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Hall of Famer, Don Rounds Sr. Passes

NEAR Hall of Famer, Don Rounds Sr., passed away on May 3rd at age 91. He was a resident of Warwick, RI.

Don started racing at the Kingston Fairgrounds race track in 1947. He won his first feature event in 1951 at Waterford Speedbowl, driving the brand new No. 101 coupe that he would become known for. He was also a champion at Stafford Speedway in its dirt era.

Don's career spanned four decades, in which he won features in six different states. His achievements on the track culminated with his 2001 induction into the New England Auto Racers Hall of Fame.

Rounds was buried on May 8 with military honors in Warwick, RI.



BEHIND THE SCENES:

The last several winter seasons, the Hall of Fame Mobil Museum was in need of a safe gated parking space. Thanks to Mike Rivard (he and his son race a midget light) of Tire Doctor Fame, Blackstone, MA has provided what we needed. Thanks for your interest and generosity.

The other person is Oscar Hancock of Signworks fame in Woonsocket, RI. (The HoF Museum was parked alongside his place of business during the "racing" season!) Oscar "The Big O" has provided a safe haven the last three years. An added bonus for his is he had me to deal with . . . truly he is a good friend. Nonetheless...Thanks "Big O"

-Paul B Masse

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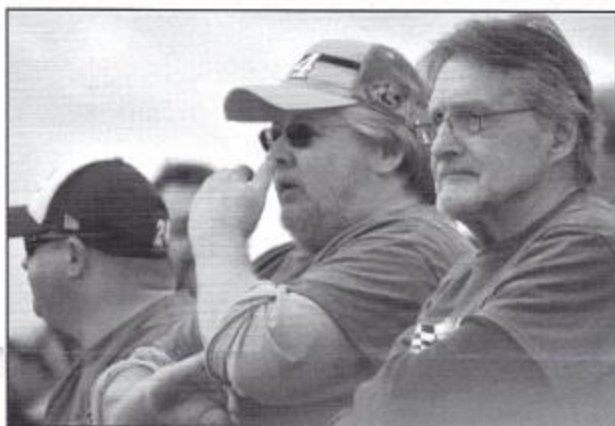
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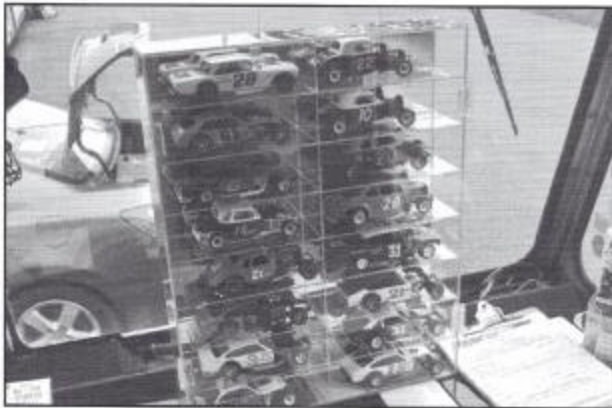
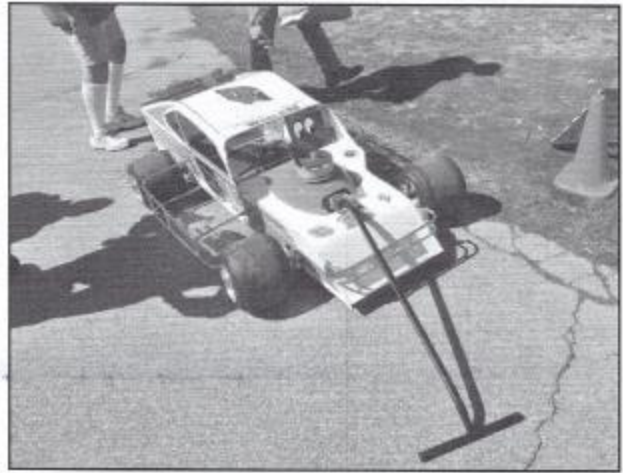
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2019 NEAR SCHEDULE

-Subject to change

Date	Day	Time	Venue	Location	Type
June 1	SAT	1:00 PM	White Mountain	Woodstock, NH	Running
June 7	FRI	3:00 pm	Stafford Speedway	Stafford Springs, CT	Still
June 13	THU	12:00PM	Thunder Road	Barre, VT	Running
June 14	Fri	3:00PM	Claremont Speedway	Claremont, NH	Running
June 22	SAT	3:00PM	Monadnock Speedway	Winchester, NH	Running
June 30	Sun	9am-3pm	Summer Knights Car Show	Berlin Fairgrounds, Ct	Still
July 13	Sat	2:00 PM	Bethel Remembering Danbury	Bethel, N.Y.	Running
July 13	Sat	9:00AM	Northeast Speedway Reunion	Waterford, Vt.	Still/Parade
July 27	SAT	1:00 PM	New London-Waterford	Waterford, CT	Running/Still
August 10	SAT	1:00 PM	Seekonk	Seekonk, MA	Running
August 17	SAT	12:00PM	Bear Ridge	Bradford, VT	Still/Parade
August 24	Sat	3:00 PM	Speedway 51	Groveton, NH	Running
August 25	Sun	7:00 AM	New England Dragway	Epping, N.H.	Still
August 31	Sat	8:00 AM	Limerock Historic Festival	Salisbury, Ct.	Still
Sept 21	SAT	8:00 AM	Bouchard's Car Show	Fitchburg, Ma.	Still
Sept. 22	Sun	8:00AM	Norwood Reunion	Raynham, Ma.	Still
Oct 5	Sat	9:00 AM	Pines Reunion	Groveland, Ma	Still
Oct5	Sat	8:00 AM	Plainville Stadium Reunion	Berlin Fair, Ct.	Still
Oct 13	Sun	8:00 AM	Danbury SNYRA Reunion	Danbury, Ct.	Still
Oct 11-13	FRI-SUN	TBD	Thompson WORLD SERIES	Thompson, CT	Special
Nov 10	SUN	11:00 AM	Hall of Fame Banquet	East Windsor, CT	



NORTHEAST SPORTS MUSEUM, LOUDON, NH PHOTOS BY BRAD COWEN



2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2019 Membership Dues were due on January 1, 2019
For those who haven't paid yet- there is an application included with this newsletter.
Please get your payment in by June 30, 2019 or you will be dropped from the roster.

Official Nomination Form

Ron Bouchard Lifetime Award

Nominees Name: _____

Nominees Address: _____

If you know of anyone that deserves being recognized for their contribution to the auto racing as a track owner, promoter, publicist, driver, car owner, engine builder or race fan, please give them the credit they so richly deserve and nominate them to be considered for the Ron Bouchard Lifetime Achievement Award. Please give a brief biography of the person's career or influence on the sport of racing.

Submitted By: _____

Mail nomination directly to:

Ron Bouchard Award
c/o NEAR
PO BOX 300
North Easton, MA 02356

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY July 31, 2019

