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# AMRCA NATIONALS COMING



## President's Notes

*By Dave Lundegard*

The COVID 19 shortened 2020 season has already produced two new USA records. Mr. Bob Jaquez, La Habra, CA set a new record in class 4 at 145.553 and Mr. Walt Wilson, St. Charles, MO set a new record in Class 9A-E (Electric) at 152.746 mph. Congratulations to Bob and Walt, keep those speeds up.

The Whittier Narrows VMRCA club has expressed interest in bringing back night racing to the track. Mr. Bob Jaquez is spearheading the project. I'd like to thank Bob and the folks at Pacific Lighting & Standards Co. in Lynnwood, California for the new lights that will soon grace the track in South El Monte, California.



*On August 15, Bob Jaquez and I were at the track mocking up the new lights. They're heavy duty, super quality, and fully adjustable in height and angle. They're also easily removed after use.*

September 11-13th proves to be an active period for the AMRCA. The independent USA nationals will be held simultaneously in Anderson Indiana as well as Seaford NY. On September 12-13th the Whittier Narrows club will be hosting a Fun Run and Collecto event that should be very well attended as well. Good luck to all participants in these events and please be safe.

## Secretary's Notes

*By J. Phil McDonald*

Our membership stands at 122 members. As of today, August 18, 2020, 96 members are current in their 2020 AMRCA. dues. Twenty six have yet to pay their dues. Club secretaries, be sure to check your Nationals entrants for current membership.



The AMRCA checking account currently stands at \$ 33,317.31 with no bills outstanding. Seventeen people have taken advantage of the PayPal Dues button on the AMRCA web site. We have encountered a problem with the PayPal button not allowing the option that the payment is for "Friends and Family" which would save the AMRCA a \$1.75 PayPal fee, which is deducted from the dues payment. Our Web Master, Joe Notovitz is currently trying to resolve that problem.

The Nationals are coming! Anderson and Seaford have both chosen to conduct their local Nationals on September 11th through the 13th. Whittier Narrows, because of weather concerns, has chosen to conduct their local Nationals November 6th through the 8th.

It sure is good to see activity back on our three tracks in the U.S. Unfortunately, attendance is off a little due to some members having health issues. We at least have shown that we can compete safely in spite of Covid 19.

Best of Luck to all at the Nationals this year.  
Hope to see you on the tracks.

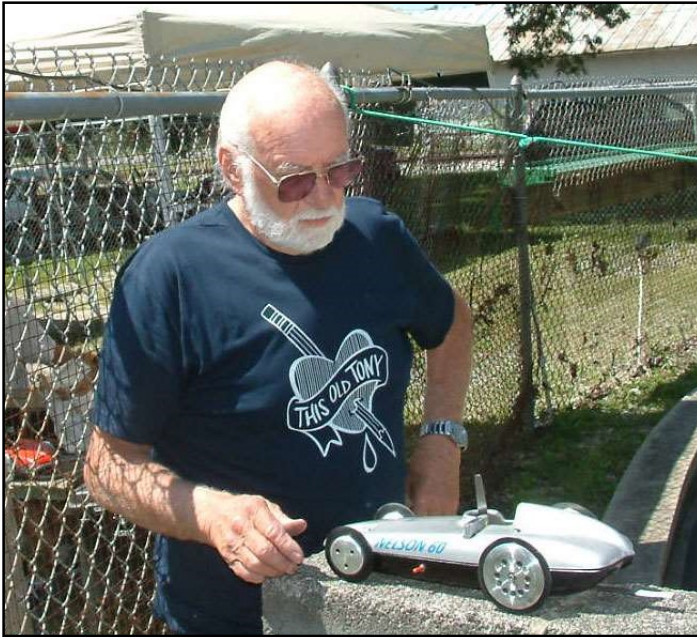


**Anderson, 2020**

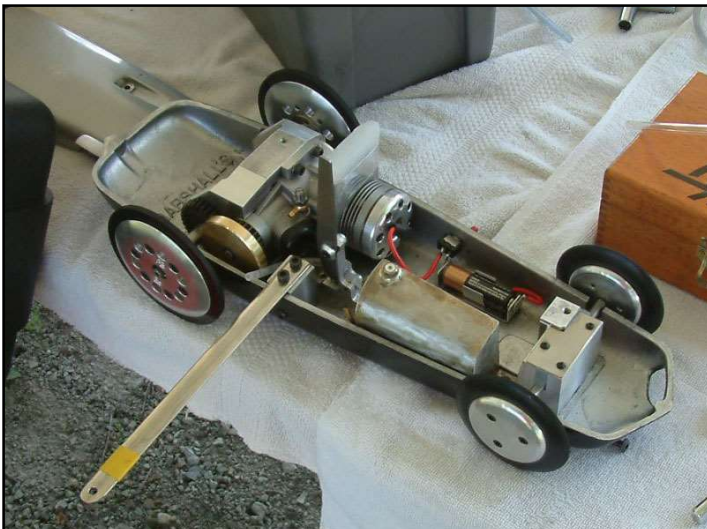
*By Walt Wilson*

Anderson was the first American track to open for racing in 2020. Attendance is down because of the virus and medical issues of several usual participants. Masks are mandatory in Indiana at this time, but only a few of us wore them due to various beliefs as well as being in bright sunlight, which is supposed to kill the virus.

The track is in good condition and the August race had been delayed a week due to a rain-out.



*Ron Hesskamp and his new Nelson 60-powered Class 9B MMM/Hesskamp car.*



*Ron's MMM/Hesskamp car with the body off. The Nelson .60 is a tight fit!*



*Lowell Shirey (right) hooks up Mike Baldwin's modified electric Tower Hobbies R/C car.*



WALT WILSON PHOTOS

*Lee Flodenauer's Jett .46-powered K&G Arrow is a consistent runner.*



*Over-the-winter mods helped Walt Wilson's Class 9A-E (electric) Kiss Special find the traction to start turning respectable speeds. Best six laps were 155.249 mph.*

## Racing Results

### June 6, 7, Anderson, IN

Place	Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
<b>AMRCA Class 3A</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	J78 Speedster	Picco	162.611	361.697
<b>AMRCA Class 3C</b>					
1.	Lee Foldenauer	Patriot/Ellis	Nelson 60	139.105	223.868
<b>AMRCA Class 6E</b>					
1.	Mike Baldwin	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	73.929	118.977
2.	Lowell Shirey	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9A</b>					
1.	Lee Foldenauer	MMM Indy	Rossi 45	103.787	167.029
<b>AMRCA Class 9B</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	MMM Indy	Nelson 60	NT	00.000
<b>WMCR 10cc</b>					
1.	Joe Morris	FTL	Picco	162.896	262.155
2.	Phil McDonald	M2	Testarossa	117.777	189.543
<b>Electric E-1</b>					
1.	Mike Baldwin	Phoenix #10 Red	80 mm	137.622	221.482
2.	Mike Baldwin	Phoenix #8 Black	80 mm	60.360	97.140

### July 11, 12, Anderson, IN

Place	Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
<b>WMCR 10 cc</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	Linus	Picco	164.956	265.474
2.	J Phil McDonald	M2	Picco	143.541	231.009
3.	Joe Morris	FTL	Picco	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9A</b>					
1.	Dave Ferguson	Witte/McDonald	Rossi 46	118.437	190.608
2.	Lee Foldenauer	MMM Indy	Rossi 45	110.294	177.503
3.	Don Ulrich	HB1	Rossi 46	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9B</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	MMM Indy	Nelson 60	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 10A</b>					
1.	Lee Foldenauer	K&G Arrow	Jett 46	130.039	209.280
<b>AMRCA Class E1</b>					
1.	Mike Baldwin	Red #10	80 MM	NT	00.000
2.	Mike Baldwin	Black #8	80 MM	NT	00.000

### AMRCA CLASS Class VI - E

1.	Mike Baldwin	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	66.152	106.463
2.	Lowell Shirey	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	NT	00.000

### August 8, Anderson, IN

Place	Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
<b>AMRCA Class 3A</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	J78 Speedster	Picco	166.871	268.552
2.	Walt Wilson	Kuebler/Ellis	Ellis	165.829	266.876
<b>AMRCA Class 6E</b>					
1.	Mike Baldwin	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	67.936	109.333
2.	Lowell Shirey	Tower Hobbies	Ammo	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9A</b>					
1.	Dave Ferguson	Witte/McDonald	Rossi 46	118.128	190.109
2.	Lee Foldenauer	MMM Indy	Rossi 45	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9B</b>					
1.	Ron Hesskamp	MMM/Hesskamp	Nelson 60	115.770	186.314
<b>AMRCA Class 9A-E (Electric)</b>					
1.	Walt Wilson	Kiss Spl/Wilson	Castle	<b>*152.746</b>	<b>245.821</b>
<b>AMRCA Class 10A</b>					
1.	Lee Foldenauer	K&G Arrow	Jett 46	130.533	210.072
<b>WMCR 10cc</b>					
1.	J Phil McDonald	M2	Testarossa	190.694	306.892
2.	Joe Morris	FTL	Picco	NT	00.0002.
<b>Electric E-1</b>					
1.	Mike Baldwin	Phoenix Red	80 mm	137.277	220.926
2.	Mike Baldwin	Phoenix Black	80 mm	NT	00.000
<b>* AMRCA Class 9A-E (Electric) Record, 5.89212 seconds.</b>					

### August 22, Seaford, New York

Place	Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
<b>AMRCA CLASS 6D</b>					
1.	Charlie Murphy		OPS 29	145.862	234.742
<b>WMCR 10 cc</b>					
1.	C. Murphy & N. Tucci II	Pavel	Picco 8th	187.129	301.154
2.	Charlie Murphy	FT-L/ Torrey	Picco EXR	170.732	274.767
3.	Roland Bendel	RoBe	Picco TR	NT	00.000

## 2020 AMRCA Racing Schedule

### Whittier Narrows, CA

August 29, Saturday, Sanctioned Race  
 September 12, Saturday, Fun Run, Sanctioned Race  
 September 13, Sunday, Fun Run, Sanctioned Race  
 October 4, Sunday, Sanctioned Race  
 October 18, Sunday, Sanctioned Race  
 November 6, 7, 8, Friday - Sunday Nationals  
 December 6, Sanctioned Race

### Seaford, NY

September 11,12,13, Friday - Sunday Nationals  
 October 2 ,3, 4, Friday - Sunday (rain date for Nationals)

### Anderson, IN

(Saturday and Sunday)  
 September 11,12,13, Friday - Sunday (Nationals)  
 October 3-4

## Whittier Narrows Opening Day, July 26, 2020

By Steve Morse

Track conditions were very good - top speeds and zero complaints conferred that the renovation has met its goals.

There were old faces and new ones. Wow, did we have fun Thirty two cars ran, including Mites and Historics.

Historics have arrived and more are expected to come

Dravin Giovanele stole the show with his yellow Rodzy, prepared by his dad, TRD engineer Rob Giovanelli who was sporting a work at home beard!

The car went around well , touching 39 mph and we are looking forward to this class growing with father and son teams racing together

There were 12 Mites, a wild assortment of homemade and classics from the past.

Watch for the Mite Grand Prix, planned for for August.

Stuart Hamill and Dad Charlie had a slew of fantastic mites, all running great

What a crew. Frank Fisher and Jay Procenko running cars with magnetos and mites. Jay broke his old Class 7C record when his car exceeded 80 MPH.

Four electric cars competed in the small and large classes. Kevin Wells had some drive shaft issues which he expects to have resolved by the next race day. B.Martin got a decent time with his E-1 roadster but Doug Parker could not get his Mule to go.

Steve Morse's new Proto had some teething problems, but we know it will do better next time.

Eric Burfield and his son, Parker, were a welcome sight. We can see Parker and his dad brewing up some fast merchandise.

### Big Cars

Steve Torrey came out and looked like he was doing really well but did not push the button, even though we saw some hot times on the on the dial.

Four 10cc cars were there. Dave Lundegard clocked a fantastic 206.120 mph for the top speed of the day and an indication that the track is great. Stuart Hamill got close to 200 Two 3.5cc cars trying their best with Arman and Rich Democh a little disappointed, ending up in the mid 150s.

Stuart ran his Class 3A car and three Class 3B cars were entered, with only Jay Procenko getting a timed run.

Hamill Team was there in force Stuart brought some of his great collection out to play and to his credit , I think they all ran well. Poppa Hamill had one of his gorgeous red mites really screaming with a small Picco in it

Bob Jaquez broke his Class 4 record with 145.553.

From far away, Marvin Justus has built his new shop and I'm sure we can expect some surprises next year

July 26, Whittier Narrows, CA

Place	Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
<b>WMCR 10cc</b>					
1.	Dave Lundegard	Linax	Picco	206.131	331.736
2.	Stuart Hamill	Ellis	Eagle	191.060	307.482
3.	Steve O'Donnell	linax	Picco	NT	00.000
4.	Steve Torrey	FTL	Picco	NT	00.000
<b>WMCR 3.5cc</b>					
1.	Armen Arshakyan	Armen	NovaRossi	157.265	253.093
2.	Rich Democh	NSC	NovaRossi	150.372	242.001
<b>AMRCA Class 3A</b>					
1.	Stuart Hamill	Kuebler/Ellis	Eagle	157.331	253.200
<b>AMRCA Class 3B</b>					
1.	Jay Procenko	Railton	Dooling	86.824	139.730
2.	Frank Fisher	Fryco Mk4	Dooling	NT	00.000
3.	Steve Morse	Fryco Mk4	Rossi	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 4</b>					
1.	Bob Jaquez	Railton	Rossi	145.558	234.253
2.	Steve Morse	Railton	Rossi	NT	00.000
3.	Jay Procenko	McCoy	McCoy	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 6A</b>					
1.	Jay Procenko	Nylint	Picco .12	67.471	108.584
2.	Stuart Hamill	RWP	Picco .12	64.846	104.360
3.	Doug Parker	Mule	Fuji	.049	NT
<b>AMRCA Class 6B</b>					
1.	Stuart Hamill	MMM	Picco .15	102.942	165.670
2.	Stuart Hamill	Bugatti	Picco .15	51.913	83.546
<b>AMRCA Class 6C</b>					
1.	Charlie Hamill	RWP	Rossi .21	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 7A</b>					
1.	Darvin Giovanele	Thimble Drome	Cox .049	32.951	53.030
<b>AMRCA Class 7B</b>					
1.	Frank Fisher	Rodzy	Cameron .15	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 7C</b>					
1.	Jay Procenko	McCoy	McCoy .19	80.972	130.312
2.	Stuart Hamill	Hornet	Hornet .19	56.190	90.430
3.	P. Burfield	Kuebler/Ellis	McCoy .19	NT	00.000
4.	Steve Morse	McGrath	Super Tigre .19	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 7D</b>					
1.	Stuart Hamill	Borden	Dooling .29	80.855	130.124
2.	Rich Democh	Spector	K&B .29	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class 9A</b>					
1.	Stuart Hamill	RWP Belly Tank	Skyward .40	115.389	185.701
<b>AMRCA Class 10B</b>					
1.	E. Burfield	EB-2	Nelson	NT	00.000
<b>AMRCA Class E1</b>					
1.	Kevin Wells	Buddy-L	Castle	64.569	103.914
2.	B. Martin	Buddy-L	Castle	51.466	82.827
<b>AMRCA Class E2</b>					
1.	Kevin Wells	Fryco Mk 10/ KW	Castle 1515	NT	00.000

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*Steve Torrey with his Picco-powered FTL car.*



*Interesting bodies on Bob Jacquez's Class 4 Rossi-powered Railtons.*



*(Above) Some of the wide variety of cars waiting to run at Whittier Narrows.  
(Below) Culinary needs were well cared for. No one had to go away hungry.*



BOB JACQUEZ PHOTOS



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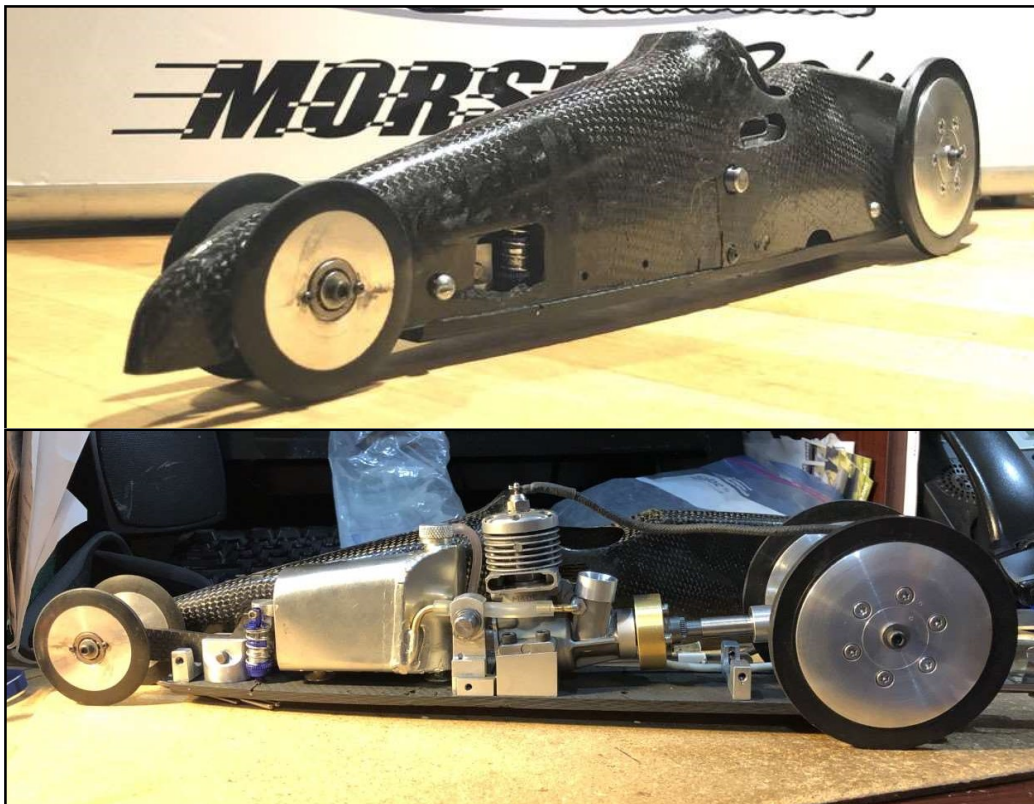
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