

10TH ANNUAL MODIFIED REUNION
FEBRUARY 24, 2017

The 2017 Modified Reunion (10th Annual!) will be held **February 24th in the parking lot of Florida's New Smyrna Speedway from 12:00 noon till 5:00 p.m.**

The track is located just 10 miles southwest of the Daytona Speedway. Over 40 vintage stock cars as well as over 100 former drivers, owners, crew and officials are scheduled to be in attendance and we are hopeful the weather will cooperate. *If the day is a total washout, we will stage the Reunion the next day, February 25th at the same time and place.*

To the Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association and Living Legends of Auto Racing organizations, which are event supporters, as well as event originator Jerry Binner: thank you for supporting the event the past nine years and hope to see each of you this year. All of us who were part of those golden years of the Modifieds have special memories that will never be forgotten. The Modified Reunion is a time to get together, renew old friendships, make new ones, remember the great times and of course, tell a few lies! Whether you were a track operator, car owner, driver, crewman, official, sold hot dogs or were one of the many great fans, we all are part of a special family.

Whether you are from the dirt side, asphalt side or both there will be a great deal of cars and folks on both sides that will attend. We have averaged over 100 attendees and 20 vintage cars for each of the eight previous Reunions. Last year we had a record 42 vintage race cars in attendance as well as close to 200 attendees. Such legends as *Bugs Stevens, Ron Bouchard, Frank Cozze, Dave Kelly, the late Bobby Malzahn, Ron Dunstan, Ray Miller, Flagger Ken Golden, Tony Hirschman, Bob Garbarino, Will Cagle, Doug Heveren, Ken Squire, Bob Judkins, Billy Harman, Art Barry, Dave Dion, Richie Kolka, Jerry Morgan, Leo Cleary, Ron Karto, Dick Montgomery, Don Stives, Frank Holtz, Dave Gill, Sonny O'Sullivan, Chris Hopkins, Dick Waterman, Bobby Brack, Bob Muldoon,* and so many other drivers, owners, track owners, and track officials have enjoyed the day of seeing old friends and competitors, remembering the good old days and sticking around to attend the annual Richie Evans Memorial modified race later in the evening.

Over the past few years, we have lost far too many of our legends, many who have attended the Reunion in past years. Freddy Adam, Red Coffin, Gary Montgomery, Jimmy Keppley, Dutch Hoag, Gene Bergin, Bill Wimble, Ron Bouchard, Gary Bettenhausen, Dizzy Dean, Rich Marinelli, Paul Deasey are just a few of the owners, drivers, crew and officials who are no longer with us. They provided countless thrills to so many for so many years. Please do not miss this special occasion where you can mingle with your contemporaries in a relaxed atmosphere, laugh, tell stories and tell them how much they meant to you and the sport.

Each car owner who brings a vintage car to the event will be provided a free pit pass. Prior to the Richie Evans Memorial the vintage cars will participate in an on track interview session followed by an exhibition run on the New Smyrna high banks.

Vintage and racing vendors are welcome to display their wares *free of charge* during the duration of the Reunion.

Those who attend the Modified Reunion will be provided a FREE TICKET to attend the Evans Memorial race later that evening. Hopefully you will take advantage of this fine gesture by New Smyrna Speedway and take part in a special evening honoring one of the all-time Modified greats.

We cannot thank the management of New Smyrna enough for their generosity, help and dedication to the Modified Reunion.

So, if you will be in the Daytona, FL area on February 24, please join us for these five hours to recapture some of that special feeling we had when it was time for hot laps at our favorite speedway and the engines in those mighty Modifieds began to roar!

As we cannot reach everyone, please pass along this information to anyone you know who would enjoy being part of the 10th annual Modified Reunion.

See you at New Smyrna Speedway in February!

Many Thanks, Geoff Yoder (904 885 2940)