



'Cycles Flock to Riverside Sunday

Factory Teams, Parriott, Highlight Final Program at Historic Speedway

Factory teams and a 42-year-old father of nine will headline the historic American Cycle Association road races Sunday at Riverside International Raceway. Two-wheeler races on the 2.6-mile road course will be the final competition held at Riverside as it is known today.

Construction equipment is already on the site that will begin digging up the track for construction of new facilities shortly after the race.

Some trenching has already altered the landscape in some spectator areas.

After the ACA race — fourth in a series of 12 this year on road courses throughout the West — all activities will be suspended.

Due to be completed is a portion of the Feather River water project and a \$3,600,000 improvement program that will alter the track layout and add new spectator facilities.

Representing the Bridge-stone factory will be veteran rider Tony Murphy of West Covina and former Ducati rider Bob Barker of Sierra Madre, while Dave Damron of San Bernardino will carry Team Ocelot colors for Suzuki.

Top name in the 100-rider field will be Buddy Parriott, the 42-year-old grand old man, who has won more events and more championships than any man in United States bike racing history.

Cycling's all-time family man champion will race a 250cc Yamaha and a 500cc Norton Manx in two feature events of the day-long event.

Gates will open at 8 a.m., and action will begin at 9 with practice and time trials. First race is scheduled for noon.



HOT CORNER ACTION — Steve Scott of Van Nuys begins full broad-side turn during Class A speedway motorcycle race at Whiteman Stadium. Scott will be in lineup tonight when European-style bikes race at Saugus Speedway and again tomorrow at the Whiteman oval in Pacoima.

Red-Hot Bast on Bike Bill

Steve Bast will be out to extend his growing victory streak tonight when Class A Speedway Motorcycle racing returns to Saugus Speedway.

The exciting young rider from Van Nuys has captured successive main events at Saugus and Whiteman Stadium and also has a string going of four straight trophy dash victories.

As usual, Bast will be aboard his lightweight JAP bike tonight, then returns to Whiteman the following night to take part in another 22-event program.

An enthusiastic crowd was on hand at Saugus last week for the first motorcycle racing program held there in several years and proclaimed it an immediate success.

Promoter Dude Criswell, who supervised the installation of the new dirt cushion track, reported that the drivers and their machines held up remarkably well during full broadside turns.

Racing begins at 8:30 both nights and plenty of free parking is available at both tracks.

RED-HOT — Jimmy Insolo has won four straight PRA main events and is favored again tomorrow at Saugus Speedway.

Defending Champ in 40-Lapper

Insolo on PRA Card at Saugus

Its highly-successful opening-night show now history, Saugus Speedway swings open its gates again tomorrow for another 12-event program of Pacific Racing Association stock car competition.

Additional cars are expected for the second card of the season since some drivers were unable to complete construction of their racers in time for the opener.

Last week, nearly 5000 fans turned out en masse to make it one of the most successful openings in promoter Tony Coldewey's 11-year association with the track.

The card tomorrow will feature two opening trophy dashes at four laps each, a half-dozen heat races, two consolation races and a pair of main events.

One main will be contested in the new Tornado division and the other in the Limited Stock class at 20 laps, final event of the evening.

Defending PRA champion Jimmy Insolo was impressive in nailing down the 40-lapper last week and is favored again tomorrow.

His strongest competition is expected to come from perennial championship contender Oren Prosser of Reseda and Pacoima's Carl Stronberg.

Also expected back is Newhall's Bill Foster, who battled Insolo to a second-place finish in the PRA derby last year, and Jack Potter, Canoga Park.

Last week, Insolo showed class by wheeling around several pileups early in the race and going on to win.

Man to beat for LSD laurels is Stan Smith, the veteran from Los Angeles who nailed down the trophy dash and main event opening night.

Smith, who wheels a classy red 1955 Chevrolet stocker, will go against such up and coming pilots as Jim Kent, Saugus; Joe Thomas, Sylmar; Jim Gilliam, Sun Valley; Daryl Jackson, San Fernando and the veteran Bill Cooper, Van Nuys.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. program are priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children between 8 and 12 years of age.

Gates open at 5 p.m., qualifying begins at 6:30 and the opening Tornado trophy dash kicks off the program of racing at 8 o'clock.

HOT FUELER AT RACEWAY THIS SUNDAY

Sunday marks the return of the fabled "Rat Trap" altered machine to San Fernando Raceway.

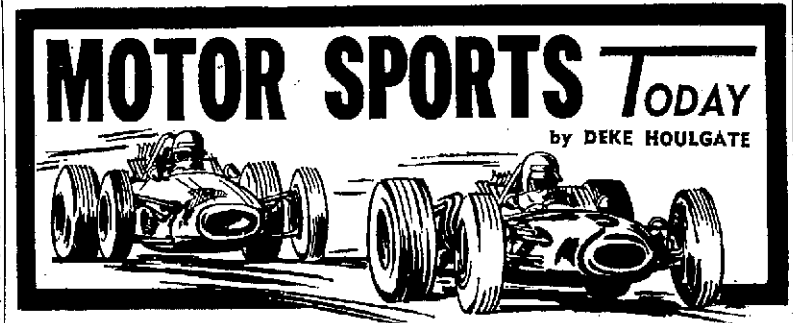
The car, owned by Boswell, Green and Pomona Dodge, is capable of speeds up to and including 200 miles an hour, an impressive mark for an altered machine unlike the common dragster.

Entered in the top fuel runoff will be Cliff Roa of Santa Monica, Butters and Gerard of Lakewood, and the storied Snyder and Woolsey team from Reseda, all fuel-blown Chryslers.

Gates open at 9 a.m., with time trials scheduled to begin at 9:30 and eliminations at 1:30.

CHECK POINT

Calendar of Coming Events for Sports Cars
May 2 — Santa Monica SSC "First Friday" Navigational rally with 3 classes. Starts 8 p.m., Valley Car Wash, Van Nuys Blvd. & Saticoy. Van Nuys. Fee: \$2. Trophies & DPs. About 2 hours. Good rally for beginners. Information: 639-9461.
May 2 — SPORTS FCA regular membership meeting. Starts 8 p.m., La Puente Lanes, 4250 N. Hacienda Blvd., La Puente.
May 3 — Florio Michele Mousse semi-gimnick rally for May. Starts 7:30 p.m., Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center, Burbank & Burbank Blvd., Encino. Fee: \$3.75 includes DP. Open to all. Information: 967-3323, 762-3672.
May 3 — RACE "Bumps & Grinds." Straight navigational rally with 4 classes. Starts 7 p.m., Rosemore Shopping Center, San Diego Pkwy. to Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos. Fee: \$3 includes DP. Information: 451-1312.
May 4 — Porsche Owners Club Adam's Apple. Slalom for Porsches over Adam's Apple. Starts 7:30 p.m., Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center, Burbank & Burbank Blvd., Encino. Fee: \$3 members, \$6.50 guests includes DP. Open to all. Information: 451-1312.
May 4 — Corvette Unlimited general membership meeting. Starts 7:30 p.m., Baber Chevrolet, 18600 Devonshire Blvd., Northridge. All Corvette owners welcome.
May 7 — Lotus/West general membership meeting. Starts 8 p.m., Glendale Federal Savings & Loan, 401 N. Broadway, Glendale. All Lotus owners welcome.
May 7 — Corvette Ltd. general membership meeting. Starts 8 p.m., Village Inn, Garfield at Valley, Alhambra. All Corvette owners welcome.
May 8 — SCC-GRC meeting of all car clubs interested in gimnick rallies. Starts 8 p.m., Student Union Bldg., P.O. Box 22, UCLA campus. Information: 824-2823.
May 9 — SCC-GRC "Friday Nite Rides." Gimnick rally. Starts 7:30 p.m., Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center, Burbank & Burbank Blvd., Encino. Two classes: experienced & beginner. Trophies. Fee: \$2.50 per car. Information: 824-2823.
May 10 — RM SCC "One For The Road." Gimnick rally. Starts 7:30 p.m., Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center, Burbank & Burbank Blvd., Encino. Fee: \$3.50 per car. Open to all cars. Register 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information: 786-4242.
May 14 — SCAT RT general membership meeting. Starts 7:30 p.m., Community Center Clubhouse, 1104 W. 8th St., Santa Ana. Guest invited. Information: 838-3173.
May 17 — FIBAR "Fourth Friday." Gimnick rally. Starts 7:30 p.m., Sepulveda Dam Recreation Center, Burbank & Burbank Blvd., Encino. Fee: \$3.50 includes DP. Trophies. Information: 423-0611.
Mail date for this column to: Alice Stewart-Chek Point, Van Nuys News & Valley Green Sheet, Box 310, Van Nuys, Calif. 91408.



Lothar Motschenbacher, the race driver with a name so long you need a pit stop in the middle of it, has a new record in his portfolio.

He built a car from scratch in just a little more than five days and doggone near won a race with it.

Talking about it now is kind of a gas to Lothar, who is back working a normal 14 hour day while preparing the same car for the next race on the calendar, but building a \$15,000 formula A machine you're going to drive at speeds up to 130 miles an hour is grim business.

That's what he had to do a few days ago in Colbrook, England, to finish his McLaren Chevy in time for the first race on the Continental Grand Prix circuit.

Here's the story: Strikes in England hampered suppliers to the McLaren factory as time for the first Continental race approached.

Eventually all the bits and pieces to build his car were delivered, but no time remained on the production schedule.

Bruce McLaren himself pitched in on a car consigned to Jerry Hansen, and Canadian driver George Eaton flew to England to help finish building his own car.

Lothar decided to go to England too.

He took with him his chief mechanic, Joel Griffin, hopping a transatlantic plane on a Thursday afternoon nine days before the Riverside Continental.

When they arrived in England they began working around the clock, with the help of several of McLaren's craftsmen.

When the car was completed the following Wednesday, they rolled it on a plane and boarded a passenger jet themselves.

Back at Lothar's Torrance shop, engine specialist Fred Nehring was waiting with a 305 cubic inch Chevy power plant, hopeful that nothing had gone wrong in the construction process.

He still had to stuff the engine in the car.

Because of the time zone difference, the car arrived at 3 o'clock the same afternoon.

Agajanian Club Reservations Now Being Accepted

Reservations are now being accepted for the annual jet trip of the Agajanian Fan Club to the Indianapolis 500-miler on May 30.

The tab of \$235 includes a ticket on the chartered DC-8 jet, a \$25 penthouse ticket to the "Indy" classic, bus ride to the track, meals and beverages en route to the Speedway.

Gates open at 6 p.m. when information may be obtained on general admission seats by calling FA 1-5323, or writing to the Agajanian Fan Club, P.O. Box 98, Gardena.

More than 30,000 of her miles were recorded on bone-shattering washboard roads, jumping from dune to dune and bumping through potholes, as Meyers strove to perfect his invention.

In 1967 she set a La Paz-to-Tijuana record of 34 hours, 45 minutes that was four hours faster than anything done on a motorcycle up to that time.

Old Red has been rolled over, has survived collisions, has starred in auto shows and has been used unkindly as Meyers' transportation back and forth to work.

When Dan Gurney first took his Eagles to Europe, he asked the auto racing fans in America to join his Eagle Club, using their initiation fees to provide needed funds to support his team in international competition.

Now Gurney joins another group asking for funds to aid a couple of American motorcycle riders doing the same thing.

They are Ron Nelson of California and John DeSoto of Hawaii, both currently racing in Europe in an effort to win world motocross championships in their classes (Nelson in 500 c.c. and DeSoto in 250 c.c.).

Chief sponsors of their cause besides Gurney are magazine publisher Joe Parkhurst, record company president Joe Bihari, surfing film producer Bruce Brown, actor Steve McQueen, comedian Dick Smothers, television star-trekker Bill Shatner and racer Bud Ekins.

This is not a charity, no income tax deductions are allowed, and we're not soliciting funds.

But if you're interested enough to find out more, write to American Moto-Cross Team, P.O. Box 3276, Hollywood, California 90028.

It cleared customs by 5 p.m. It may sound simple, putting an engine in a brand new car.

Just take a winch, lower it, bolt in the engine and attach it to the drive train.

What takes the time is fabrication of plumbing and wiring systems and connecting them. Those are arm wearing hours of a craftsman's personal work.

Then comes the suspension setting, cleaning and polishing.

Most race cars get hundreds of man hours of man hours of attention before they ever reach the track.

Motschenbacher's crew arrived at Riverside, more or less ready to go, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Qualifying for the race was to end at 4:30.

Technical inspection took precious minutes. Lothar wasn't ready to go until 4:10.

"I got about six laps of practice, and that's when I got my qualifying time," he said. Motschenbacher was 14th fastest in a field of 25.

He finished the race second behind John Cannon on Sunday, driving on the same lap with him, and that's certainly no disgrace.

The Motschenbacher crew celebrated Sunday night before beginning the two-week grind leading up to Laguna Seca this Sunday.

When we talked to him, it was about 10 p.m., and Motschenbacher was still working at his shop.

Formula racing is "more of a fun type" of motor sport than the deadly serious Can-Am circuit to Lothar. He likes them both.

"I like the change of pace formula racing offers," he said.

It had to happen. The ultra-modern sport of dune buggy racing is so young it is still crawling on all fours, but already a grand old dune buggy is being retired to a racing museum.

It's Bruce Meyers' "Old Red," the original buggy that was homebuilt in Newport Beach by the man who started all this off-road racing business.

The car is five years old. Today you can see it side by side with Hispano Suizas and Bugattis at the Briggs Cunningham Museum in Costa Mesa.

Old Red has 130,000 miles on her. She outlived several VW engines, and THAT'S some kind of record.

Trio Heads Huge Field at Gardena

Larry Peters of Covina, Dorsey Steele of Huntington Park, and Jim Powell of Downey, top-rated drivers in the Figure 8 stock car point standings at Ascot Park, head an 80-car field in Sunday evening's triple-header card.

An 11-event program is on tap, featuring all three Figure 8 divisions, unlimited modifieds, modified-stockers, and claiming stock cars.

Racing starts at 7:30 p.m. with time trials at 6 o'clock.

Peters will be the driver to beat in the modified-stock car class, and Steele will be after another win in the new claiming stock car division.

In the unlimited modified class, Jim Powell heads the point race over Bruce Johnson of Gardena, and Mike Konye of Long Beach.

These cars feature unlimited engines in coupe bodies. Gates open at 6 p.m. when information may be obtained on general admission seats by calling FA 1-5323, or writing to the Agajanian Fan Club, P.O. Box 98, Gardena.

Indy Tests Begin

The world's top 50 drivers will begin testing 84 cars today as practice for the 53rd annual Indianapolis 500 auto race begins at Speedway, Indiana.

...For 1969 family fun CANYON LAKE

The first Private Membership fresh water lake of its kind in Southern California

90 min. from L.A. (Near Riverside)

A \$45,000,000 WATER SPORTS—RECREATION WONDERLAND

Here is the first private fresh water recreational lake of its kind ever built in Southern California. As a private water sports paradise, Canyon Lake is as different from an ordinary public lake or beach as night from day. For example, the purity of the water in the lake will always be rigidly controlled. A scientific fish stocking and maintenance program will be maintained. Boating, swimming, fishing and water skiing will be regulated to insure the marina safety and enjoyment for all. Special swimming beaches will be set aside. Reasonable standards of cleanliness, police security and traffic control will be maintained at all times. A sensible body of rules will govern the use of all lodge, golf club, riding stable, parks, camp grounds, boat docks and commercial facilities. A uniformed guard at entry gate house will admit only Canyon Lake residents and guests.

LOTS FROM \$5500 10% Down—Excellent Bank Terms

- ✓ 14.9 Miles of Shoreline
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Water Skiing
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Boating
- ✓ Park
- ✓ Camp Ground
- ✓ Riding Stable
- ✓ Marina
- ✓ Commercial Center
- ✓ Deluxe Lodge
- ✓ Sandy Beaches

NOTE . . . The lodge, swimming pool, tennis courts, the marina, the village center, beaches, parks and campgrounds site are now all completed and ready for fun!

AN INVESTMENT YOUR FAMILY CAN ENJOY RIGHT AWAY!

You don't have to build if you don't want to . . . but, as a property owner, you can start fishing, swimming, boating in this beautiful big fresh water lake immediately. Here is a sound land purchase in prime shoreline recreation property. Here is a new kind of water sports private community for healthful outdoor family fun. Here is another Lake Arrowhead or Lake Tahoe but much better because it is strictly a private proposition. Canyon Lake can never be crowded with mobs of people; only owners and guests are allowed. The lake will always be kept pure and clean; the fishing will always be good . . . and Canyon Lake is within 90 minutes of the center of Los Angeles, the fastest growing, richest, most outdoor-minded city in the world. Where else can you find a family purchase that you can fish in, swim in, golf on and enjoy IMMEDIATELY?

For Admittance This Saturday and Sunday

Please present this advertisement to the guard at our entry gate. It is your gate pass . . . it will also entitle you to a free boat tour aboard the "Canyon Queen."

Directions from Los Angeles: Go south on Hwy. 395 from Riverside about 25 miles just past Sun City to Newport Road—then right on Newport Road about 5 miles to entrance.

From Orange County: Go to Corona—and south on Hwy. 71 about 26 miles to Railroad Canyon Road—then left about 2 miles to entrance.