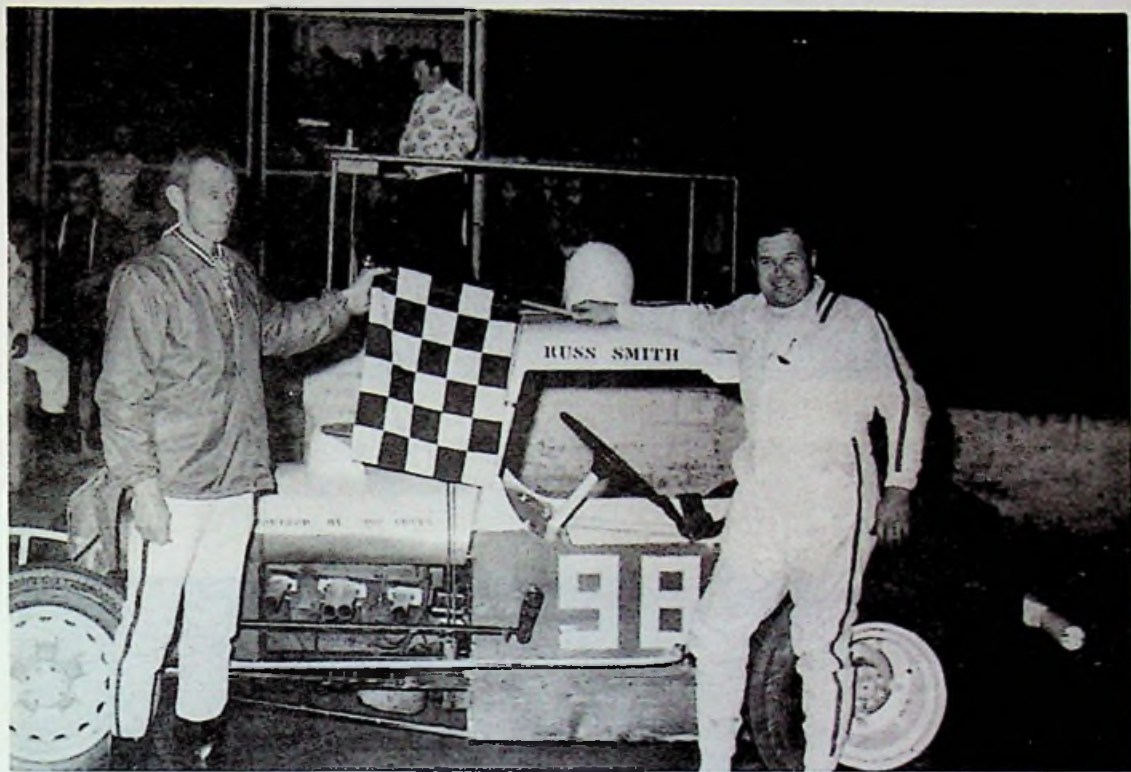


1971 Sportsman Champion
Russ Smith

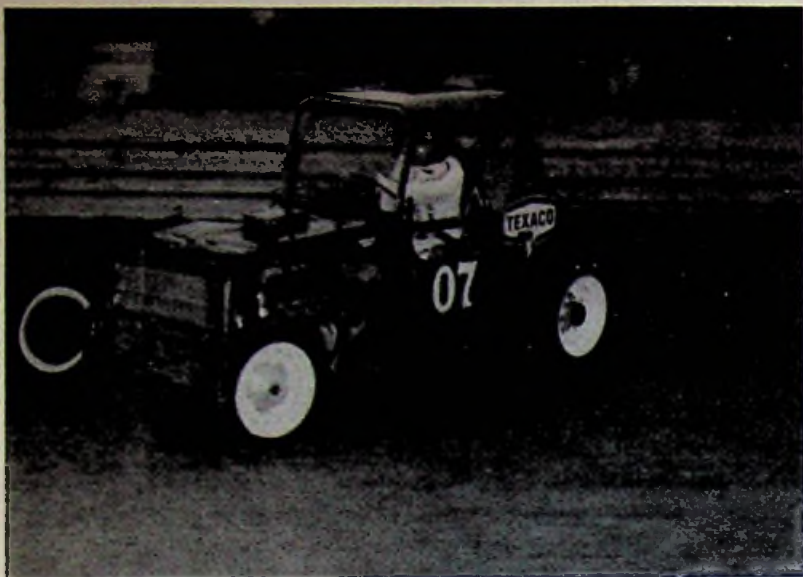


1971 Rookie Of The Year
Jerry Wolfe

SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY
SUPER SPORTSMAN
1971 POINT CHAMPION, RUSS SMITH NO. 98



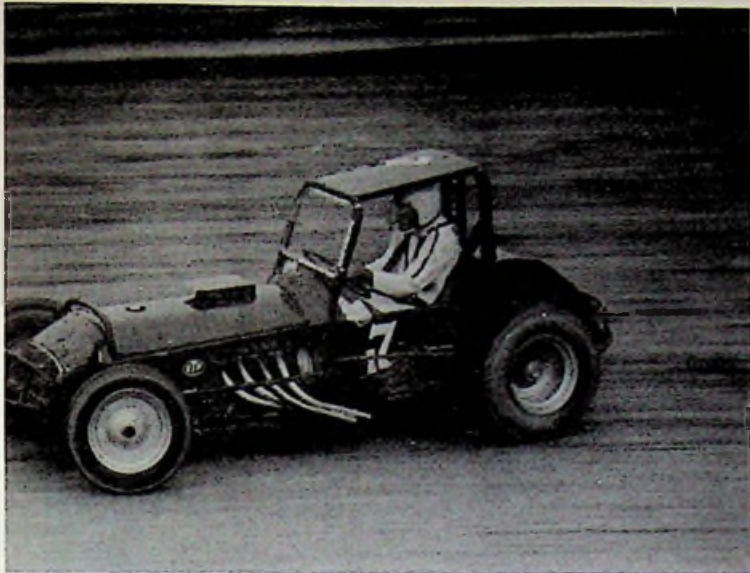
1st place
2160 points
2nd Silver Spring Point Championship
9 feature wins
4 heat wins
18 times in the top five
failed to finish only 2 features
won two double point 25 lap races-Memorial Day and the July 4th races



Butch Kreiser No. 07
2nd place
1455 points
Kreiser Bros. Special
2 feature wins
6 heat wins
won 30 lap double point
Labor Day Race

Jerry Mullen No. 45
3rd place
1425 points
O'Hara Bros. Special
2 feature wins
1 heat win
won 50 lap final race
of the season

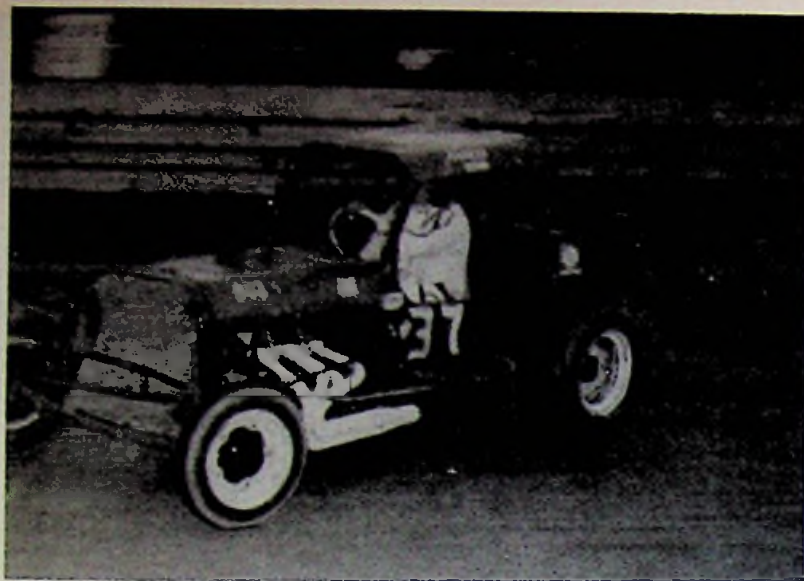




Gary Kreiser No. 17
4th place
1280 points
Kreiser Bros. Special
4 heat wins
finished ahead of brother Butch
4 straight weeks

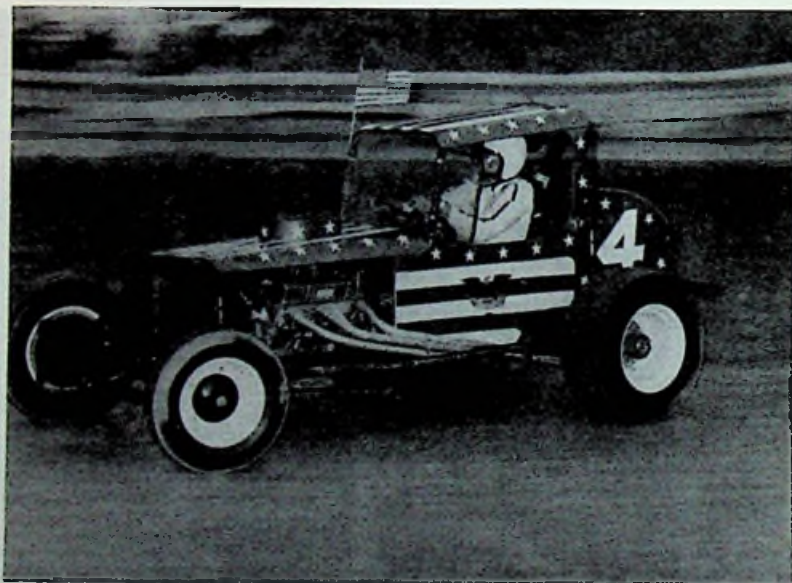
Fred Putney No. 03
5th place
1250 points
Ford Powered
1 heat win
finished 3 out of 4 extra
distance races, gaining 2
fourths and a sixth





Smokey Warren No. 37
6th place
1085 points
2 heat wins
placed fifth & sixth in
championship races

Bob Danner No. 4
7th place
895 points
2 feature wins
3 heat wins
strong 2nd half
Finished in top ten 8 out
of last 9 weeks





Ray Garver No. 1
8th place
770 points
Marsicano Special
1 consy win
best year ever in
Sportsman competition

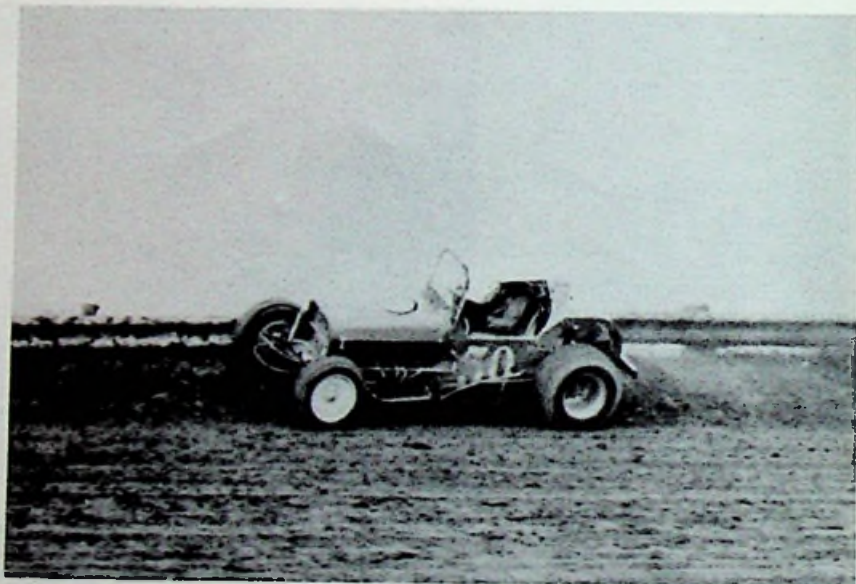
Bob Brymesser No. 77
9th place
755 points
W.H. Ausherman Special
1 feature win
3 heat wins
set new track record for
feature 8:25

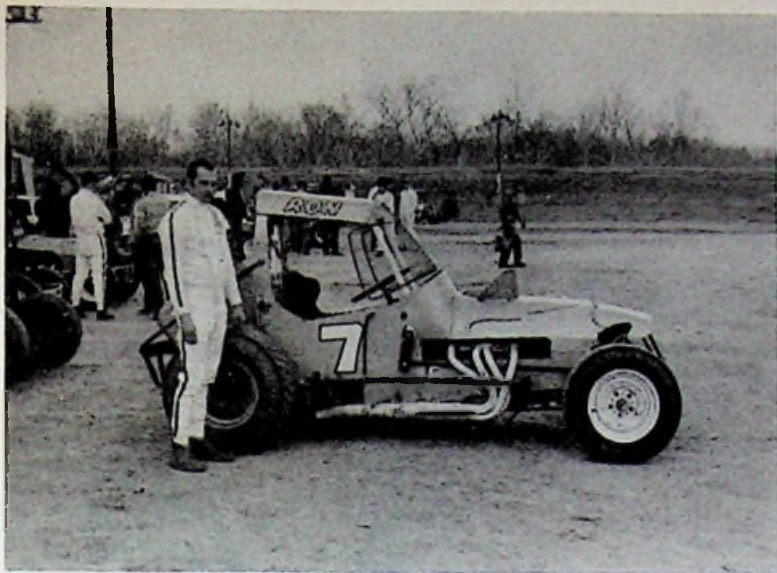




Jerry Wolfe No. 34
10th place
670 points
1 heat win
Rookie Of The Year

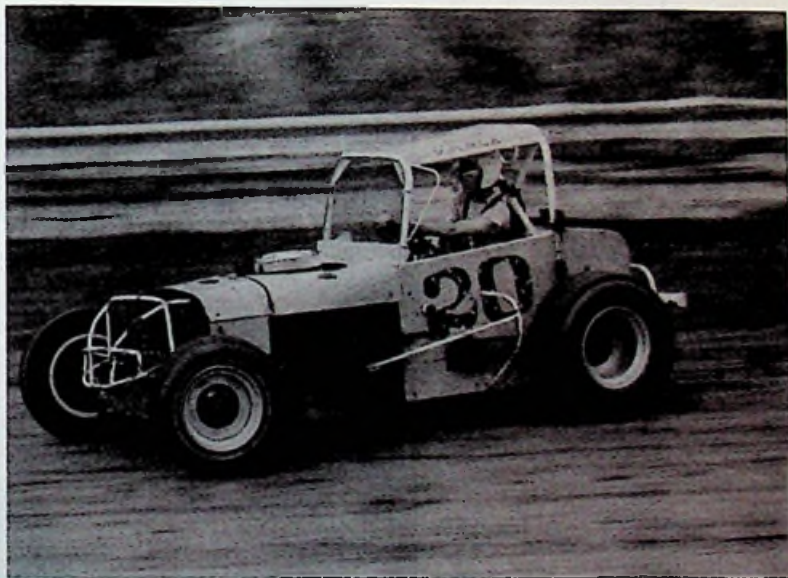
Dick Myers No. 50
11th place finish
450 points
3 heat wins
first year of racing





Ron Powers No. 7
12th place
415 points
troubled by engine problems

Vance Yinger
13th place
405 points
victim of two bad flips





Bill Griffiths No. 00
14th place
360 points
mechanic turned driver

Ron Kreitzer No. 6
15th place
200 points
Plymouth Powered
first full year of competition



SPORTSMAN SHOTS



Russ Smith No. 98 battles Jerry Mullen No. 45



Butch Kreiser



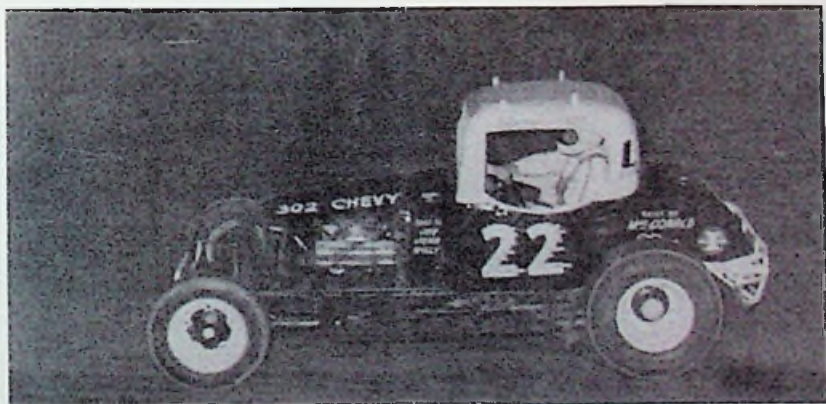
Jerry Mullen



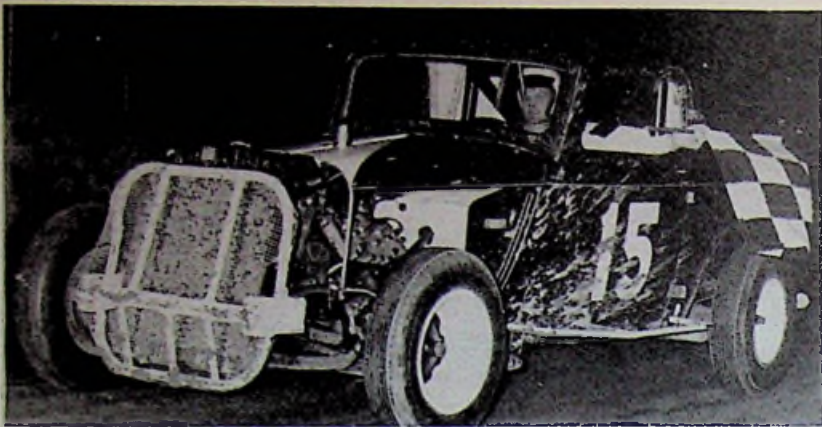
Bob Danner winning at Silver Spring in 1962



Danner won in 1971 driving the Stoner No. 4



Dave George in the Boyle Bros. No. 22



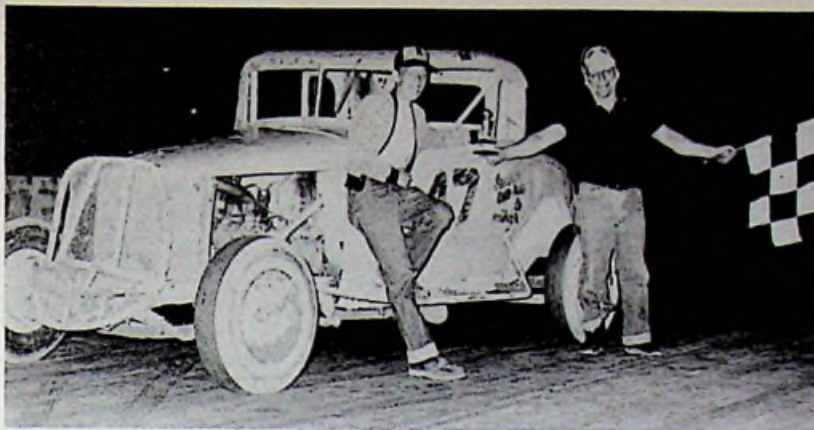
Fred Putney in the Ree Smith tuned No. 15 in 1962



Fred now drives the No. 03



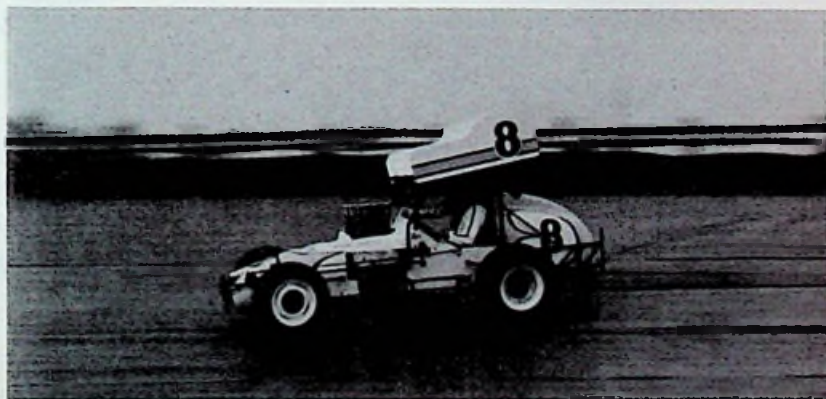
Ree is now tuning the Emerich Chevy No. 1, driven by Lynn Paxton



Bob Brymesser in 1962



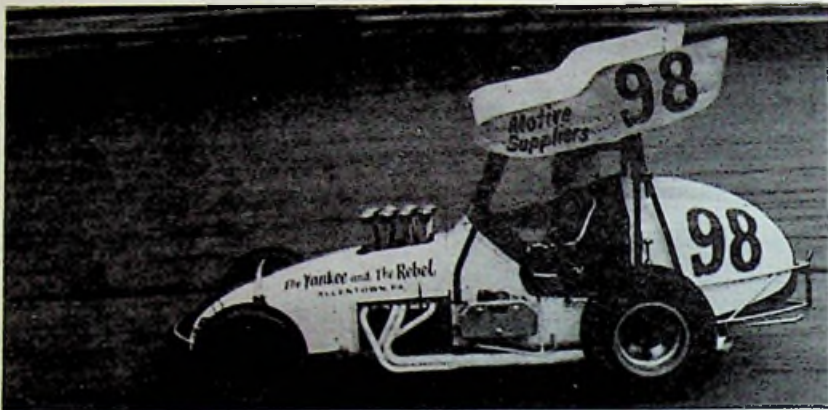
Bob Brymesser 1971 with his Sportsman



Here, Bob handles the No. 8 sprinter in the season's opener



Gene Kohr — 1962



Gene Kohr — 1971



Ron Kreitzer broadsliding his Plymouth powered No. 6

SUSQUEHANNA

1970 Lee Parthemore
Ron Heisey
John Smith *
1971 Mitch Smith **

FORMER CHAMPIONS SILVER SPRING

1954 Mel Kreiser
1955 Ken Hurley
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1957 Ron Tilley
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1959 Deacon Gerhart
1960 Lynn Weibley
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1962 Jim Shaeffer
Bill Madden *
1963 Jim Shaeffer
Lawrence Volgelson *
1964 Ken Hurley
Lawrence Volgelson *
1965 Jim Shaeffer
Earl Clay *
1966 Russ Smith
John Fitting *
1967 Dick Snare
John Smith *
1968 Dick Snare
Bob Wilbur *
1969 Kramer Williamson
Bob Wilbur *
1970 Lee Parthemore
John Smith *
1971 Russ Smith
Ken Neiswender *

* Hobby Champion
** Super Sprint Champion



Russ Smith (r) receives award following first point championship in 1966. John Fitting was Hobby champion.

**SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY 1971 FINAL POINTS
HOBBY CLASS**

<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
31	Ken Neiswender, Linglestown	1735	77	Joe Whitcomb, Lykens	435
78	John Ebersole, Hummelstown	1460	62	Roger Wiles, Carlisle	380
8	Bob Moyer, Hummelstown	1245	35	Larry Fisher, Linglestown	340
20	Larry Noll, Hershey	1220	118	John Beckey, Highspire	240
57	Gordon Kohr, Enola	790	178	Doyle Hendricks, Middlet'n	175
6	Dave Suhr, Harrisburg	735	03	Robert Dechert, Cleona	170
61	Jim Schopf, Wrightsville	720	38	Marlin Douglas, E. Berlin	130
87	Harry Beers, Elizabethtown	630	6	Gary Johnson, N. Cumberland	120
22	Phillip Phillips, Lebanon	575	17	Larry Myers, Duncannon	110
80	Bob Pickel, Middletown	565	9	John Condran, Lebanon	105
13	Bob Noaker, Duncannon	550	107	Bob Keller, Camp Hill	80
56	Brad Beecher, New Cumberland	470	77	Robert Hartman, Lancaster	80
68	John Kauffman, Mechanicsburg	460	86	James Niman, Millersburg	80
99	Sam Gipe, Harrisburg	455	128	Dean Robinson, Loysville	75
55	Gene Mattern, Herndon	435			



**1971 Hobby Champion
Ken Neiswender**



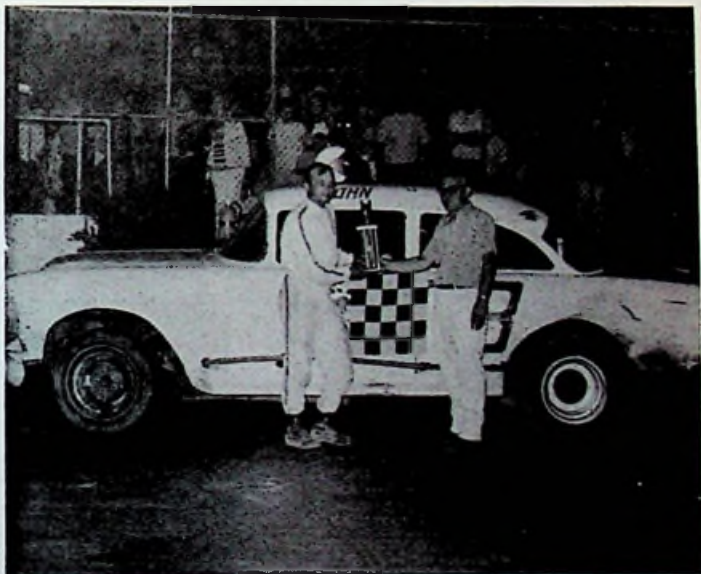
**1971 Rookie Of The Year
Brad Beecher**

SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY – HOBBY DIVISION



1971 Hobby Point Champion
Ken Neiswender No. 31
1735 points
First full year of competition
In top five 10 times
Didn't finish 5 times
No feature wins
1 heat win
1 consy win

John Ebersole No. 78
2nd place
1460 points
5 feature wins
5 heat wins
1 consy win
Two 20 lap double point features





Bob Moyer No. 8

3rd place

1245 points

1 heat win

2 consy wins

**Finished third in two out of the
three championship races**

Larry Noll No. 20

4th place

1220 points

2 heat wins

2 consy wins

**Noll's chances were hindered by
failure to finish in double point races**

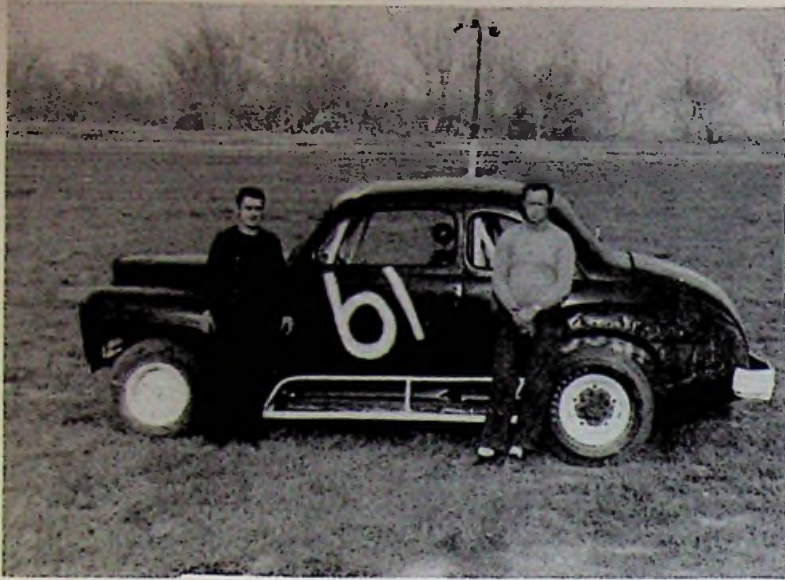




Gordie Kohr No. 57
5th place
790 points
1 feature win
5 heat wins
1 consy win
Won 25 lap double point race to
end season

Dave Suhr No. 6
6th place
735 points
3 feature wins
7 heat wins
1 consy win
Won 3 features in a row
along with 6 heat wins in a row





Jim Schopf No. 61
7th place
720 points
1 heat win
Jim gained only 10 points all
season in 1970

Harry Beers No. 87
8th place
630 points
3 consy wins
Harry drove the No. 10 (pictured
here) most of the year





Phil Phillips No. 22
9th place
575 points
1 feature win
First feature win ever at Silver Spring

Bob Pickel No. 80
10th place
565 points
3 heat wins
1 consy win
Improvement of 485 points over last
year's total





Bob Noaker No. 13
11th place
550 points
3 heat wins
2 consy wins
Set fast heat time of 3:03

Brad Beecher No. 56
12th place
470 points
Rookie of the Year





John Kauffman No. 68
13th place
460 points
John campaigned the Dave Shur No. 6
in the early part of the season

Sam Gipe No. 14
14th place
455 points
Sam took over driving chores this year
after alternating with Paul Chubb last
season





Gene Mattern No. 55
15th place tie
435 points
2 consy wins
First season

Joe Whitcomb
15th place tie
435 points
Rookie season



STATISTICS OF TOP 15 POINT MEN—HOBBY DIVISION

SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY

DRIVER	FEATURE FINISH										HEAT CONSY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	WINS	WINS
Ken Neiswender		3	2	1	4	4	1		1		1	1
John Ebersole	5	4	2	2	1			1	1	1	5	1
Bob Moyer		1	3	2		1					1	2
Larry Noll			1	2	4	4					2	2
Gordon Kohr	1	1	3	3	2		3		2	1	5	1
Dave Suhr	3		1			1	1				7	1
Jim Schopf				1			2		1		1	
Harry Beers				1	1			3				3
Phil Phillips	1			1		1	1	2		1		
Bob Pickle			1				2		1		3	1
Bob Noaker				1	1		1	3	1	1	3	2
Brad Beecher			1	2								
John Kauffman		1			1	1	1	1		1		
Sam Gipe					1	1			1	5		
Gene Mattern					1	1			2	1		2
Joe Whitcomb					1		1		1	1		

HOBBY ACTION



Dave Suhr, No. 6 inside Phil Phillips, No. 22



John Becky No. 118



Bob Noaker, No. 13 T-Bones point champ Ken Neiswender



The Sam Demey-Mike Levan Stable. Bob Moyer, No. 8 and John Ebersole, No. 78



Track photographer, Harry Bricker, surveys John Kauffman's unlikely parking spot

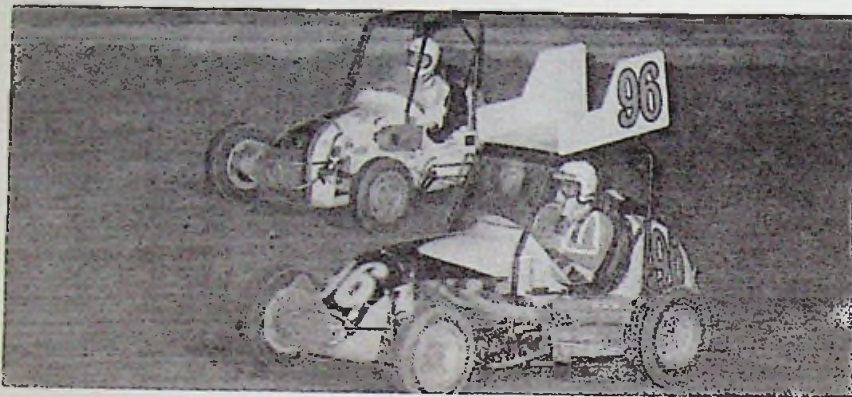


Scott McCann poses beside the ever present Henry J.

SPECIAL EVENTS



The Mini-Stocks competed once a month. Here, two bugs get together

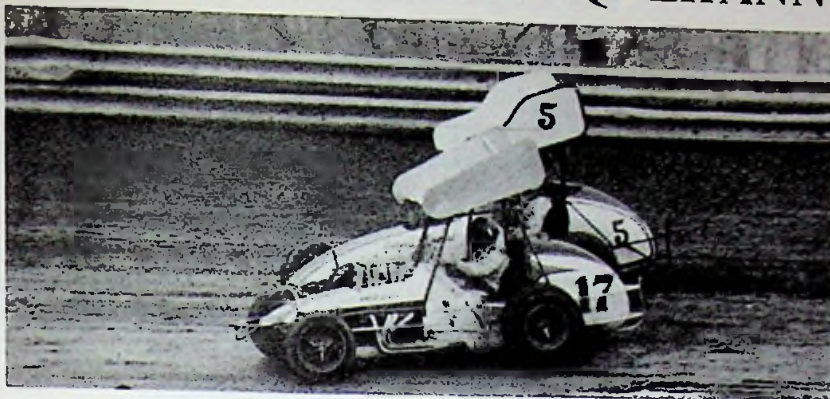


Bob Brymesser tries his hand at the No. 96 winged midget.



Jack Rabold won a feature event in the beautiful Gus Hanson Offy No. 1

SUPER SPRINTS AT SUSQUEHANNA



Lee Osborne, No. 17, battles Mitch Smith, No. 5 in early season action



Sonny Duncan, No. 68

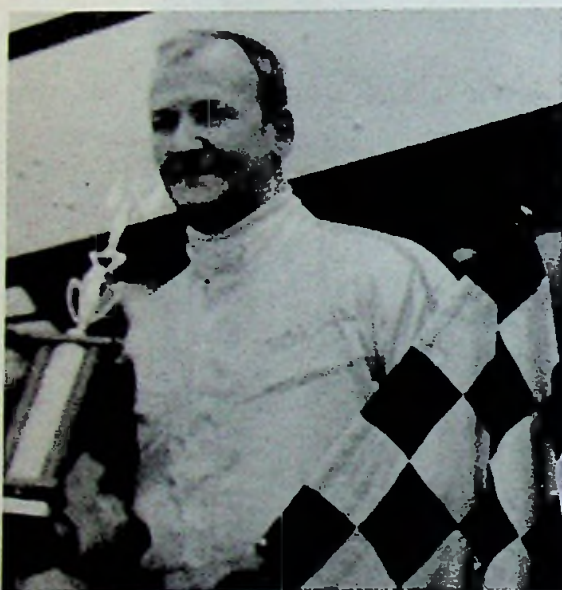


John Mickle, No. 58

SUSQUEHANNA SPEEDWAY

1971 FINAL POINT LIST FOR SUPER SPRINTS

<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
5	Mitch Smith, Linglestown	1715	19	Steve Smith, Hanover	575
17	Lee Osborne, Lebanon	1550	56	Mike Lloyd, Harrisburg	565
1	Lynn Paxton, Mechanicsburg	1395	99	Barry Camp, Beavertown	515
68	Sonny Duncan, Harrisburg	1025	29	Richard Lupo, Hanover	505
73	Kramer Williamson, Mechanb'g	1020	00	Rich Schmelyun, Westminster	495
50	Ed Zerkle, Manchester	930	29	Gary Krout, York	420
1E	Dub May, El Paso, Texas	865	74	Sam Armstrong, Hershey	395
39	Tommy Spiggle, Camp Hill	815	6	Gary Gollub, Mohnton	395
61	Ken Slaybaugh, Hanover	785	31	Jim Angeloff, Lemoyne	395
8	Ron Rough, Nescopeck	765	1	Pete Swarmer, Lewistown	390
7	Leroy Felty, Lebanon	755	3	Bobby Allen, McSherrystown	390
77	Herman Wise, Atlanta, Ga.	715	91	Kenny Weld, York	345
98	Eugene Kohr, Lebanon	690	36	Benny Howard, Memphis, Tenn.	280
12	John Benyou, New Cumberland	630	6	Jan Opperman, Lewisberry	275
69	Gus Linder, Pittsburgh	620	13	Van May, El Paso, Texas	230

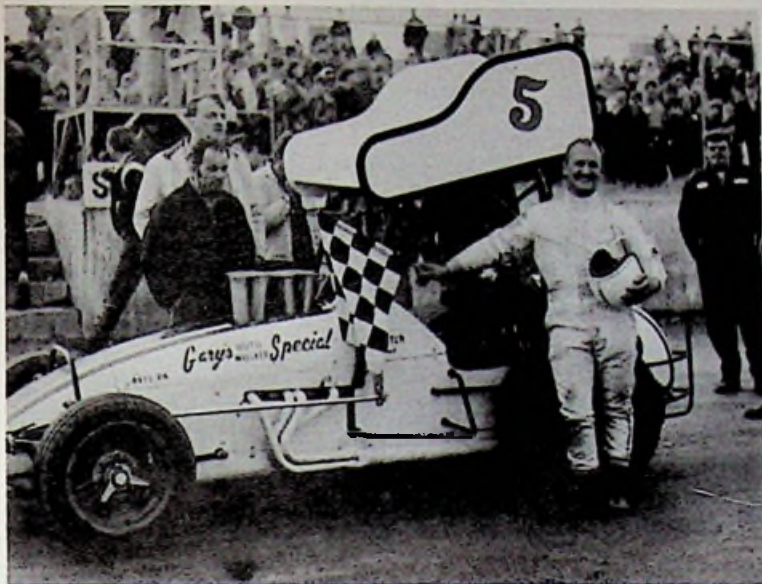


1971 Super Sprint Champion
Mitch Smith



1971 Rookie of the Year
Kramer Williamson

SUSQUEHANNA SPEEDWAY SUPER SPRINTS



1971 Susquehanna Champion
Mitch Smith, No. 5
1715 points
Wasson Sprinter
9 feature wins
6 heat wins
1 consy win
Keystone "50" winner

Lee Osborne, No. 17
2nd place
1550 points
Tobias Sprinter
2 feature wins
5 heat wins
Winner of 50 lap Spring
Championship

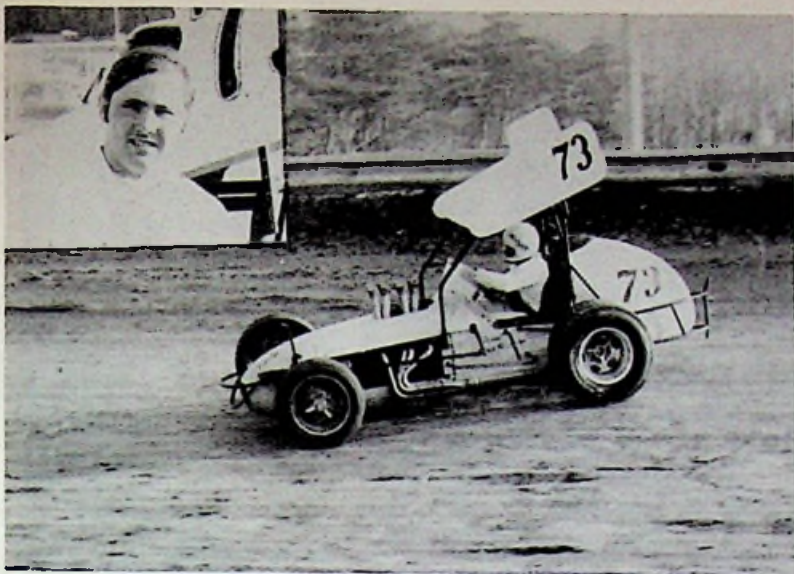




Lynn Paxton, No. 1
3rd place
1395 points
Emerich Chevy
2 feature wins

Sonny Duncan
4th place
1025 points
Hank's Racing Enterprises Spl.
1 feature win
Fastest feature time 8:55 for 25 laps

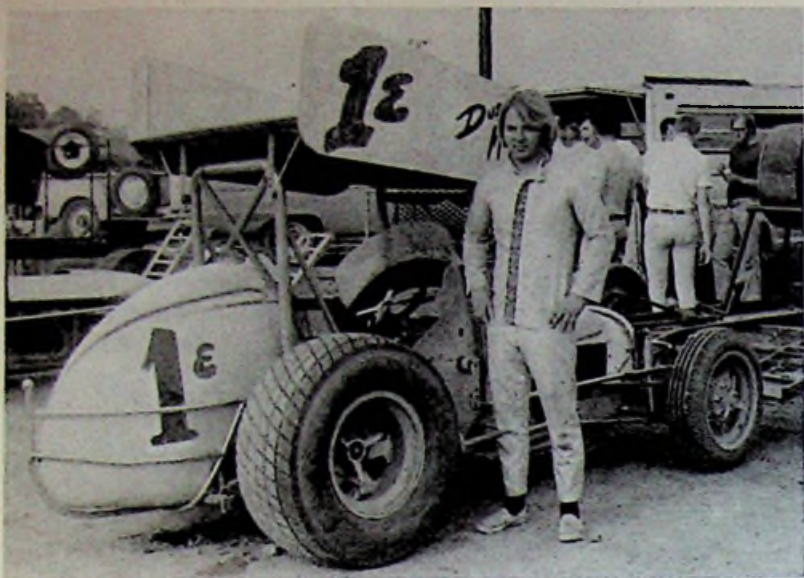




Kramer Williamson, No. 73
5th place
1020 points
1 feature win
3 heat wins
Rookie of the Year



Ed Zirkle, No. 50
6th place
930 points
Spataro's Sprinter
6 heat wins



Dub May, No. 1E
7th place
865 points
1 heat win
Invader from Texas

Tommy Spriggle, No. 39
8th place
815 points
Trone's Sunoco Special
2 heat wins





Ken Slaybaugh, No. 61
9th place
785 points
Rich Bair Special
2 feature wins
5 heat wins

Ron Rough, No. 8
10th place
765 points
4th place finisher in Keystone
"50"



**SUSQUEHANNA SPEEDWAY
STATISTICS OF TOP 10 POINT MEN
SUPER SPRINT DIVISION**

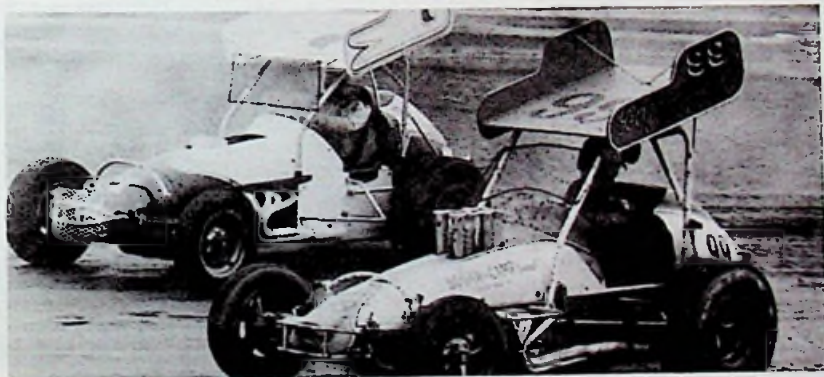
<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>FEATURE FINISHES</u>										<u>HEAT CONSY</u>	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<u>WINS</u>	<u>WINS</u>
Mitch Smith	9		1		1	2	2				6	1
Lee Osborne	2	2	3	2	3	1		2			5	
Lynn Paxton	2	1	4	1	1		2		1			2
Sonny Duncan	1	1		2	1	1	2					
Kramer Williamson	1		1	2		1	2	1			3	1
Ed Zirkle		2			2	2		1		2	6	1
Dub May		1		3		1		1	1		1	
Tom Spriggle			2			2	1	1	1	1	2	1
Ken Slaybaugh	2		1	1		2			1		5	
Ron Rough				1				1	3			1



Benny Howard captured the hearts of the crowd with his daring Memphis style of driving



Sonny Duncan, No. 68, Gene Kohr, No. 98 and Gus Linder, No. 69
Photo by Jack Quinter



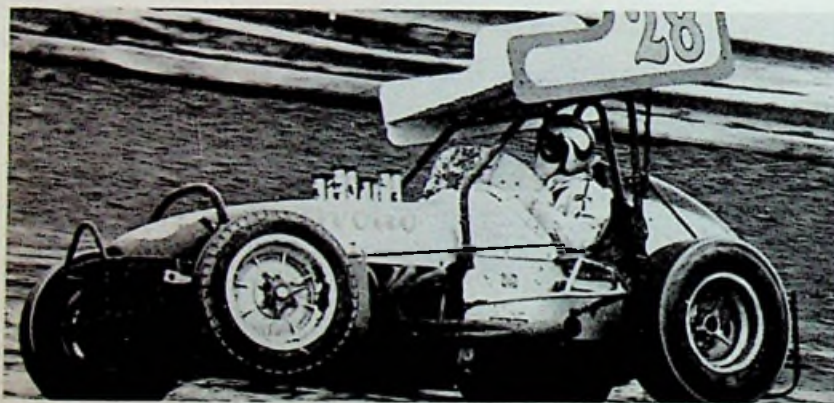
Barry Camp, No. 99 on the inside of Leroy Felty, No. 7
Photo by Jack Quinter



U.R.C. Point King, Leroy Felty, who competed at Susquehanna in Super Sprint competition



Sam Armstrong beside his No. 74



Rick Schmelyun put the No. 28 up on two wheels

TIGHT GOING



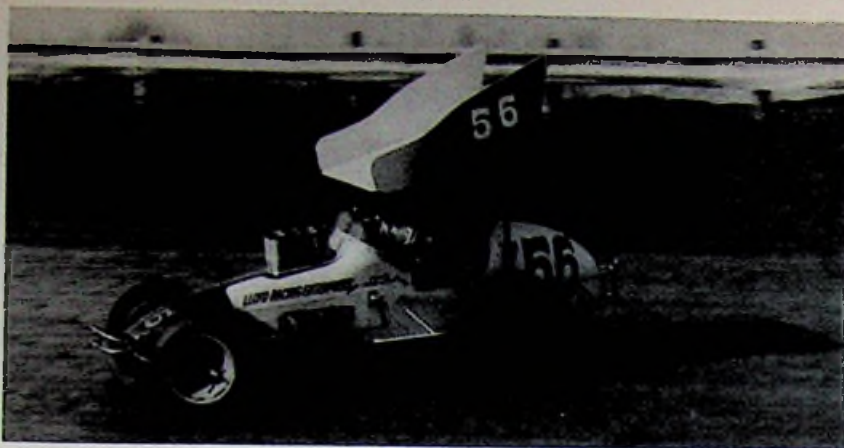
Lee Osborne, No. 17, leads Pete Swarmer, No. 1, Jim Angeloff, No. 31 and Kramer Williamson, No. 73 out of turn two



John Bemyou, No. 12, Bobby Allen, No. 1a and the No. 44



Elmer Ruby, No. 711, Dub May, No. 1E, Ken Slaybaugh, No. 61, Smokey Snellbaker, No. 880 and Johnny Grum, No. 66



The beautiful Mike Lloyd, No. 56



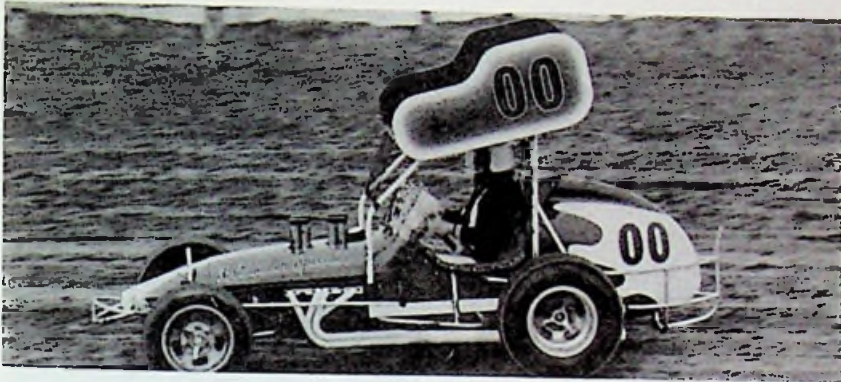
Smokey Snellbaker in the Morall, No. 880



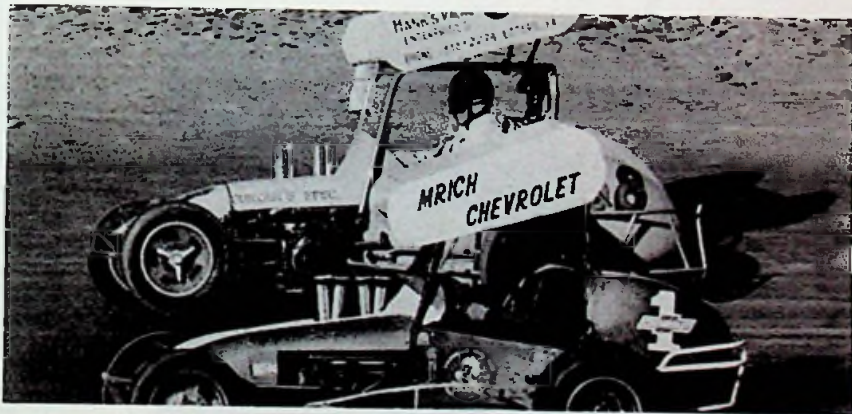
Lee Osborne after his 50 lap win



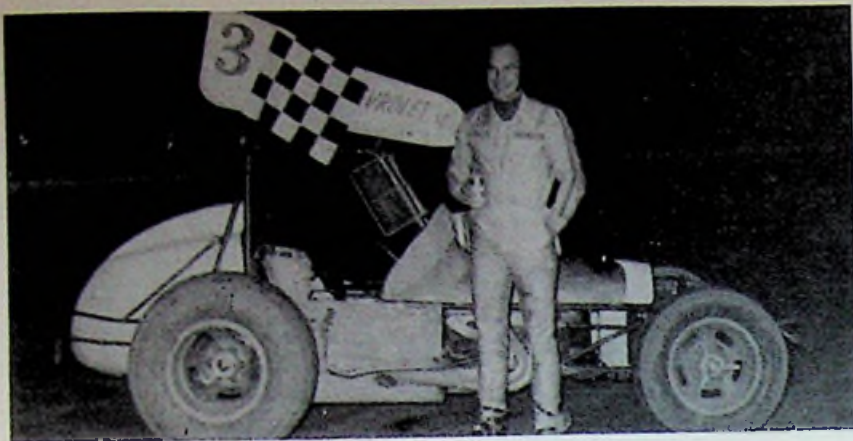
Milt Miller, No. 8



Gene Varner, No. 00. Rick Schmelyun took over the controls of the No. 00 and enjoyed great success in the Boldosser Spl.



Lynn Paxton, No. 1 and Sonny Duncan, No. 68



One of the finest drivers to journey to the East, Jan Opperman



The Hayward Hippie



Dub May

**SILVER SPRING SPEEDWAY
1971 RACING SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)**

April 1	Registrations and try outs
April 8	Opening Date
April 29	50 lap Sportsman Spring Championship
May 6	Demolition Derby
May 13	25 lap Early Modified Stock Spring Championship
May 27	50 lap Sportsman Memorial Day Sweepstakes
June 3	Demolition Derby
June 10	25 lap Early Mod Feature
July 1	50 lap Sportsman Firecracker Special
July 8	Demolition Derby
July 15	25 lap Early Mod Mid Season Championship
July 29	50 lap Sportsman Mid Season Championship
August 11	Demolition Derby
August 19	25 lap Early Mod Feature
September 2	50 lap "Hoppy" Fissel Memorial Race
September 9	Demolition Derby Championship
September 16	25 lap Early Mod Fall Championship
September 23	25 lap Super Sprint Race
September 30	50 lap Sportsman Fall Championship

Super Sportsman and Early Modified Stocks every Saturday - 7 P.M. All long distance lap races award double points — points kept on Demolition Derby Events.

