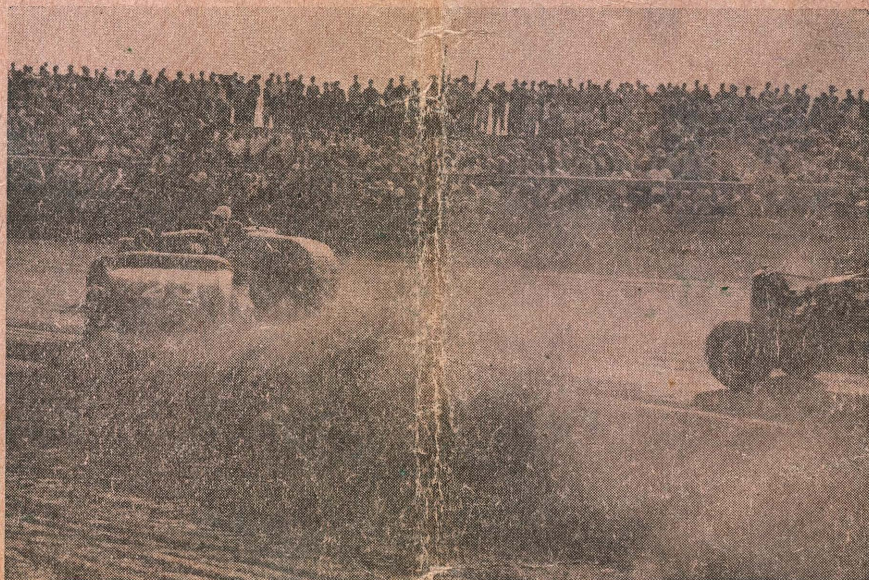


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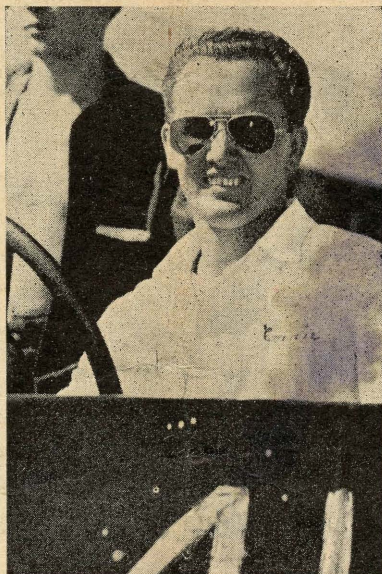
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## Presenting Connie Wiedell Pacific Coast Hot Rod Champion



The curtains part, the spotlights focus in the middle of the stage, a fanfare blares forth from the trumpet section, and this week we introduce the holder of the Pacific Coast Hot Rod Championship, CONNIE WIEDELL. Connie acquired this new title last Thanksgiving Day when he beat Jack McGrath to the finish line in one of the most thrilling races this writer has been privileged to witness.

Winning titles is nothing new to Connie, though, because in 1939 Wiedell walked off the stage of the Paramount Theatre in Los Angeles with the California Jitterbug Championship firmly stowed away. After this triumph, the Champ spent some time in the movies, dancing with Bette Davis in "Thank Your Lucky Stars" and Ann Miller in "True to the Army." But Wiedell gave up this dull life, (can you imagine anyone that would rather hold the steering wheel of a Roaring Roadster than Ann Miller??!!) and now spends his time as a mechanic at Wiedell's Speed Shop.

Connie, past secretary of the S.C.T.A. "Gophers", started his racing career this year at Oakland. Previously, he had run his Cad "T" through the traps at 128 mph, and a "Goin With the Wind" time of 133.92. No. 41, the Ford six that Connie races, is a Knewsen Special, and the same mill that Clay Smith uses in his record-breaking speed boat. It does well by Connie Wiedell, too.

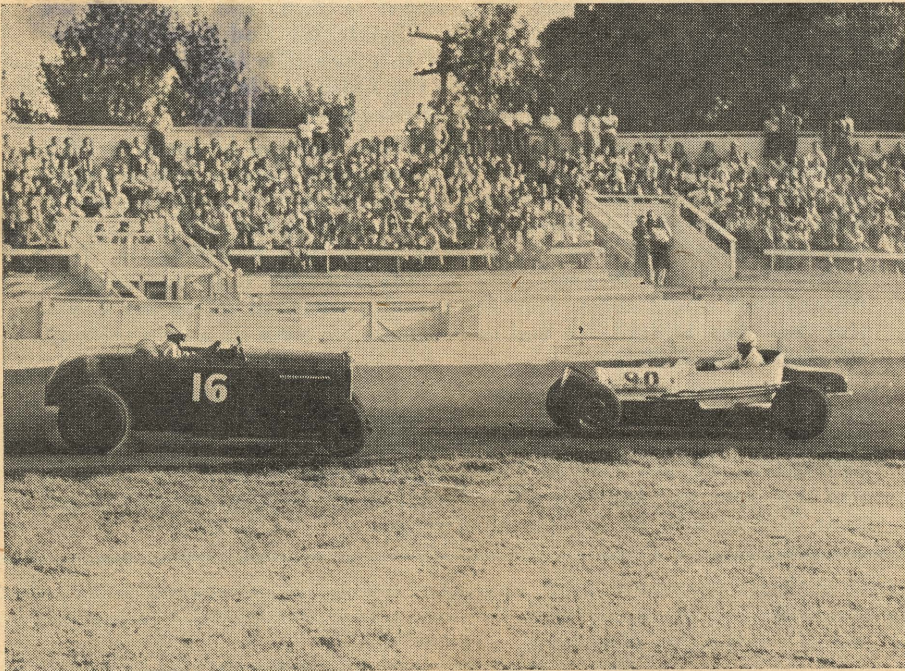
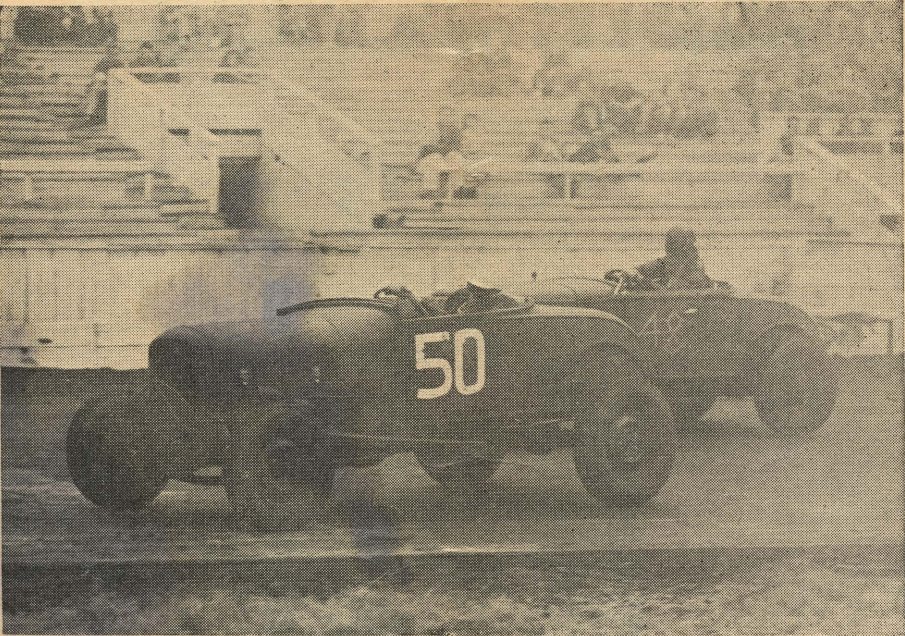
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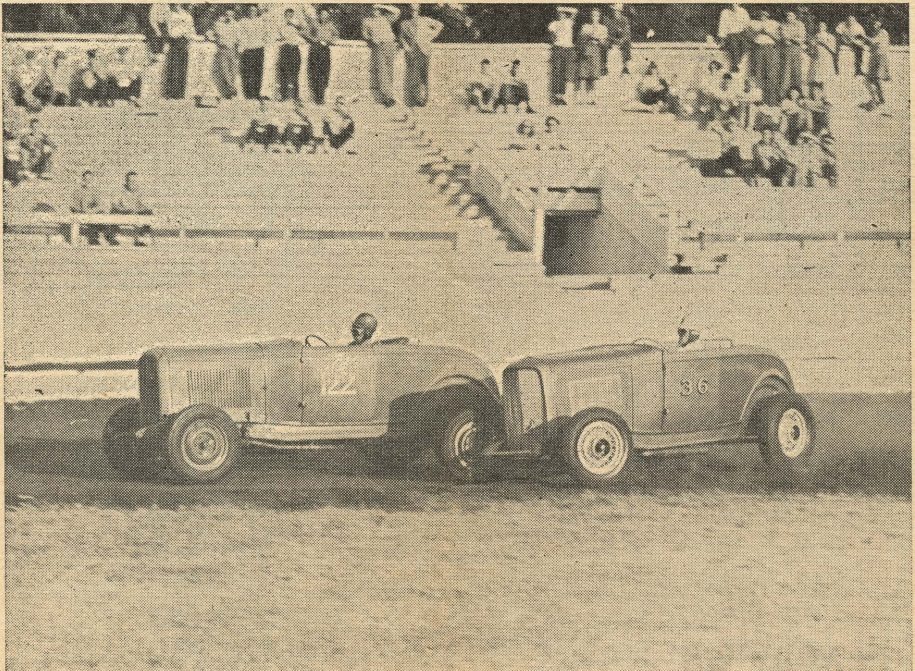
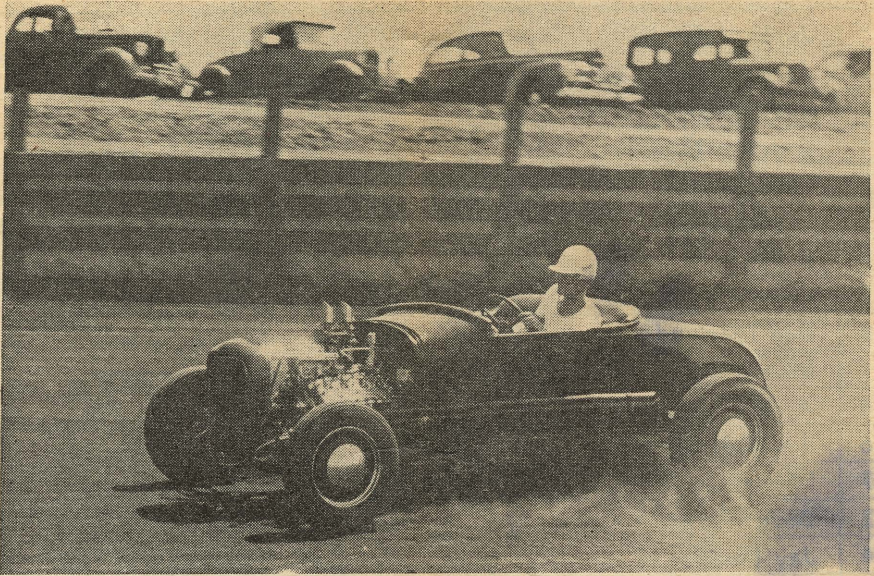
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RECENT HOT ROD ACTION SHOTS



# RECENT HOT ROD ACTION SHOTS



# ROSTER

NO.	DRIVER	QUALIFYING TIME	OWNER
1	Jack McGrath	20-89	Jack McGrath
2	Jimmy Davis		
3	Bud Gregory		Bud Gregory
4	Bud Van Maanen	21-22	Phil Weiland
5	Fred Ryness	20-60	Howard Johansen
7	Len Knollhoff	21-01	Len Knollhoff
8	Bill Steve		Vince Duarte
9	Connie Wiedell	20-44	Connie Wiedell
10	Don Freeland		Rudy Ramos
11	Stan Kross		Dick Saghan
14	Archie Tipton		Archie Tipton
16	Jim Rathman	21-92	Jim Rathman
17	Mickey Davis	20-38	Mickey Davis
22	Doug Grove		Bob Goux
24	Jay Frank		Morris McGaughey
25	Wayne Tipton	21-29	Wayne Tipton
26	Gil Ayalo		Gil Ayalo
27	Slim Mathis		Karl Orr
28	Roger Bush	21-28	
30	Chuck Leighton		Bob Goux
31	Roger Prosser		Gino Rosso
34	Lou Figaro		Lou Figaro
35	Grant Casper		Grant Casper
36	Gordon Reid	21-15	Gordon Reid
40	Chuck "Satan" Leighton	21-20	Paul Cantrarno
41	Bill Brown		Bill Brown
42	Dick Benninger	21-61	Dick Benninger
43	Bob Lindsay	22-93	Bob Lindsay
44	Manuel Ayulo	20-04	Manuel Ayulo
45	Willis Johnston		Willis Johnston
46	Moe Dawson		Moe Dawson
47	Lee Anderson		Lee Anderson
48	Bill Jackson		Marvin LeBlanc
49	Ed Korgan		Ed Korgan
50	Troy Ruttman		Walt Bowen
51	Joe James		Joe James
52	Herb Reno		Herb Reno
53	Yam Oka		Aka Ino
54	Jim Bray		Dale Brooks
55	Howard Jones		Howard Jones



# ROSTER

NO.	DRIVER	QUALIFYING TIME	OWNER
57	Ed Korgan	21.67	Ed Korgan
59	Jack Fitzell		Jack Fitzell
60	Mitch Rodriguez		Dan Medi
64	Bill Olson	22.27	Bill Olson
65	Geo. Raich		Day & Night Garage
66	Nick Brajovich	22.06	Bill Barnes
67	Ralph Chapple	23.40	Ralph Chapple
68			Ketcham Kar Co.
69			Ketcham Kar Co.
70	Geo. Dillingham		Geo. Dillingham
71	Gene Schmilz		Gene Schmilz
72	Bob Perry		Bob Perry
73	Jack Jasper		Jack Jasper
75	Kit Maeder		Kit Maeder
76	Steve Deusich	22.03	Dennis Critchfield
77			Elmer Arndt
80	Gordon Irvin		Gordon Irvin
85	Mickey Davis		John Hughes
88	Al Moore		Al Moore
90	Dick Hill		Dick Hill
93	<i>Burness</i>	21.72	Lou Figaro
99	Puffy Puffer	22.25	U. L. Howard
100	Andy Linden	22.94	Pichel
106	Walt Ferrier		Walt Ferrier
111	Evertt Haskins		Evertt Haskins
116	George Devenney		George Devenney
124		22.98	San Fernando Speed Shop
125			
126			
133	Johnny Blair		Johnny Blair
87		22.06	
37	<i>Buttman</i>	21.60	
94		21.69	
105		21.33	
79		22.92	
61		22.06	
87		22.06	
132		22.03	

## F L A G S

GREEN: Start

RED: Stop Immediately

WHITE: Go To Pits

YELLOW WITH BLUE CENTER: Permit Overtaking Car To Pass

YELLOW: Proceed With Caution

BLUE: One More Lap

CHECKER: Finish

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## Meet Jim Rathman



Slim, blonde, Jim Rathman is another charter member of the C.R. A. Jim, following the well worn path that has been trod by many now famous drivers, began racing as a hobby. In 1941 Jim built up a govt job, joined the Outriders, and competed in the races at the dry lakes. At Harpers and El Mirage a "Hot Rod" enthusiast learns the hard way—trial and error. Jim was not an exception to this rule as the operation of his number 3 will prove.

During the war Jim worked in Alaska, the Yukon district to be exact. Though it is rather chilly there, it's not cold enough to cool Jim's roadster fever and upon his return to the States he even adopted motorcycles too. The motorcycle fad was short lived due to an accident in Indiana.

Dick and Jim Rathman built their own pride and joy, car Number 3. In the first few races they were using two radiators, one in the conventional position and one in the "turtle back". They now have \$150 invested in the cooling system alone.

Earlier this year Jim was driving "Pop" Minkey's midget at Bakersfield. From the midgets he picked up the idea of using alcohol as fuel in his rapid roadster, now Jim is trying first, gasoline, then a change in his carburetion set-up and he will use alcohol for a few races.

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