

BACKGROUND HISTORY OF HASTINGS RILEY

The car was originally built by Johnny Osborne of Far Mills, New Jersey and was a Blue No 9 with a Miller-Schofield head for a Model "A" block. Osborne ran the car for the first time with Syd Pershouse of Pluckemin, Jew Jersey during the tail end of the 1933 season.

Sept. 23, 1933 - Allentown, Pa.-(1/2 mile dirt)-qualified in 34:00 seconds; failed to compete.

Sept. 24, 1933 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-third in the 20 lap consolation.

NOTE: Walt Ader, who was a good friend of Pershouse was a member of the Osborne pit crew during the abbreviated 1933 season.

Joe Osworth bought the car from Osborne and had Al Lattanzio as his driver during the 1934 season--the results follow.

1934 RESUME - AL LATTANZIO - DRIVER

May 20, 1934 - Troy Mills, N.J.-(1/3 mile dirt)-Al Lattanzio drove his car off of the track to avoid a two car pile-up which involved Virgil DeMario and Frank Hildebrandt.

June 7, 1934 - Troy Mills, N.J.-(1/3 mile dirt)-won a heat-second in the 30 lap main event.

June 10, 1934 - Newmarket, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-won the 20 lap main event.

June 17, 1934 - Newmarket, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-fourth in the 20 lap main event.

July 22, 1934 - Newmarket, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-won the 20 lap main event.

Aug. 5, 1934 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-won the 30 mile main event.

Aug. 19, 1934 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-second in a heat-won the 30 lap main event.

Sept. 9, 1934 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-won the 30 lap main event.

Sept. 30, 1934 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-The first heat provided plenty of excitement, when Lattanzio's

car broke a fuel line and caught fire. The incident occurred on the second lap in the third turn. Lattanzio stuck with the car due to other cars being closely bunched. He then headed for the outside guard rail in an attempt to stop the car. He was very slow in getting out of the burning automobile probably being somewhat dazed. Leaving the cockpit, he fell to the ground and was immediately taken to the hospital. He was badly burned about the arms and legs. The car was extensively damaged and Osworth did a complete rebuild job replacing the Schofield with a Winfield Flathead.

Nov. 11, 1934- Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-This was Lattanzio's first start in the car which was also making its first appearance since the fire. Al placed second in his heat-Forced out of the 30 lap main event at 10 laps.

NOTE: Lattanzio finished runner-up to Johnny Matera for the Garden State Championship with a total of 183 points. Mattera won the title with a total of 201 points.

#### 1935 RESUME

The car had a new owner as the 1935 campaign got underway. Joe Barzda bought the car from Osworth and Al Lattanzio was the driver. The car was now No. 32 and it was Orange and Blue.

#### AL LATTANZIO

May 12, 1935 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-second in heat  
May 19, 1935 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2) mile dirt)-second in the 30 lap main event.  
May 26, 1935 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-failed to place in the 30 lap main event.  
May 30, 1935 - Bridgeton, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-second in the 30 lap main event.

#### JOHNNY MATERA

June 9, 1935 - Woodbridge, N.J.-(1/2 mile dirt)-(1st nite race ever conducted at Woodbridge)-Matera placed fourth in the 30 lap main event.  
June 13, 1935- Crossbay, L.I.-(1/2 mile dirt)-won a heat-Forced out of the 20 lap main event.

