

## **25+ YEARS OF NASCAR AT EVERGREEN AND THE MEMORIAL HALL OF FAME**

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The Evergreen Speedway Memorial Hall of Fame turned 25 a few seasons back, which got me thinking that it would be a great time to reflect on those early inductees. To find out where they were now, why each was inducted, and to perhaps consider what it truly means to be honored **“for outstanding dedication and contributions to auto racing,”** as it has always read on the HoF header in the program each season. Created by (then) Promoter Mickey Beadle in 1985 when NASCAR first came to Evergreen, and with honoring that goal in mind, “the Hall” has consistently inducted special racers, many of whom were also honored as “Top 50” drivers when Evergreen Speedway celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> season, back in 2004. Long time employees and exceptional supporters of our track have also been inducted over the years. In fact, the Hall of Fame was re-dedicated in 1988, after the tragic loss of super supporter Fred Butler, and Superstock racer John Gay. Both were inducted that year posthumously, and their names will be at the top of the Hall of Fame “Memorial” header in the Program, finally here on the Evergreen Speedway.com website - and in our hearts, forever.

The latest Hall of Fame inductee is Darryl “D.W.” Wheeler. Learn about D.W under the year **2013**, as we continue through our second quarter-century of NASCAR at Evergreen Speedway, guided now by Highroad Promotions.

**1985** was when it all started. I asked Mickey Beadle at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary NASCAR Awards Banquet about the creation of this “Hall”, and about his choice for the first inductee, **“Crazy” Carl Zaretzke**, back then. “Carl was a ‘no-brainer’ choice, a real legend - and the track’s first SUPERSTAR,” said Mickey. Already a 4-time Champion in the figure-8 Superstock division between 1971 and 1975, Carl was among the first to embrace this new NASCAR connection. In fact, Carl went on to win the NASCAR Superstock Oval Championship three out of the first four seasons! A Charter member of FEAR, meaning he helped create the figure-8 Club back in 1966, Carl is also a FEAR Hall of Fame member, of course, and his famous #2 was retired by the Club in 1992. A Lake Stevens resident now and father of popular Superstock Champion John Zaretzke, BOTH were inducted into the Evergreen Speedway “Top 50 Drivers” club, as we all celebrated Evergreen Speedway’s 50<sup>th</sup> season of racing back in 2004.

In **1986**, Mickey inducted the first of several couples, **Dale** and **Gail Youmans**, into his new Evergreen Speedway Hall of Fame. Both had already been involved with racing for over 20 years by then! Dale, like Carl, helped start FEAR as a charter member, and was its initial Club treasurer. After several years of figure-8 racing, Dale went on to be the figure-8 pit boss, then flagman, and Chief Steward of the track, before joining his wife Gail as an official lap counter for the next two decades. Currently involved with the Cascade Push Truck Assn., Dale was

also inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame a few years back, as he and Gail celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> season of outstanding dedication to the figure-8 Club, and to Evergreen Speedway.

**1987** saw the fourth inductee into this new Hall of Fame, **Lyle Merrifield**. Another early member of FEAR, Lyle started out racing Mopars in the late 60's, taking the 1970 "Super" Championship with co-driver John Beeson, in a '62 Plymouth. For well over 25 years Lyle was a huge supporter of both the track and the racing community through his business, Northwest Auto Wrecking, in south Seattle. After being either sponsor or car owner of Champion drivers like Beeson, Vern Dietz, Joe Constance and Don Nolan, Lyle went on to work with the Cascade Push Truck Assn. for many more years with his hot-rod El Camino. Lyle quietly retired with wife Misty to Boring, Oregon, where he manages various commercial properties.

As mentioned before, **1988** was a tragic year for the track as we lost two very dedicated and popular gentlemen, **Fred Butler** and **John Gay**. Fred succumbed to a heart attack (at just 58 years old) that June, and two months later John was involved in Evergreen's most horrific racing incident, piling into the rear of another Superstock car which had stalled on the backstretch of the 3/8. Both were heavily involved at Evergreen, as were their kids and their wives, Althea and Marti, who was actually the videographer filming John's tragic final race. The Butlers lived near Kirkland and owned Aldercrest Auto Rebuild for some 20 years. Staunch supporters of son Tobey and his glowing racing career, they are the only family inducted separately into this Hall (see 1996 and 2006). John Gay was a contractor specializing in building laundromats around the Northwest. Also a father of three, the Snohomish resident started his racing hobby in the figure-8 club, was voted onto the first FEAR Super (oval) board, and then helped create and support the early NASCAR Superstock division. In 1988 the Hall was renamed the Evergreen Speedway Fred Butler - John Gay *Memorial* Hall of Fame.

**1989** saw the only induction of a "club" into the Evergreen Speedway Hall of Fame, as the **Cascade Push Truck Association** was, as a group, the seventh inductee. Mickey Beadle still says "we could not race at Evergreen without the help of these dedicated volunteers!" CPTA was first created in 1971, making 2014 their 43rd anniversary. Membership ranges between 12 and 15 skilled, neatly dressed members each season, all with cool looking, well-equipped trucks. Always seeking new members, they ask that if you want to join Cascade and help out at Evergreen Speedway, to contact any of the drivers for Club requirements and information.

**1990** HoF member **Gene Brookover** was, like so many in this Hall, a skilled figure-8 driver *and* former FEAR President (1983), before joining the staff at Evergreen Speedway. Known as "*Kaptin Blackflag*" from his hard driving style on the track, Geno had spent his last 25 years as a NASCAR "tech" official, not only here, but also at South Sound Speedway, and with the NASCAR NW Tour series. A Vietnam vet and mechanic by trade, it was exactly 20 years after *this* induction that he was posthumously inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame, after losing a

tough battle with cancer in the summer of 2010. He will be missed by many, including wife Kathy, and kids Gene Jr. "Beeners", Diane and Lee.

**1991** saw the induction of two very popular racers, **Mike Estabrook** and **Ralph Lewis**. Both were early FEAR members. Ralph, who raced for 23+ years, starting in the 60's, was often on the FEAR Board, as was his wife, Leslie. The father of two, Lewis *still* works for Safeway beverages. Estabrook, who joined FEAR in the 70's, was famous for often having the "best appearing" car, with the SHINIEST tires in track history! Both were instrumental in the early creation of the NASCAR Superstock division, and both drivers were very successful at it before retiring from racing. Mike still lives in West Seattle and is a master mechanic, while Snohomish residents Ralph and Leslie Lewis remain involved with son Gary's super successful racing career (see 2006), with Ralph often helping the younger Lewis out, working as his crew chief.

**1992** saw the induction of **The Pierce Family** into this Hall of Fame. The first of two "family" inductions, Frank "Pops" Pierce and his son Gary each spent three decades actually taking care of Evergreen Speedway, both during the week and on Saturday nights. "Pops" worked first for Snohomish County as the official groundskeeper, then a couple of years with Mickey Beadle at South Sound Speedway, where he also controlled the sweep and safety crews. We lost "Pop's" in 2005. Gary worked for the State during the week and helped his brother Neil, who raced Mini-Stocks. Mrs. Pierce even helped with running practices and play dates before passing away in 1980. "They were always ready to help us out; they even helped guard the back gate for years", said Mickey. Daughter Shelly still works for the track, said Gary with pride. Semi-retired and living with his wife Dawn, Gary is now back working at Evergreen too!

**1993** inductees **Mick** and **Randi Tomlin** were also longtime employees of Evergreen Speedway with deep roots in the figure-8 club. Mick was the FEAR President four times between 1978 and 1982, when membership was over 600 strong! He raced on the figure-8 track for 10+ years, in both divisions, always with the #72 that was retired by FEAR in 1991, when Mick was inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame. After a couple of seasons as our Figure-8 pit boss, Mick assumed the role of Track Steward from 1984 thru 1991. Randi Tomlin spent 11 years at the back gate and was involved with the FEAR women's auxiliary (where they met), and was then elected Club treasurer for two years. Retired from both racing and from Boeing, Mick and Randi live quietly by the Skagit River in Concrete, Washington.

**1994** HoF member **Joe Nye** was another former figure-8 racer who moved up, and into the Track Steward seat, between 1991 and 1995, after working the figure-8 pits for a couple of years. Joe and his brother Ted raced Fords together for over four earlier seasons, always with the distinctive (and probably unlicensed) Seahawks paint scheme! Ted went on to be a flagger at Evergreen for several years when his brother hung up his racing helmet. Very popular with the drivers and fans at Evergreen Speedway, both the brothers were married with kids, lived in

the Clearview area, and both worked at Boeing, until sadly; Joe took his own life just a year after this Hall of Fame induction.

**1995** HoF members **Dick Avalo** and **Cole Porter** were both longtime supporters of the track - Avalo as an employee and Porter through his photography and press expertise. "*Official*" Dick Avalo actually got his start at ES in the early 70's by joining the new Cascade Push Truck Assn. and pushing the guys around with his Jeep! After a couple of seasons racing on the figure-8 track, Dick went on to be a pit boss, flagman and Chief Steward. A widower since 2009 after losing his wife Bobbie, and retired from Coca-Cola and Evergreen Speedway, Dick lives in South Everett, and is a great-grandfather of five! Cole Porter was a quiet "behind the scenes" guy who worked for the Seattle Times 28 years as the photo editor before moving on to Getty Images in 2005. A grandfather of 13 and living in Kirkland, Cole owned race cars, helped with both Evergreen press releases and photos over the years, and was a renowned photographer whose auto racing and WTO riot photos had been published all across America.

**1996** inductees were another great couple, **Phyllis** and **Gordy Stewart**. Gordy was a top "modified" racer in the late 60's and 70's before switching over to the pavement of Evergreen Speedway. As a FEAR member, Gordy was one of the last to race a '57 Chevy on the 8 track, then among the earliest NASCAR Superstock (oval) drivers. An Evergreen "Top 50" driver in 2004, Stewart also helped his son Gaylon win two NASCAR "Bomber" Championships. Gordy lost his wife Phyllis just a few years ago (2009), after 44 years of marriage. She had been involved with the operations of Evergreen since the earliest days of IPI, working as a lap counter, an office manager/bookkeeper, and as John Beadle's "right hand." Gordy is semi-retired and spends much of his winters down South, but remains a big fan of auto racing.

**1997** saw the induction of **Althea Butler** into the Evergreen Speedway Hall of Fame. Althea was a popular and loyal employee for close to three decades, starting out first in advertising sales and at the back gate, before spending several years as Mickey Beadle's administrative assistant in the front office. The daughter of a Seattle area racer, Althea was widowed when she lost longtime husband Fred, in 1988. Althea stayed with IPI at Evergreen until Mickey's retirement in 2007. Now living in the Snohomish area and herself partially retired, Althea is the mother of three, Kayla, Jana and Tobey (see 2006), and also a proud grandmother of seven.

**1998** HoF member **Lee Daily** made recent history as *that* seaplane pilot who created a "National Emergency" by landing in Kenmore - while POTUS was in town! Jets were scrambled, the Secret Service involved, and one of the top racecar drivers in Evergreen history was *really* famous now! A three-time Champion on the figure-8 track (in *both* divisions) and FEAR President in 1980, Lee went on to race in the Winston West Division and win the FEAR "Oval" Championship in 1981. Lee was inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame in 1990, and his #20 officially retired. The owner of 1998 Superstock Champion John Zaretske's "Miller Lite"

Ford, Lee was named a “Top 50” driver in 2004, as Evergreen celebrated 50 years of racing. Owner of a Redmond area trucking company, Lee is still hunting, fishing...and flying!

**1999** saw the induction of **Steve Dunn**, another dedicated 30-year employee at Evergreen Speedway. Steve spent five years racing on the figure-8 track before moving into the figure-8 pit boss role. Meanwhile he also helped with time-ins, drove the tow trucks, and was Asst. Steward for a few years, then Track Steward for six more years. Dunn grew up in the Kenmore area but has been a Snohomish resident for 12+ years. Married to Joann for 25 years, they have two children, Tasha and Sara. Steve has worked at Boeing “building airplanes” for over 25 years now, but on weekends, like most of us, Steve Dunn is still a big fan of auto racing!

**2000** saw **The Ruddell Family** inducted into the Hall. Carol was first to work at the track, starting in 1980, initially at the front gate, then in the office as administrative assistant and bookkeeper, as her husband Bill raced each week on the 8-track. Carol recently retired after 30 years at Evergreen. Next was Daughter Amanda who started selling programs at age 6, helped out at the front gate for years before also moving into the front office, for a total of 28 years here! Carol’s parents Clayton and Eleanor both spent over ten years each working at Evergreen until they passed away, within weeks of each other, and just one year after sharing this honor with their daughter, granddaughter and grandsons, Charlie and David, who were both racers and employees as well. Carol and Bill still live in Monroe, and remain racing fans.

**2001** HoF member **Gib Repass** was a good friend of ES as a longtime NASCAR executive. The Director of the NW Tour for over 20 years, Gib was also the Winston West director for several years. A long time friend of the Beadle family, Mickey said “he was known by all as an extremely fair man, because Gib was himself a racer from way back”. Gilbert Raymond Repass, Jr. was also a retired Navy Chief who spent his final days at his home in Bremerton, before passing away on Dec. 18, 2010, at the young age of 76. “Gib”, who grew up in Virginia, and his wife of 56 years, Jean, were proud parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

**2002** saw **Dennis Keeler** and **Gary Breakfield** honored for their dedication to the Speedway as exceptional and longtime employees. Dennis spent over 25 years as Chief Steward and assistant manager under his brother-in-law Mickey, while his wife Chris worked nearly as long at the back gate, and in the front office. A resident of North Bend, Dennis still works for the State highway department. Gary Breakfield started out as a mechanic on Jerry Smith’s figure-8 car back in the 60’s and assumed the role of head flagger in the 70’s. Gary, from Ballard, then went on to be the pit boss for a total of 28 years at ES, before finally joining the Cascade Push Truck Assn. in 1999, where he remains today. Retired from the Seattle Parks Dept., Gary also works part time during the week delivering cars for Lee Johnson Chevrolet in Kirkland.

**2003** HoF members **Gary Cressey** and **Tom Moriarity** were both honored by ES for their many years dedicated to our track. Gary "*Hollywood*" Cressey started out his announcing career at Evergreen back in the 80's, calling the big NASCAR West series events each season. The one-time track promoter at Shasta Speedway, Gary was an ordained Minister *and* a former beer distributor who announced at thousands of events, at 51 different tracks, over 45 years. "*Hollywood*" actually commuted each weekend for 12 years from Redding, California to announce at Evergreen. Now 77, Gary is in "OK health" and *still* announcing at Shasta every week! Tom Moriarity was crowned the 2010 Super Late Model Champion *again* after he returned to the weekly battle at Evergreen, a year after winning the South Sound Superstock Championship. An Evergreen Speedway "Top 50" driver, a three-time Mini-Stock Champion and (now) six-time champion in the Superstock division, Tom also won the NASCAR Great West regional Championship in 2001. Married to Terri and the father of four, TJ, Tianna, Trisha, and Trenton, Tom works at Brokk Rentals, and lives in Monroe.

**2004** HoF member **Bob Beadle** was "the Man" behind the IPI curtain. Wife Dorothy was the woman behind the man, and they were the proud parents of two sons, Mickey and Terry. Bob started out as a drag racer back in the late 50's, successfully raced "modifieds" in the 60's, and later created the International Drivers Challenge series. Bob co-created the "Dirt Cup" in the 70's, before forming International Productions Inc. (IPI) and taking over promoting Evergreen in 1978, with his brother John, and two other partners. Bob was owner of Aircraft Standards in Ballard and grew up in Seattle, but loved his ranch and fishing boat in Hawaii, as well. Sadly we lost Mr. B. in 2008, nine years after Dorothy passed away. I was proud to be invited to his memorial/wake that was MC'd by our own Reverend Cressey, along with several hundred of Bob's very closest friends and family, who will all miss him.

**2005** HoF member **Ben Chandler** a.k.a. "*the Wizard*", fancies himself to be a writer *and* a figure-8 racer! Proudly inducted into this Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his "rookie season," The 1977 Stock class Champion was an eight-term FEAR President, between 1985 and 2003, and an Evergreen "Top 50" driver. Chandler helped created the Stinger-8 class, in which he raced for years, always with the unique "back-to-back" #99 that was retired by FEAR when he was inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame in 1994. The first 40-year FEAR member, Chandler has actually raced in five different decades! Still running the figure-8 club, now online at [fearracing.org](http://fearracing.org), plus writing and editing the Speedway program each season, "The Wiz" even fills in announcing on occasion. A "semi-retired" lifelong Bellevue resident and fan of all sorts of racing, Ben is also an avid boater, traveler, motorcyclist, tournament poker and pool player.

**2006** saw the induction of **Tobey Butler** and **Gary Lewis**, two of the best drivers to have successfully moved up, and moved on from their home track, here in Monroe. Both are second generation members of this Hall of Fame, both were inducted into the "Top 50 drivers" of Evergreen back in '04, both had several Championships here, and both even work at Longacre

Racing Products, Inc. Tobey was 1976 Mini-Stock B-Champ and “rookie of the year” at age 16, and the '82 Superstock Champ at just 22. Married to Sherri, and the father of Cody and Tori, Butler won the 1987 NW Tour Championship before moving up to ARCA, then joined the Craftsman Truck series in the early 90's, placing 10<sup>th</sup> in '95, before retiring. Gary Lewis was Evergreen's first NASCAR “Bomber” class Champion in 1986, and our Superstock Champion in 1992. Lewis went on to win the 1998 and 2006 NW Tour Championships, 2007 ARCA West Championship, and 2009 ASA NW Tour Championship. Now married to Gina, and the father of 4 (2/2), Gary just competes in the biggest races in the Northwest. A 4-time winner of the Montana 200, 3-time Idaho 200 Champ, and 3-time winner of the NOS Road Course Challenge, Lewis has even raced in South Africa, coming in 6<sup>th</sup> in the “Free State 500.”

**2007** is the year **Doug Hobbs** was chosen for this memorial Hall of Fame, after two decades of “behind the scenes” support of Evergreen Speedway. Initially with the NW Chevy dealers and Alley Chevrolet, Doug was then GM at Speedway Chevrolet, for nearly 9 years. A track, racecar and Superstock series sponsor since the late 80's, Hobbs even spent a couple of years working with the Winter Olympics Committee in Vancouver. Doug is now excited to be rebuilding our Evergreen Speedway with his bride of 3 years, Traci, by his side. Originally from Eastern Washington, Doug is the proud father of two, RaChelle and Derek, who both have worked at Evergreen Speedway, along with RaChelle's husband, Ben Greaby. Doug and Traci make their home, when not at the track, just outside the city of Snohomish.

**2008** marked the end of an era at Evergreen as **Mickey** and **Lyn Beadle**, were for the first time in 30 years, no longer in charge of promoting the races in Monroe. Mickey retired as the President of IPI, but had always fancied himself a figure-8 racer in the early days. He created the Figure-8 “Nationals” and helped create the “60 Minutes of FEAR,” well before he was inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame in 2006, as FEAR celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> season. Married for over 30 years now, Mickey met Lyn at Evergreen, where she was involved with the FEAR Women's Auxiliary in the 70's and 80's. Living in the picturesque town of Rainier Wa., Mickey and Lyn now run a beautifully restored bowling alley in nearby Yelm. They are the proud parents of four, grandparents of 12, and now great-grandparents too.

**2009** HoF member **Mike Buse** is better known to fans as super-stuntman “*Mr. Dizzy*”! Mike is a longtime entertainer at ES, a figure-8 and “Thundercar” racer who acquired the nickname, he said, “because of all the donuts he made” before, during and after the various racing events. Buse, who now lives in Monroe, sold popcorn, programs and hotdogs as a kid at Evergreen before attending Sultan High School. The father of three, Mike works during the week as owner of an HVAC service company and Mr.Dizzy's Automotive Repair, in Monroe. He proudly owns several “world records” for jumping strange vehicles over other stuff. Limos, busses, motorhomes, trucks, fire, and even a TV show, are all fodder for our flying stuntman, Mr. Dizzy!

**2010** marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for NASCAR at Evergreen, and our Hall of Fame members, **Doug Delfel** and **Scott Ellsworth**, both celebrated anniversaries, as well. Doug was at the 35-year mark of his figure-8 racing career, while Scott marked his 20<sup>th</sup> year as Announcer here. Delfel, known as “*the Grizz*,” was a two-time Super-8 Champion, 2013 “Stock-8” Champion, and was the President of FEAR four different years. An Evergreen Speedway “Top 50” driver, Doug was inducted into the FEAR Hall of Fame in 1999, when his #01 was “retired” by the Club. Doug has raced in five different decades, and is the *only* driver in track history to have raced the same class, and with the same number, for 35 *consecutive* seasons! Married to Kelly and the father of two, Doug owns Harbour Pointe Towing Co. near his home in Everett. Scott Ellsworth was inducted into this Hall of Fame, at what most thought was his final Evergreen appearance before retiring at 63. Recently married to Jan, after the loss of first wife Elly in '09, Scott was “re-energized” by the “Orville the Clown” entertainer of the year award he received from the Track Promoters Assn., *and* this Hall of Fame induction...and “unretired!” Scott and Jan, who also helps out with V.I.P.’s and special events at Evergreen Speedway, now enjoy wintering in Arizona, boating, fishing, and traveling around the country in their motor home.

**2011** HoF member **Doug Fisher** has been involved with both Evergreen Speedway and the Cascade Push Truck club for some 35 years now. A co-worker and friend, fellow HoF member Dick Avalo, initially turned Doug on to ES. He joined the pit crew of HoF member (and still best friend) Lee Daily in 1980, earning the “crew chief of the year” award while Lee won his final FEAR Championship in a Mustang. After several successful years of racing with Lee, Doug bought a little '55 Chevy pickup, which was restored and painted light green by HoF member Toby Butler. Doug joined the Cascade push truck Assn. in 1985, was on the board, and elected Club President several times. Retired from Coca-Cola now, and the father of 3, Doug lives with wife Kay in Monroe. Pushing racers around with his cool Chevy, working around the house and fishing, often with Daily, keeps our 2012 HoF inductee happy in his retirement.

**2012** member **Don Perry** first got involved in local auto racing back in 1956 at Aurora Speedway, north of Seattle, when Don convinced his boss at Westside Ford to donate the company truck for push-truck duty each week. The Navy Veteran, who grew up in Bellingham, had also done some short track racing as a younger man. Don actually helped build the 3/8 track at Evergreen Speedway, trucking in tons of dirt, before becoming the track’s very first flagman! In 1974 Perry was hit by an errant race car, and hospitalized for some six weeks, ending his time at Evergreen. Perry and his wife of 55 years, Virginia, spent the next 14 years working for NASCAR, flagging and doing tech work for the NW Tour, before a final 5-year stint working at Wenatchee Speedway together. Don and Virginia later moved from Everett to Arlington to be closer to daughter, Monica, her husband Kirby and grandson Andrew. Virginia passed away in 2012, but the retired trucker remains an avid auto racing fan, and continues to work for Harris Ford, delivering cars and trucks all over the Western United States.

**2013** inductee **Daryl “D.W.” Wheeler** was truly surprised to be honored with membership in this exclusive Hall of Fame. As the sixth Cascade push truck driver to be inducted, D.W. earned the honor the old fashioned way, and that was with his dedication to the track, and his hard work over the years. It all began when his nephew, Chuck Widdis, started racing figure-8 cars around 1991. As a racing fan, D.W. noticed right off that the push truck guys had better and probably free seating, plus heaters! After 9+ years of push truck duties, Wheeler was asked to drive the Speedway pace car, which he enjoyed doing for some 7 years, starting in 2000. A retired electric machine repair expert, D.W. spent months rewiring the missing lights and broken sound system at the track a few years back, and remains involved with Cascade as the current Club Secretary/Treasurer. Married over 40 years to Judy, they are the parents of 5, with 13 grand and 7 great-grand children. Daryl grew up in Puyallup, went to high school in Renton, and lives in Kent. Once a drag racer and rodeo rider, D.W now simply loves to fish.

**So that is my roundup of the past quarter century (+3) of NASCAR, and the Fred Butler-John Gay Memorial Hall of Fame membership here at Evergreen Speedway. It’s important to remember that there was another 2 decade period *before* the NASCAR era, when two clubs, FEAR and FSCRA, actually ran the weekly show, working over the years with several different promoters. And 10 years before *then* when only dirt modifieds and “jalopies” actually raced in the rodeo arena at the Fairgrounds. So much info from those early eras has been lost, forgotten and undocumented. However, the *next 25 years* of racing should be memorable, well documented, and future Hall of Fame inductees just as deserving, with Highroad Promotions in charge of a *whole NEW era!***

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