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New this year – we're proud to announce our first real Festival expansion. The Chemung Canal Trust Co. Concours d'Elegance has moved one block east of Franklin Street to beautiful Lafayette Park. As you head there to see the show cars, enjoy the vendors along the way. You will also find The Legends Speak presented by the International Motor Racing Research Center and the Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance in their new locations in Lafayette Park, along side the Concours d'Elegance. This brings a whole new block of activities into the Festival – more "elbow" room!

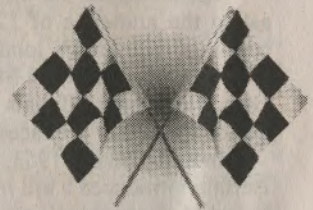
In the old location for the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance, starting at 2 p.m., you will find a display of the featured car of this year's event, the Corvette. We are celebrating Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary because – little-known fact – the Corvette was first conceived when General Motors Chief Stylist Harley Earl attended the 1951 Grand Prix at Watkins Glen and was impressed with the race fans' reaction to the European sports cars. He thought this country should have its own sports car. Two years later, one of the very first Corvettes off the production line was at the 1953 races. And the rest is history!

Watkins Glen Promotions is a local not-for-profit organization dedicated to producing quality special events in Schuyler County. Each year's Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is the culmination of a year of work by a dedicated

Management Team of over 40 volunteers, assisted on event day by nearly 150 more volunteers. We expect that nearly 300 vintage and classic sports cars will participate in a wide variety of events, culminating in the SVRA Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Reenactment in the evening. If you like sports cars, and especially Corvettes, you're in the right place!

Please be sure to show our Festival sponsors and program advertisers your appreciation by using their products and services. Without their generosity, we would be unable to hold the Festival.

*In the Spirit of the Sport,  
Marianne Shoemaker  
Management Team Leader*



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Cameron R. Argetsinger is in his Jaguar XK120M, waiting for the start of the 1953 Seneca Cup race. Argetsinger finished the race in fifth place. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)



## Sports Car Racing Continues in Watkins Glen

By **BILL GREEN**

The 1952 Grand Prix was stopped at the beginning of the second lap after a tragic incident in which a young spectator was killed and 12 others injured. Immediately there was an outcry for a ban on racing on public roads, but just as vocal were those against a proposed ban.

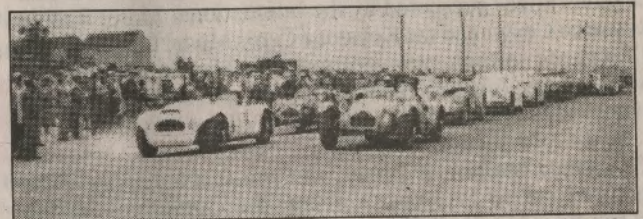
When emotions had settled, the Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce set a date of Nov. 7, 1952, at the Courthouse for an open forum on continuing racing at the Glen.

The moderator for the meeting was Henry Valent, who asked the audience of 125 if they wanted the races to continue. The crowd loudly answered in the affirmative. Valent reported that the SCCA would like to return to the Glen. Now local officials could only wait for the state to decide the fate of the races.

In mid-January 1953, state Sen. Walter J. Mahoney of Buffalo introduced a bill in the New York State Legislature to forbid motor vehicle races on public highways. Schuyler County Assemblyman Jerry Black quickly went on record as strongly opposing the bill, while Schuyler County State Sen. Dutton S. Peterson supported the ban racing on public roads. The proposed bill passed in the Senate 46-5, but it was defeated in the Assembly in March.

Some thought that possibly the 6.6-mile circuit could be used for 1953. The Grand Prix Committee also announced tentative safety changes that had been talked about for the previous years. The changes included moving the start-finish line and pits to a new location above the railroad crossing on Railroad Straight and keeping the spectators at least 75 feet from the course whenever possible.

But, on April 21, Lloyds of London, the insurance company that had insured the previous year's races, announced it would not insure the races in 1953 if they ran through town as before. The Grand Prix Committee started looking for possible sites



The grid is ready for the start of the 1953 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Watkins Glen Sports Car Grand Prix on a 4.6-mile course in the town of Dix. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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elsewhere in the county and identified five possible circuits. Two were in the townships of Hector and Montour and overlapped each other; two were in the township of Dix; and one was in the township of Orange.

The committee picked the town of Dix and town of Orange sites as the two best. The committee had SCCA and AAA officials tour the "Brigham Young Course," 7.2 miles in Orange, and the "Jane Delano Course," 4.6 miles in Dix. The racing officials thought both circuits were okay, but it was hard to convince the New York State Conservation Department to grant permission to use the portion of roads that went through state woods in Orange. Conservation officials had three concerns: the danger of fire, public liability and possible damage to the trees.

The committee set to work on the 4.6-mile Dix road course, including widening and upgrading the roads for blacktopping. At first, it was estimated the work would cost \$25,000, but the cost grew to \$32,000. When the decision was made in late June to use the 4.6-mile course, SCCA officials believed the course would not be ready for the September race date and they decided not to sanction the race.

Martin and Son of Burdett was hired as the prime contractor to rebuild the Dix road to 30 feet wide, with shoulders 4 feet on each side, according to the Erwin Highway Plan. The road was paved with asphalt by subcontractors Harry Suits and D.T. Franzese. All this work was done by Sept. 9. George Weaver and Bill Milliken were consultants on the work.

In the meantime, on July 15, the Watkins Glen Grand Prix

Corp. was formally organized and began selling 6 percent certificates of indebtedness in sums of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. By Aug. 5 the corporation had raised \$18,000. By Aug. 19, one month before the race, bond sales were at \$22,500, with \$10,300 still to be collected.

Unlike the preceding races, which were basically free to spectators, the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corp. decided to sell tickets for this event. Prices were \$1.25 for general admission, \$3 and \$5 for grandstands, and \$1 for parking. Spectators were permitted only on the outside of the circuit at a safe distance. The Grand Prix Corp. leased all the grounds surrounding the course to give it exclusive and complete jurisdiction to the land. Landowners would receive one-third of the profits from the event, with another third going to the Community Chest. The remaining third went to the Grand Prix Corp.

Race days were Sept. 19 and 20, with a good list of entries for the three races. For the first time in Glen history, there was official practice on Friday.

Saturday started with overcast and windy weather. The first race of the day was the Seneca Cup Race, 11 laps, or 50.6 miles for unrestricted category and Formula III. Nineteen cars took the green flag, with George Weaver in his 1936 RI Maserati, taking the lead of the race followed by M.R.J. Wyllie in his XK120 Jaguar, George Constantine in his XK120 Jaguar, and Phil Cade in another RI Maserati, with a Chrysler engine.

The order would remain this way until the sixth lap, when Weaver's car would retire from the race with engine trouble. With Weaver's retirement from the race, Cade managed to get



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past Constantine and moved up to a close second, now behind Wyllie, who was leading. For the rest of the race it was a hard battle back and forth for the lead between the two drivers.

On the last lap coming off the last turn they drag-raced side by side, with Wyllie winning. The average speed was 72.1 mph. Cameron Argetsinger was running a strong third in his Jaguar XK120M, but three laps from the end, he lost his brakes on the downhill straight leading to the final turn. He managed to keep control of the car, but he struggled the rest of the way and finished fifth.

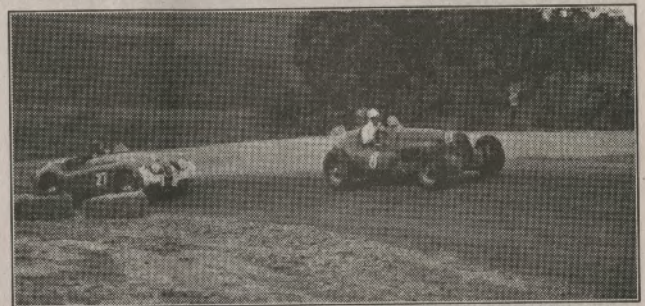
The second race of the day was the Queen Catharine Cup, at 22 laps, or 101.2 miles, for sports cars under 1500 cc. At the fall of the green flag it was a race-long battle for first place between George Moffett and Henry Wessells III, each driving an Osca. First Wessells would lead, then Moffett. Toward the end of the race, Wessells' Osca developed engine trouble and dropped back to finish second, while Moffett went on to win. Moffett's winning average speed was 73.7 mph.

The last race of the day was the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Watkins Glen Sports Car Grand Prix, a 22-lap, or 101.1-mile race for all modified cars over 1500cc. Right from the start of the race it looked like it was going to be a three-way battle for the lead: Walt Hansgen in the Hansgen Jaguar Special, followed by George Harris in his Cadillac-Allard J2 and Delevan Lee in a Cadillac-Allard J2. This battle would continue until around the 10<sup>th</sup> lap, when Lee was black-flagged for not slowing

down for a yellow flag condition. He was brought in, which meant he was a lap down when he rejoined the race. In trying to unlap himself and join the race leaders, Lee turned in the fastest lap of the day at 3:22, or 81.0 mph. Unfortunately, he had to retire from the race with a slipping clutch.

Meanwhile, up front it was still Hansgen in first and Harris in second. By lap 20 through the last lap, Harris and Hansgen traded the lead many times around the circuit. As they came off the last turn they were almost side-by-side in a drag race to the finish. Hansgen managed to inch forward enough to win. Hansgen's winning average speed was 76.1 mph.

This race weekend was filled with a lot of good sports car road racing. In 1954, SCCA would be back.



Phil Cade in a 1935 R1 Grand Prix Maserati leads M.R.J. Wyllie in the 1953 Seneca Cup. But, Wyllie, driving an XK120M Jaguar, would be in the winner's circle at race end.

(photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

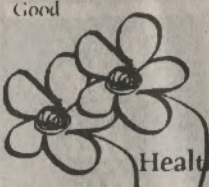
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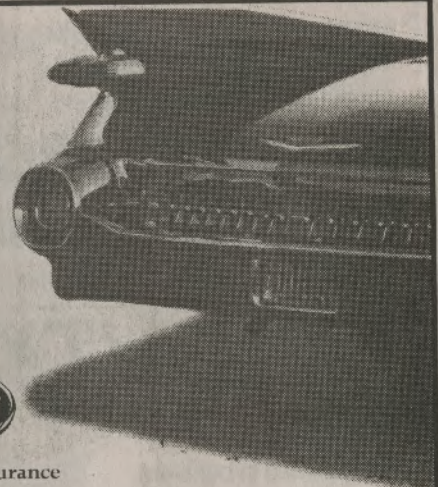


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Just as the late 1940s and early 1950s saw the rebirth of American road racing, this same time period saw the growth of consumer banking in the area. Chemung Canal Trust Company, headquartered on Water Street in Elmira, opened its first branch office in 1951. From this beginning, a convenient network of 13 branches was added to serve our customers from Southport to Watkins Glen and Owego to Bath.

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Peter Giddings, left, in an Alfa-Romeo and Denver Cornett in his MGTC lead the start of the 2002 SVRA Reenactment.

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## Corvette Was Conceived in Watkins Glen

By **BILL GREEN**

As the Corvette celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, Watkins Glen can share a bit of the glory. For it was here that the idea for an American sports car came during the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Car Grand Prix road races Sept. 14 and 15, 1951.

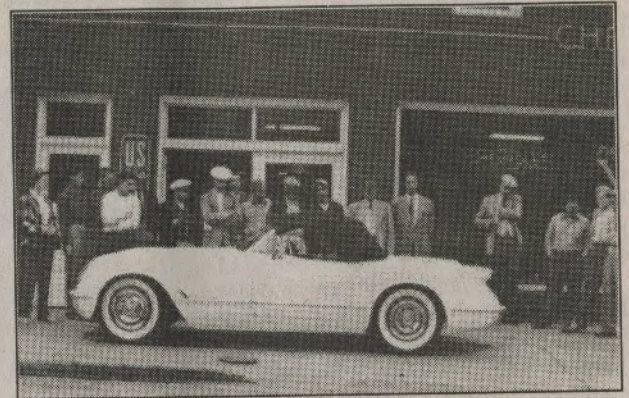
Nick Fraboni, owner of Glen Chevrolet and member of the Grand Prix Committee, was a good friend of Harley J. Earl, vice president of the General Motors Corp. Fraboni talked Earl into bringing to the 1951 race the experimental car Le Sabre to be on display at the dealership as well as be part of the pre-race and race activities. As Earl drove the Le Sabre around the 6.6-mile circuit several times, he saw the attention the spectators were paying to the car. Additionally, he realized there was no American sports car like the foreign cars present at the race.

Earl went back to Detroit the day after the race with the idea that would lead to the Chevrolet Corvette sports car.

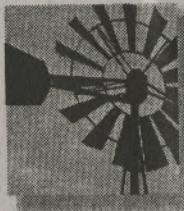
A year and a half later, Fraboni heard Chevrolet was building a new sports car - the Corvette. Fraboni learned that just four of those cars were built. Fraboni went by plane to Detroit to see if he could get one of these cars to lead the Concours d'Elegance parade just before the Grand Prix race.

He was told at GM's promotional office that they were not yet releasing any of the cars. Fraboni then went to Harley Earl's office, and, although Earl wasn't there, his assistant

made a call to the promotional office. At the end of the call Fraboni was told to return to the promotional office and there arrangements were made to have one of the 1953 Corvettes available. The Buffalo Zone service manager was to be the only one allowed to drive it for the Glen events.

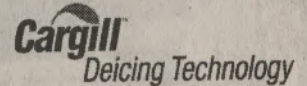


One of the very first Corvettes is on display at Glen Chevrolet during the 1953 race weekend. It is anticipated that another of the first Corvettes produced in 1953 will be on display on the Courthouse lawn during the Grand Prix Festival.



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# Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen

A Corvette did indeed appear in the Concours d'Elegance events at the Glen in 1953, but it wasn't until the 1955 Grand Prix race weekend that the first Corvette was racing at the Glen. The car was entered in the Glen Trophy race by Addison Austin from Norwalk, Conn. Austin started 12<sup>th</sup> on the grid and finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall.

Corvettes then started racing at the Glen on a regular basis.

One of the many drivers who raced Corvettes at the Glen was Dr. Dick Thompson. He entered a Corvette Stingray in the 1960 Sports Car Grand Prix, and he started fourth on the grid. The car retired from the race on the second lap with engine problems.

The following year he was back with a B Production Corvette, and he finished second to Bob Grossman in a Ferrari Berlinetta in the Glen Trophy race. Thompson won the 1962 Glen Trophy race in a production Corvette at an average speed of 86.20 mph.

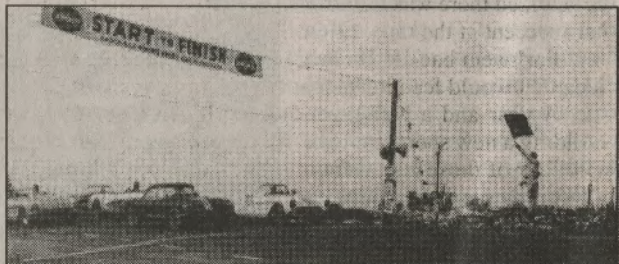
The 1963 Glen Classic was a SCCA national race for that year only, and Thompson would drive a Corvette Grand Sport to win the event at an average speed of 69 mph.

In 1966, George Wintersteen would race another Corvette Grand Sport in the 19<sup>th</sup> Watkins Glen Sports Car Grand Prix, which was part of the SCCA's United States Road Racing Championship. Wintersteen would start 26<sup>th</sup> on the grid and finish 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

Several dozen more pages could be written about Corvettes racing at the Glen with great success, both in SCCA club events and in all of the pro sports car races. But let us simply say: Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Corvette!



Dr. Dick Thompson is in his Corvette Stingray at the 1960 Sports Car Grand Prix. This photograph was used for the poster, brochure and program cover for this year's Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen. (photo by Jim Walsh, from the William Green Motor Racing Library)



Corvettes line up for the 1957 Glen Trophy race. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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## A Mini Guide to Reliving Watkins Glen Racing History

It is said the appeal of motorsports is the involvement of many senses. Sight. Sound. Smell. Touch. The Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen adds the thrill of memory, the joy of celebration and the spirit of community.

The Festival offers a full day of activity, and here we try to help guide you through it.

~ All race events begin with **technical inspection**, and the Grand Prix Festival is no exception. **Smalley's Garage** on Franklin Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets was the site for the race car tech inspections for the original Watkins Glen Grand Prix, and little has changed there since the glory days of 1948-1952. Today, you can watch this tradition brought to life by actors in this authentic setting. Stop by and watch as historic race cars are scrutinized by our officials, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

~ Wander north on Franklin Street and then east on Fourth Street to the village's beautiful and historic Lafayette Park. The **Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance** gets under way at 10 a.m. This is a juried show for show-condition vintage sports cars and classic cars. Additionally, the **Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance** begins at 10 a.m. in Lafayette Park.

~ Dedication ceremonies for new markers in the **Drivers Walk of Fame** begin at noon. The ceremonies start on the Courthouse lawn. On-site dedications of each marker are

conducted throughout the day along the sidewalks of Franklin Street.

~ **Wine tastings** and a **food court** also open on the Courthouse lawn at this time. After the Drivers Walk of Fame ceremonies, take some time out to fuel up at the food court or at one of our great downtown eateries.

~ **Music** begins at the Courthouse lawn stage at 12:30 p.m. and at the Community Bank stage at 1 p.m.



Cars in the 2002 SVRA Reenactment take the first turn off Franklin Street. (photo by Bill Green)

~ Keep your eyes on Franklin Street starting at 1 p.m. That's when the street closes and **parade laps** of the original circuit begin for participants in the Festival's different rolling events. The first to go around the 6.6-mile course are the Corvettes of the **Zippo Tour de Marque**. Following their two

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~ At 2 p.m., back at Lafayette Park, **The Legends Speak**, an informal panel discussion about Corvettes and Corvette racing, will begin.

~ Other parade laps: at 2:10 p.m., the **Logan Ridge Founders' Tour** cars, and at 2:45 the **Glenora Run Road Rallye and Community Bank GlenKhana** cars. The **Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour** will lap the original circuit at 3:15 p.m., followed at 3:50 p.m. by the **Concours d'Elegance** cars.

~ If you have young children with you, be sure to sign them up for the **Kid Racer School** that begins at 3 p.m. between Eighth and Ninth Streets. This is for children 3 to 7 years old and includes a 30-minute driving school and a chance to participate in the **Kid Racer Trophy Dash**, which starts at 5:30 p.m. Try to register in advance, to ensure your child's position in the event.

~ About 3:45 p.m. be on your way to the **Community Bank GlenKhana**, in the Community Bank parking lot

between Fourth and Fifth Streets. The Glenkhana is a fun competition for sports cars on a parking lot obstacle course. To enjoy this great event for spectating, go to the grass bank in the back of the parking lot.

~ At 4:30 p.m., watch for the **SVRA race cars** from Watkins Glen International to begin roaring into town. Enjoy the frenzy that accompanies more than 100 race cars in a four-block area.

~ Begin to make your way to a viewing location between Fourth and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, while you enjoy walking alongside these fabulous racing machines. You can watch the **Concours d'Elegance Awards Ceremony** at 5 p.m. at the Start-Finish Line. The **Official Opening Ceremonies** for the Festival, sponsored by Watkins Glen International and including Canadian and American anthems, begin at 5:35 pm.

~ At 6:10 p.m., the **SVRA Watkins Glen Heritage Tour**, a special race reenactment honoring cars from the early days of street racing in Watkins Glen, will get the green flag. The cars will re-grid for the main event, the **SVRA Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Reenactment**, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

You will feel the rumbling through the asphalt as five decades of racing machines, approximately 100 racing machines, continuously roar through the streets during two exciting laps of the original circuit! At the conclusion of their two laps of the old course, the race cars will depart for Watkins Glen International, as they must return before dusk. Note that most of the cars do not have headlights.

~ Musical **entertainment** continues, and Franklin Street will remain closed 9:30 p.m. Enjoy the party – and don't miss the Festival's finale: one of the area's most unique **fireworks** displays, scheduled for 9 p.m. at the rear of the Watkins Glen State Park parking lot. The show is framed by the cliff walls of the famous gorge, and is simply spectacular!

~ Finish off your day with a late dinner or snack at one of Watkins Glen's many fine restaurants.

We hope you enjoy your day reliving Watkins Glen racing history!



Franklin Street is filled with fans checking out the SVRA cars before the reenactment last year. (photo by Bill Green)

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## The Day Begins at Tech Inspection

By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

The official start to a day of racing is taking the car through Tech Inspection. The way to start the day at the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is to visit Smalley's Garage at 9:30 a.m. to observe the Tech Inspection reenactment for SVRA cars. Located on Franklin Street between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, Smalley's Garage was the site for Tech Inspection from the very first race in 1948.

Flossie Smalley, Lester Smalley's wife, was the chief tech inspector. Installed behind the garage at her card table, with her straw hat and white coat, her final word was law regarding the race-worthiness of participating cars.

These days, Flossie's role is presented by Adele Sautter of Dundee. Adele was first asked to portray Flossie for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival in 1998 and has been invited back every year since.

Adele's credentials for this activity are rooted in her background of maintaining and restoring cars for family and friends. While she does undertake some mechanical work, her talents lie in bodywork, welding, fabricating and painting. Projects include her 1960 Jaguar Mk IX (found across the street, or possibly in Concours), a 1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider, a 1905 Packard and a soon-to-be-started 1953 Mercedes Benz 220a Cabriolet (which was her first total restoration, back in 1961).

So, stop by and witness the traditional Tech Inspection at Smalley's Garage and stick around to visit with "Flossie" after its completion.



Adele Sautter, left, portrays Flossie Smalley, chief tech inspector, at the 2002 Smalley's Tech Inspection. Under scrutiny is an Allard J2. (photo by Bill Green)



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## The Original Rally: The Glenora Run

By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

The Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is unique for many reasons, but participatory automotive events may be what keep Watkins Glen close to the hearts of many sports car enthusiasts.

Early Friday morning, while downtown Watkins Glen is still preparing for the events to begin, 130 vintage and sports cars are gathering at Glenora Wine Cellars, north of the village, for a full day of driving excitement in the Glenora Run Road Rallye. Rarely at automotive events or shows, other than organized road rallies, are participants encouraged to drive their cars as part of the event. In Watkins Glen, enjoying the abilities of the cars is the *raison d'être*.

After assembling at Glenora Wine Cellars, the cars depart on four different rally-style routes throughout the local countryside, watching for checkpoints, following cryptic clues and answering questions, testing the skill and relationship of driver and navigator.

Upon completion of the routes, all participants converge in Montour Falls to be staged for a lap through the Schuyler Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility parking lot, then on to Watkins Glen State Park for lunch. The parking lot lap is always a highlight for drivers as well as the residents, who

wave racing flags and cheer on the drivers – perhaps remembering days past when cars raced through the streets of Watkins Glen.

After lunch and a program, the cars take to the streets again, this time to follow the route that the original race cars followed. For most participants, these “two laps of the old course” are perhaps the most significant part of the day. Even though there is regular traffic, and speeds must be kept safe and legal, there's quite a thrill in reliving the excitement that these country roads once saw. It can be a little tricky to navigate the twists and turns, especially entering the Stone Bridge and heading out the other side.

Finally, cars, drivers and navigators assemble on the streets of Watkins Glen, where they stay until the evening's events are over. Some cars will participate in the Community Bank GlenKhana, a parking lot obstacle course, which begins soon after the laps of the old course.

Because this event is so unique, and so well enjoyed by the participants, registration usually fills early, before it actually “goes public.” This is just another reason the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen is a one-of-a-kind event in sports car circles.

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## Founders' Tour Route Extended

By **CARL BENSON**

The Founders' Tour is a unique venue of the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen.

The Founders' Tour brings together 100 special participants, their cars, and guests for a day that includes an elegant lunch, an unparalleled, world-class cross-country driving experience, two laps of the original Watkins Glen road course and special reserved downtown parking. The experience is truly exhilarating, presenting the passion and excitement of a vintage enthusiast's dream.

New for 2003 is the expansion of the cross-country tour; now doubled in distance to approximately 25 miles for your driving fun.


Hosted by Logan Ridge Estates Winery situated on the eastern hillside of Seneca Lake, 10 miles north of Watkins Glen, the breathtaking scenic experience for pre-registered participants begins at 11 a.m. The gathering opens with time for enthusiasts to enjoy comradeship and share unique facts of their favorite pursuit before lunching at Petioles, the spacious restaurant at Logan Ridge. While enjoying their meal, the guests overlook the region's spectacular countryside of lakes, vineyards and serene rolling hills.

A drivers meeting, at which participants will be greeted by the event host and sponsor, a guest speaker and the event director, will be presented during the lunch. At the conclusion of the luncheon, a random drawing will be held for five lucky participants to lead the tour.

The escorted tour rolls off at approximately 1 p.m. for the new exciting and challenging cross-country drive. When the group arrives in downtown Watkins Glen at about 2 p.m., Founders' Tour participants take two laps of the original Watkins Glen Grand Prix circuit. They will enjoy many historic road racing landmarks along the way, including Cornett's Stone Bridge, Big Bend and Milliken's Corner.

Downtown spectators, you will have the distinct opportunity to view an exhibition of these sports and classic cars. Have your camcorders and cameras ready as the Founders' Tour, part of over 500 vintage entries, takes its historic laps and parks downtown for your inspection.


Should the Founders' Tour pique your interest, share the fun and exhilaration with us next year at our unique Festival - where the participants and their cars are a dynamic and integral part of an historic racing heritage. Enroll early, as limited openings fill quickly.



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## Two-Seaters Welcomed on Roadster Tour

By JIM LEHMAN

The Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour reconfigures an established rally, and, as its name suggests, this inaugural event is open to cars of any vintage or marque as long as they are two-seat convertibles.

Participants in the Roadster Tour meet at the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen at 8:30 a.m. With their coffee, participants are able to briefly tour the Center, including viewing the Porsche 962 used extensively by A.J. Foyt during the 1987-1988 racing season.

At 9:30, cars depart for a guided, yet spirited, run to Romulus, where Knapp Vineyards Winery and Restaurant is located. Following registration, Kathy Pasqua, Knapp's general manager, will greet guests and present participants with a commemorative bottle of Knapp wine. She has selected a Cabernet Franc from Knapp's premium red wines for this occasion.

Participants have ample time to wander the beautifully landscaped gardens and vineyards as well as tour the tasting room, which, in addition to a wide assortment of wines and cordials, has many unique gifts and gourmet foods for sale.

Lunch is at noon on the garden patio overlooking the vineyards. Following a brief drivers meeting, participants depart on one of two rally routes created by Tom Gray, chairman of the Festival's Community Bank Glenkhana. While both routes ultimately bring drivers to the south entrance to Watkins Glen State Park, one route takes drivers through some of the most scenic roads on the east side of Seneca Lake while the second route explores the beauty of the west side of Cayuga Lake.

Depending on time of arrival, drivers arriving at the State Park have a chance to explore some of the nearby waterfalls prior to being briefed and staged for two laps of the original Watkins Glen race circuit.

Nearly halfway through the 6.6-mile circuit, at the famous Stone Bridge, a professional photographer snaps pictures of the cars as they cross the bridge. Participants are able to purchase a picture of their roadster at the photographer's booth on Franklin Street. Following laps of the original course, cars

are parked for display along Fifth Street leading to Lafayette Park, the site of the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance and other Festival activities.

For the drivers who bundled tickets to the Zippo Vintage U.S. Grand Prix with their Roadster tour registration, the festivities and comradeship continue Saturday and Sunday at Watkins Glen International. While at the track, corral parking will assure that these Sporting Roadsters continue to receive the attention they deserve.

If you have a roadster and have an interest in participating in a weekend of fun at next year's Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour, act now as registration for this event closes quickly.

**In 1962, General Motors gave Corvettes to six of the seven original Mercury astronauts – John Glenn declined the freebie.**



M.R.J. Wyllie and his wife, Peggy, pause after Wyllie's victory in the 1953 Seneca Cup. He drove an XK120 Jaguar. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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## Zippo Tour de Marque for Corvettes Begins at National Warplane Museum

By JOHN MERRILL

As Chevrolet celebrates the occasion of Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen believes that it should recognize Corvette's success at Watkins Glen with the featured marque designation.

This year's Zippo Tour de Marque has a unique venue and format that was planned to provide the participants with an opportunity to experience the best of Watkins Glen, namely the original course, (now listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and Watkins Glen International. To fit this all into the first half of the day, a tight schedule was established.

Arrival and registration, at the National Warplane Museum in Big Flats ([www.warplane.org](http://www.warplane.org)), allows participants to view an outstanding collection of military aviation memorabilia. Then, after a short run over to Watkins Glen International, everyone will enjoy a terrific brunch at WGI's Tower Club. After a driver's meeting, drivers and passengers are called to their cars to begin laps of WGI's "Thunder Road."

After completion, and with many smiles of accomplishment, the Tour leaves WGI for the original race circuit. Coming to a stop at the original start/finish line, the

excitement of entering the first turn of this historic course will be felt by all. Two laps later, as they enter special parking in the main entrance area of Watkins Glen State Park, there should be smiles all around. Participants then have the remainder of the afternoon to enjoy exhibits, fireworks and talk Corvette history.

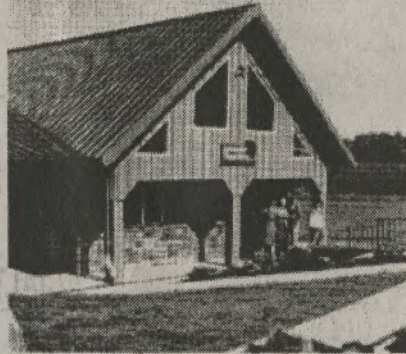
Admission tickets for Saturday and Sunday's races at the Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at WGI, with special Corvette Corral parking while at the track, was a part of the overall Tour de Marque program, and makes for a truly remarkable weekend.



The unusual Zippo car was a star of last year's festival. Zippo of Bradford, Pa., has long been a sponsor of the Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix SVRA races at Watkins Glen International. This year, Zippo joins the Grand Prix Festival as the sponsor of the Zippo Tour de Marque. (photo by Bill Green)

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## Model Car Concours Popular Exhibit, Relocated to Lafayette Park This Year

By RICH CHERNOSKY

Car lovers at the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen know it's not the size that counts. The popularity of the Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance is evidence of that.

The Model Car Concours is an exhibition of cars in miniature, featuring die-cast and plastic models of all scales and marques. Many of these cars are exact reproductions of the original, with some featuring working suspension and steering. All the cars were built by local craftsman and are part of their private collections.

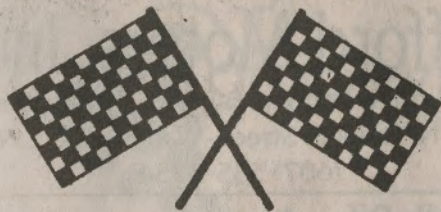
In 2002, 170 people entered 200 pieces for display in five classes, and festival attendees voted for their favorite entry. Stop by and choose your favorite from among this year's entries.

Modelers will be on hand throughout the day to discuss their work.

The Model Car Concours d'Elegance is located in Lafayette Park, very close to the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance.

The exhibition will open at 10 a.m.

Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance organizer Rich Chernosky watches over the 2002 entries. (photo by Bill Green)



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# Lafayette Park: Lovely New Site of Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance

By DAVE WILD

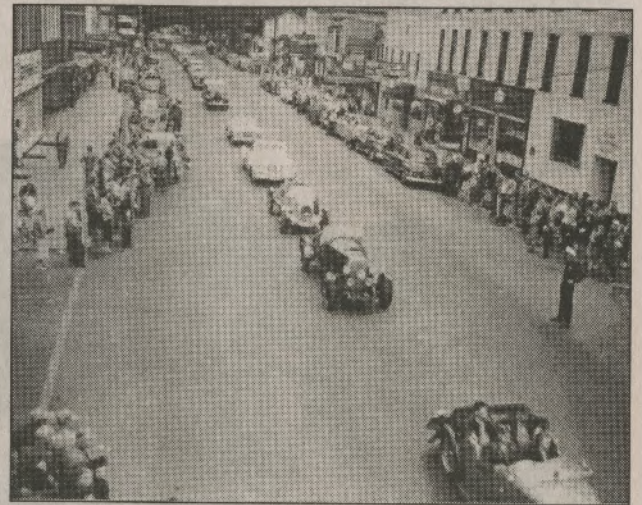
Watkins Glen's historic Lafayette Park is the site this year for the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance. This genteel setting, with its stately trees and inviting walkways, will complement the beauty of the cars it welcomes.

The Concours d'Elegance Committee has retained the special Premier Class for the winning cars of previous Concours and preservation awards will be provided this year. Those cars are also eligible for the People's Choice Award.

Judging is performed in accordance with basic Concours rules of historic accuracy, beauty of line, preparation and appropriateness for their design intent.

We continue to make special efforts to display a wide variety of the types of cars that were present during the early years of racing at Watkins Glen. The selection process allows for rare and unusual cars that may have the patina of age, as well as fully restored cars.

Last year we were very pleased to host not one but two ex-works MGA Sebring coupes: the 1961 of Frank Graham from Teaneck, N.J., and the 1962 of Hugh Burruss Jr. of Midlothian, Va. The Burruss car will be back with us this year,



Cars in the 1953 Concours d'Elegance drive north on Franklin Street. (from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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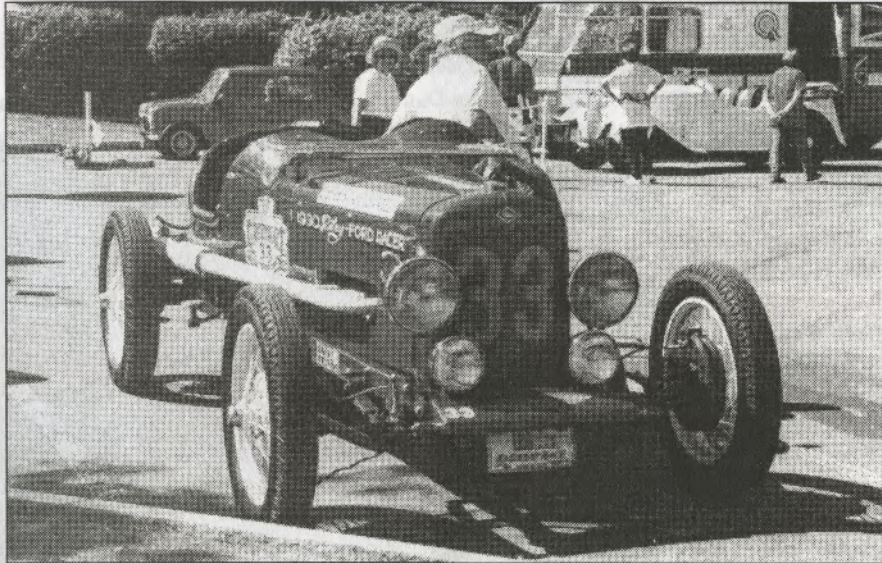
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as well as the 1973 DeTomaso Pantera of Chris Christensen of Fairport, N.Y. and the 1950 Riley RMC roadster of John Thompson of Webster, N.Y.

A nice example of a British car with Italian-styled body was with us last year in the quite rare 1961 Triumph Italia 2000 GT coupe belonging to Dave Hutchison from Quakertown, Pa.



This 1930 Riley Ford Racer was among the historic beauties in the 2002 Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance. (photo by Bill Green)

Representing cars of the 1920s was the 1928 Willys Knight roadster of William Lesio from Webster, N.Y. The engine in this car was of "sleeve" valve design instead of the common "poppet" style valve and was used to power several other makes of its era, including the Stearns-Knight and even the Belgian Minerva. Last year's Concours entries spanned the period from 1928 to 1976.

We thank the owners of these fine vehicles for sharing them with the enthusiasts here today, and for helping to preserve and celebrate Watkins Glen's road racing heritage. We hope you take the time to view each of these outstanding pieces of history in Lafayette Park, then watch as they parade around the original 6.6-mile road course for two laps.



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Beginning at the Start/Finish Line of the original road course, in front of the Schuyler County Courthouse and heading north, follow this walk to take a stroll back through time. At the end of your walk, which circles back to the Start/Finish Line, you'll have met the foundation of the sport of road racing in Watkins Glen.

Proposed honored drivers for this year and the location of their markers:

- Dr. Richard Thompson, winner of the 1962 Glen Trophy, in a Corvette, and winner of the 1963 Glen Classic, in a Corvette Grand Sport. *Schuyler County Courthouse.*
- Frank "Junior" DeSarno, competed in Corvettes at the Glen in the late 1950s. *Smalley's Garage.*

- Zora Arkus-Duntov, of Corvette fame and driver of a Cadillac-Allard in the 1949 Watkins Glen Grand Prix. *Clifford Motors.*
- George Caswell, one of the original drivers on the 1948 grid. *Courthouse.*
- Bruce McLaren, winner of the 1969 Watkins Glen Can-Am and the Can-Am championship. *Glen Office Supply.*
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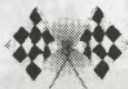
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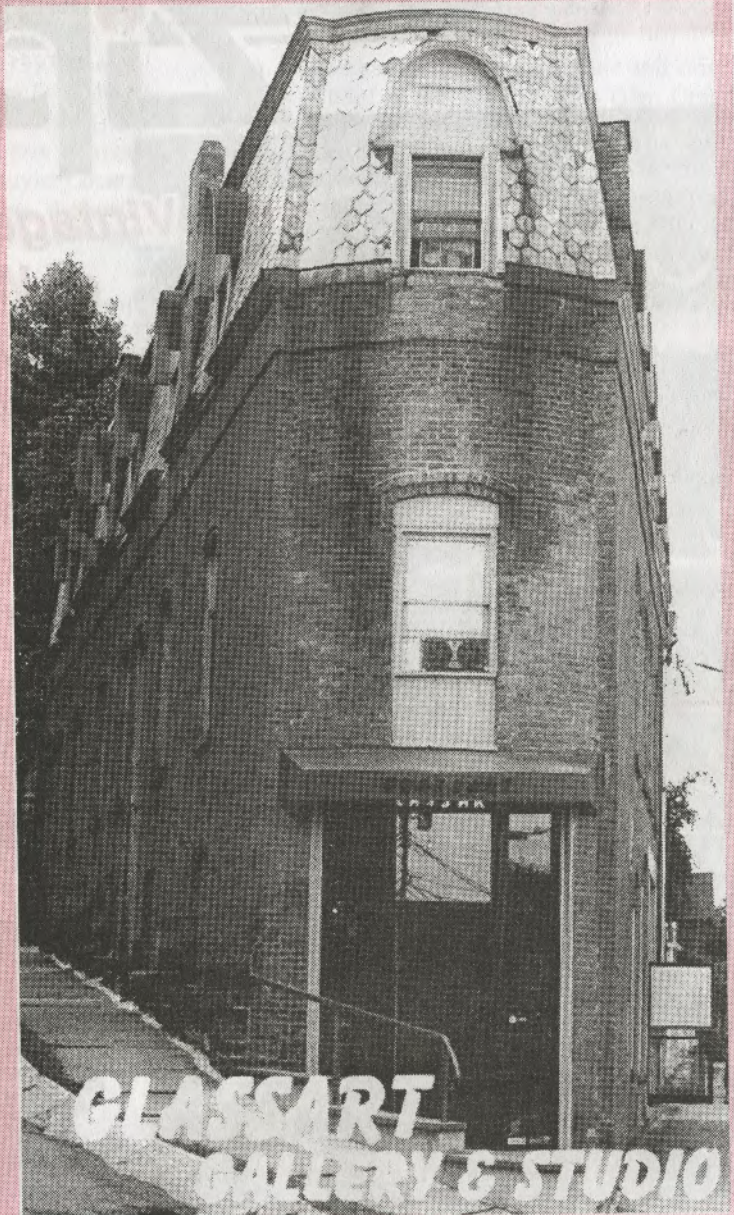


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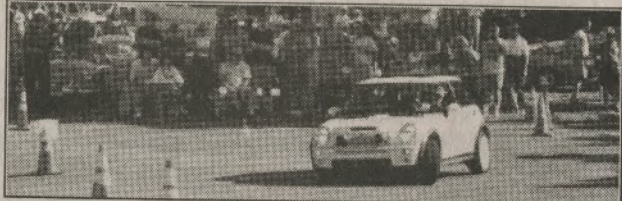
## Fun and Action at the GlenKhana

By **TERRIE SAUTTER**

Take 20 sports cars, confine them to a standard-sized downtown parking lot and add some cones, "games of skill" and other obstacles and you have the Community Bank GlenKhana.

Drivers of skill, accompanied by their navigators of daring – and trust! – accept the challenge of the GlenKhana after participating in the Glenora Run. After an introductory walk-through of the obstacle course, drivers are timed as they put their cars through their paces.

They attempt to navigate slaloms, drive into "gates" forward and backwards – touching but not "killing" cones. They circle around a bucket "at speed" while the navigator

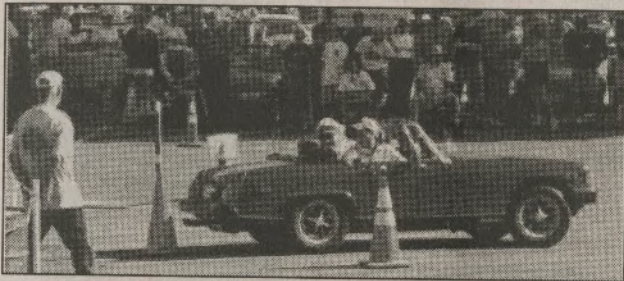


The crowd watches as a Mini Cooper goes through the Community Bank GlenKhana course at the 2002 Grand Prix Festival. (photo by Bill Green)

attempts to sink a basket with a ring of keys, or other silly, seemingly fast, skill-testing activities. Teams are head-to-head against the clock and each other.

Truly as much fun for spectators as participants, the GlenKhana packs an amazing amount of automotive action in a very small space. While some drivers look forward to pitting their skills against the committee's design year after year, each Festival draws some new participants, which is all the fun. Some folks attack with speed, letting finesse take the high ground, others learn that slow and steady often wins the race.

Stop by the Community Bank parking lot around 3 p.m. to check out the fun and action at the GlenKhana. So much fun, in so little time, and such a little space!



An MG Midget tries to avoid the cones during last year's Community Bank GlenKhana. (photo by Bill Green)

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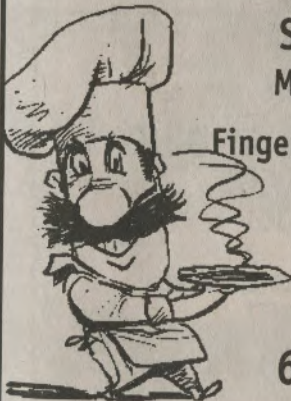
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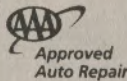
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## The Legends Speak: An Insider's View of Corvettes

Corvette racer Justin Bell will be among the panelists at *The Legends Speak*, presented by the International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen.

*The Legends Speak* is a panel seminar featuring folks who have their place in Watkins Glen history books or who have significant roles in the world of motorsports.

This event gives spectators the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of these "legends."

*Legends Speak* is at 2 p.m. at Lafayette Park, site also of the *Concours d'Elegance*.

Panelists will be asked to spend a few moments on their own motorsports background and then focus on their involvement with Corvettes. This is an informal, interactive discussion.

Bell, son of Derek Bell, is one of the greatest endurance racers ever and a popular crowd favorite at The Glen. He won the 1984, 1985 and 1986 Camel Continental and 1985 New York 500 with Al Holbert. He races in Trans-Am and the Rolex Series. He was the fastest qualifier for the 2003 Rolex 24 At Daytona. He also runs the Justin Bell driving school in West Palm Beach.

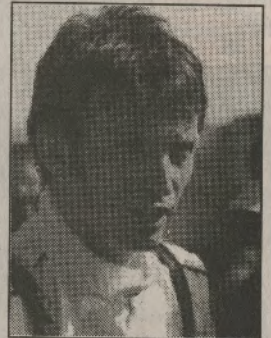
Panelist Richard Earl is the grandson of GM stylist Harley Earl, who first conceived the Corvette while attending the

Watkins Glen Grand Prix in 1951. Harley was impressed by the American race fans' response to the European sports cars.

Panelist Ed Diehl has been a road racer since 1960 and was a driver with Bob Tullius. He has several regional championships and today races a Triumph Spitfire in SCCA regional and national events and drives a vintage Saab in historic races.

Frank "Junior" DeSarno of Watkins Glen raced Corvettes in the late 1950s.

Bill Bradshaw will be the master of ceremonies for *The Legends Speak*. Bradshaw was chief grid marshal for the U.S. Grand Prix and all other professional races at the Glen from 1963 through 1980. He also has served in many leadership roles in the Sports Car Club of America.



Corvette racer Justin Bell will be participating in *The Legends Speak* as well as meeting Corvette fans on the Courthouse lawn, where he will be showing off the new C5.

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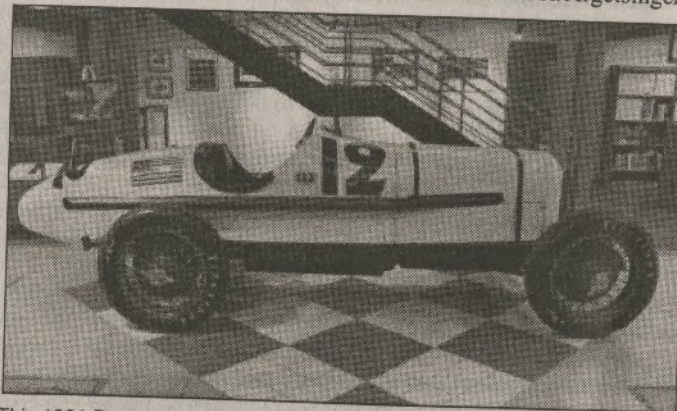
The International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen is unique in its mission and offerings as a research and archival center.

"There are many great automotive and racing museums around the world," Sir Jackie Stewart, three-time World Champion, said as the honored guest at the opening of the Racing Research Center in June 1999. "But what has been created at Watkins Glen, a center for archives and real research, is truly unique and a tremendous asset to the whole racing community."

This one-of-a-kind facility is located at 610 S. Decatur St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

The Center is entirely supported by people committed to the preservation of racing's heritage worldwide. The core of the collection is more than 2,500 rare and reference books, as well as hundreds of films, race posters and programs, magazines, rare documents, club records and manuscripts and thousands of photographs.

"Our mission is to be the world-class leader in the collection of materials representing the documentary heritage of amateur and professional racing," says Center President Cameron R. Argetsinger.



This 1921 Duesenberg is considered to be the most historic American race car because it won the 1921 French Grand Prix and the 1922 Indianapolis 500. The Duesenberg was on display at the International Motor Racing Research Center earlier this year, on loan from the Indianapolis Hall of Fame Museum. (photo by Adrian Ketchum)

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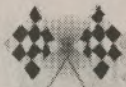
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The Center is designed to serve as both a research library and an archive and welcomes both the serious researcher and the casual fan. Journalists, authors and researchers unable to come to the Center are invited to submit their questions to the Center's staff. The cost of research services is based on the extent of the question, and oftentimes is handled free of charge.

Since opening, almost 7,000 people have visited the Center. Well over 1,000 reference questions have been answered, and most were submitted by e-mail.

The Center's archival function also is to preserve the records of the motorsports industry - for today's burdensome paperwork is tomorrow's historical documentation. For example, the IMSA records held here in the library are proving an invaluable resource for historians.

"Almost all of the Center's materials have been donated by those interested in the preservation of the history of motorsports," Argetsinger says. "The Center's funding also is donated, as it receives no local, state or federal operating money."

Funding comes through membership in the Center's 2003 Sponsorship Team, an endowment, and outright gifts, Argetsinger says. The 2003 membership campaign is chaired by driving legend Mario Andretti. The Center also organizes a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year, such as auctions and raffles.

The Center's Council is composed of racing aficionados, library professionals, and civic and community leaders. John Bishop is Council chairman. The Center is dedicated to Bishop, founder of IMSA, for his commitment to the creation of the facility.

A Drivers Council also advises on Center operations. Its members are legendary in motorsports: Sir Jackie Stewart, Hurley Haywood, Rusty Wallace and Mario Andretti.

## Volunteers Key to Festival's Success

By MAX NEAL

The talent, commitment, dedication and willingness to be flexible are the incredible characteristics of the volunteers who have made the Grand Prix Festival a continuing success as it heads into its 10th anniversary.

Several folks have been volunteering since the Festival began; others are new this year. We are indeed fortunate to have so many volunteers return year after year to help celebrate the history of road racing in America and more specifically here in the village of Watkins Glen, where it all began 55 years ago on a crisp fall day in 1948.

When we reflect on the beginning, we also must think of volunteers, as it was a group of volunteers who rallied around a young man, Cameron Argetsinger. They shared his vision; they

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committed themselves to the vision; and they had strength in their conviction that bringing the Sports Car Grand Prix to Watkins Glen was simply the right thing to do. And, so they did it!

Now, 55 years later, it is still the right thing to do, and volunteers come from all over the country to lend a hand in keeping the tradition of road racing through the streets of Watkins Glen alive and well.

Today, 150 volunteers are needed to pull the event together. Their jobs are varied, and all are important spokes in the wheel that drives the event to a successful conclusion year after year. There are many opportunities for volunteer participation. Some examples are merchandise sales, rolling sports cars events, hospitality and visitor information, the Concours d'Elegance and of, course, the fun jobs – setting up and cleaning up.

All pre-registered volunteers are invited to attend the traditional "Gentlemen (and Ladies) Start Your Engines" reception held at Hidden Valley Youth Camp in Watkins Glen, right across from the Stone Bridge, the site on the original race course of Denver Cornett's famous ride! Racing celebrities, Watkins Glen International officials, special guests, government officials and business people attend and join in the celebration the evening before the Festival!

After remembering, reminiscing, and recollecting, volunteers meet with event chairpersons to clarify their duties and to ask questions. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellow

volunteers to meet, renew old acquaintances, and make new friends. It is also a convenient time to pick up volunteer packets that contain an event T-shirt, food tickets and other thank you "goodies."

As always, one of the greatest reasons for volunteering is the thrill of contributing to, and being a part of, history and tradition.

If you haven't signed up to volunteer this year, think about it for the 2004 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen.

## How to Participate

By CASEY CREAMER

Everywhere you go these days there are festivals. You have your strawberry, garlic, cherry, apple, maple festivals. And what town within earshot of a body of water doesn't have a waterfront festival? Also, don't think that Watkins Glen is the only town to have a vintage racing or sports car festival. But the Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen has one thing that makes it a one of a kind festival: participation.

Clearly, more than half of all Grand Prix Fest attendees are actually participants instead of just spectators in one way or another. In this festival you are the show. Why just watch the show when you can actually be the show?

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- For vintage sports and classic cars there is always the ever popular Glenora Run road rallye.
- For all years and makes of sports and classic cars there is always the Logan Ridge Founders Tour.
- If your car is the Festival marque – this year the marque is Corvette – you can sign up to participate in the Zippo Tour de Marque. The 2004 marque is the MG.
- If you have a truly concours condition car worth showing off, you may be able to get accepted into the Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance.
- If you have small children, there may be room for them in the "Kid Racer" program sponsored by Schuyler County 4-H.
- And, if your prize car is actually in miniature, we even have The Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance.

- If your taste leans more toward parking lot humor, you would certainly want to be one of the 20 cars participating in the Community Bank GlenKhana.
- If you don't have any cool cars and still want to participate, you can always join our volunteer staff. These are the people who make it possible for the others to participate.

Although this year's participants get first dibs on available spaces in next year's rolling events, drop by Festival Headquarters at Specchio Ford on Franklin Street and fill out a registration form for the remaining spots. Then you will be in the show for 2004 and have first dibs on 2005 and beyond. What a deal!

Headquarters also is the place to go to sign up to be a volunteer at future Festivals.

If you miss getting on the lists on Festival day, call Watkins Glen Promotions at 607-535-3003 to sign up or visit the Festival Web site at [www.grandprixfestival.com](http://www.grandprixfestival.com).

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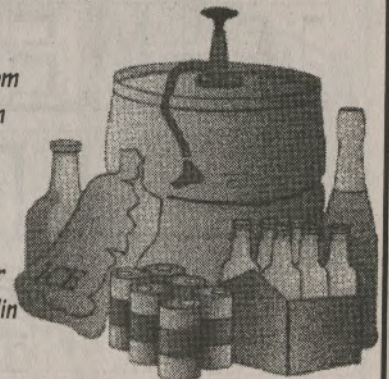
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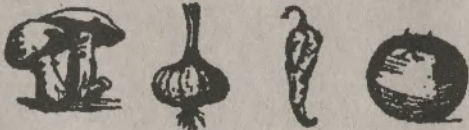
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## SVRA Race Cars Highlight of Festival

By JACK WOEHRLE

The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association, founded over 20 years ago with the vision of keeping vintage race cars on race tracks where they belong, has been a vital part of the Grand Prix Race Reenactment since the Grand Prix Festival began in 1993.

Drivers who participate in the reenactment look forward to this unique racing experience as a high point of their racing weekend, and Festival spectators have a front-row seat to view this rolling museum of immaculately preserved historic race cars as the glorious past roars to life before their eyes.

The people of Watkins Glen remained excited and involved in the racing that moved to the new track outside town in the 1950s, but it was never the same as when the cars raced through town. By 1993, residents became convinced that Watkins Glen could capitalize on the growing nostalgia associated with the early races through the town and over the nearby country roads.

The first years of the Festival saw cautious participation by the racers who gather annually for the SVRA Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen International. Today, the Festival is an anticipated addition to the weekend.

Planning, cooperation and adjustments are needed between SVRA, Watkins Glen International, the Schuyler County Sheriff's Department, the village of Watkins Glen, Watkins Glen Promotions and the racers to organize getting

over 100 race cars into town, around the course and then back to the race track before dark.

The watershed year was 1998 when the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of post-World War II road racing at Watkins Glen was celebrated. Everyone went all out, and 187 race cars made the trip around the original 6.6-mile circuit.

The SVRA Race Reenactment continues to be the high point of the Festival for many.

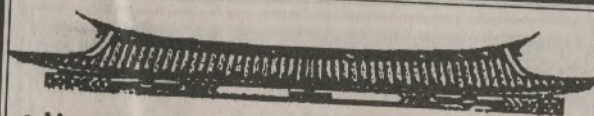
The cars enter the village at about 4:30 p.m. and are parked along Franklin Street so the fans can get a closer look and the drivers can enjoy the festivities. At 6:30 p.m., the cars are cranked up in a riot of sound, smoke and color.

Spectators find their favorite spots on the course, and many locations have hay bales and corner workers, just as the circuit did between 1948 and 1952.

Just as the last of the cars move out, the beginning cars are finishing their first lap, approaching Millken's Corner and Franklin Street. This is history come alive!

After two passes through the village, the cars are then led back as a group to Watkins Glen International just before dark. Once again, Watkins Glen eases back into a quaint and quiet destination for visitors, just as it was before the racers came.

For more information about the SVRA, see its Web site at [www.svra.com](http://www.svra.com).



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## Memories Strong of Early Corvettes

By DAVE WILD

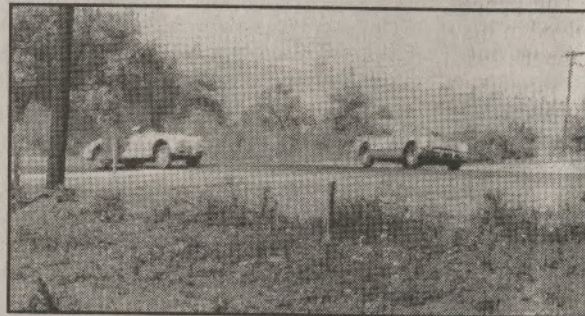
This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corvette and some say the 50<sup>th</sup> year of racing Corvettes.

Corvette really didn't have a reliable car until late 1955 (some would say 1957). I recall seeing a two-passenger Thunderbird regularly beating the Corvettes here at Watkins Glen! By the time the lightweight GS coupes were fully developed race cars, the factory disclaimed any involvement in racing. However, the Grady-Davis dealer-sponsored cars were fully equipped with suspension stress transducers and recording oscillographs strapped to the floor. A year later, GM claimed in ads that if couple replicate racing conditions in the laboratory. Hmmm!

Only one of the first two Corvettes still exists. Serial No. 1 was destroyed by the factory. Serial No. 2, which became experimental Ex-122 (built in June 1953), was sold to Russ Sanders and then to a Rochester, N.Y., owner, the late Jack Ingle. This car, now in a private collection in New Jersey, was originally painted red with a white interior, just the opposite of the production cars. Before its sale, Ex-122 was an experimental "test mule" for the factory. It was modified many times on a GM model-shop basis as GM tested various equipment configurations and left the factory with an early V8 instead of the six-cylinder coupled to the

Powerglide transmission. Ex-122 was restored years ago to its state when it left the factory by a Rochester Products engineer. Jon Blanchette of Fairport, N.Y., did the work for Jack Ingle.

Mr. Ingle entered the car in our Concours a few years back. As a factory "test mule," it is a very interesting car in its own right. Unfortunately, we hear that it has been modified somewhat since.



Addison Austin drives his No. 64 Corvette in the 1955 Watkins Glen Grand Prix. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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## Watkins Glen Promotions Organizes Festival

By BEV GEDVILLAS

Watkins Glen Promotions was organized in November 1993 to plan and manage quality special events in Schuyler County. Its goal was to bring visitors into the community to showcase the natural beauty and creative talents of the area.

Watkins Glen Promotion, a non-profit corporation, is operated by a board of volunteers that held its first official meeting on May 3, 1994. It was led by President Rick Weakland. The current president is Marianne Shoemaker, who has been a part of Watkins Glen Promotions for many years.

Watkins Glen Promotion sponsors several community events each year. The year kicks off with the **Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival and Cardboard Boat Regatta**, held every June at Seneca Harbor Park on the shores of Seneca Lake in downtown Watkins Glen. It is a full day of activities for the entire family, highlighted by the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

Summer wouldn't be summer without an **Independence Day Celebration**. This year's event was at Clute Park and was sponsored by Newschannel 36, WENY TV. This festive event included family games, live music, a lighted boat parade and a chicken barbecue to support the Burdett Fire Department and the Schuyler County Italian-American Festival. An ice cream social helped raise money for the new Lakeside Skate Park being built in Clute Park.

The night was capped off by a spectacular fireworks display over Seneca Lake.

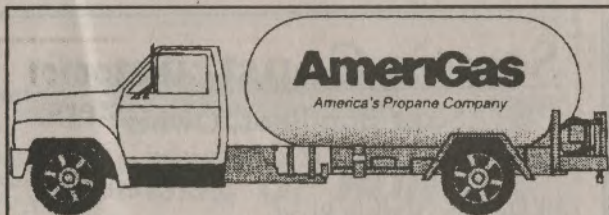
In early August, **Racing Thunder In The Glen** offers a fun-filled afternoon and evening for all NASCAR fans. The village comes alive with the excitement of the Winston Cup Series. Show-cars from varied racing venues, live music; children's activities and more will get your blood pumping.

The **Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen** presented by the Chemung Canal Trust Co. is the premier event of the season. This event is held each September in conjunction with the Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix at Watkins Glen International. This all-day street festival celebrates the community's rich road racing heritage. Features include sports car events, race re-enactments, a Concours d'Elegance, live music, food court, wine tasting and much more. It's always exciting to "Return to the Streets of the Glen!"

Every town needs a Christmas celebration, and Watkins Glen is no exception. A **Village Christmas** is held in early December and brings together a community that enjoys celebrating its homespun roots. From handmade gifts to the greeting of neighbors and the lilting of carolers, this evening event is sure to brighten your holidays. Topped off with a parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus, it is a holiday tradition that is sure to please the whole family.

Watkins Glen Promotion does more than festivals. It works quietly behind the scenes to add to the attraction of the area. From the flower barrels on the street corners, to the raising of money for the Lakeside State Park, it is a community interest group always looking for ways to promote Watkins Glen.

To learn more about Watkins Glen Promotions, visit the Web site at: [www.watkinsglen.com/promotions](http://www.watkinsglen.com/promotions) or contact the office at Watkins Glen Promotions, 2 N. Franklin St., Watkins Glen, NY 14891; phone 607-535-3003; or e-mail at: [promotions@watkinsglen.com](mailto:promotions@watkinsglen.com).



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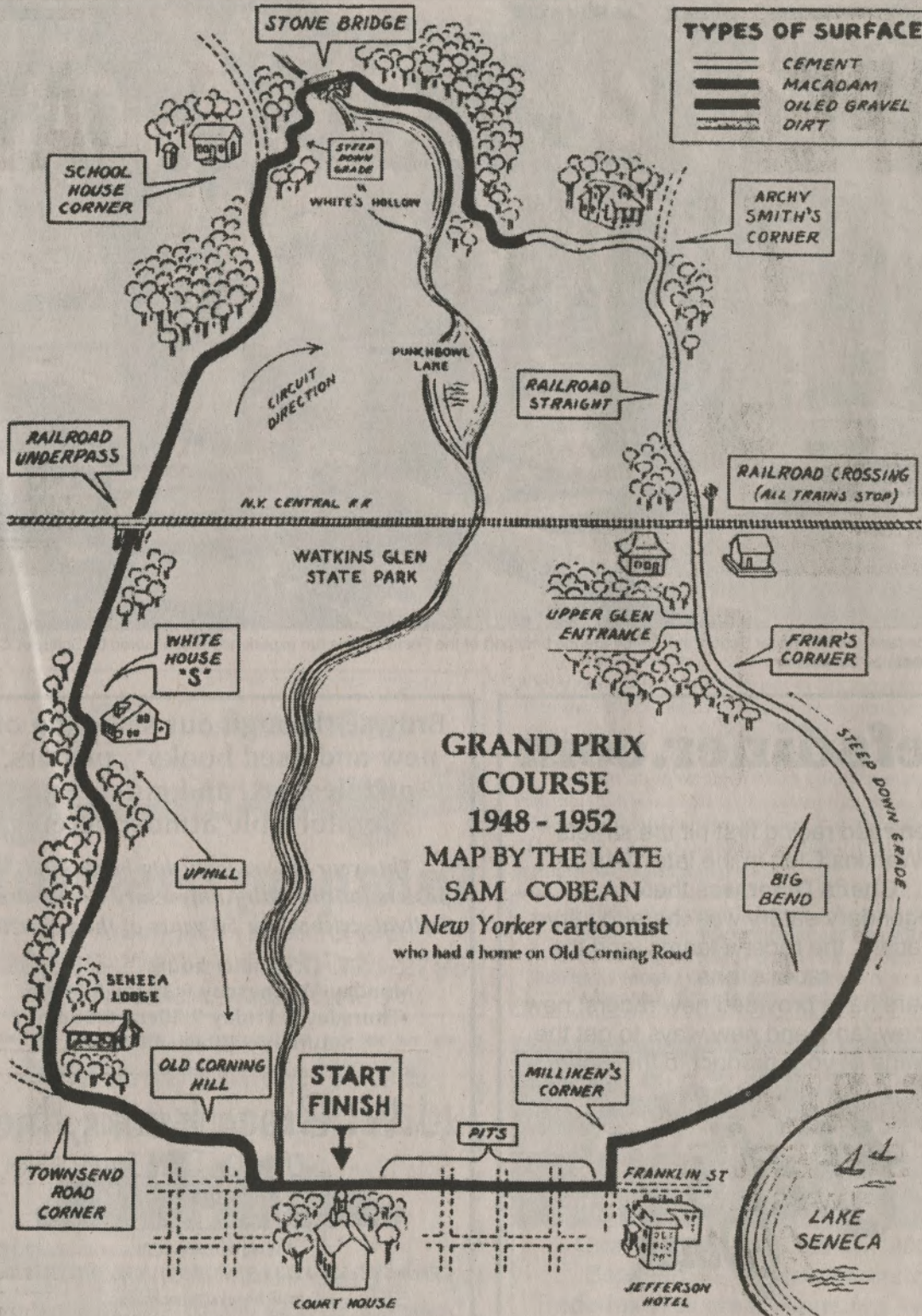
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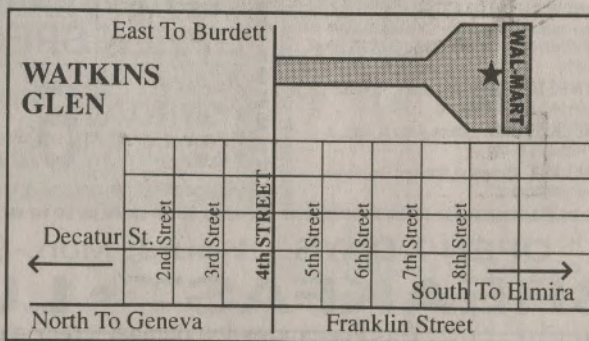


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George Moffett sits in his Osca after winning the 1953 Queen Catharine Cup race. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)

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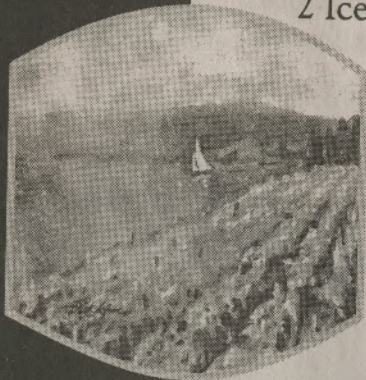
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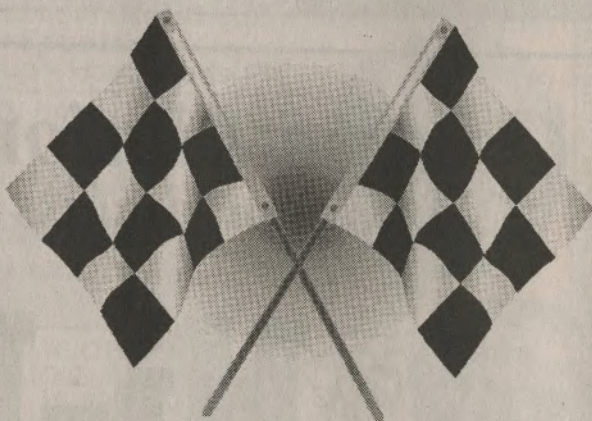


# Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen

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The inaugural Collier Brothers Memorial Trophy race, the Collier Cup, gets the green flag in 1954. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this race will be celebrated next year at the 2004 Grand Prix Festival of Watkins Glen. The MG will be the Festival marque. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)



**See You In 2004!!!**

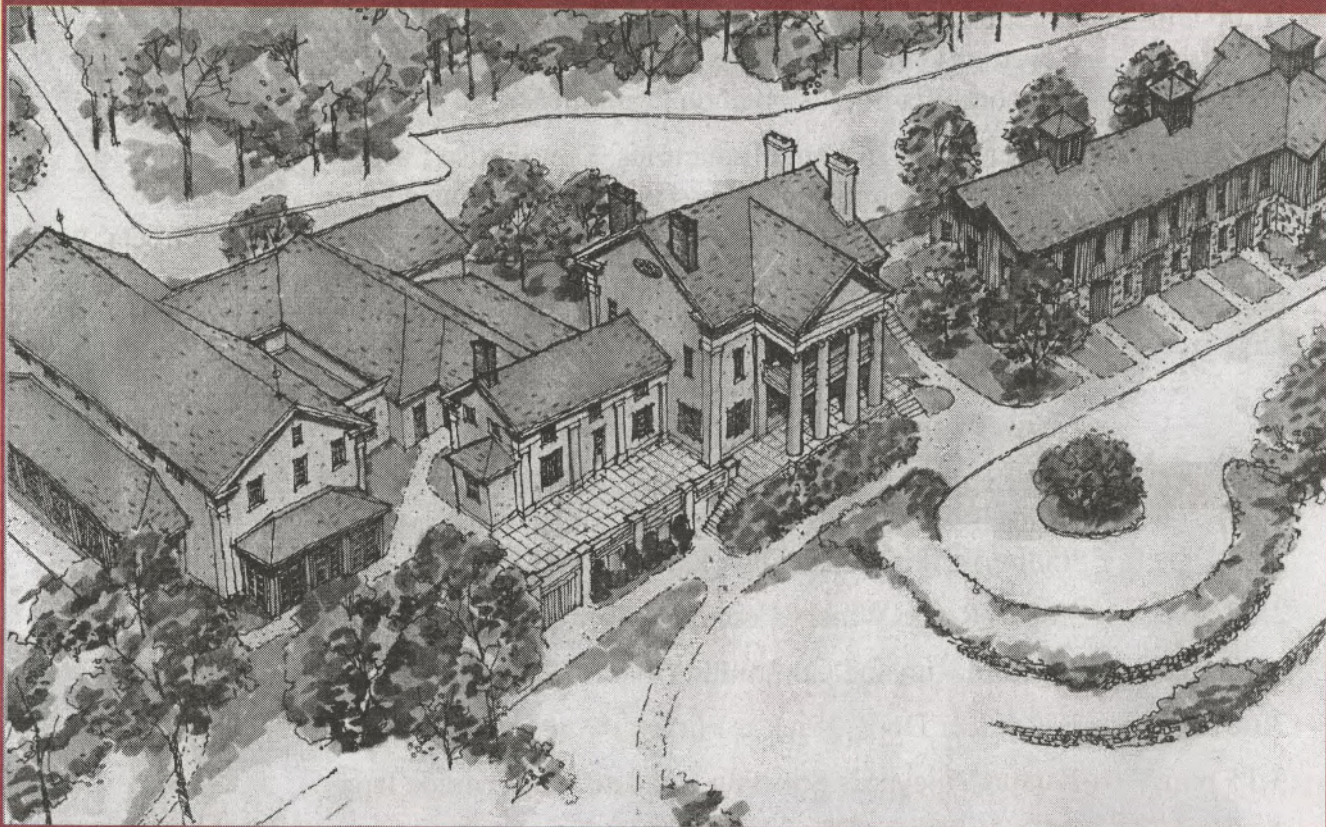
Gus Ehrman in an MGTD wears the laurel wreath after his victory in the inaugural Collier Brothers Memorial Trophy Race in 1954. (photo from the William Green Motor Racing Library)



## Festival Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. ~ SVRA Tech Inspection Reenactment, Smalley's Garage
- 10:00 a.m. ~ Chemung Canal Trust Concours d'Elegance begins, Lafayette Park  
~ Keystone Cards Model Car Concours d'Elegance begins, Lafayette Park  
~ Memorabilia booths open on Franklin Street
- 12 noon ~ Drivers Walk of Fame Inductions, Courthouse Lawn  
~ Wine Tasting and Food Court opens, Courthouse Lawn  
~ Fifth through 10<sup>th</sup> Streets closed between Franklin and Decatur Streets
- 12:30 p.m. ~ Music begins on the Courthouse lawn stage
- 1:00 p.m. ~ Franklin Street closed, between Second and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets  
~ Zippo Tour de Marque parade laps of the original race circuit  
~ Music begins at the Community Bank stage
- 2:00 p.m. ~ The Legends Speak, Lafayette Park  
~ Zippo Tour de Marque Corvettes parked for display  
in the Watkins Glen State Park parking lot
- 2:10 p.m. ~ Logan Ridge Winery Founders' Tour parade laps
- 2:45 p.m. ~ Glenora Run and Community Bank GlenKhana parade laps
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Kid Racer Derby, Pick-a-Flick parking lot
- 3:15 p.m. ~ Knapp Vineyards Sporting Roadster Tour parade laps
- 3:50 p.m. ~ Chemung Canal Concours d'Elegance parade laps  
~ Community Bank Glenkhana begins, Community Bank parking lot
- 4:30 p.m. ~ SVRA race cars arrive from Watkins Glen International
- 5:00 p.m. ~ Concours d'Elegance Awards Ceremony, original Start/Finish Line,  
Courthouse
- 5:30 p.m. ~ Kid Racer Derby, Pick-a-Flick parking lot
- 5:35 p.m. ~ Opening Ceremonies, original Start/Finish Line, Courthouse
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Original 6.6-mile circuit closed to traffic through 7:30 p.m.
- 6:10 p.m. ~ SVRA Watkins Glen Heritage Tour parade laps
- 6:30 p.m. ~ SVRA Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Reenactment
- 9:00 p.m. ~ Fireworks at the entrance to the Watkins Glen State Park Gorge
- 9:30 p.m. ~ Franklin Street re-opens

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