

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2001

Squire SS-100 Registry

SORITA JENSEN AND CHASSIS #18

We had originally located this Squire sitting on a used car lot in Carson City, Nevada and it had been there for a number of years. It was in terrible condition. While all the pieces were there the top had torn open and rain and snow had entered and ruined most of the interior. Rust had started on the chrome, the white paint had faded to chalk and it had the usual body cracks. It had not been started in years, the radiator was dry and the engine oil looked like molasses.

We first met Sorita Jensen and husband Vern when Bill Lieske and I entered a local car show in Phoenix. Sorita wandered up one evening and said, "I just love those cars, where can I get one?" We told her about the Nevada car and she and Vern went up and bought it. That was about four years ago and now, with lots of time, labor and \$\$ the roadster is done. (Do they ever get completely done? Ed.)

The Jensens took a winter vacation on the Lewis & Clark Tour in Oregon over the holidays and on return, decided to enter the giant World Of Wheels car show here in Phoenix. Competing against dozens of high dollar exotics like Cobras, GT-40s and the like, Sorita walked away with the coveted "Best Of Show" trophy in the hand made car class. Talk about EXCITED? Now she can't wait to show off the car and trophy at the annual Saturday BBQ at their Eagle Ranch next March - which leads me to the next subject.

THE ANNUAL SQUIRE SS-100 REGISTRY SPRING THING

is set for Friday to Sunday, March 23 to 25 and we'll have some nicely restored Squires there for your viewing (and driving?) pleasure. If you're flying in it's an easy trip to Laughlin from Las Vegas. Call me and I'll see if I can match you up with some one else and split the car rental. Most of us will stay at the Ramada (800+383-6190) but other hotels/casinos include Harrah's(800+427-7247), River Palms(800+835-7903), Riverside(800+227-3849 and the Edgewater(877+647-1714). Laughlin tends to fill up on weekends so we suggest you make your reservations early. The Jensens will again host their great BBQ and Squire display on Saturday so please let us know you're coming so they can plan the menu accordingly. You can reach me at 480+893-9451 or Squirepal@aol.com

SQUIRE TORSION BARS

are still in the news. As far as we know, the bars used on our cars are from the Alfa Romeo "Alfetta" and were modified for use on our cars. We're burning up the computer and phone lines looking for used ones and are also checking into whether we can have new ones made? We'll keep you posted on this important subject.

LA BELLA MACCHINE D'ITALIA 2000

has come and gone and I'm feeling a little guilty here. I'm including a portion of Tim Marriott's Summer 2000 newsletter regarding this 4th of July weekend Italian auto meet and as you can read, he was disappointed at the lack of Intermeccanica owners attending. I had posted a notice of this Intermeccanica get together in Clbcom 101 thinking that a few of you Eastern folks might drive over in your Squire SS-100s but not so. However, this got my thinking cap wound up so I'll mention this.

The Squire owners in the west have our Spring Thing where eight to ten Squires attend so the members can see and evaluate the many changes and improvements that have been made since the prior year. And that does not mention the pleasure of each others company. The eastern owners had Mark Offenberg's Squire Sunday each September for the same purpose but due to a change in Mark's residence, that cannot be held for the time being. Until Mark or another member can again schedule a Summer or Fall meeting of eastern Squire SS-100 owners, possibly we could use this annual 4th of July get together of Intermeccanica owners at the Pocono, PA International Raceway. Pocono is located just north of Bethlehem, PA and a glance at the map shows us that it's within reasonable driving distance for twenty two of our members who could show up with or without their Squires.

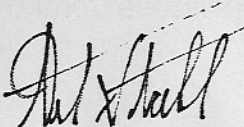
While I personally would not mind coming out, my only reservation is the fact that the 4th of July weekend is usually reserved for family picnics but I'm getting old and maybe that practice has dropped by the wayside like many of the other things I grew up with. I'm reproducing Tim Marriott's entire newsletter and sending it along with ours. Read through it and let me have your thoughts? There are many of you folks in the east that I would like to see again, or even meet for the first time. Maybe this occasion is the way to do it?

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN

and by dropping national advertising looking for the missing Squires I believe it's safe to reduce the yearly membership to \$10. If there is a return, postage paid envelope with this newsletter, send me your check for \$10 payable to Arthur Stahl. Feel free to double or triple up and save postage. No envelope, you're paid up but to avoid confusion the following members are already paid in advance: Pompipii, Murray, Walters, Breckel, Manser, Jensen, Cuneo, Scotto, Miller & Freeman,

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Anyone driving slower than you is a jerk and anyone going faster is dangerous!





THE PRANCING BULL



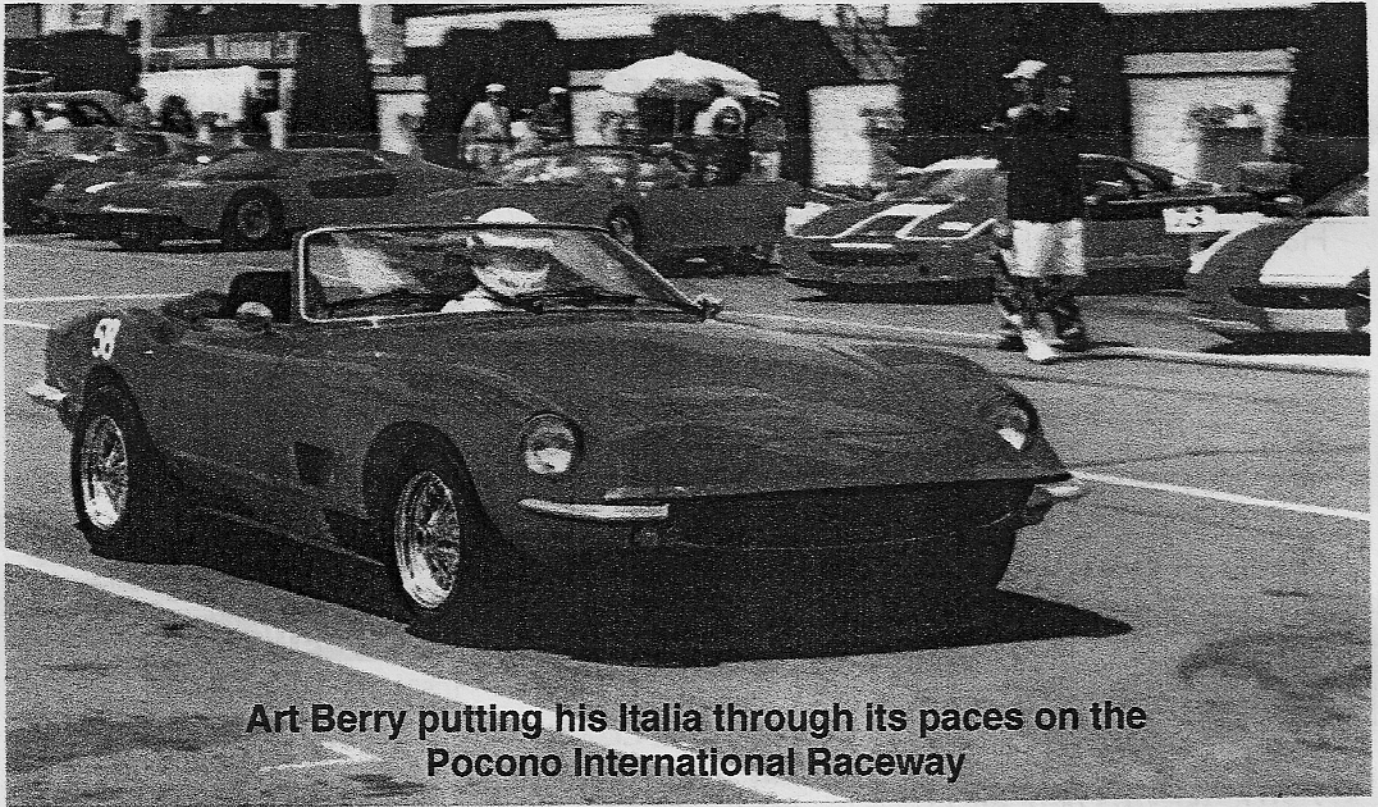
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The Prancing Bull attends the

LaBelle Macchine d'Italia 2000



Art Berry putting his Italia through its paces on the Pocono International Raceway

Pocono, PA

Tim Marriott

Friday, June 30, 2000. I flew from Denver to Philadelphia via St Louis. Just like my previous newsletter articles written from Vancouver, B.C., Los Angeles, Detroit, and Laughlin, NV, the frequent flier miles continue to add up, right along with the highway miles in the intrepid quest to promote our Intermeccanica Owners Registry.

I drove the 150 miles of rolling Pennsylvania Turnpike through radio free NE Pennsylvania in three hours. It would have only taken two if I hadn't followed

the advice of the gate guard at the rent-a-car company. So, I got a tour of downtown Philly between 3 and 4 pm on a Friday afternoon. The nice view of the top of Liberty Hall while parked on the Interstate made it all seem worthwhile...*not!*

When I finally arrived at the charming turn-of-the-century Pocono Manor Golf Resort, I was greeted by a beautiful array of high priced exotic Italian *automobili* lining the driveway.

Bellissima!

Their sign stated "Benvenuto/

Welcome to LaBelle Macchine d'Italia". Things were looking up.

Before dinner, I took a stroll to inspect just what "machines" the East Coast *affecianados* were offering. A race-prepped Ferrari Daytona had caught my eye upon arrival, and was calling me for further inspection. I readily gave in to its siren call, which made for a great appetizer!

Later, after ogling more vintage iron, I met with Joe Corbacio and Cliff Plavin, the organizers, and our genial hosts for this annual event.

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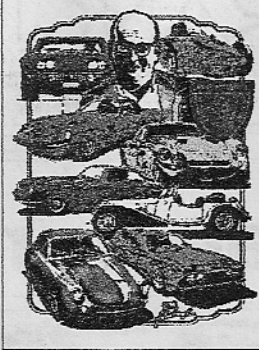
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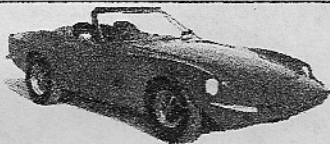


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Bill is our newest club member and intends to
 fully restore the car and have it ready for
 the Amelia Island show next Spring.
GOOD LUCK, BILL!

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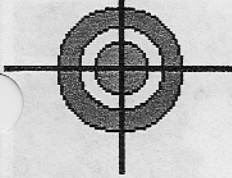
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The Bullseye



takes aim on...

Member: John Wilkens
Car: 1967 Silver/Black
 Torino Coupe • Ford 302 •
 4 speed • A/C
Home: Westchester, PA

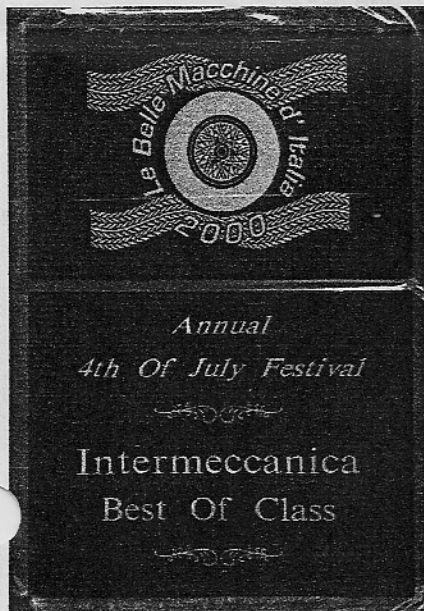
John has been an invaluable resource from the beginning of the Intermeccanica Owners Registry. His uncanny ability to dig up materials and information amazes me. He is a devoted enthusiast to all Intermeccanica automobiles. John attended the 1999 *Concorso Italiano* in California last year with his girlfriend, Kelly, as well as the Squire event in Laughlin, NV this past Spring, and took Best of Class at this year's Pocono event.

While in Europe, John visited and photographed the site of the original Intermeccanica factory in Torino (Turin), Italy.

(More on that in an upcoming issue.)

Being the webmaster for www.intermeccanica.org has brought John into contact with many Intermeccanica owners and enthusiasts worldwide. Among others, a gentleman in Switzerland who is currently restoring the original IMX.

John's beautiful, fully restored, Silver Coupe, shown here, is for sale. The asking price is \$34,500. He plans to use the proceeds from the sale to 1. Buy Kelly an engagement ring, and 2. Purchase a Squire SS-100 for restoration.



As seen at Pocono...

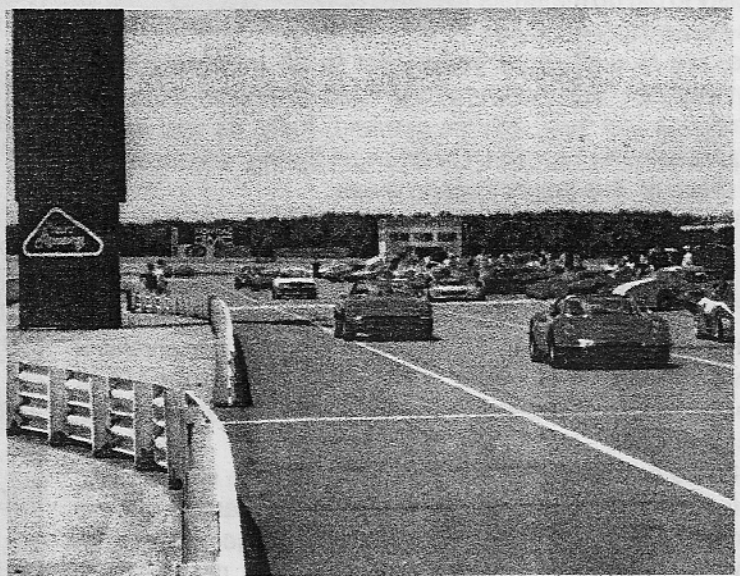
Roy Jaffe not only got a lot of looks at his Apollo *Carozzeria IM*, but a lot of laughs and knowing nods with his T-shirt philosophy.



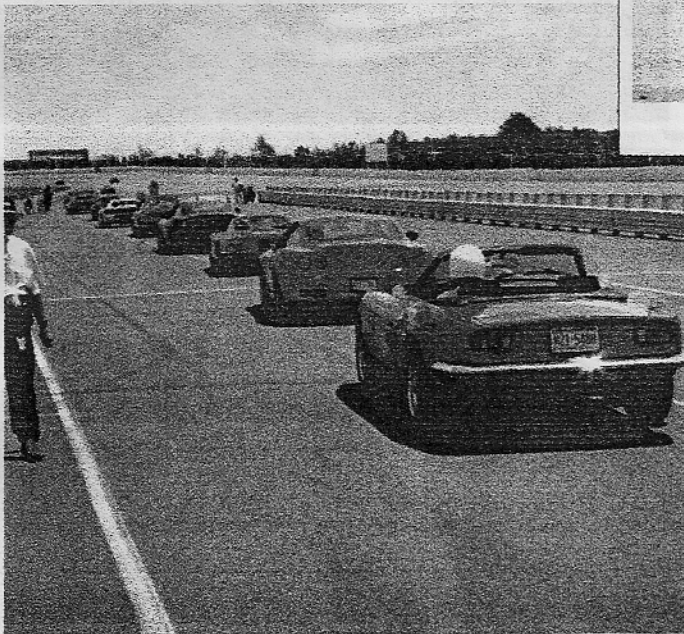
Roy Jaffe soaking up the sun and the atomosphere



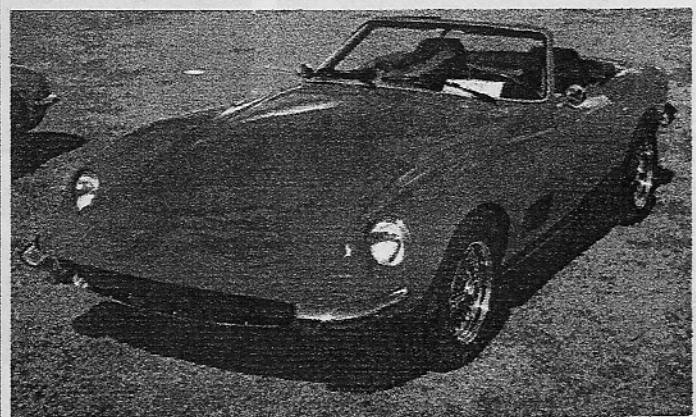
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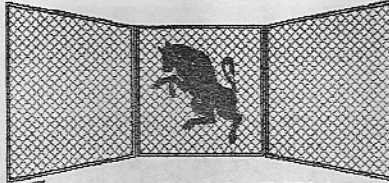
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3. On parade



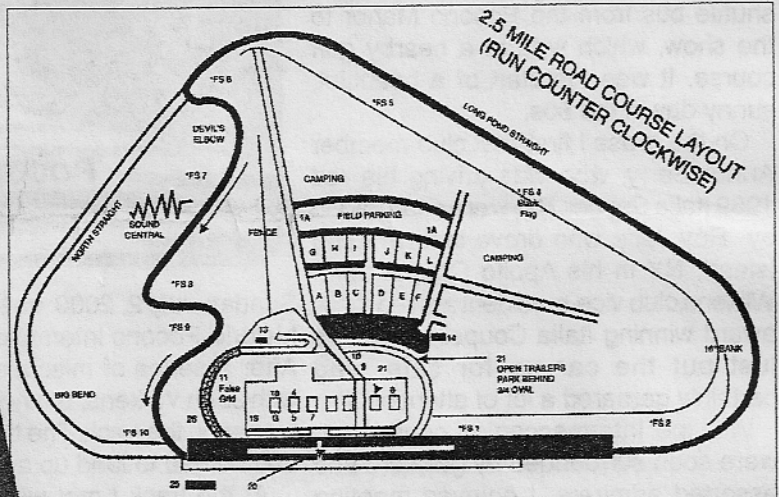
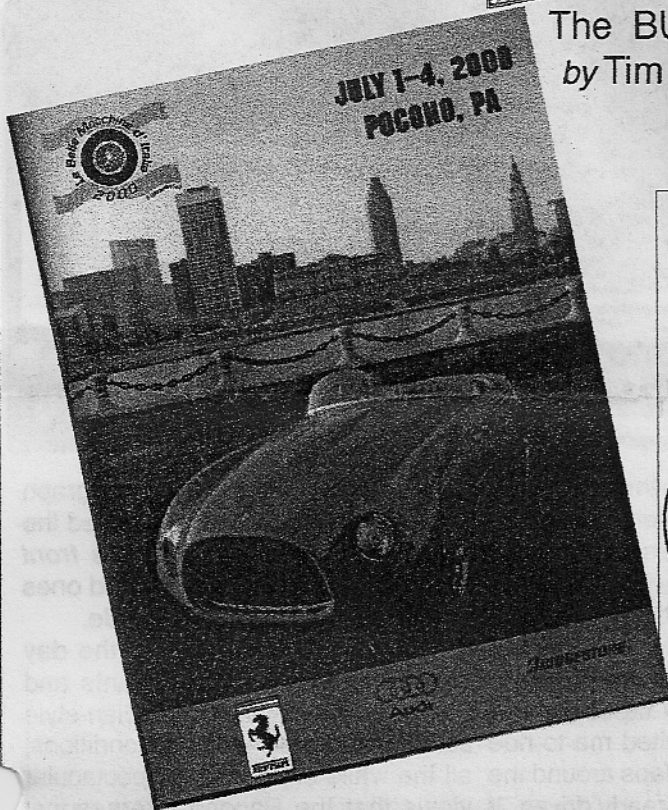
4. At rest



The BULL PEN by Tim Marriott

Summer 2000

✓ *Make your plans now to drive the
Pocono International Raceway in 2001*



Because of the relatively small size of our club, and the geographical distance involved, should we just concentrate on just one annual get-together kind of event that will insure maximum attendance and participation of people and cars?

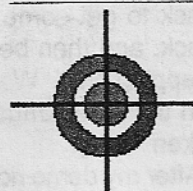
As fully empowered members, your comments and suggestions are vital. Please write or call your comments to me. I will compile the results, and pass on the results of your favored events, kinds of participation preferred, and direction and philosophy the club would best be served.

With this in mind, I want to extend a personal invitation for all members to attend the August 18, 2000 Concorso Italiano in Monterey, CA. Last year's event was quite special, especially since it fulfilled the first primary goal of the club:

"To build friendships and camaraderie among our fellow owners and enthusiasts."

While we are entering our club's second year and experiencing some growing pains along the way, my talks with so many members nationwide reaffirms the need for our organization. We all need our best efforts to support our club, and achieve the recognition of the Intermeccanica marque among our fellow exotic car enthusiasts.

At least that's how it looks from The Bullpen.



"The Bullseye." is a new feature profiling club members and highlighting their cars and activities, beginning with club V.P. John Wilkens, who has worked tirelessly for by starting the Intermeccanica website with his own time, money and talent. To date **www.intermeccanica.org** has received over 1,000,000 hits. Is one of them yours?

My fellow *Intermeccanicaistas* I've just returned from the promised land, Mt Pocono, Pennsylvania. It was an exciting three day tour of sun and fun, and cars! cars! cars!

The events were wonderfully informal and hands-on participation was the order of the day. It is the East Coast version of the West Coast Concorso Italiano, but instead of Opera and Italian Fashion shows we had Sinatra and hot laps at the track. It was great.

There was only one slight problem. The lack of participation. Intermeccanica was represented by only three cars on the field (one was a non-member) with just six people from our club in attendance...

The third primary goal of our club is owner involvement, and participation the various club activities and events. This will require persons who are committed and enthusiastic about the Intermeccanica cars

...Maybe it was because this was our first Eastern effort and some members are taking a wait and see attitude. Perhaps the next time around things will build and more members will be involved. Am I wrong about this, or do we need different kinds of events for a gathering of a majority of our membership? Yes, everyone has busy lives and schedules, and that's why short weekend summertime events seem to be the best time for travel and be involved in such activities.

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At that time, I was given several copies of the events program for the following day. Included was my story of The Intermeccanica Owners Registry, along with several photographs in a very nice 2-page spread. It was another opportunity to get the Intermeccanica word out to car enthusiasts up and down the eastern seaboard.

Saturday, July 1, 2000. I took an early shuttle bus from the Pocono Manor to the show, which was at a nearby golf course. It was the start of a beautiful, sunny day in the 80s.

On the grass I first met club member Arthur Berry, who was driving his red 1969 Italia Spyder. We were soon joined by Roy Jaffe who drove in from Long Island, NY in his Apollo Coupe. John Wilkens, club vice-president arrived in his award winning Italia Coupe. John has just put the car up for sale, and certainly garnered a lot of attention.

We, the Intermeccanica contingent, were soon surrounded by gawkers and assorted admirers. I enjoyed meeting club members with whom I had just spoken with by phone in the past. It's an opportunity I hope all club members can have in future meetings. Talking to so many others and telling the Intermeccanica story is a large part of such get-togethers, and something I know all club members enjoy doing on a day-to-day basis at home. It's even more enjoyable when talking with so many knowledgeable car buffs.

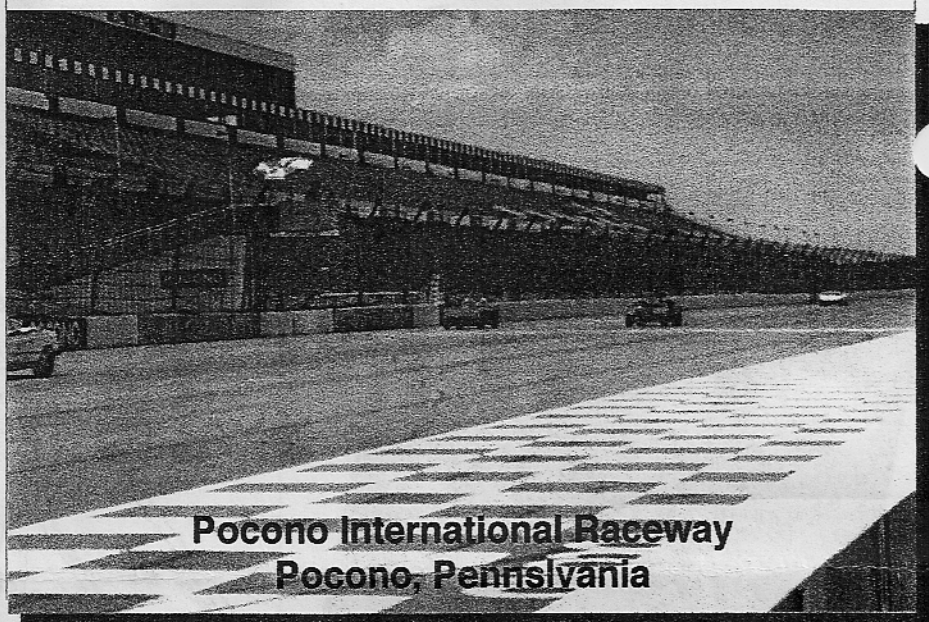
Our Intermeccanica group had various factory brochures, magazine articles, and photographs to *show and tell*.

My special bonus was scoring some right hand seat rides the following day on the Raceway. It's an experience that will have to do until the Indianapolis 500!

The awards banquet was held on the evening of the concours. It was a casual outdoor BBQ affair on a pleasant summer night, and very tasty too!

John Wilkens' silver Italia Coupe took the first place award. First runner up was Arthur Berry's red Italia Spyder. Roy Jaffe was second runner up with his red Apollo Coupe. Additionally, John Wilken's car was also named best of class. Congratulations to all of you for your fine efforts representing the Intermeccanica Owners Registry.

You've done us all proud!



**Pocono International Raceway
Pocono, Pennsylvania**

Sunday, July 2, 2000 on the track at the historic Pocono International Raceway. After a series of miscues, I finally met with John Wilkens, but not in time to get his car on the track. The timing was such that he had to load up and head home.

At the track I met with Arthur Berry, whose car was already taped up and numbered (58). He invited me to ride "Shotgun" for some hot laps around the course, which he had already driven. It was quite a guided tour through the curves as Art expertly weaved through traffic with *panache*.

Art had previously run the track in a stock car under the guidance of his son, who is a driving instructor for the Bertil Roos racing school. The old saw still applies: *Where there's a will, there's a way. Where there's a way, there's...relatives!*

We zoomed around the 2-1/2 mile tri-oval with aplomb. One leg of the three corner raceway has been modified into a twisting road course detour, which provided some very exciting moments as we raced through the infield.

We then came down the grandstand straight-a-way going flat out, braked hard, came hard left down the banked turn, and away we went! It was exhilarating to say the least. Art hung back to get some separation from the pack, and then began his move, really stepping on it. Wow! It was much more fun than any amusement park ride I've taken lately.

After my demo ride, Art went out again (helmeted on this round) and kicked it up another notch, while I stood by the

pit wall frantically trying to photograph his car as it screamed by. I printed the good shots in this issue. (see front cover) There are a lot of blurred ones that, sadly, didn't make the grade.

I spent the remainder of the day meeting with other participants and visitors, admiring all of the Italian-style cars under perfect weather conditions, all the while enjoying the spectacular views that the Pocono International Raceway affords of the surrounding area. An experience everyone should enjoy at least once, if not annually.

LaBelle Macchine d'Italia 2001 will again take place here the weekend before July 4th. I plan to have my Italia ready for next summer's event, so I can put it on the track and break in my new engine. If you would like to share the experience, start making plans now.

There are plenty of recreational activities for your family, and everyone is welcome at the Intermeccanica Owners Registry event.

See you there next year!

Pocono Manor



**Tim Marriott
DIARY**

*La Belle Macchine d'Italia
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