



I.M.C.A. Old Timers

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IMCA Old Timers 2020:

The 2020 Annual General Meet: The meeting was held on January 26 2020 at 1:00 pm, hosted by American Legion Post 643 in Savage, MN. We had a great turn out.



We had door prizes for everyone in attendance. The club would to thank all of the members that went out and got donations for these door prizes. The list is too long to name everyone who helped with this. The Taco bar food was very good. As Olly would say, “UMMM”.

Awards were given to Rich Crear #885 and Harley Timmerman #172.



Rich is the 2019 Sportsman of the year. Rich was all ways there to help at our events. Even when things like a broken truck, fire call, Honor Guard at Fort Snelling and other events were in the way, he always worked around them. Rich would disappear and reappear like magic.



Harley Timmerman is the 2020 inductee as a Honorary Member. Harley has always found time to help his fellow club members.

We hope all that attended would convey to those who missed the event to make sure they attend next year's General Meeting. Thanks to all the members who helped make this a fun event.

Cross Roads Motorsports Show: On February 1st your club had a booth at the Cross Roads Motorsports Show in Albert Lea, MN. There was time to meet with promoters, and meet with and thank Club sponsors. Also we meant many old friends and made many new ones. Thanks Rich Crear, Dave Stone, Skip Polack and Mark Langer for setting up and taking down our club booth and visiting with the nice folks who stopped by to visit and ask about the club.



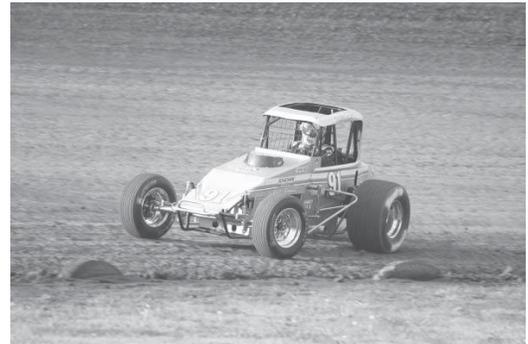
Frenchie Vassar #378: On January 30, 2020 we lost a long time member Laverne "Frenchie" Vassar. Frenchie was an active member and supporter of the IMCA Old Timers up until his passing. He will be missed at our events. Please keep him and his family in your prayers

As March came around with Covid 19 the brakes were put on our clubs activities. Almost all events had to be canceled for 2020.

Cedar Lake Speedway: UMSS Sprints held their 3rd annual Traditional Sprint Challenge August 28 & 29. The IMCA Old Timers and Northern Vintage Stockcar Racers joined in bringing 27 vintage cars to Cedar Lake Speedway. We were able to run three separate classes Full Body, Super Modified and Sprint Car on both days. Hopefully we will



be able to arrange the same program for 2021. I look forward to having even more cars out especially in the sprint car side. Keep an eye on the web site for details and be sure to use the form to let us know if you plan on attending. It makes planning pit space etc. easier.



IMCA Old Timers 2021:

Hope you made it through the Coved deal without a scratch and are looking forward to 2021. With Hope it brings a bigger and better year, we need all the help we can get planning events.

2021 Annual General Meeting: As of right now we are working on our annual meeting. Send your ideas to your board members for ways to improve and make the meetings more enjoyable. It is time to start collecting door prizes. We will pick a date as soon as we get the OK from the Savage Legion. It would be nice to have better attendance for this event. So look at bringing old members, friends who might need a ride. Give a lift so they can join in the fun.

Swap Meet: We are looking forward to again having a swap meet in the spring. We are forced to hold off on a date till we know the status of the lockdown. We may not have a lot of notice so start cleaning and organizing your parts. Remember your junk just might be someone else's treasure. If you clean out space, you will have room for the bargains found at our swap meet.

Dakota County Fair: We are looking forward to the 2021 Dakota County Fair. We want to have a bigger and better fair display. Send your ideas to Skip. We need to work on our display area. We should touch up some paint and stain on the gas station and remove some weeds from the road and around the building.

The board is still looking at plans for a building on the fair grounds to display the IMCA history and memorabilia that your club has acquired over the years. We have many pieces of Midwest racing history in storage. A building would get it out of storage and the public a chance to see and remember our racing history. So if again you know someone who is willing to help sponsor this project please let the board know. IMCA Old Timers is a non-profit 501(c) (3) for tax deductible donations.

Cub Food Brat Stand: Hope to have this fund raiser back for 2021. Keep an eye on the web and let Mark know if you can help out.

Member News:

To keep everyone up to date, members need to send their news to the president so he can get it in the newsletter or news might be made up. Send in news.

Kevin Busse: Kevin is working on setting up a program with Twin Cities Public Television on the history of racing in the Twin Cities on the Minnesota Experience. Kevin is starting way back in 1914 with the Twin cities International Speedway. If any members can help Kevin put this together, feel free to give Kevin a call or send an email. It is work like this that helps keep your club moving ahead. TheRealKevinB1@gmail.com Kevin Busse 5101 160th Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

Klane Dushek: The 2020 Dirt Show season was full of legends and history. The season opened with Al Unser, Jonathan Davenport, Tom Bigelow, Shanna Robinson, club member Bob Hop, Gary Crawford and Ray Lee Goodwin joined me throughout the seven-month season. If you would like to listen to any of these shows from the past eight season log on to kowzfm.com/dirtshow Klane is already putting 2021 guest list together.

The boys worked on Roger Dushek's vintage sprint car over multiple weekends this summer. Friends Johnny Parson III, Greg Anderson, Mark Wangen, Gary Wolf, Mark Langer and with Klane in charge all helped. Roger needs some help finding some 5:00-16 narrow ribbed tires, the ones he has are too weather cracked to use for anything but display.

News from Vice President Skip Pollack: The club purchased an original 3'x3' sign from Rex Speedway. I built a square tube frame to hang it for display at the 2021 Dakota County Fair. We got 4 Buick wheel shells and 4 Ford centers from French Lake Auto Parts (Skip Nolan) for the Hudson project. Brent Durand donated a trailer axel and hub to build a wheel fixture to spin them and make them true. (Works perfect). Mark Johnson from Big Johnson Tire in Richfield donated tires. Built 4 wheels, got them sand blasted, then primed and painted. They look great and are era correct. Purchased 4 inner tubes and mounted them up. Mark L. and Roger B. helped put them on the Hudson. What a difference that made for the appearance of that old car. Greg Anderson rented the club a spot in one of his buildings to store it for the winter. We have great and caring members. Thanks Greg.

This summer I got an idea to build a road grader out of a riding lawn mower to use at the fair on the little roads to the village. Quit a project. Ended up working well and tested on some of our members driveways. Wanted to try on the fair roads, but after some early snows it was just too soft. Next is to fab a pull behind roller. It's on the drawing board.

Mark Langer and I were invited to Dave Norgardens in Rochester this fall. He offered the club all of his collection of stuff from the original IMCA circuit. We got posters, photos, books and many interesting pieces. We even got Frank Winkley's original stop watches that Dave got from Jake Bozony the IMCA circuit flagman. This will be mounted and displayed at our events. Also have many photos from Rex Speedway. And how about Vern Trittons Driver suit from the hot rod era. Looks I will have to build another rack for uniform jackets, suits and shirts. I almost forgot Gary and Mike Stein are the new owners of the #85 modified coupe. It has been restored and hand lettered by Cliff Anderson. Just like in its days at Raceway Park. They say it will be on display at as many club functions as possible.

Dave Stone: I am working on getting more visitors to our web site. One of the things the search engines look for are key words like vintage auto racing, oval track, dirt track. They will accept 25 for each of our pages. So help me out and put together a list of as many as you can think of and get it to me. Give me anything you can think, even if it seems so obvious I should have done it myself. Sometimes we all have blind spots. Email: tresurer@imcaoldtimers.com

If anybody has any experience working on web site and can help out I would appreciate it. A couple of years ago I was given the login and password and have been bumbling along ever since.

If you have anything you would like included on our For Sale or Wanted page send the items to me so they can go on the web.

Thanks for all of your support during this trying year,

The Board of IMCA Old Timers.