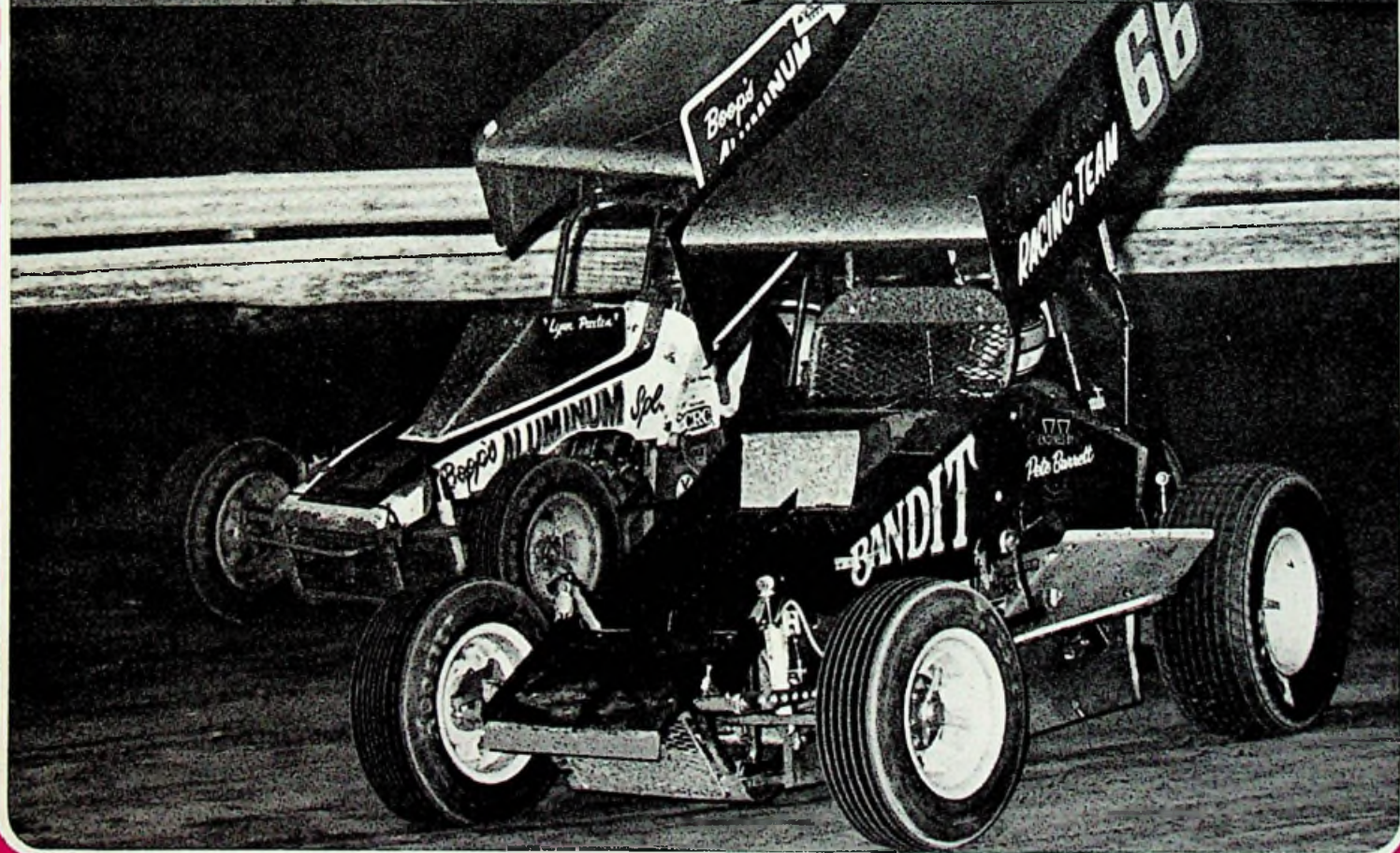




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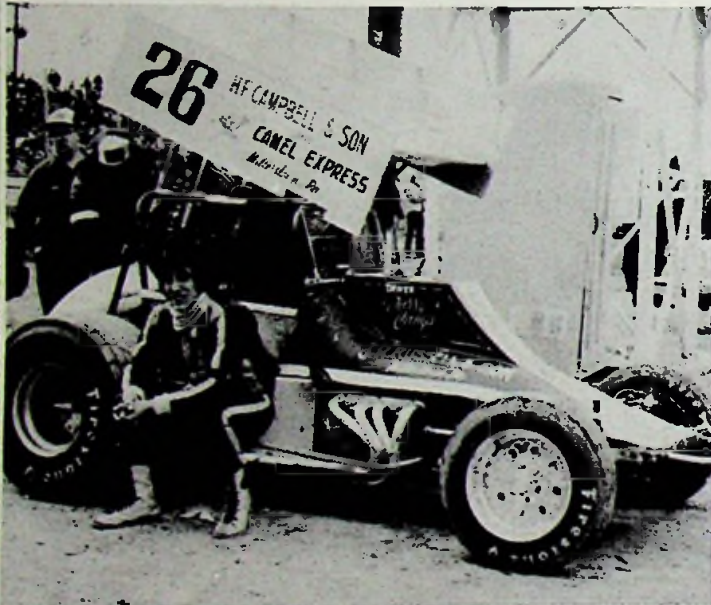
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For the first time in more than a decade, the Williams Grove Speedway has a new promoter in George C. Wolfe, who assumed the position in mid-January.

After taking over for Jack Gunn, who died in October, Wolfe and his staff, began putting a schedule together which should provide for an interesting year in auto racing.

The Grove has long been the strong-hold for sprint car racing in the Central Pennsylvania Area, and sprint cars will be featured at the Grove throughout the year.

The sprint cars will be appearing at the Grove each and every Friday night and will be running in a special Saturday night show, the Grove National Open on Sept. 19 and a special Sunday show on Sept. 6 as part of the Williams Grove Old-Timers Convention.

Wolfe has also invited the late model stock cars to the speedway on four occasions, and other late model races could be added to the schedule throughout the season, and for the first time in the Grove's history, the Winged Super Sportsman will appear.

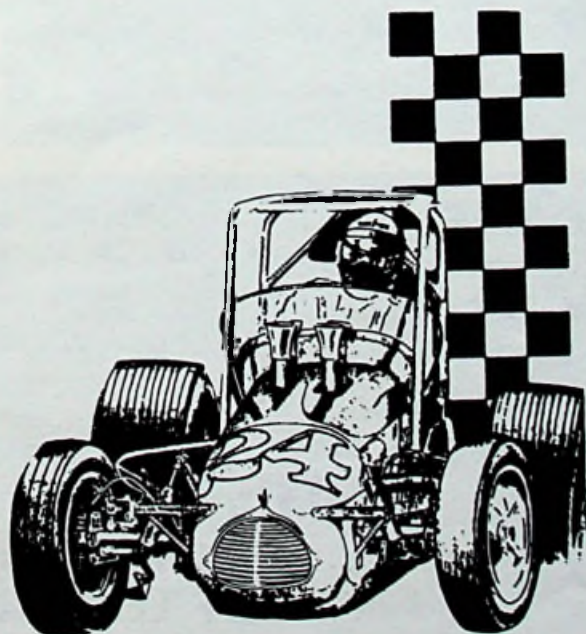
Wolfe owns one of these racers which run each Saturday at the Silver Spring Speedway and he believes that these drivers will put on an exciting night of racing for the fans. They too have been invited to race four times, and again they could race on the half mile oval several other times.

Ted Johnson will be bringing his World of Outlaws into the Ascot of the East twice. The Outlaws, with fire in their eyes will be stopping by the Grove on June 5, and then after nearly a week in New York, will be returning to the Grove on June 12. These are two complete events.

The USAC Champ Cars which put on such a stellar performance last year, will be returning to the Grove on Saturday, July 4. A number of Indy starts will be participating in the 100 lap event, as will former sprint star Paul Pitzer and Grove regulars Smokey Snellbaker and Kramer Williamson.

The Outlaw All Star Circuit of Champions will be making their first Grove start on Friday, July 24, the popular Twins 25's for sprint cars is scheduled for Aug. 14, and the ARDC midgets will be on hand for Sunday, Sept. 6 as part of the Old-Timers convention.

The world famous George Zambelli is slated to set off two fireworks displays. His first show is scheduled for July 3, and the "King of Fireworks" is slated to return on Sept. 6 to bring a fitting end to the Old-Timers Convention. And, Joie Chitwood will be returning on July 17.



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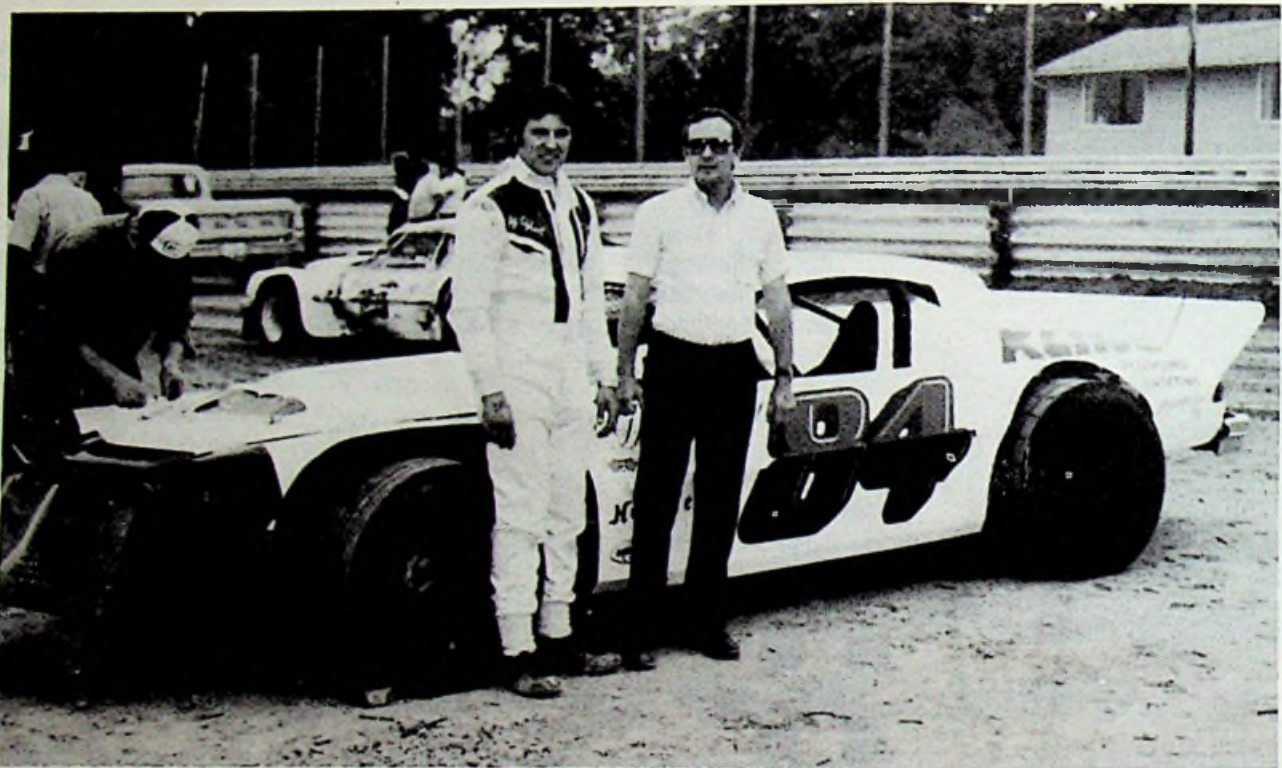
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# STEVIE SMITH ENDS THREE YEAR DROUGHT STEVIE & THE BANDIT WERE "FEELIN' 7UP"

Steve Smith, absent from Victory Lane at Williams Grove Speedway for so long that he couldn't remember his last win here, changed all that Friday night when he scored an impressive triumph in the 30 lap windup to 7-Up Night.

Smith, plagued by all sorts of problems over the past few seasons in Grove appearances, had everything going his way in this race. He started sixth in a stellar 24 car field and after giving up several spots early, marched back through the field to take command on the 13th lap.

"The front end was pushing at the start of the race," Smith explained in his Victory Lane interview. "I had to change my driving style a little bit and with that the car started handling. I can't remember the last time I won at the Grove," Smith continued. "I know it wasn't this year."

Actually, Smith became the 10th different winner at the Grove in 17 different races. There hasn't been a back-to-back winner here since Steve Kinser of the World of Outlaws pulled off the trick back in early June.

Smith, who also won his heat, dropped all the way back to ninth spot in the first few laps of the feature event. In the meantime young Dan Heatherly, the pole sitter, was pacing the pack.

George Ferguson, Jr., last week's winner, overtook Heatherly on the 10th lap, diving low through the first and second turns. By this time Smith had his No. 66 Black Bandit on the move and was bound for the point. Following a restart on the 13th lap, Smith caught Ferguson in the first turn and shot underneath him. Smith immediately opened a big lead. His advantage was trimmed somewhat by a late race yellow, but Smith still had a strong five-car lead at the checkered flag.

Following Ferguson across the finish line was Smokey Snellbaker. Lynn Paxton, the 1981 Grove point leader, was fourth and Van May, fifth. Rounding out the top ten were Jimmy Horton, Barry Camp, Steve Yodock, Heatherly and Jay Myers.

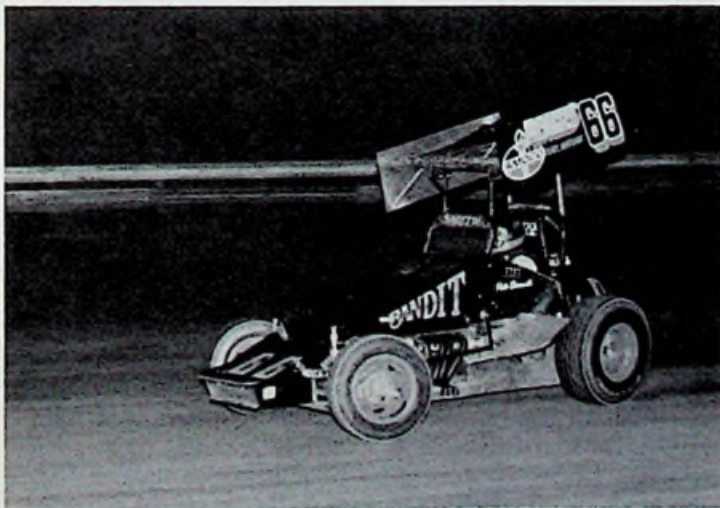
Smith's victory was worth \$1,250 as Stoner Beverage sweetened the payoff pot in celebration of 7-Up Night.

Qualifying heats were won by Heatherly, Snellbaker and Smith. The consolation was won by Randy Wolfe in a brand new car. Daryl Winkler captured his first B Main victory of the season.

Special go-kart features were won by Roger Stutz and Gordon Hertzler in a deadheat and Gary Schapanski.



The Bandit-Stevie Smith...SEL-WIL PHOTO



Steve Smith in his no. 66 Bandit, on his way to victory...SEL-WIL PHOTO



Go Kart winner Roger Stutts picked up another win, but had to share it with Gordon Hertzler as the race ended in a dead heat tie...SEL-WIL PHOTO

## PIT CHATTER

By Bob Chorpenning

Steve Smith's win last week was the first time he has been in the victory circle in about three seasons. He definitely needed that win just to boost his morale here at the tough Williams Grove Speedway. Stevie became the 10th different Sprint car winner this season here at the Grove, as there hasn't been a two time winner since Steve Kinser and company left town with the traveling World of Outlaws....Randy Wolfe had his brand new Ben Cook Sprinter here last week that is owned by himself. The car carried the familiar orange color and No. 5W that Randy has always run. Randy's appearance last week was his first start of the season at the Grove and his first start since he ran the Kuhn Trucking Special down in Florida in February. The only ride Randy mustered up this season was a Modified ride down at the Flemington Speedway. He ran a few Sat. nights down there but always had motor problems. His new Cook car was on order and was just completed a few weeks ago. On Friday night Randy was running a strong race coming up through the field, after he started in the back because of having to run the Consey, in which he won. As Randy was just going into ninth spot, he slid up along the fence and the car jumped out of gear. He was able to continue but didn't have enough time to finish any better than 16th at the end. It's good to see and have Randy back in the fast lane....A B Main was run last week with Daryl Winkler winning it for his first win ever. Daryl has one of the classiest cars here at the Grove and is always on hand each week to do his best. In that B Main event, a two car flip occurred on turn two. Dave Brown and Daryl Shafer were the two victims of the crash in which they both escaped unharmed. Brian Seidel was involved in that crash too, as he hit Dave Brown in mid air. Brian was towed off the track and out for the night also. Brian was trying out his new big block motor last week and was having trouble's to say the least. Motor problems have been their main problem this season so far....The up and coming two race Sprint car series between Port Royal and Williams Grove on Aug. 14 and 15 is to have a separate point fund. In order for any driver to be eligible for the extra money, he must compete at both tracks. A lot of money will be up for grabs and a chance for the boys to fill their wallets if they take advantage of the opportunity....

The official entry forms have been sent out to the drivers for the up and coming Williams Grove National to be held on Sept. 18 and 19. As soon as the entries start coming in, they will be appearing right here in Pit Chatter....Rick Eichelberger had his new Stanton Sprinter at his disposal last week that is owned by the D & M Auto Service Center. A broken oil pump kept him out of the qualifying spot in his heat and out for the entire night....Good to see George Streaker back in the pits last week with his red number 86. George hails from Virginia and usually can't make the trip on Friday nights because of working....Dan Heatherly was really running last week as he was the leader in the feature for many laps until he got passed and was losing the bite he was getting. Dan ended up ninth in the event and that's not bad considering he had motor problems all season that usually ended his night in warmups....Last week James F. Kramer Jr. from Lykens, Pa. picked four out of five in the pick ten contest in the official program that is sold every week here at Williams Grove. He picked the top four right but had Billy Stief in fifth, who dropped out while running in that position. It was the closest anyone has come all season to getting the top five correct. The announcer will be telling you how much is in the kitty for this week tonight. So listen and play the pick 10 contest....Ed Stoner and the 7Up Beverage Co. did a fantastic job last week in making 7Up night a tremendous success. Winner Steve Smith thanked Ed Stoner and 7 Up for their in-

volvement in the nights racing activities in victory lane on behalf of him and his crew. He also said that Ed Stoner and 7 Up did a lot for the fans and drivers in making it a better night to race and enjoy. Everyone at the Speedway felt that the 7 Up Co. came through with flying colors and that everyone in attendance was "Feelin' 7 Up". Thanks Ed Stoner and your Stoner Beverage Co. ....Two Cash prize tickets from the 7 Up people were not claimed last week. The number on your ticket stub was the number that was eligible. If you have the number 000605 its worth \$50.00 and if you have the number 000166 on your ticket then its worth \$25.00. If you still have the ticket with one of these numbers on it, then take it to the Speedway office located outside the first turn and claim your cash prize from 7 Up....Jan Opperman has been moved to the Williamsport Hospital in Williamsport, Pa. this past week from Pittsburgh, Pa. Jan is still in a semi coma condition, but is improving each day from his head injury. Jan was injured seven weeks ago at the Jennerstown Speedway. Visitors are very limited to the family at this time, but any cards, flowers or donations can be sent to Jan Opperman, Williamstown Hospital, Room 473, Williamsport, Pa. 17701. Jan isn't over the ordeal just yet, but he is still on the mend and its the saying, time will mend....This information was supplied by track announcer Dick Crownover who visited Jan last week for over an hour....Steve Kinser was injured two weeks ago at the Knoxville Speedway and received a broken chip in his arm and a small concussion. Steve was resting at home with plans to actually promote a race before he got back behind the wheel of his car. And that was to be real soon....Chief Starter here at Williams Grove Chubb Shadle, was on vacation last week at the seashore in sunny Wildwood, NJ. The assistant Butch Book took over for Chubb and did a good job as PR man Bruce Whitman was the assistant and he too did a superb job....Good to see former driver John Benyou and his wife in attendance last week. John still has his Trevis Sprinter No. 3 B sitting at home for sale....If you noticed something shiny on the side of Steve Smith's car last week, it was bendable plastic to keep things from coming in the side of his car. A lot of cars have tin up around the side that could hinder the vision of the driver. Steve felt that the plastic helps his vision a lot. It's something that could catch on....The cars of Keith Kauffman and Billy Stief will be missing from the pit area tonight because of their involvement out at the World Of Outlaw Nationals at Eldora Speedway. We wish them luck....Don't forget that the Old Timers Convention is fast approaching and is set for Sept. 4th to the 6th. On Friday night the 4th it will be Fan Appreciation Night with General Admission being only \$3.00 and a \$1.00 for kids. The Sprints will be on the Speedway along with some of the nicest vintage race cars you'll ever see. Plus there will be 10 AM/FM radios and a portable color TV set to be given away during the course of the evening. It's the managements way of saying thanks to the greatest race fans in the country, you....The 6th will then provide Sprints, Super Sportsmans, and fireworks to top off the Old Timers Convention on Sunday night. The fan appreciation night will be on Friday night only. And the Super Sportsman cars will be taking the place of the originally scheduled ARDC Midgets....

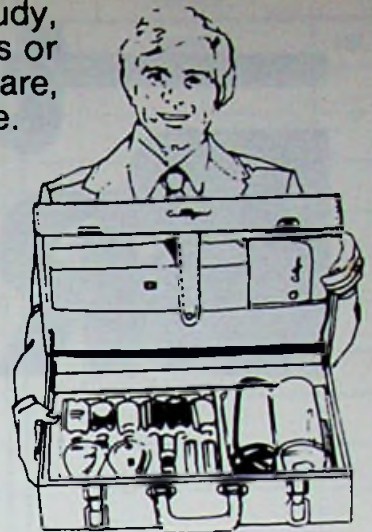
**FRONT COVER PHOTOS: (TOP)** This action was captured a few weeks ago in the first turn when Ron Kramer did about five flips in his no. 27. The car is in mid air in one of its flips as Skeets Gamble skeets by. Ron was uninjured...**DICK GREENAWALT PHOTO; (BOTTOM)** Last weeks winner Stevie Smith (66) hangs on to the inside of the track as Lynn Paxton (1) tries to get by on the outside. Steve went on to win as Paxton finished fourth...**ED RADESKY, JR. PHOTO**

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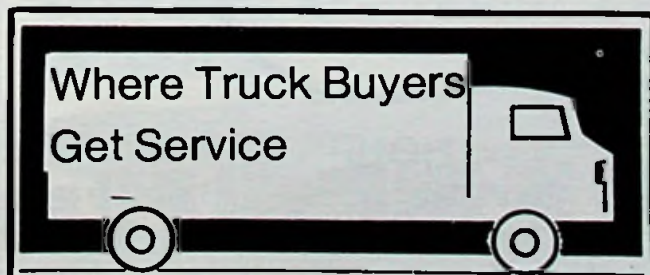
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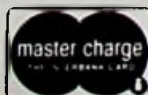


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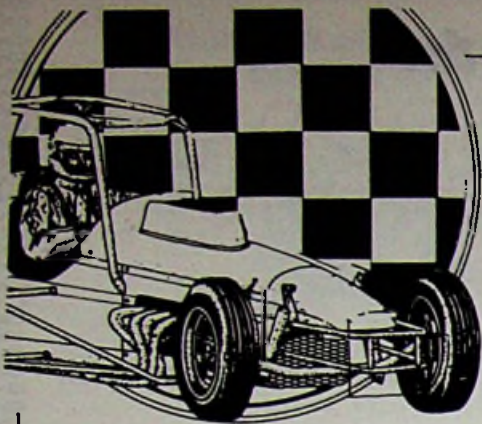
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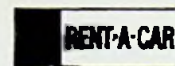


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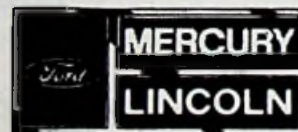
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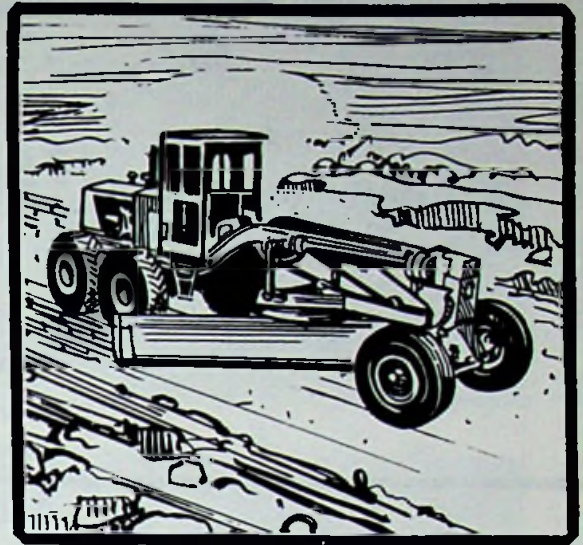


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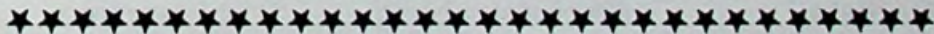
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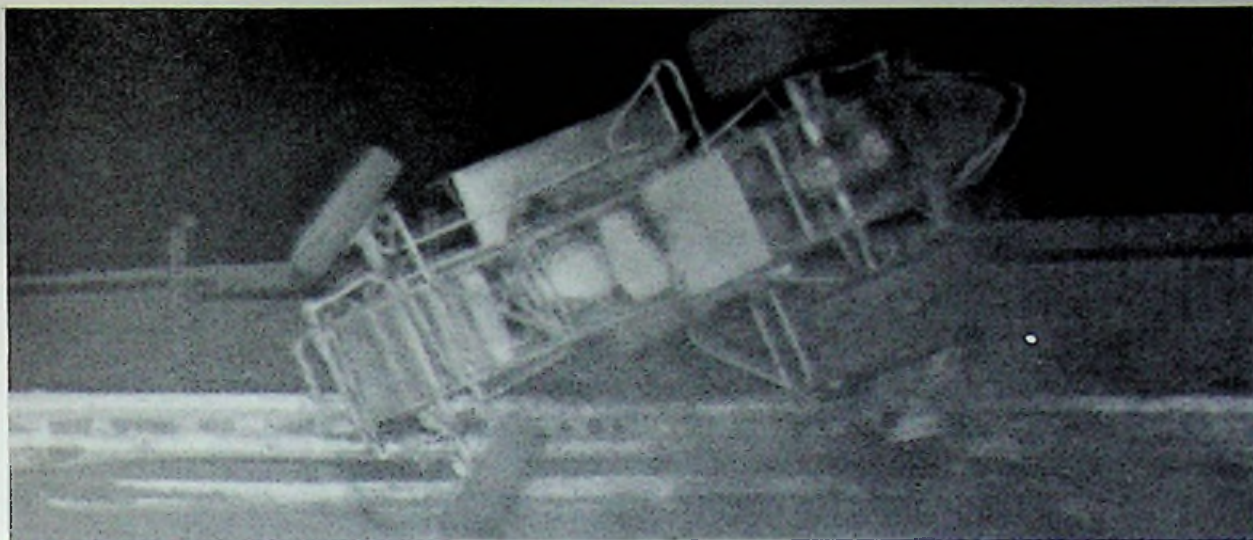
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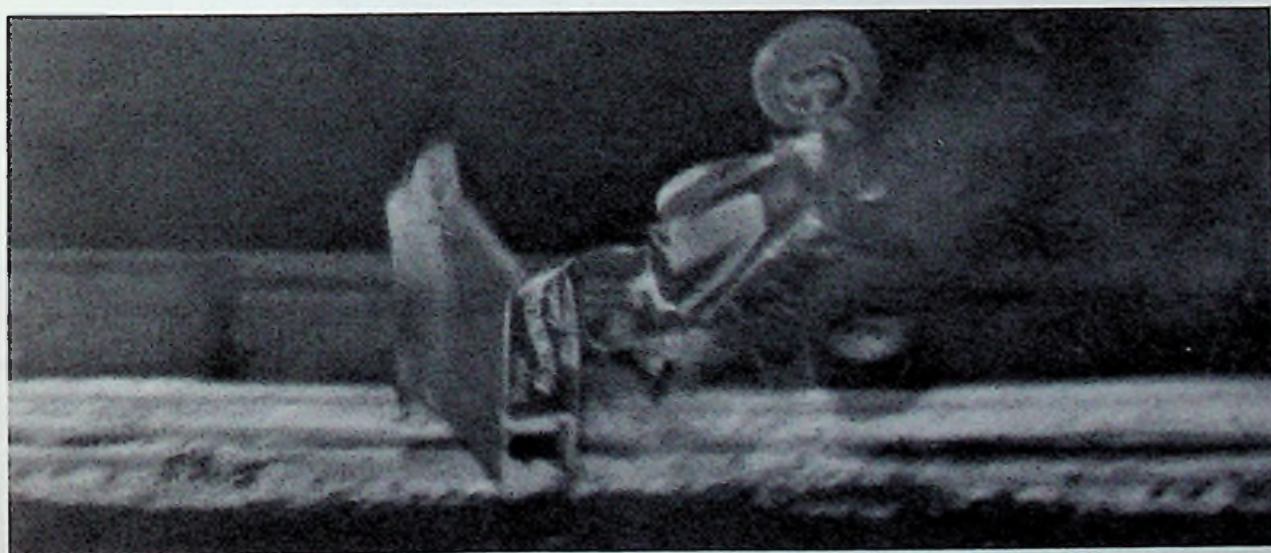


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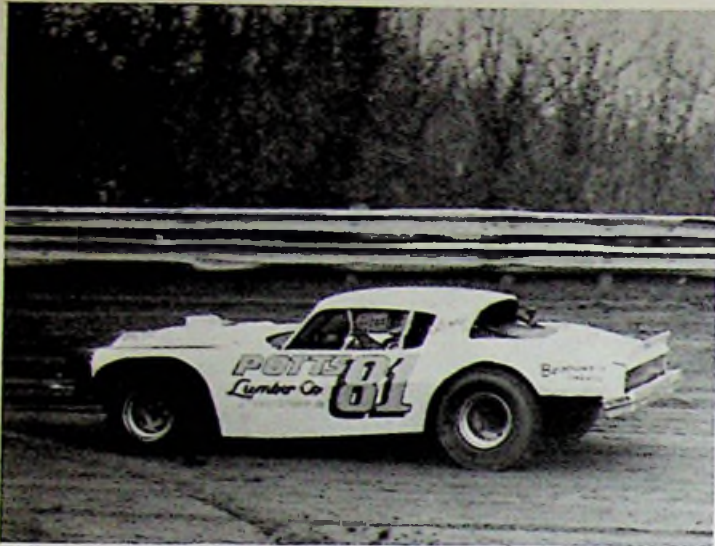


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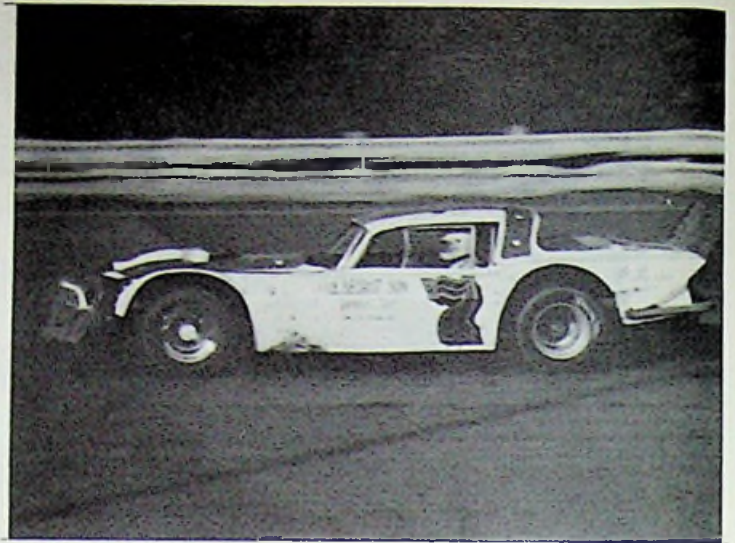


Point leader Lynn Paxton flipped his Boops Aluminum Casting Special Sprinter, when a brake line broke going into turn three. Lynn bent the roll cage when the car skidded across the guard rail and Lynn escaped with pulled tendons in his right hand. He was back the next night in the same car racing at Port Royal.

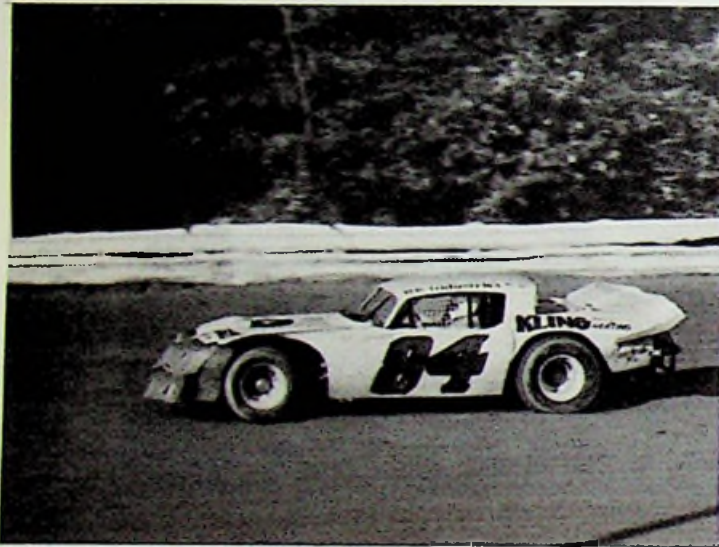
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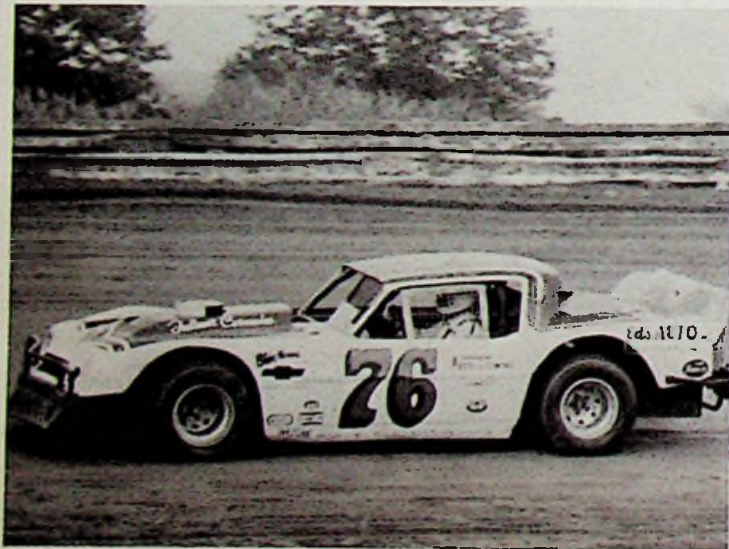
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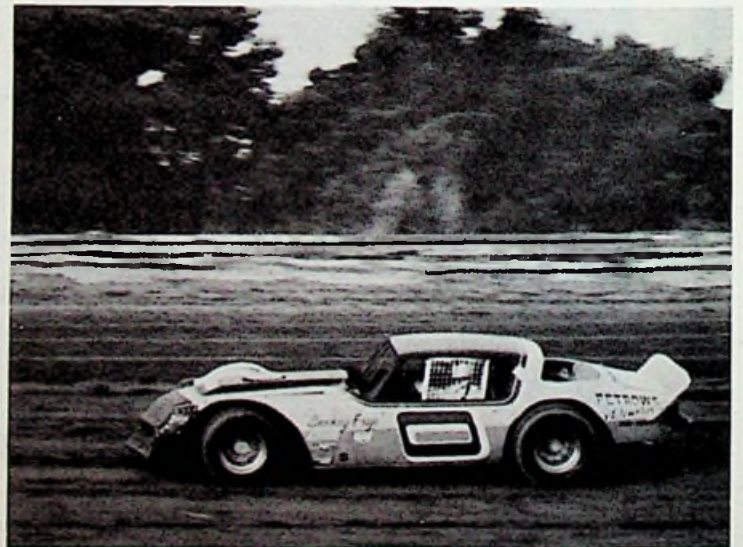
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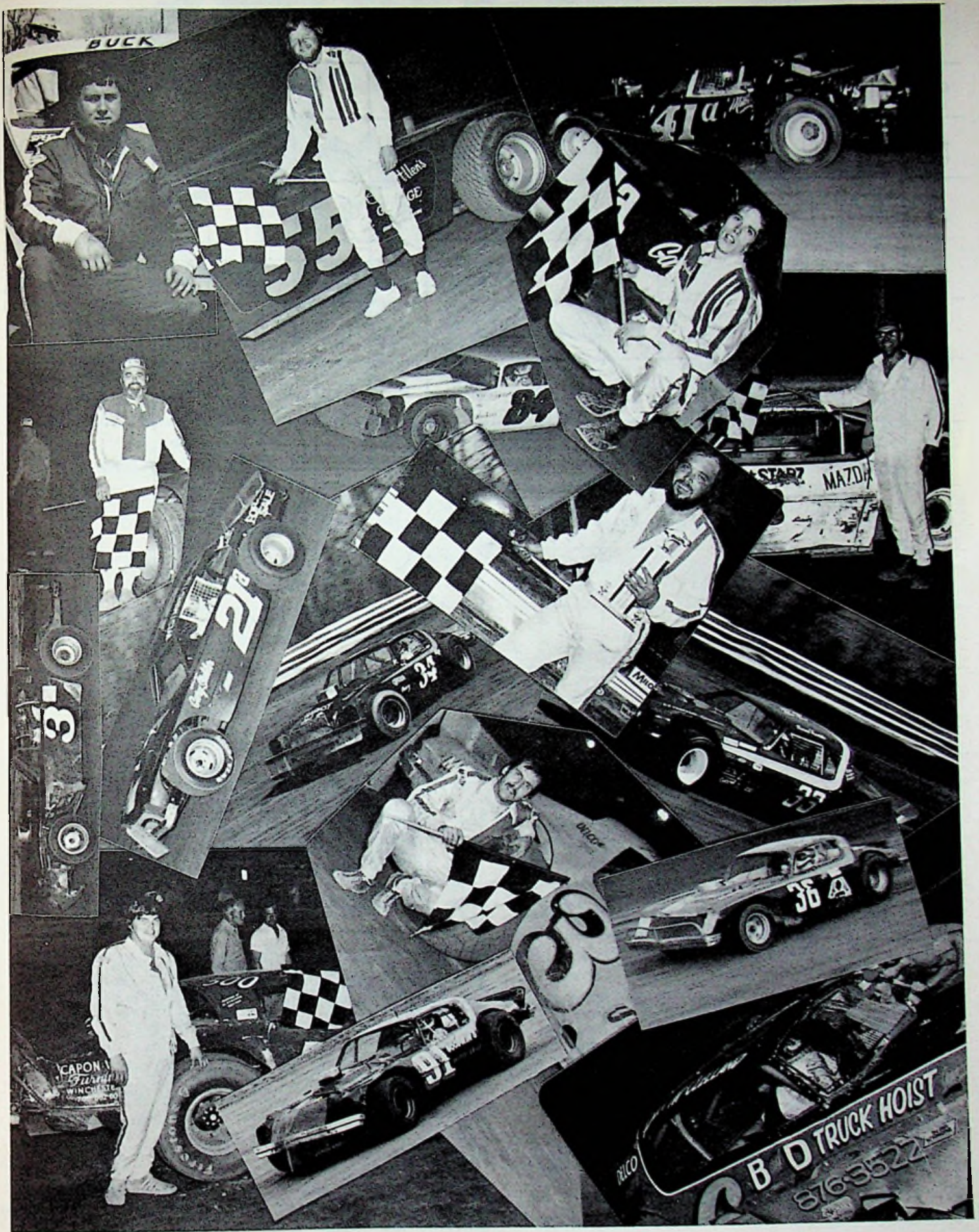


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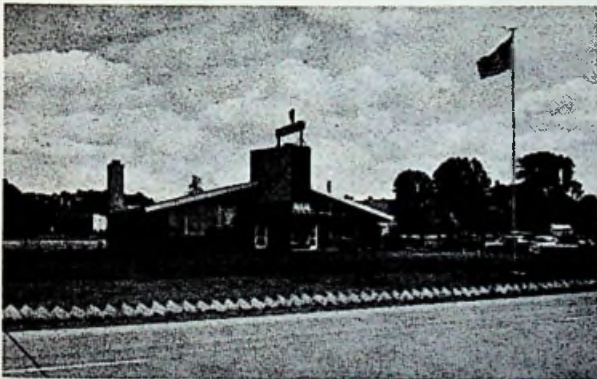
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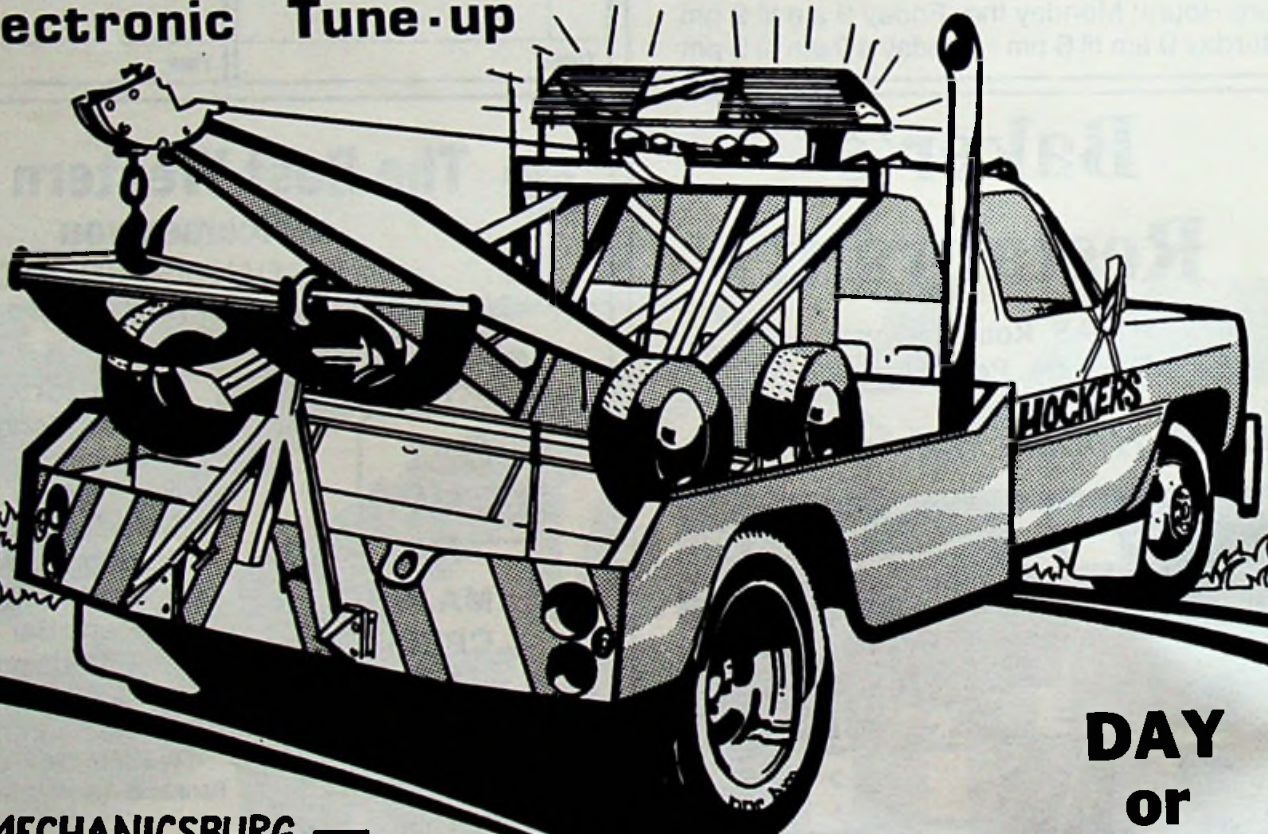
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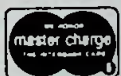
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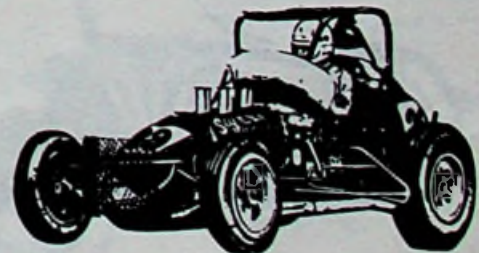
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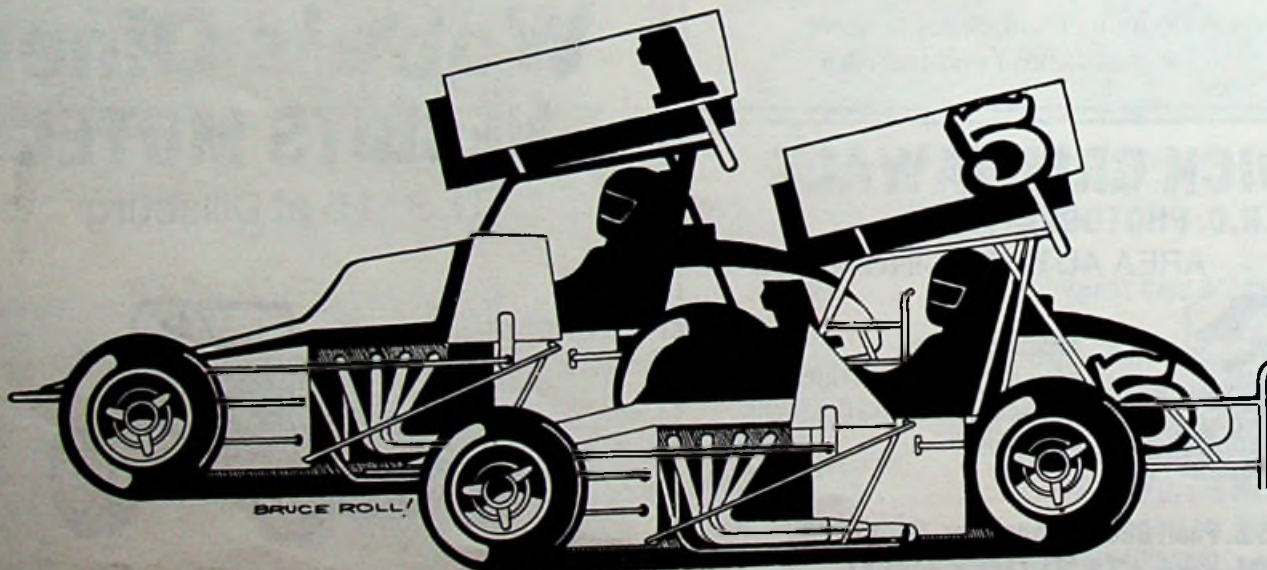
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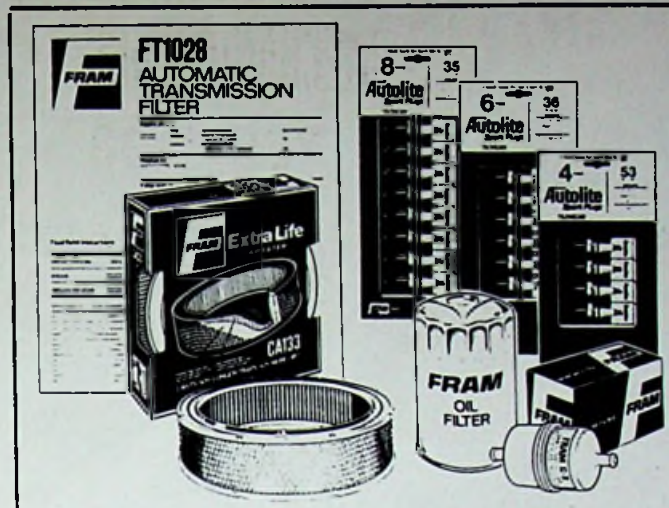
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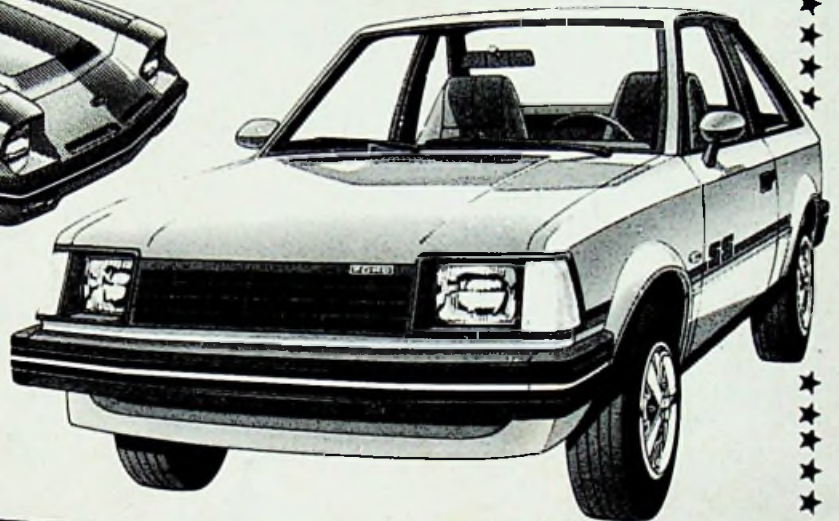
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