



**CLEAR THE TRACK**—Johnny Carter of Van Nuys (left) cuts off bid by South Gate's Elliot Schultz entering turn of Class "A" motorcycle race at Whiteman Stadium. Carter went on to capture main event. Action will continue tomorrow night at Pacoima track with first scheduled race to get underway at 8:30 p.m.

### FORMER 500 ACE PARSONS IN NEW JOB

A second Indianapolis champion driver has joined the ranks of engineers and technicians on the staff of the Automotive Research Division of Application Research Corporation in Los Angeles.

Johnnie Parsons of Van Nuys, winner of the famed Indianapolis 500 Mile auto race in 1950 joins Sam Hanks of Pacific Palisades, 1957 Indy champion, on the staff of safety experts at Application Research.

Parsons will be assigned to the ARC proving grounds at Mira Loma, Calif., where he will serve as an installation specialist of technical equipment used in testing vehicles.

# PRA Drivers to Go All Out In Saugus Speedway Feature

With next week's taxing annual Monza, scheduled a week from tomorrow, Aug. 17, drivers are expected to go all out tomorrow night at Saugus Speedway in the 40-lap main event.

The feature, highlight of a 12-event Pacific Racing Association program of racing, will give drivers a chance to see how their cars will hold up under the stress of three 40-lap main events that make up the

building since early in the season.

Hornaday, the 37-year-old veteran from Chatsworth, is the man to beat no matter what car he drives.

He has hit the groove in recent weeks after a slow start and figures to be in the thick of the battle for first place money tomorrow along with division leader Jimmy Insolo, driving a Chevrolet, "Wild Bill" Foster in his Plymouth and Oren Prosser, also wheeling a Chevy.

The Sportsman trophy dash kicks off the 8 o'clock card, which also features main events in the supporting Cadet and Limited Stock classes.

Twenty minutes from the San Fernando Valley, Saugus Speedway is located on Soledad Canyon Rd., one mile east of San Fernando Rd.



**FAVORITE** — Chatsworth's Ron Hornaday will be in 24-car lineup at Saugus Speedway tomorrow night in "A" main.

### Jack O'Brien Outdistances 'Cycle Foes

Jack O'Brien of Santa Monica continues to pour on the pressure in Class A speedway motorcycle competition, far outdistancing his bike-bound rivals. He again tops the field in tomorrow night's 20-race program at Whiteman Stadium in Pacoima.

Last week he led by 260 points, this week he's 330 points ahead, next week they may have to create a new division for the speedster.



**WINNING COMBINATION** Bill Young of Montrose, who drove Lotus Elan in C Production sports car race at Riverside, poses with television and motion picture star Karen Arthur, who served as race queen.

## Mission Bells Ring at Riverside Track

The mission bells are ringing in Riverside! The portion of the calendar at Riverside International Raceway which incorporates the most varied and comprehensive schedule of events in all of auto racing will begin with the Mission Bell "250" for Trans American Sedans, Sept. 7-8.



Speeds near 180 miles-an-hour will be attained by the popular domestic-manufactured compact cars in the Sports Car Club of America sanctioned event for Chevrolet Camaros, American Motors Javelins, Ford Mustangs, Pontiac Firebirds, Mercury Cougars, Dodge Darts and Plymouth Barracudas.

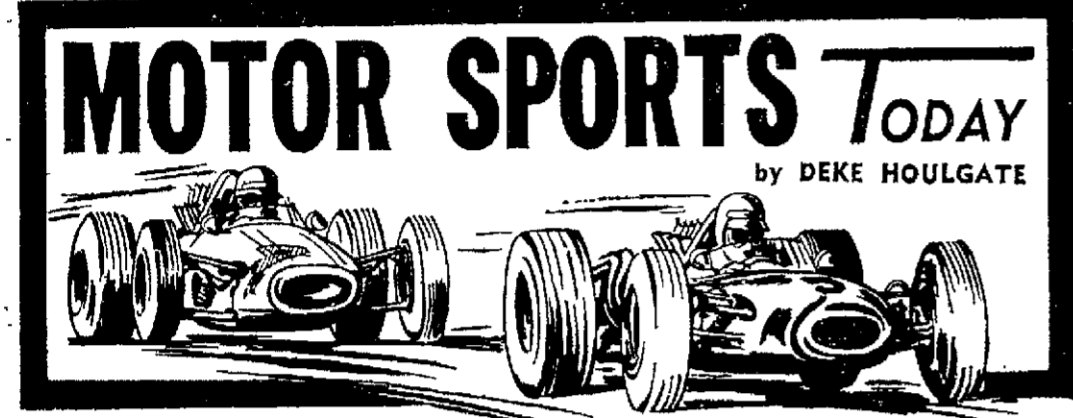
Popular stars Davey Pearson, the defending Mission Bell winner, is among entrants for the premier event of the 13-race series.

Entries are expected from among recently-crowned king Mark Donohue, who is also leading the Trans-Am chase defending Trans-Am champ Jerry Titus and exciting newcomers Sam Posey and Craig Fisher.

The program will include a California Sports Car Club series of shorter races for production sports cars, formula machines and all the other racers in local ranks.

Tickets, good for both days of racing, cost \$5 and include choice of free grandstand seat at various locations around the Raceway.

The Mission Bell "250" will be followed by the Los Angeles Times Grand Prix, Oct. 27. Tickets for the Mission Bell may be purchased at the Raceway, 22255 Eucalyptus Ave., Riverside, 92508 and at Wallich's stores in Hollywood, Panorama City, Torrance, Lakewood, Costa Mesa, and West Covina.



Used to be when you heard the name Unser you thought of the hill that Lt. Zebulon Pike found while poking around the West for President Jefferson. One Unser after another has played king of that mountain in the annual hill-climb motor racing classic.

Now, just when Bobby has got us fans used to the fact that Unsers win other places too, along comes Al Unser to top him.

enough to see one of his sons win the Indianapolis 500, and Louis Unser, a winner at the hill nine times.

Jerry Jr., oldest of the generation of boys sired by Jerry Sr., won the hillclimb twice before he met his death in 1959 racing at Indianapolis.

Al has won twice and Bobby nine times, to tie his Uncle Louie's record.

Meanwhile, up in the press box they passed around a sheet to the writers so they could vote for the top rookie. Al's name wasn't even on the list. The stock car racing reporters who cover that race are a pretty wise bunch.

They made Al Unser the first "write-in" winner ever to take rookie honors at the Daytona 500.

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Statistics kept by USAC show that since the road was opened to traffic and to racing 52 years ago Unsers have won at Pikes Peak 25 times.

Down here below the clouds, on level ground, Al has been notable this year as the one championship driver who has followed Andy Granatelli's advice and switched his race car over to 4-wheel-drive.

From racing modified roadsters around his Albuquerque, N.M., home, Al jumped to sprint cars, campaigning his way through both the California Racing Association and International Motor Contest Association to USAC's sprint and midget circuits in 1964.

His apprenticeship lasted eight years, and then all of a sudden he was driving in the big time and winning at the hill.

So "little brother" Al is second place in the point standings both of the USAC championship division and the stock car division. However, if he kept a diary it would probably read: "14 championship races—I beat Bobby eight times."

The best tribute to Al's fierce competitive pride and ability as a driver comes from brother Bobby.

At the speedway Al crashed only 41 laps after the start when a wheel came off. That's a shame, because Al now wears the Indianapolis 500 results like an albatross around his neck.

Since Indy the writers have been calling Al "the other Unser."

Al was considered ready for Indy the next year, and an early sponsor took him there.

California Frank Arciero, who gave Al a lot of early sports car road racing experience, hired him to drive a Maserati at Indy.

"I'm tellin' you, I like to beat my brother," Bobby confided once. "I really like beatin' him. If we were to have a race with tricycles I'd break my back to beat him."

"If you want to know, though, I have to work hard to do it. He's good. Maybe I'm the only one knows just how good he really is."

As they overlook the fact that there has been somebody named Unser in a race car almost continuously for more than 30 years, the racing press has found a sure way to get under his skin. Al is the Avis of auto racing. He's the champion's kid brother.

Not everybody thinks of him as a kid, however. Al has beaten USAC for taking action against 4WD. He's not concerned because he has won five times, placed third, fourth twice and 12th.

He argued that 4WD is safer than conventional two-wheel-drive.

The rules committee is listening to him, whereas it appeared to ignore the same argument by Granatelli.

He went back in '64, beat Bobby to break a long chain of his brother's victories and set a speed record in the bargain. Al was back the next year. He won again.

Not being addicted to Pikes Peak, he doesn't go every year.

Everybody's noticing Al Unser these days. As recently as last February at Daytona that wasn't the case.

Al drove the high banks for the first time in the Daytona 500.

Even if they did know the winner, they'd never guess that Al Unser finished second. Last season he was fifth best USAC championship driver and stock car rookie of the year, but he has already topped himself this season.

You can bet he's counting the days until the wire service stories start off like this: "Bobby Unser, brother of auto racing star Al, . . ."

### CRA Sprint Cars Return to Ascot Course Tomorrow

More than 50 Indianapolis-type race cars will return to Gardena's Ascot Park tomorrow night, when the CRA sprint cars return after a three week absence. Racing will start at 8:30 p.m. on the 1/4-mile clay oval.

Heading the large field will be nine-time CRA feature winner Bobby Hogle of Buena Park.

### Rams Seek Fifth

Including exhibition and playoff games, the Los Angeles Rams have won four straight from the Cleveland Browns. The last Cleveland victory was 21-19 in the 1965 exhibition game at the Coliseum.

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## Road Racing Footage Available to Public

"Twenty Seven Hours to La Paz," the official motion picture of the Inaugural Mexican 1000 Rally, is now available for special showings in Southern California, according to Ed Pearlman, president of the National Off Road Racing Association.

## LACHER BIDS FOR TENTH STRAIGHT MOTORCYCLE WIN

Mel Lacher will be after an incredible 10th straight main event victory in the motorcycle racing meet tonight at Ascot Park. First post is at 8:15.

The Harley-Davidson pilot's win streak is to the two-wheeled racing sport what Don Drysdale's recent string of shutout innings was to pitching.

Lacher hasn't lost at Ascot since clear back in May. And the way he is riding indicates the string could be extended even further.

The history of racing over the past 10 years at Ascot has not been productive of long win streaks.

Competition has always been intense and it's necessary to beat a large share of the top cycle jockeys in the West every Friday.

If things keep up, Managing Director J. C. Agajanian will have to simply hand Lacher the winner's share of the purse before the race.

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