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Auto Racing Collection, 1932-1987

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Scope and Content Note: The Auto Racing Collection contains photocopies of photographs of race car drivers, newspaper articles, advertisements, and programs related to auto racing at Lancaster County speedways. The items include a history of auto racing in Lancaster County, information about J. Earl Way, and an article about a benefit for the Williams Grove Old-Timers Association.

Creator: Way, J. Earl, 1907-1997.

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Biographical and Historical Note: J. Earl Way (1907-1997) of Salunga, Pennsylvania was a barber, dance instructor, and local band leader. He was also involved in auto racing, was a race promoter at Landisville Speedway, and wrote articles about racing for several newspapers. <https://www.newspapers.com/clip/43953963/obituary-for-j-earl-way-aged-89/>

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People:

Acker, Ralph
Barzda, Joe
Bennet, W.
Bob, Gert
Bob, Joe
Bonmoyer, Herry
Brubaker, Allen
Chittwood, Joe
Cooper, Joe
Cooper, Russel
Culp, Dutch
Dotter, Clyde
Emery, E.
Emery, L. D.
Fritz, Ben
Gable, Bill
Gasta, Al
Gensler, Le Roy
Graham, Ray
Greer, Adam
Greer, Wilbur
Hamilton, Les
Heister, Duer
Herman, George
Holland, Bill
Horn, Ted
Keenig, Len
Kelcher, Ammon

Kline, Ted
Kolas, Fred
Light, Mark
Martin, Jack
Matera, Johnny
McClanagan, Don
McClanagan, Don
Menke, Bill
Meyer, Newt
Miller, Paul
Mowery, Earl
Myers, Chares
Shollenberger, Ray "Dutch"
Shoop, Bill
Spahr, Russel
Stine, Ottis
Trissler, John
Way, Ardella
Way, Betsy
Way, Betty
Way, Fern
Way, John Earl
Way, Steven
Wentz, Walt
Wilt, Dave
Wolf, M. J.
Young, Paul

Subject Headings:

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Bird-in-Hand Speedway
Bishop's Café
Cars
Central Speedway
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Columbia
Finding aids
Greer's Motor Dome
Landisville, East Hempfield Twp.
Landisville Speedway
Lebanon, Lebanon County
Manuscript groups
Newspaper clippings
Lancaster Fairgrounds
Pennsylvania Casualty Co.
Programs
R. R. Graybill's Garage
Racetracks (Automobile racing)
Reading, Berks County
Russ Cooper's Riley Special
Sambler Special
Speedways
Star Beer Special A V8 Ford
Statistics
Stock car drivers
Williams Grove Old Timers
Wyomissing, Berks County
Young Bros.

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Folder 1 Explanation by J. Earl Way and photocopies of photographs

Folder 1, Insert 1 "How I Got Started in Auto Racing," by J. Earl Way.

Folder 1, Insert 2 Photocopies of photographs of drivers, owners, cars, and crowds.

Item 1 John Trissler, J. Earl Way Sr., Fern Way, James Way, J. Earl Way Jr., Earl Mowery. 1950.

Item 2 Ardella Way, J. Earl Way, Betsy Way. 1950.

Item 3 Walt Wentz, M. J. Wolf, Newt Meyer, Mark Light, Johnny Matera, Ted Kline, Paul Young, Ammon Kelcher, Bill Holland, Ralph Acker, Bill Menke, Ray Graham, Allen Brubaker, Ottis Stine, Dutch Culp, Bill Gable, Duer Heister, Dave Wilt, Len Keenig, Clyde Dotter, Ben Fritz, Al Gasta, Herry Bonmoyer, Bill Shoop. Photograph by J. E. Way. Lebanon, PA Fair Grounds. 1938.

Item 4 Auto race crowds in the 1930s. Photograph by J. E. Way.

Item 5 Press Rep. W. Bennett, Driver Joe Bob, Car Owner Fred Kolas, Mrs. Matera, Driver J. Matera, Press Rep. J. E. Way, Driver Joe Barzda, Don McClanagan, Mrs. Emery, Betty Way, Gert Bob, L. Emery Jr., Les Hamilton. L. D. Emery home, Wyomissing, PA. Photograph by L. D. Emery. 26 April 1937.

Folder 2 History of automobile races at the Old Lancaster Fairground and Landisville Speedway

Item 1 Article by J. Earl Way.

Folder 3 Photocopies of photographs, advertisements, programs, and newspaper articles

Folder 3, Insert 1 Photocopies of photographs of race car drivers, owners, family members, and crowds. 1935, 1938.

Item 1 Dave Wilt, Rambler Special, Young Bros., Bird in Hand Speedway.

Item 2 Russel Spahr, Joe Cooper, Russell Cooper, Lester Hamilton, Chares Myers, Don McLanichan, Paul Miller, George Herman in Russ Copper's Riley Special.

Item 3 Bird-in-Hand Speedway, Ray "Dutch" Shollenberger-Reading. 1935.

Item 4 Dutch Culp, Bird-in-Hand.

Item 5 Paul Young in Star Beer Special A V8 Ford, Central Speedway, Bird-in-Hand.

Item 6 J. Earl Way Press Rep., Bird-in-Hand Speed Way. 1935.

Item 7 Auto race crowds in the 1930s.



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Folder 3, Insert 2 Photocopies of advertisement and programs.

Item 1 Landisville Speedway

Item 2 "Sports Closeups" by Le Roy Gensler

Item 3 Bishop's Cafe

Item 4 R. R. Graybill's Garage

Item 5 Central Speedway

Item 6 Pennsylvania Casualty Co.

Folder 3, Insert 3 Photocopy of program, Landisville Speedway.

Folder 3, Insert 4 Photocopies of newspaper articles, 1937, 1946.

Item 1 "Sports Chats" by Jack Martin, October 1946.

Item 2 "Sports Chats" by Jack Martin, October 1946.

Item 3 Advertisement. Special discount ticket.

Folder 4 Photocopies of photographs of Greer's Motor Dome and typed note.

Item 1 Adam and Wilbur Greer, Adjacent to the Landisville Speedway

Item 2 Adam and Wilbur Greer

Item 3 Adam H. Greer, Columbia, PA. 1932.

Item 4 Joe Chittwood, J. Earl Gray, Ted Horn. 1938.

Item 5 "Landisville Speedway Added Attractions".

Folder 5 Photocopy of news release, Williams Grove Old-Timers, 1987.

Folder 6 Photocopy of newspaper article and photograph of Steven Way, J. Earl Way's grandson, 1980.

Folder 7 Photocopies of scrapbook pages containing newspaper articles about auto racing, 1935, 1936, 1937.

Photocopies of newspaper articles documenting Pennsylvania auto racing statistics, event announcements, crashes, and opinions.