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Presidents Report

Welcome again,

Well we certainly have had mixture of weather of late, most of it in the negative, rain and more rain which has cut into the number of club days that we have had this year but at last the weather gave in for the weekend of the 17th March.

It was to be a hectic Saturday with 3 events being held on the same day, Boonah club day, Gatton Speedway and return to Caboolture Speedway all 3 events having a good role up of cars with the HSAA contributing a total of 28 cars over these events and the 2 other Qld clubs the remainder, thank you all that took part. The 3 tracks involved are all in radius of 120kms of Brisbane that makes it even more astounding.

Boonah was a big success thanks to the efforts of the guys on the flags all day (Logan Sparks crew) Bob Rowe and Peter McCauley for their efforts in the push cars the girls on the quads Cloe and Jasmin my wife Dianne who spent all day collecting the money and doing the BBQ and not last of all Brian F. for what he does on the track, preparing and Chief Steward.

It is getting to that busy time of the year with the shows getting closer, this year we would like a lot more cars at the Boonah Show over the 2 nights lets make it a more spectacular event than the last couple of years.

The Sunshine Coast seems to look after itself and always goes well.

Easter is on our door step and the Qld midget titles are on in Maryborough and we have several cars going to put on demo runs over the weekend so have a great time and do the club proud.

That's all the rambling from me for this issue please take care and look after yourself as a certain person said I'LL BE BACK.

Cheers

Lionel Elfverson

HSAA President

CLUB MEETINGS

**Club meetings are held 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm
Venue – The Grange Bowls & Community Club - 79 Sellheim St , GRANGE**

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY

18th April 2018

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DO YOU KNOW?

That last week Harry King became the first competitor to lower a lap record this season? His time of 18-3/5 secs. bettered Graham Fidler & Bob Morgan's record by 1/5th second. Congratulations, Harry.



HARRY KING

★ ★ ★
Bob Colwell apparently got the message for he went out in the Junior Speedcar feature race and broke the 10-lap record.

★ ★ ★
Whilst on the subject of records, we should mention Peter Dykes' attempt on the Hot-Rod lap dash. It was just one cough of the "coffee-pot" off — 19 seconds with 18-4/5 seconds the goal. Bad luck Peter, but we won a Casket ticket on it. We bet Miss Fay Arthur you would not get under 19 secs. No offence meant, Peter. We just felt the track was not entirely suited to good Hot-Rod times.

DO YOU KNOW? - Contd.

Young Brian Spowart drove the race of his life to win the final of the handicap and of course Mr. "Sneaky" just went out in the Feature and proved that the "Offie" pilots haven't got things all their own way.

Who is Mr. "Sneaky"? Well just look in the Craven Filter Speedcar Award points' table for a Queenslander with 50 points recorded against his name. Sorry no more clues.



BRIAN SPOWART

★ ★ ★
Well tonight is the second round of the Hastings Deering Golden Helmet and our old friend Lew Marshall is back and very keen to relieve Bill Goode of it.

Lew got a little bent last week in Sydney but prior reports have him fit and well for tonight.

He needs little of any introducing to you and all we shall say is that he is a top Sydney driver and is capable of holding his own in any Company.

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Well we feel you must agree that the first Hot-Rod Relay Race went off extra well, and this event certainly gives definite promise of development.

A couple of the drivers were a little over eager but by and large, they all did well, particularly as there had been no rehearsals in any shape or form.

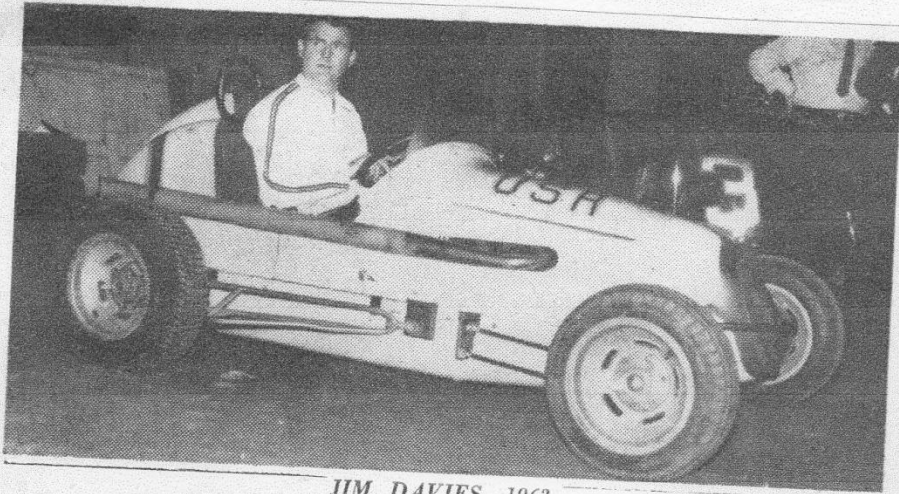
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Form — now that reminds us of something — Ah yes — We must remember to get some charming young lady to present the Helmet tonight.

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And still speaking of form — Did you pick the winner last Tuesday?

Australia's top Offenhauser jockey and naughty boy of the Sydney Speedway, Jeff Freeman ran second to Jim Davies in last year's World title on this track. Driving a car the equal of our American visitors, he must be given an equal chance of being the first driver to sight the checkered flag after completing 50 laps tonight following his brilliant win in last week's 30 lap Australian Championship race.



J. FREEMAN



JIM DAVIES, 1963.

SPEEDWAY DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 28th	HOT-ROD WITH DYKES RETURN
APRIL 4th	Feature yet to be decided
APRIL 11th	Feature yet to be decided
APRIL 18th	Qld. 20 lap Hot-Rod Title
APRIL 25th	Anzac Day. No Meeting
MAY 2nd	Australian 30 lap Hot Rod Title
MAY 9th	World 50 lap Hot-Rod Title
MAY 16th	Hot-Rod "100"
MAY 23rd	Speedcar "100"
MAY 30th	Crazy Night

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 You will also note that the dates 4th and 11th May have been left open. We are scheming something special, but more about that next week.

AND don't forget that next week, that is EASTER SATURDAY, we will be running a Bumper programme featuring Hot-Rods and Stockcars with Peter Dykes back from the "Salt Mines".

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 Glancing through the Speedway Dates to Remember you will note that the Annual Golden Fleece Speedcar "One Hundred" will be run on May the 23rd and will be Australia's longest Speedcar race this year; it could be the richest if present plans eventuate. In addition it will make history in another direction. There will be definitely four Australian owned Offenhausers racing in it, and it is more than possible the number will be five.

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 At the time of going to press Bill Goode is bargaining with Jim Davies on the purchase price of the Offenhauser No. 23.

Let's hope Bill is successful in achieving this ambition—to be an "Offy Officer".

The four definites — Freeman, Harvey, Greve and Shepherd.

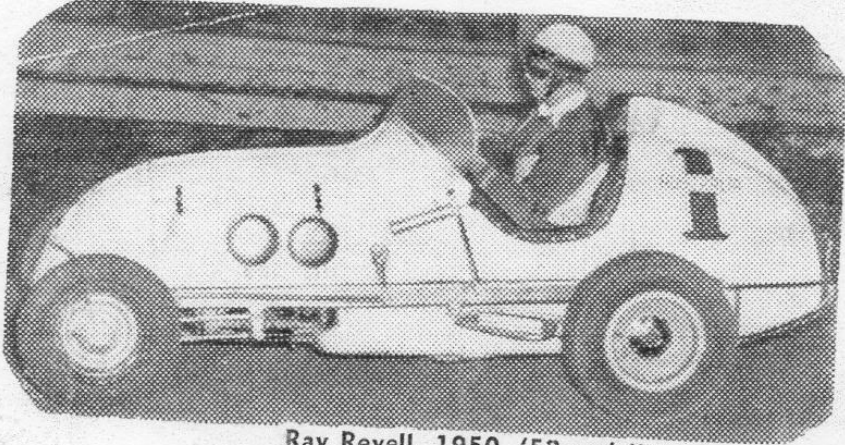
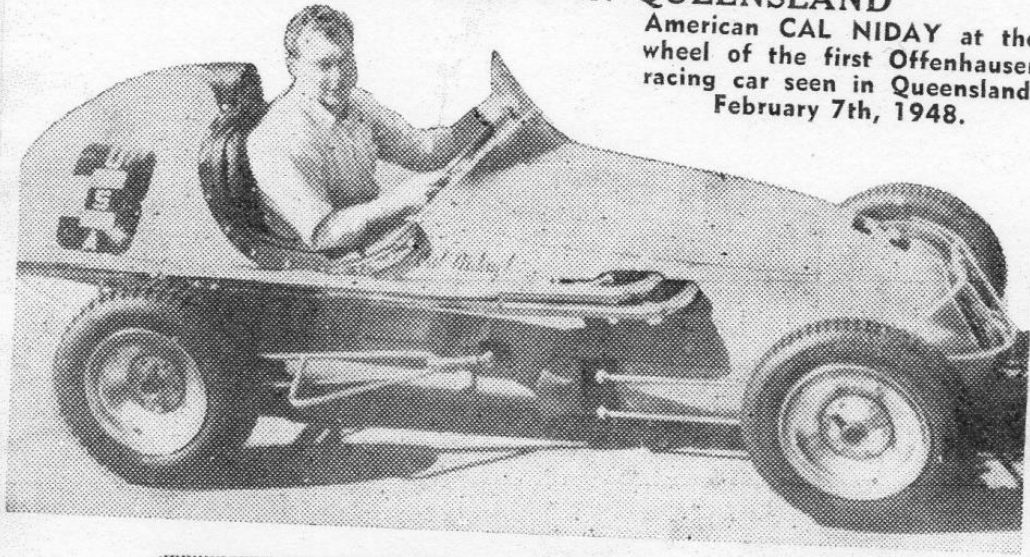
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The number will be FIVE.
 Bill has bought his Offy.

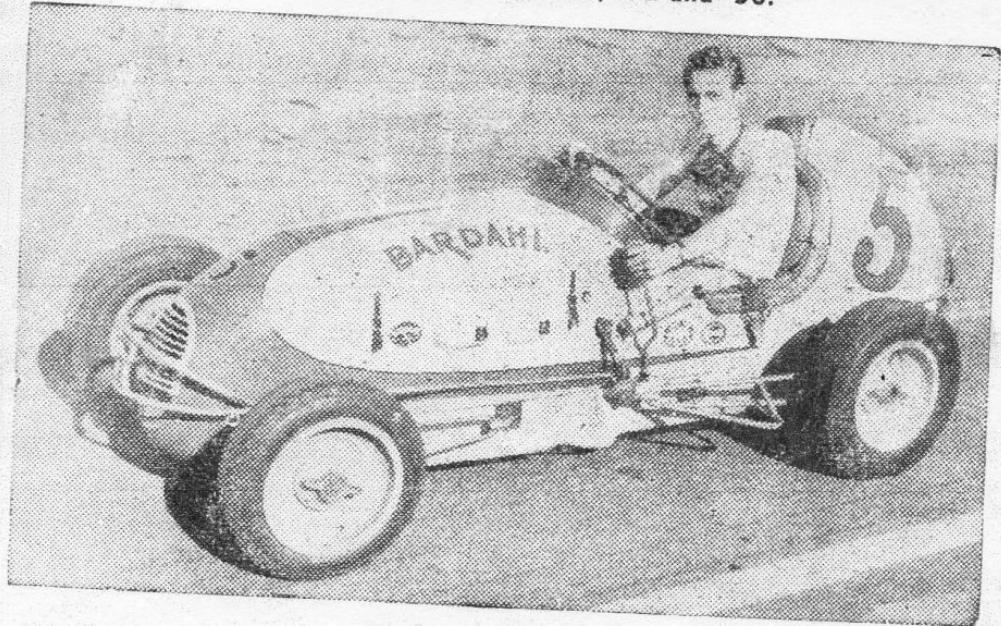
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"OFFY" APPEARANCES IN QUEENSLAND

American CAL NIDAY at the wheel of the first Offenhauser racing car seen in Queensland. February 7th, 1948.

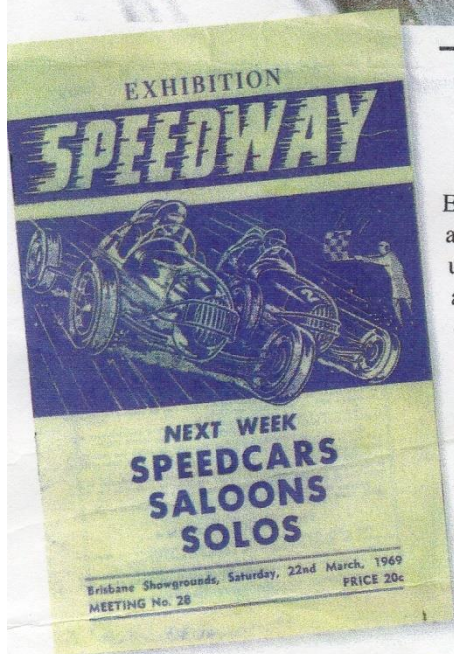


Ray Revell, 1950, '52 and '56.



Dick "Jet" Brown, 1957.

Ekka



Brisbane's speedway had its own unique atmosphere and spectators got closer to the action than anywhere else. **Above.** Bird's eye view from above the pit gates.

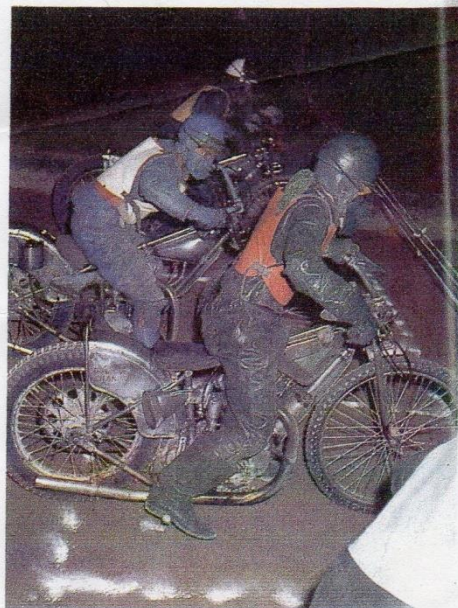
There were other tracks equally as important as the Showground, equally terrifying in their own way. Brisbane's

Exhibition Grounds, better known as The Ekka, also had its own unique atmosphere. Looking like a compressed but wider version of the Sydney Showground, it is situated as close to the red lights of Fortitude Valley as the Showground track was to The Cross. Plus, this speedway had the steamy atmosphere of Queensland's tropical climate and, as photographer Warren Bridge vividly remembers, its own colony of speedway bats. They lived in a couple

of giant Moreton bay figs nearby and circulated overhead as if intoxicated by the methanol fumes.

Only a quarter mile around, and nearly circular in shape, the Ekka was considered the best track in Australia for solo

motorcycle and sidecar racing. But it also provided some unbelievable speedcar racing, with desperate back-markers scraping the fence for laps at a time in an effort to pass on the outside. Bob Tattersall was a joy to watch here, keeping his car



Calendar of Events



7 May, 2018
BOONAH CLUB DAY

1-3 June, 2018
BOONAH SHOW

15-17 June, 2018 (TBC)
SUNSHINE COAST SHOW

4 August, 2018
BOONAH CLUB DAY

20 October, 2018
BOONAH CLUB DAY

1 December, 2018
BOONAH CLUB DAY



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