

Status report:

DAC archives, February 2008

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I've been able to sort the given material into newsletters, events / photo's, and correspondence / finances. We have been very fortunate that the first 3 years of our club have been documented in a photo album. I'm digitizing this document first and hope to have a PDF file for our web site.

Key dates: Club formed September 1, 1958

Incorporated, March 30, 1960

Joined C.A.S.C. April 16 1960

First Trillium Trophy race May 2/3 1963

I've found it very interesting that the first members were involved in stock car racing at Pinecrest and the CNE! Our first president's wife can be found in event listings at the CNE in 1961. Dave Boon is the "source" for oval track information in Ontario, and lives only a few kilometres away from me! I'll be sitting with him after he gets back from down south.

Hill Climb Goes To Klaus Bartels

GUELPH — (CP) — Klaus Bartels, driving a Porsche Carrera, won the Rockwood quarter-mile hill climb with a time of 25.98 seconds Saturday.

Bartels was .47 seconds ahead of Dan Shaw in a Jordan Special, while Ludwig Heimrath came third in 26.90 seconds in another Porsche.

I have also found a document indicating Klaus had donated material to the Canadian Multicultural Heritage Society. I'm also following up on this to see what club related material may be there. This material may be difficult to acquire until the new archives of Ontario are built near York University.

For those who do not know, the Toronto Star is available online. Every addition since the 1800's! Not only that, they indexed every word on every page. I have been able to search and find a few tidbits about club members. I also have electronic versions of Track and Traffic, Canadian Motorsport Bulletin and Competition News. I'll be adding material as I go.

From the Toronto Star, June 13 1960.

Cooksville Stock Car Ace Wins Pinecrest Feature

Surviving two early pile-ups, Jerry Watson, veteran Cooksville stock car driver, came through to capture his first feature victory of the season before 4,300 fans at Pinecrest Speedway Saturday night.

Watson, taking over the lead from Don Beckford on the ninth lap, held off Mac Bound in a bumper-to-bumper battle to the 17th lap when Bound's racer, having carburetor trouble, lost ground allowing Watson to widen the gap to a quarter-lap at the finish line.

Bob Watson was the only driver to require first aid attention, with the ambulance attendants checking him after his racer took a triple roll on the south turn in the first pileup of the feature.

The ladies' race provided the closest finish of the season when Sonya Fickert took her first checkered flag, edging Helen Hill and Jay Armstrong in a photo finish.

First heat (10 laps)—1 Roy Perry; 2. Jim Stevenson; 3. John Vance Time 3:15.5
Second heat (12 laps)—1 Don Beckford; 2. Bob Watson; 3. Murray Acraman; 4. Jerry Watson. Time 3:40.1.

Third heat (12 laps)—1 George Symons; 2. Jim Hallyahan; 3. Bill Hamilton; 4. Sam Sneider Time 3:35.1

Trophy cash (3 laps)—Roy Perry Time 57.2

Ladies' race (6 laps)—1 Sonya Fickert; 2. Helen Hill; 3. Jay Armstrong; 4. Betty Carcone Time 2:18.5

First consolation (10 laps)—1 Ivan Moore; 2. Lester Woods; 3. Bob Drury; 4. Bob Whitworth Time 5:15.1

Second consolation (10 laps)—1 Mac Bound; 2. Dave Stephenson; 3. George D'Antimo; 4. Carman Core Time 3:02.3

Last chance (6 laps)—1 Ernie McLean; 2. Tony Carcone; 3. Cliff Stiles; 4. Les Mann Time 2:23.1

Feature (20 laps)—1. Jerry Watson; 2. Mac Bound; 3. George Symons; 4. Jim Stevenson; 5. Bob Whitworth; 6. Bob Drury; 7. Carman Core Time 6:13

First jalopy (10 laps)—1. Bob Garrett; 2. Bob Johnston; 3. Jim Adams; 4. Bill Bunce Time 3:57.

Second jalopy (10 laps)—1. Denis Chalk; 2. Bob Spencely; 3. Bruce South; 4. Tom Butt. Time 3:50.7.

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I have been in contact with ex members Gisela Bach & Heinz Buettner. They, like many, are down south. I hope to get together with them in March; Heinz indicated he does have items of interest in the club.

I have also been in touch with another ex member Dan Proudfoot. Dan is an automotive journalist for the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail. He had in the past written a short "History of the DAC" I believe the 1980's from conversations with our first president Herman Fickert.

I suggested we get together join us for a monthly DAC meeting. He thought it would be a good idea and suggested he bring Horst Kroll along as well. I'll try to make this happen for the April meeting. This will give us some time to "rally the membership" and get a good turnout. Perhaps we can get Gisela and Heinz out as well!

A friend of mine donated a few hundred old car magazines to my effort (Road and Track, Porsche Panorama). I'm selling these to offset my operating costs.

Next month I hope to retrieve the balance of material in Rob's basement. I will have completed the organization of material at hand. The March Wednesday meeting is out for me as I will be traveling on business.

Mike

DAC Newsletters													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1958													
1959													
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1964							X	X	X	X	X	X	6
1965	X	X											2
1966			X	X	X					X	X		5
1967	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		10
1968	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	9
1969		X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		8
1970	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
1971	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	10
1972	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
1973	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	11
1974	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	10
1975			X										1
1976	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	10
1977	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
1978		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
1979	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
1980	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
1981	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	10
1982	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10
1983	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
1984	X	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	9
1985					X	X	X	X	X	X	X		7
1986	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
1987	X	X		X				X		X			9
1988	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	10
1989		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	8
1990													0
1991			X		X		X		X			X	5
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1993					X	X		X				X	5
1994				X	X	X			X	X	X	X	7
1995	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
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