

Ontario Motor Speedway Collection, 1963-1980

**Ontario City Library
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Colony History Room**



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Descriptive Summary

Title

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Creator

This collection was given to the Model Colony Room by the City Clerk's and City Manager's office staff from June 1990 to December 1991.

Extent

Number of containers: 17

Linear feet: 28.5

Abstract

The Ontario Motor Speedway (the Big "O") was designed as a replica of the 2.5 mile racetrack at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It also had an infield road course and a drag strip to maximize racing events. Designed by Walter Ted Tyler at a cost of \$25.5 million, it opened on Sept. 3, 1970 with the inaugural California 500 on Sept. 6. This Labor Day event was to complement the Indy 500 traditionally held on Memorial Day. A second race, the Questor Grand Prix, was held in March 1971 and won by Mario Andretti. 86 separate days of racing, qualifying and practice for championship, sport, stock and drag races was anticipated with over one million persons in attendance per year.

Although races were held each year, the actual monies coming in were below expectations. The management tried to improve attendance with three rock concerts – the California Jams I, II and III. Talks took place with promoters of the Expo '81, a world's fair-type extravaganza with pavilions on the racetrack grounds.

By 1980, the track management company was bankrupt and the City of Ontario sold the property for \$10 million to the Chevron Land Management Company. The track was demolished in 1981 at a cost of \$3 million. Subsequent development, most recently the Piemonte mixed-use development of condominiums, offices and retail stores and the Citizens Business Bank Arena has largely covered the old racetrack grounds. Echoes still remain in the area's street signs however: Concoors Drive, Mercedes, Ferrari and Triumph Lanes, Porsche Way, Dusenbergl and Corvette Drives, Lotus Ave, Shelby Street, Jaguar Way.

This collection includes photos, building plans, correspondence and minutes of meetings of the Ontario City Council and the OMS Lease Company,

financial information, 16mm films and audio tapes of races, news clippings and press releases and small ephemera (stickers, badges, tickets, programs) covering the construction and use of the racetrack from 1963-1980.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Container List

Box 1

Folder - Photographs

- 0 Photos removed from collection
- 1 Andretti, Mario
- 2 Bettenhausen, Gary
- 3 Bignotti, George
- 4 Carter, Pancho
- 5 Champ cars
- 6 Champ cars – Gap action
- 7 A. and B. Champ cars – single car action
C. Champ cars – slides and color prints
- 8 Al and Bobby Unser charity roasts, 1977, 1978
- 9 Dallenback, Wally
- 10 Deceased – Swede Savage, Mark Donahue, Art Pollard, Jimmy Caruthers
- 11 Drag racing – Shirley Muldowney and other unidentifieds
- 12 Foyt, A. J.
- 13 Grand National West – undated Folders A and B
- 14 Gurney, Dan
- 15 Guthrie, Janet
- 16 AARWBA Hall of Fame pencil portraits, photos, certificates
- 17 Head Shots – Champ Cars Folders A and B
- 18 Head Shots – USAC Stocks
- 19 Head Shots – NASCAR
- 20 Johncock, Gordon
- 21 Krisiloff, Steve
- 22 Malloy, Jim
- 23 Misc.
- 24 Mears, Rick
- 25 McElreath, Jim
- 26 Mosley, Mike
- 27 Motorcycle drivers
- 28 Motorcycle drivers
- 29 Ongalis, Danny
- 30 Oliver, Bobby; Johnny Parsons, Richard Petty, Dick Simon, Benny Parsons

- 31 Photo (foto) bus
- 32 Pit Action – Champ Cars, Stocks
- 33 Press Box
- 34 Russo, Bob
- 35 Rutherford, Johnny
- 36 Sneva, Tom
- 37 Stocks
- 38 Trophys – Coke truck
- 39 Unser, Al
- 40 Unser, Bobby
- 41 Victory Circle
- 42 Vukovich, Billy
- 43 Walther, Salt
- 44 Wrecks
- 45 Race Car Drivers – other

Box 2

Folder-Photographs

- 1 Aerial photos
- 2 Construction 9-11-68 to 7-2-69
- 3 Construction 8-4-69 to 5-5-70
- 4 Photos before and after Cal Jam II 3-5-78 to 3-19-78
- 5 Photos and Drawing for Proposed OMS
- 6 Negatives and Proofs
- 7 Negatives and Proofs
- 8 Mercedes Benz of N. America racecar and drivers/crew-1976
- 9 Drawings/photos of Bricks in Winner's Circle

Legal item

- 10 OMS street improvements, lawsuit over, 1966-71

News clippings

- 11 1963-1969 and race tickets, tags, brochures, stickers
- 12 1970 clippings only
- 13 1975
- 14 1976
- 15 1977
- 16 1978
- 17 1979
- 18 1980

- 19 undated clippings
- 20 clippings from green binder vol. 1 – Jan 1967-Nov. 1972
- 21 ditto
- 22 clippings from green binder vol. 2 – Dec. 1972-

Box 3

Folder

- 1 Stolte Inc. balance sheet-12-31-64; Description of Speedway; Press Releases; Text of Mr. Mayotte's Speech to City Council 2-15-66
- 2 Financial Analysis-prelim 10-1-66; Bond Financing 3-7-66
- 3 E.R.A. (Economics Research Associates) Market Support Study and Economic Evaluation of OMS 1966-1968 and supporting documentation-OMS Project Reports 21-24; Preliminary Specifications-1968; OMS Outline Specifications-1966; Appraisal Report-1966; Filmways Annual Report-1965

Box 4A

Folder-Correspondence by year

- 1 1966
- 2 1967
- 3 A-1968 Jan-June; B-June-Oct
- 4 1966-1969
- 5 1969-Jan 1973
- 6 1970-1971
- 7 1972
- 8 1973-Jan-July
- 9 1973-Aug-Dec
- 10 1974
- 11 1975
- 12 1976

Box 4B

Folder-Minutes

- 1 Exerpts of Minutes of City Council meetings pertaining to OMS Resolutions-1966
- 2 Ditto-1967
- 3 Ditto-1968

- 4 Minutes of OMS Lease Company Board of Directors meetings-1966
 - 5 Minutes of Special Meetings of OMS Board of Directors-6-14-68 and 8-7-68
 - 6 OMS Corporation Board of Directors, minutes annual meetings : 1970-71, 1975-1980
 - 7 OMS minutes-1966-69
 - 8 OMS minutes-1970-73
 - 9 OMS minutes-1974-76; 1978-1985
 - 10 Resolutions-1968-1981
- OMS Corporation Transcript – 3 volumes

Box 5

Folder

- 1 Land Acquisition
- 2 A: Contract for the Construction of OMS 5-9-66; 10-3-66; 10-13-66
B: Contract for the Construction of OMS 1966-1971
C: Contract for the Construction of OMS 1966-1971
- 3 Contract Change Orders – 1969-1970
- 4 Legal Description of Site – 4-26-68
- 5 Final Opinion – 5-8-68 and 6-17-68
- 6 Resident Engineer -1966-1971
- 7 Inspections-Jun-Sep 1970
- 8 Inspections Oct 1970-July 1971
- 9 Operators Construction Changes – 1970
- 10 A: OMS Agreement-1966, 1968
B: OMS Agreement final copy July 1968
- 11 OMS Lease – 1966
- 12 Operating Agreement-sub Lease-1966; Rental Guarantee Agreement 1970-1977
- 13 OMS Operating Sublease-1966
- 14 OMS Operating Lease 1966, 1968
- 15 Second Operating Lease-1973
- 16 Second Operating Lease with First Addendum 1973 and Second Addendum 1974
- 17 Speedway Operating Proposals-1975
- 18 Various loose papers pertaining to box contents

Box 6A

Folder – Financial

- 1 Preliminary Budget & Cost Information -1966
- 2 Certificate-Transcript of Financing. 3 Volumes including Articles of Incorporation and By-laws – 1968
- 3 Insurance 1966-1973
- 4 Progress payments & Procedures-1968-69; Schedule of Prices-1968; Progress Payment Request – 1969
- 5 Financing – 1969
- 6 Audit-1971
- 7 IRS and FTB – 1968-1973
- 8 Supplemental Opinion (re-register under Securities Act of 1933)-1968
- 9 Supplemental Opinion (Re: Tax Exemption)-1968
- 10 Randolph Computer Agreement; Agreement to purchase Notes & Lease, and Lease-Back Equipment 1971
- 11 Accounts Payable-1968-73

Box 6B

Folder-Financial

- 1 Mortgage Revenue Bonds-1968-69
- 2 Mortgage Revenue Bonds – 1970-71
- 3 Mortgage Revenue Bonds- 1972-73
- 4 Statement to Bondholders prelim. – 1973
- 5 Statement to Bondholders – 1973
- 6 Statement to Bondholders – 1973-1980
- 7 Statement to Bondholders-Correspondence
- 8 Indenture of Mortgage & Deed of Trust-10-5-66
- 9 Indenture of Mortgage & Deed of Trust (partial)-10-13-66
- 10 Ditto – 11-11-66
- 11 Ditto – 11-14-66
- 12 Ditto – 11-28-66
- 13 Ditto – 4-26-68
- 14 Ditto – 5-1-68
- 15 Ditto – 5-8-68
- 16 Ditto – 6-13-68
- 17 Revised Operating proposal
- 18 Interim Operations – 1972-73
- 19 Prospective proposals – 1973

Box 7

Folder

- 1 Equipment – 1972
 - 2 OMS Operating Company – 1970-71
 - 3 Financial Statements – 1981-85
 - 4 Financial Statements – 1969-73; 1976
 - 5 City Financial Reports – Dec. 1969; Dec. 1971
 - 6 Combined Financial Statements with Report on Examination by CPA – 1977-81
 - 7 Ditto – 1969-76
 - 8 OMS Operating Co Legal proceedings – 1975
 - 9 OMS Operating Co. Letters of Credit – 1973
 - 10 Passbooks – Bank of America
 - 11 Grape Crop – Vito DeVito Francesco Civil Suit & Bids for Grape Crop
 - 12 Taxpayers Suit Thomas Duck vs. OMS Corp et al – 1968-1971
 - 13 Contracts – Smartis 1975-76
 - 14 Bobtail 200 Truck Drags – 9-23-79
 - 15 Calif. 500 (General) – 1977 & 1980
 - 16 Calif. 500 (Advertising) – 1980
 - 17 Datsun Twin 200 (General) 4-14-80 includes Bluegrass Country & Gospel Musical held 4-12-80
 - 18 Times 500 11-17-79 and Winston World Finals – Oct 1980
 - 19 World Finals/Supernationals (National Dragster Magazine) – 1970-73
 - 20 World Finals/Supernationals – 1973-74
 - 21 Misc.
 - 22 Articles of Incorporation
 - 23 By Laws of OMS Lease Co – 4-12-66
 - 24 Ground-breaking Ceremony – 9-24-68
 - 25 Mayors Breakfast & Dedication – 8-22-70; Letters re: Inaugural Calif 500 – 9-6-70
 - 26 Historical – includes booklet OMS-Where History is Happening
 - 27 First Calif. 500 Race programs – 1970
 - 28 US Postal Service; includes 1st day of Issue Ceremony
 - 29 Brochures of Races, Patches, Stickers
 - 30 OMS Trademark from US Patent Office – 1971-72
 - 31 OMS Patches in separate box
- OMS Seal (die in brown plastic case)

Box 8

Publicity and Promotional and Press Kits

Box 9

Folder-Programs

- 1-6 Calif. 500 Programs – 1973-1980
- 7-9 Datsun Twin 200 Programs – 1977-1980
- 10 Datsun Twin 200 NASCAR Winston West Starting Lineup-1980
- 11-13 LA Times 500 Programs – 1976-79
- 14 The Times 500 Grand National Stock Car Race for the Winston Cup Championship Program-1980
- 15 Inside Track magazine – Jan 1980 2 copies
- 16 Winston World Finals Programs – 1975-1978
- 17 Winston West Program – 1977
- 18 International Motorsports Spectacular Program – 1976
- 19 Camel Pro Series AMA Grand National Press Book – 1976
- 20 Champion Spark Plug Motorcycle Classics Program -1977
- 21 Hot Wheels Supnationals Programs –Nov. 21-22, 1970
- 22 Questor Grand Prix Program - Mar. 28, 1971
- 23 First Annual Truckers Nationals program – 1976; US Trucker Finals Program – 1976

Box 10 (large flat box)

Oversize items

Plans and Drawings for OMS Stadium, Tracks and Infield

Street Improvement Bonds series 86, 87, 88, 90, 91

California Jam 2 – program limited edition, March 18, 1978

Box 11

Folder

- 1 Special Activities – 1973
- 2 Rock Festival Ordinances – 1784 and 522
- 3 Cal Jam Inc. #1 – Agreement with OMS 2-13-78; Articles of Incorporation; Application for License to hold rock concert
- 4 Cal Jam #2 – March 18, 1978 – copies of articles about the concert

- 5 Cal Jam #3 – application, planning, publicity, music festival ordinance
- 6 Rock Concert Correspondence – 1972-1974
- 7 Rock Concert Correspondence – 1973-1976
- 8 Expo '81 working files
- 9 Expo '81 Correspondence – 1975-1978
- 10 Expo '81 correspondence, news releases, articles – 1975-76
- 11 Expo '81 Application for Federal and International Recognition – July 27, 1976

Box 12

- 22 7 ½ inch audio tapes of various OMS races -1970-1972
- 22 7 ½ inch audio tapes (in smaller boxes) OMS advertising spots-various years
- 3 audio tape cassettes Miller Life 500 1971
- 2 3 inch audio tape-radio ads Cal 500 undated

Box 13

25 audio tapes of various OMS races – 1973-76

Box 14

- 31 7 ½ inch audio tapes of various OMS races – 1977-78
- 13 5 inch audio tapes of OMS radio commercials – 1977

Box 15

- 31 7 ½ inch audio tapes of various OMS races – 1979-1980
- 2 3 inch audio tapes of Cal 500 – 1979

Box 16

- 6 boxes 16mm film of various OMS races undated
 - 1 round gray film can of various 16 mm film not on reels – undated
 - 1 smaller blue can of 16 mm film undated or labeled
 - 1 square brown 16 mm plastic film container –advertising film from Winston Racing Team – undated
- Some of these advertising short films were transferred to one DVD (now in the Model Colony Reading Room DVD collection) by S. Martinez 9-14-04.

Box 17

3 Sony video (V-11) tapes: Calif 500-1970; Calif 500-1972; Miller 500-1972
3 7 inch 16mm films undated, unlabeled
1 red 7 inch 16mm film shrink-wrapped with box-Al & Bobby Unser Ontario
Speedway 7 spots tied N.G. comp. print – undated
1 9 ½ inch 16 mm film Chamber of Commerce “Showdown at the Big O” no date
1 12 ½ inch 16mm film Questor Grand Prix – 1970
1 16mm film in red plastic square container – “STP film Thunder Highway
NASCAR 1972
2 large blue round plastic containers of 16 mm tapes with note “these 2 cans of
film are unable to be trans(ferred) negative and audio type films” undated