

Portland Historic Car Races Set For July 21

The only sport in which young men are proud and pleased to be old, just as long as they aren't slow and decrepit, will return to Portland International Raceway on Saturday, July 21. The event is the Portland Historic Car Races, and this will be the second annual run for the oldtimers—the cars, not the drivers—over the Delta Park course.

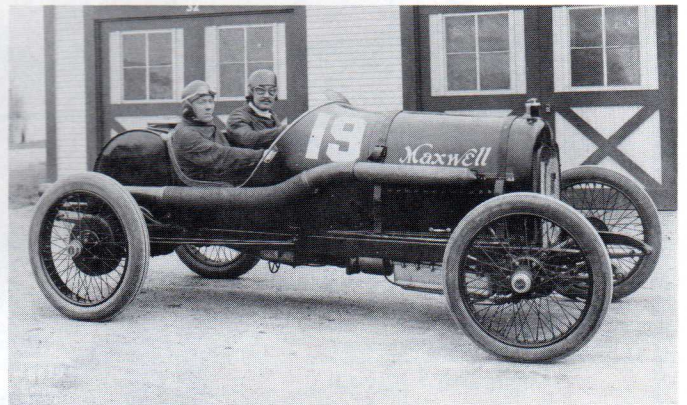
Without any doubt the Historic Car Races are the greatest all-family event of the PIR racing season. The kids (those under 12 are free if with a parent) turn on to the mint condition of these coddled oldtimers. At the other end of the scale, the grandpas take off on a real nostalgic kick as they admire cars that were famous when they were kids . . . and even before.

General Racing, Ltd. of Santa Barbara, CA, sponsor of the event, isn't predicting how many entries the 1979 Historic Cars Races will draw to Portland, but points with pride to the fact more than 50 of the oldtimers actually raced in 1978, the first year of the event. Oldest of the racers was a 1951 MG-TD driven by John Brookman of Saratoga, CA.

But these were the kids of the bunch. The really oldtimers sat in the paddock soaking up the sun and enjoying the fond caresses of admirers, some of whom couldn't quite believe cars existed in 1900.

And those that raced weren't just out for a Saturday afternoon spin. For example: Portland's Monte Shelton (1976 Rose Cup winner) won the first annual race for exhibition cars at an average speed of 96.899 miles per hour. Shelton, who is a Portland automobile dealer when he isn't racing cars, drove a 1972 Porsche 917-10. He had the fast lap of 1:07.55.

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Above: 1915 Maxwell

Below: 1915 Stutz



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