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A.M.R.C.A. NATIONALS REPORT



The competitors and helpers who were at the 2017 AMRCA Nationals in Seaford, New York.



President's Notes

By Stuart Hamill

Start spreading the news. If you can make it here you can make it anywhere, NEW YORK! As always, the east coast did an excellent job hosting the Nationals. We got lucky with the weather as there was only a little sprinkle during the Wednesday

morning practice. The rest of the week was picture perfect. The carbide coating on the track running surface has held up very well. With 45 cars entered and 14 in the WMRC 10cc class, it was going to be a busy week. Practice day, Team Australia Mark Osborne and Maggie James set the pace. Maggie showed the boys how it's done, turning laps at 205 MPH. I think there was a lap at 206. The car made a sound change at the top and went a little faster. A piece of the pipe stinger had snapped off. It was a clean break so Bill Siry made a sleeve and Dave Clark brazed it together with John Ellis burning his fingers holding it. Maggie never got back up to that speed but she did get second place at 204 MPH. Maybe she should have left the pipe broken, a new speed trick. The fast speeds from Team Australia made Paul O. Strobel nervous. Paul was doing lots of calculations and preparing his car thoroughly all week. In the end, Paul was

first at 205.381 MPH. Maggie second at 204.211 MPH and Mark third with 197.813 MPH. First American went to the West Coast's Dave Lundegard with 197.690 MPH, followed by Anthony Tucci & Lee Roy James. Great job guys. Okay, now to the real race cars; AMRCA custom class 3A. The premier class that John Ellis has been working on restoringing to its former glory. John has spent the last decade building and supplying cars and parts that are second to none. I did one test run with my Kuebler/Ellis Eagle with some fresh funny stuff (not for the faint at heart). It was a good run at 165+. On the first run on race day I ran the motor that won the Nats in Anderson last year. The fuel tank holds more than the weight allows so I dumped a little to get to the maximum weight of 3.130 grams. Hook up the glow plug, hold the nose of the car up, turn on the fuel, rock the wheels until it pops, and push it off. One of the nice things about custom cars is you don't have to horse them up to 100 MPH like a WMRC car. The horser only needs to lead the car and keep the wire from dragging on the track. Once the car goes fast enough to hold its own, it should blubber around for 20 laps before it comes on line. If the car starts out kicking & screaming, shut it off. You will only melt it down. open up the needle and re-start it.

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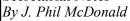
I can tell it's going to be a good run by listening to the sound changes once it gets up to the 150's and starts to settle in. You can hear the growl of the motor getting traction. If it powers through the 160's into the 170's without hesitation, you are on your way to some hot laps. At the 150 mark each lap was coming up 3 to 4 MPH. At 169, 1 MPH per lap. I hit the timer at 171, it did six laps at 172, and one lap at 173 with a overall speed of 172.654. This was my best speed for the week, winning first place in Class 3A and the Custom National Champion Torrey Speed Award. Eagle racing donated trophies for 3A. Vintage wood from John's father Joe Ellis, made in Chicago by F.H. Noble & Company, from the rail track at Downers Grove Fairyland Park.

Racers always ask John to build them a motor like Stuart runs. John does not build my motors. I do my own work with the same parts that everyone else gets. The only way to get good at it is track time. I am lucky to have a track close to home and be able to run twice a month all year long.

It was a great week of competition with one record set by Dave Clark in Class 7C with a McCoy 19 powered Hornet at 56.724. I got close in 10B with my Nelson-powered Ellis Patriot. Bob Oge holds the record with his Wanda at 158.144. My unofficial speed was 158.650. The car had already run a long time with more than 50 laps so I took a time at 155 mph. When I went to stop the car, the shut-off broke and it just kept going and gaining speed. After 10 more laps it was up to 158 and 159 mph. After 10 more laps it locked up and skided to a stop. That was the end to that piston. I think I have rambled long enough. Thanks to all the people who came out to race. Thanks to Nick Tucci and family and the NEW YORK members, I know it was a mountain of work to make this happen. Thanks to Phil Mc Donald and the Anderson crew for the use of your timing

The Nationals for 2018 will be at Whittier Narrows California.





The 2017 A.M.R.C.A. Nationals on Long Island were an outstanding success! We had good speeds, good weather, and good friendships, what more could you ask for? Over 205 MPH was the top speed in WMCR Class V and 172 MPH won Class 3A.

A total of 53 cars were entered, running in 15 classes.

At the A.M.R.C.A. Annual Business Meeting, the reading of the financial report (Copy printed on the next page of this newsletter) brought to attention that, due to insurance requirements of the Nassau County Park Board, the club cash account had suffered. Nick Tucci II stated that he expects to get an exemption, starting in 2018, from the need to purchase an additional two million dollar liability umbrella policy.

The A.M.R.C.A. Annual Meeting Minutes immediately follow this report. The most important items from the meeting were: Starting in 2018, the A.M.R.C.A. is returning to a single class of membership at an annual fee of \$50. There will no longer be classifications of Associate or Foreign member.

The membership voted to retain the current A.M.R.C.A. officers for 2018, so your 2018 officers will be; Stuart Hamill, President, Dave Lundegard, Vice President and J. Phil McDonald, Secretary/Treasurer.

The 2018 A.M.R.C.A. Nationals will be held in Whittier, California, with the dates and details to be announced at a later time.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN MINIATURE RACING CAR ASSOCIATION

The American Miniature Racing Car Association held its 2017 annual meeting on September 15, 2017 at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford, New York. The meeting was called to order by A.M.R.C.A. President, Stuart Hamill.

In attendance was the A.M.R.C.A President, Stuart Hamill, Vice President, Dave Lundegard, Secretary J. Phil McDonald, Nick Tucci II, George Fellows, Roland Bendel, Joe Morris, Dave Clark, Doug Phillips, John James, Kevin Wells, John Ellis, Jill McDonald, Lee Roy James, Jim Okel, Charles Hamill, Bob Oge, Margaret James, Mark Osborne, Angela Macropolous and Bill Siry.

Secretary Phil read the minutes of the 2016 A.M.R.C.A. Annual Meeting held August 19, 2016 at Anderson Indiana. The minutes were approved as read.

Next, the current financial statement for the A.M.R.C.A. covering the period of August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 was read. It was noted that the A.M.R.C.A. cash account was down due mainly to having to secure an additional 2 million dollars of liability coverage as now required by the Nassau County Park Board. An umbrella policy was secured which cost our organization \$1771.00. Nick Tucci noted that he was in hopes of securing an exemption next year and that the umbrella policy would not need to be renewed on July 1, 2018.

New Business: A motion was made by Charley Murphy that the A.M.R.C.A. have ony one class of membership and that was to cost \$50.00 per calendar year. Motion seconded by Dave Lundegard. Motion passed by voice vote. 2018 dues notices will reflect the new dues amount.

A discussion was held concerning A.M.R.C.A. financial support of new timing systems for Whittier Narrows and the Cedar Creek tracks. Dave Lundegard noted that the V.M.R.C.A. club was already seeking financial support from donors in their area and said he would keep the A.M.R.C.A. officers up to date if help was needed.

There was a discussion held concerning converting a R/C Hobby Shop car into a starter tether car. It was determined that Bill Siry and Kevin Wells would head up that project and come up with something to present to the A.M.R.C.A. for their consideration.

Old Business: It was noted that at last year's annual meeting, Stuart Hamill and Nick Tucci II agreed to study updated tailskids and make a recommendation to the club. That never occurred and Stuart and Nick agreed to go to work on that recommendation. It was also noted that at

last year's meeting it was agreed that Anderson should install fine mesh wire competely around their track with the A.M.R.C.A. agreeing to pay for that project.

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AMRCA 2017 Nationals Seaford, New York



Guest racers Mark Osborne and Margaret James, from Australia, and Paul Otto Strobel (background) from Switzerland.



Diane and John Ellis with some of the cars they ran



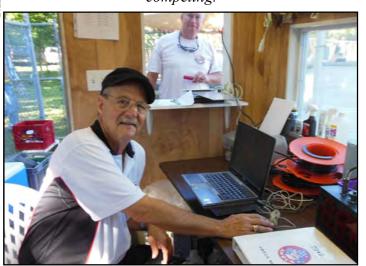
John Ellis's 3A Kuebler/Ellis car with Ellis power.



One of the many Picco-powered WMCR cars competing.



Charlie Hamill with one of his Buddy L Hotrods.



J. Phil McDonald, who spent most of his time operating the timing system.

More AMRCA 2017 Nationals Photos



Steve Lawrence and some of his cars.



John Ellis was instrumental in puting on the Nationals, helping others, and running several proxy cars in addition to his own



Charlie Murphy and his fleet of cars.



George and Bob Fellows of New York.

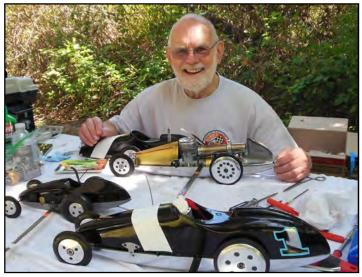


Lee Roy James with his 10cc Duran and K&G Hot Rod..



Doug Phillips and his Eagle-powered FTL car.

Still More AMRCA 2017 Nationals Photos



Jim Okel with his stable of Kuebler/Ellis cars.



Bob Oge with his Picco Testarossa powered RD3 and Novarossi powered Wanda cars.



Nick Tucci worked very hard to make the Nationals the success that it was



Dave Lundegard with his 10cc class-winning Picco-powered Duran/Lundegard car.



Kevin Wells has one of the fastest electric-powered cars in the world with 203.126 MPH.



Bill Siry who provided us with many of these photos, with his class-winning Novarossi-powered ACDC Andretti car



Diane Ellis with "Valentine". Her Class 3C Patriot/Ellis won the class at 172.627.



Joe Morris shows off his "Sin City" T-shirt. He competed with 10cc WMCR and AMRCA Class 4 cars.



John Ellis and friend (John is the one on the right).



Mark Osborne sufffered gearbox failure at 170 MPH and flattened his tires all the way to the hubs.



John Ellis and Stuart Hamill with their trophies.



Bob Diekmann's Kuebler/Ellis Mite car with a Dooling 29 for power. The engine blew causing a "NT".



Angela Macropoulos saw to it that no one went hungry.

2017 AMRCA NATIONALS

Seaford, New York - September 14,15,16

Class WMCR 3.5cc	Car	Engine	Time	MPH	km/h
1. P.O. Ströbel (guest)	Mart Sepp	Ströbel/Profi	7.168	156.043	251.127
N. Tucci II	Ekberg	CMB/Falk	NT	NT	NT
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WMCR 5cc	Car	Engine	Time	MPH	km/h
1. C. Murphy	Piotti	Picco	6.964	160.606	258.470
M. Osborne	Aximov	Aximov	NT	NT	NT
Electric E-2	Car	Engine	Time	MPH	km/h
1 K. Wells	Frypan MK 10	Castle 1515	5.506	203.126	326.900
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WMCR 10cc	Car	Engine	Time	МРН	km/h
1.* P.O. Ströbel (guest)	Schmutz	Picco Testarossa	5.446	205.381	330.529
, , ,		Picco lestarossa Picco 8th Ed.	5.440 5.477	203.361	328.646
, ,	James				
3.* M. Osborne (guest)	James	Picco 8th Ed.	5.654	197.813	318.349
1 D. Lundegard	Duran/ Lundegard	Picco 8th Ed.	5.658	197.690	318.151
2 A. Tucci	Denneler	Picco EXR	5.795	193.021	310.637
3 L. R. James	Duran	Picco Testarossa	5.874	190.403	306.424
4 S. Hamill	Duran/ Hamill	Eagle	5.880	190.231	306.147
5 Murphy + Tucci II	Pavel	Picco 8th Ed.	5.941	188.267	302.986
6 J. James	FTL	Picco EXR	6.086	183.771	295.751
7 C. Murphy	FTL/ Torrey	Picco EXR	6.280	178.107	286.635
8 D. Phillips	FTL/ Frymire	Eagle	6.343	176.320	283.760
9 J. P. McDonald	M2	Picco Testarossa	6.370	175.595	282.593
10 B. Oge	RD3	Picco Testarossa	6.578	170.025	273.629
11. D. Clark	Zaugg	OPS	6.952	160.876	258.905
12. S. Lawrence	Linas-Picco	Picco Testarossa	8.779	127.404	205.037
J. Morris	FTL	Picco P-60	NT	NT	NT
R. Bendel	RoBe	Picco Testarossa	NT	NT	NT
* Ströbel of Switzerland, M.					141
AMRCA 3A	Car	Engina	Time	МРН	km/h
	Kuebler/ Ellis	Engine	11me 6.478	<i>мРн</i> 172.654	<i>km/n</i> 277.860
	Kuebler/ Ellis	Eagle Ellis	6.944	161.080	259.233
2. J. Ellis 3. J. Okel	Kuebler/ Ellis		7.163	156.139	259.255 251.281
		Eagle			
4. R. Democh (p)	1234 Special Kuebler/ Ellis	Picco EXR	7.296	153.303	246.717
5. M. Ziegert (p)		Eagle	7.547	148.203	238.510
6. S. Lawrence	Kuebler/ Ellis	Eagle	8.419	132.853	213.806
AMRCA 3C	Car	Engine	Time	MPH	km/h
1 D. Ellis	Eagle Patriot	Eagle	6.479	172.627	277.816
2 S. Lawrence	Eagle Patriot	Eagle	6.702	166.887	268.579
3 S. Hamill	Eagle Patriot	Eagle	6.750	165.695	266.660
(p) = run by proxy					

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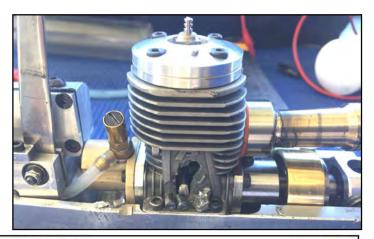
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2017 AMRCA NATIONALS Seaford, New York - September 14,15,16						
AMRCA 4 1. C. Murphy 2. S. Morse (p) 3. J. Morris #1 J. Morris #2	Car McCoy Invader McCoy Invader McCoy Invader McCoy Railton	Engine McCoy Rossi McCoy McCoy	<i>Time</i> 9.902 10.142 10.696 NT	<i>MPH</i> 112.953 110.284 104.569 NT	km/h 181.780 177.485 168.287 NT	
AMRCA 6B 1. C. Hamill	<i>Car</i> MMM	<i>Engine</i> Nelson 15	<i>Time</i> 9.258	<i>MPH</i> 120.814	<i>km/h</i> 194.431	
AMRCA 7B 1. J. Okel	<i>Car</i> Kuebler/ Ellis	<i>Engine</i> K&B 15	<i>Time</i> NT	<i>MPH</i> NT	km/h NT	
AMRCA 7C 1. D. Clark * Record	<i>Car</i> Hornet	<i>Engine</i> McCoy 19	<i>Time</i> 19.718	<i>MPH</i> 56.724	<i>km/h</i> 1* 91.288	
AMRCA 7D 1. G. Fellows 2. S. Hamill R. Diekmann (p)	Car Kuebler/ Ellis Kuebler/ Ellis Kuebler/ Ellis	Engine Dooling 29 Dooling 29 Dooling 29	<i>Time</i> 11.417 12.797 NT	<i>MPH</i> 97.962 87.403 NT	km/h 157.655 140.661 NT	
AMRCA 9A 1. J. James 2. L. R. James 3. G. Fellows	Car K&G Hot Rod K&G Hot Rod K&G Torpedo	Engine OS 46 Rossi 46 OS 46	<i>Time</i> 10.511 10.828 17.020	<i>MPH</i> 106.405 103.294 65.715	km/h 171.242 166.236 105.758	
AMRCA 9B 1. B. Siry 2. C. Murphy J. P. McDonald	Car ACDC Andretti Watson FCDC FOYT	<i>Engine</i> Novarossi OPS Novarossi	<i>Time</i> 8.199 8.835 NT	<i>MPH</i> 136.418 126.596 NT	km/h 219.543 203.737 NT	
AMRCA 10B 1 S. Hamill 2 L. Ellis (p) 3 B. Oge 4 B. Fellows (p) = run by proxy	Car Eagle Patriot Eagle Patriot Wanda Kuebler/ Ellis	Engine Nelson Nelson Novarossi Rossi	Time 7.156 7.543 7.765 10.538	<i>MPH</i> 156.298 148.284 144.043 106.132	km/h 251.537 238.640 231.815 170.803	

2017 AMRCA Racing Schedule						
Anderson, IN Whittier Narrows, CA						
October 14-15	October 22					
	November 5,					
Seaford, NY	November 19					
November 5	December 3					
December 2						

2017 QMRCC Anniversary Championships

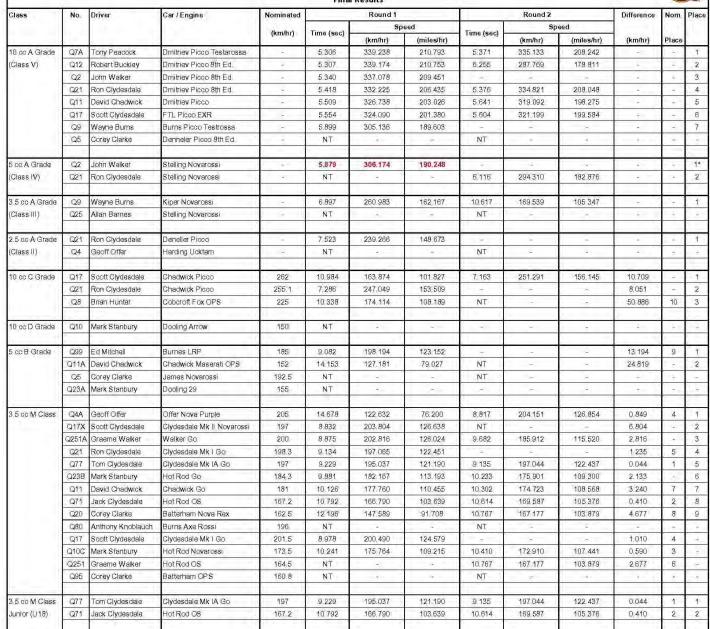
By Scott Clydesdale

There were some very fast speeds including a new 5 cc A (WMCR Class IV) record for John Walker with 306.174 km/hr. Commiserations must go to Allan Barnes who had the 'Blow-Up of the Year', with half the con-rod in his 3.5 cc A Novarossi engine now residing outside the crankcase (right)!



QMRCC Anniversary Championships 20 August 2017





Notes

"New Australian Record by John Walker for 5 cc A Grade Class IV with a speed of 306.174 km/hr (190.248 miles/hr)

[&]quot;Nominated speed (unpiped) won by Tom Clydesdale with a difference of 0.044 km/hr

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That has not occurred but will be looked into and completed as soon as possible.

Angela Macropolus made a plea for pictures from this year's nationals to be sent to her.

Nominations for A.M.R.C.A. officers were opened. John Ellis nominated Stuart Hamill for President, seconded by Joe Morris. There being no further nominations for President, nominations were closed. Jim Okel nominated Dave Lundegard for Vice President, seconded by Charley Hamill. There being no further nominations for Vice President, nominations were closed. J. Phil McDonald was nominated for Secretary. Since the three people nominated as officers of the A.M.R.C.A. for 2018 are each running unopposed, those positions will not be put to a vote.

Your 2018 A.M.R.C.A. officers will be:

President Stuart Hamill
Vice President Dave Lundegard
Secretary/Treasurer J. Phil McDonald

Next year's A.M.R.C.A. Nationals will be held at Whittier Narrows, California. There being no further business, the A.M.R.C.A. 2017 annual meeting closed at 7:15 P.M. Respectfully submitted,

J. Phil McDonald

Secretary American Miniature Racing Car Association

A.M.R.C.A Financial Statement August 31, 2017

Checkbook balance, August 1,2016: \$7047.41

Income:

Dues: 3420.08 Donations: 45.00

Total Income: \$3465.08

Expenses:

 Newsletter:
 894.83

 Postage:
 60.30

 Insurance:
 1771.00

 Web Site Support:
 1611.18

 Office Supplies:
 240.00

 Rule Books:
 82.66

 Flowers:
 112.00

Total Expenses: \$4771.97

Checkbook Balance, August 31, 2017: \$5740.52

Racing Results September 23-34, Anderson, IN

Place Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH				
AMRCA Class 3A		8						
1. Jim Crabb	Joe Ellis/Ellis	Eagle	120.574	194.047				
AMRCA Class 30	Z							
1. Jim Crabb	Patriot/Ellis	Nelson	NT	00.000				
AMRCA Class 4								
1. Ed Spencer	Railton	McCoy	109.755	176.636				
AMRCA Class 9A								
1. Don Ulrich	HB2	O.S46	124.662	200.626				
2. Lee Foldenauer	K&G Arrow	O.S46	124.265	199.987				
3. Dave Ferguson	Witte	Rossi .46	115.576	186.004				
4. Lowell Shirey	K&G Hotrod	Rossi .46	NT	00.000				
AMRCA Class 10B								
1. Lee Foldenauer	Aussie	Rossi .60	104.679	168.467				
WMCR 10cc								
1. J. Phil McDonal	ld M2 Picco	Testarossa	173.733	279.599				
2. Joe Morris	FTL	Picco	NT	00.000				
Electric Class E1								
1. Mike Baldwin	#9 White	80mm EI	OF 117.70	1189.424				
2. Mike Baldwin	60mm EDF 97.491 156.898							

Note: EDF is Electric Ducted Fan.

October 8, Whittier Narrows, CA

Place Name	Car/Build	Engine	MPH	KmH
WMCR 10cc 1. Steve O'Donnell	D'	Picco	203.062	226 707
n stere o somien	Picco	11000	_00.00_	326.797
2. Dick Hughes	Picco	Picco	189.732	305.344
3. Stuart Hamill	Duran/Hamill	Eagle	183.838	295.859
WMCR 5cc				
 Arman Arshakyar 	n Arma/Victor	Novarossi	173.325	278.940
2. Steve O'Donnell	Piotti	Picco	N.T.	00.000
AMRCA Class 3A				
1. Stuart Hamill	Kuebler/Ellis	Eagle	157.597	253.628
AMRCA Class 3B				
1. Rich Democh	Roush	Dooling	N.T.	00.000
AMRCA Class 4				
1. Steve Morris	Invader	Rossi	115.988	186.665
2. Thaine Morris	Invader	McCoy	76.221	122.666
AMRCA Class 6B				
1. Charles Hamill	Buddy L	Picco	84.598	136.147
AMRCA Class 6C				
 Mark Hibbert 	M/H	Rossi	124.759	200.780
AMRCA Class 9A				
1. Dick Hughes	MMM	Rossi	106.643	171.625
AMRCA Class 10B	}			
1. Stuart Hamill	Patriot/Ellis	Nelson	121.086	194.869

Active Speed Records AMRCA Division August 13, 2017

	Name	Speed	Car / Build	Engine	Track	Date		
	Class I MANUFACTUR	ED (Arrow)		3950				
1	Tonnie Pegue	142.86	Arrow	Yellow Jacket	W.N.	6/18/197		
	Class II A: MANUFACT		ED (Arrow Open)	PGS 10. PONYAGO INTERPOSAGOA	75.00.000000000000000000000000000000000	DANGE W. VIOLES AND		
2A	Ken Phillips	151.26	Arrow	RAM-OPS	W.N.	8/22/198		
			ED (Arrow Side Exhaust)					
2B	Ted Dodd	149.50	Arrow	Yellow Jacket	W.N.	8/26/197		
. .	Class III A: CUSTOM	Y	77 11 / 77			0/4/201		
3A	Stuart Hamill	176.582	Kuebler / Ellis	Eagle	N.Y.	9/4/201		
	Class III B: CUSTOM (Class III B: CUSTOM (Side Exhaust)						
3B	Roy Torrey	164.23	1234	Yellow Jacket	W.N.	8/25/197		
	Class III C: CUSTOM	(Fully Suspended)						
3C	Stuart Hamill	173.918	Patriot / Ellis	Eagle	W.N.	4/17/201		
	Class IV MANUFACTU	RED PROTO - I	3 GRADE (Baffled Piston)				
4	Bob Jaquez	136.216	Railton	Rossi	W.N.	8/7/200		
	Class V A: EXPERIME	NTAL (Open)						
5A	Roy Torrey	180.72	Frypan Mk4	OPS	And.	8/23/198		
	Class V B: EXPERIME	NTAL (Unlimite	d)					
5B	Jack Boudakian	188.705	No. Cal. Special	Picco	W.N.	2/17/199		
	Class V C: EXPERIME	And the second of the second o						
5C	Dave Lundegard	191.322	FTL / Torrey	Eagle	W.N.	2/5/201		
	Class VI MITES MOD		B=.15, C=.21, D=.29)	j				
6A	Charles Hamill	93.377	RWP	Picco 12	N.Y.	9/4/200		
6B	Jonah Regh	124.757	MMM Roadster	Nelson 15	And.	8/21/201		
6C	Mark Hibbert	121.930	MRH Special	Rossi 21	W.N.	4/23/201		
6D	Steve Morse	121.824	Frypan Mk8/Ellis	Serio 28	N.Y.	9/4/200		
- .	Class VII MITES STO	CK (A=.09, B=	:.15, C=.19, D=.29)					
7A 7D	Nich DawL	100 670	Vuoblas/EU-	Townsds 15	137 N T	0/0/202		
7B	Rich Democh	102.678	Kuebler/Ellis	Torpedo 15	W.N.	9/8/200		
7C 7D	Dave Clark John Carlson	56.724 129.81	Hornet D+C	McCoy 19 Dooling 29	N.Y. N.C.	9/16/201 9/30/190		
8	ClassVIII SPURGEAR							
	Ken Reiser	146.10	Borden	Dooling	N.C.	9/11/190		
	Class IX MODERN NO	STALGIA (A=.4	46, B=.60)					
9A	Tom Pearson	137.776	MMM Indy/McDonald	Rossi 46	N.Y.	8/18/20		
9B	Bob Oge	144.115	MMM Indy	OPS 60	And.	9/13/200		
	Class X Front Intake - C	Custom or Proto (Open (A=.46, B=.60)					
0A	Stuart Hamill	144.300	K&G	Nelson 40	N.Y.	9/4/201		
0B	Bob Oge	158.144	Wanda	Nova Rossi 60	And.	8/24/201		





Complete 10cc world class car kit for sale. Price approximately \$5K Please inquire for details.

Dave Lundegard, 3110 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, CA 91107 lundegarddave@gmail.com

Cell/text 626-590-9655

The Last Word

By Walt Wilson

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the Nationals this year It looks like all had a great time and posted

some very impressive speeds.

I sent a Class 3A car for John Ellis to run by proxy but it suffered both gear box failure and engine damage (Which came first? The chicken or the egg?) while accelerating through the 160's on practice day and was scratched from competition. The

same car had a gear box issue at last year's Nationals, but later ran well enough to finish second (last year) in 3A with a rear end borrowed from Ron Hesskamp.

Congratulations to all who won and everyone who competed. The only losers are those who didn't try.

Happy Birthday to John Ellis. They celebrated it at the track with a big cake and many congratulations.

Here's to all who came from throughout the country and as far away as Europe and Australia. I hope you

all enjoyed it and had safe trips home.

I purchased a McCoy Railton kit from the Tom Pearson estate and I've been working on it from timeto-time this summer. It still needs a few things, but should be ready to run in Class 4 next year, if the good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise. It's all new, but

a 70-year-old design with a 60-year-old engine.

The next issue of this newsletter won't be until early next year, so:

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all.

