

RIEDEL AND EVANS WIN FLEMINGTON AND HATFIELD ARDC RACES

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The mighty midjets of the Auto Racing Drivers Club invaded the Flemington, N.J. Fair on Saturday, Sept. 5 for the first of two shows that day.

Later they hauled to Hatfield Speedway in neighboring Pennsylvania for a night program.

Flemington Fair, celebrating its 108th year, had perfect weather and a perfect race track as 28 cars were on hand.

Practice saw only Tony Romit loop in the fourth turn as the field tried out the square half-mile dirt track.

The first heat of eight laps had nine starters take the green flag. Ernie Borelli led Ronnie Evans to the checker. Tony Romit finished third followed by Bert Brooks and Johnny Kay. Time 3:22:21.

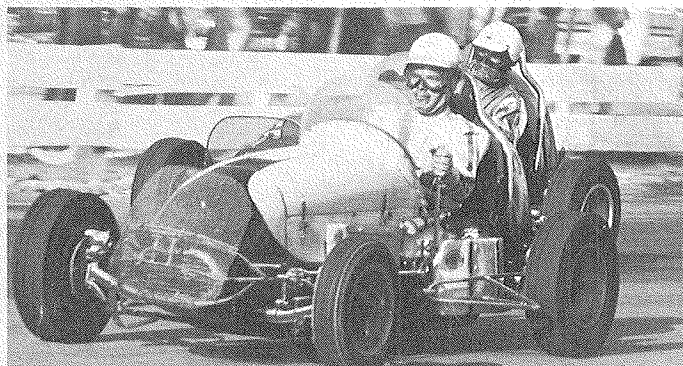
Heat two provided some action as Bob Albert led for seven laps only to be passed by Ray Brown on the straightaway between the third and fourth turns and then by Len Duncan on the home-stretch. Brown won, followed by Duncan, Albert, Wally Dallenbach and Ernie McCoy. This heat was much faster, 3:19:41 for eight laps.

The final heat was faster still as Johnny Coy led the field to the checker in 3:14:10. King Carpenter finished second followed by Don Morris, Johnny Mann and Vern Harriman.

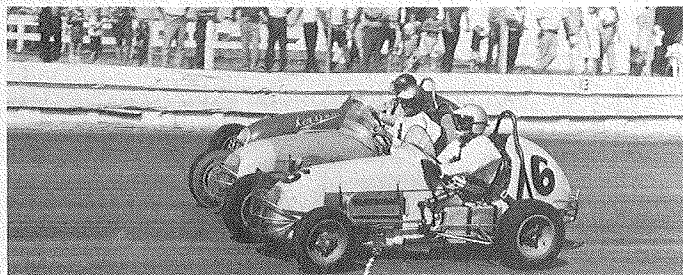
The match race of four laps pitting the three heat winners went to Ernie Borelli followed by Johnny Coy and Ray Brown.

The bread and butter race had ten starters with Carl Miller on the pole followed by Don Kreitz, Dutch Schaefer, Jack Purcell, Ron Passarella, George Schmal, Ronnie Ayers, Bob Willoughby, Grant Lyons and Tom Gilmore. On the first lap Jack Purcell lost it going in the second turn, climbed the fence flipping several times. Passarella to avoid Purcell's flipping car hit the rail and rolled over. He was not injured but Purcell was treated at the first-aid station for minor cuts. Both cars were out for the day. Schaefer went on to win the event followed by Don Kreitz, Carl Miller and Ronnie Ayers.

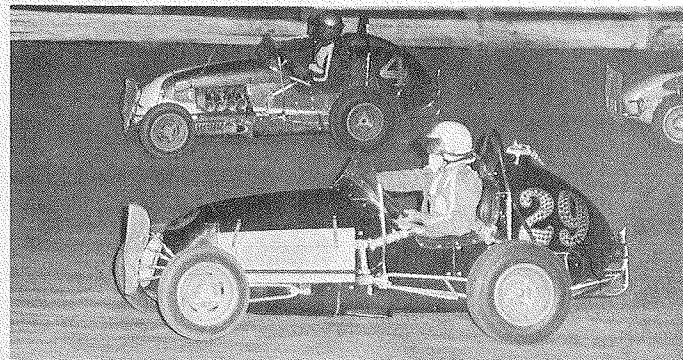
Feature time rolled around with Don Morris on the pole followed by Ronnie



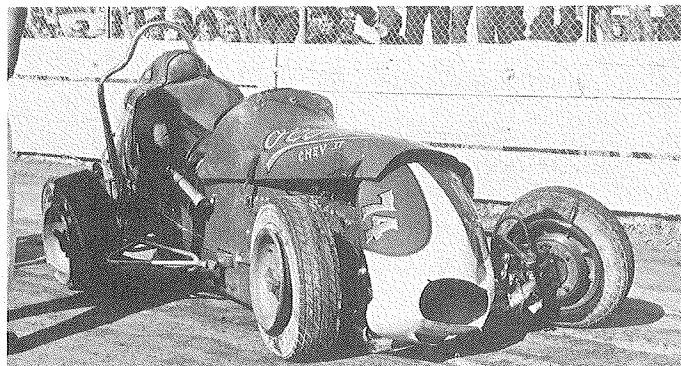
Bob Albert (37) leads Wally Dallenbach during the second heat of the ARDC midjets at Flemington. Albert finished third, Dallenbach fourth.



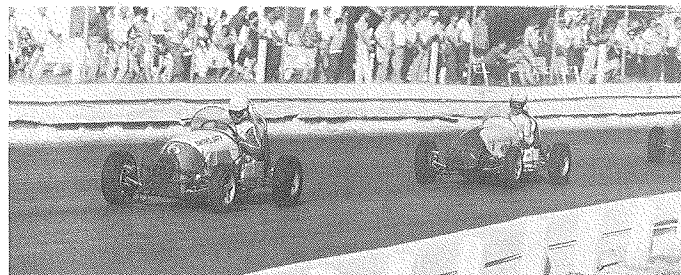
Three heat winners lining up for the match race are: Ray Brown (6), Ernie Borelli (center), and Johnny Coy (24).



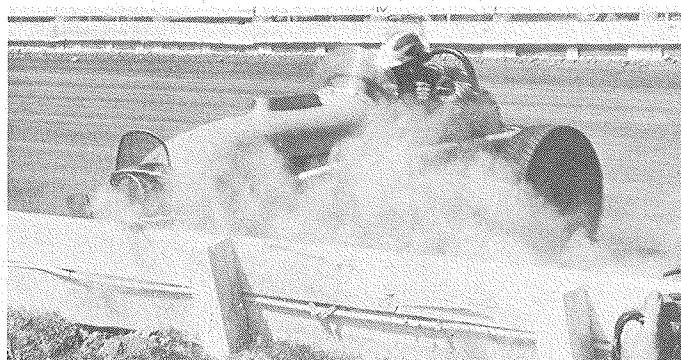
Feature winner for the third time in two days is Red Riegel (29) as he goes by King Carpenter (4).



Jack Purcell walked away from this wreck after flipping several times during the consolation.



Feature winner Ronnie Evans (16) leads Bob Albert to the checker.



URC sprints at Flemington produces action early as Sonny Sanders gets into the inside rail during practice.