
Honoring and Preserving the Sports History of Chautauqua County



Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

15 West Third Street - Jamestown, NY 14701

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Chuck Bohler Memorial Dice Run and Motorcycle Show



The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is presenting the **Chuck Bohler Memorial Dice Run and Motorcycle Show** on Sunday, August 10th, at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club.

The event is being held to honor the late Chuck Bohler, a 1989 inductee of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame. Bohler was a well-known figure in the sport of motorcycle racing, nationally and internationally.

The approximately 100-mile dice run begins and ends at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club and includes stops at scenic areas throughout Chautauqua County. Cash

prizes will be awarded. Real Estate Advantage is the dice run sponsor.

Participants can pre-register for a fee of \$10 for the rider and \$10 for a passenger. Pre-registration forms are available at www.chautauquasportshallhoffame.org.

Registrations will also be accepted the day of the event at the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club, 8:00-9:00 a.m., at a cost of \$15 for the rider and \$10 for the passenger.

Following the dice run, riders will display their bikes on the lakeside lawn of the Lakewood Rod & Gun Club in a non-competitive motorcycle show from 12:00-4:00 p.m. **The public is invited to the motorcycle show free of charge.** All are welcome to enjoy the facilities of the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club. There will be a chicken BBQ and music. Raffles will also be held.

Harley-Davidson of Jamestown, Hector's Powersports and Reid's Powersports will have vendor booths displaying their latest products and services.

The highlight of the afternoon will be the unveiling of the Bohler Bike. **Dr. Charles Sinatra**, a national prize winning restorer of vintage cars and motorcycles, discovered the last motocross bike Chuck Bohler raced competitively, a 1973 Greeves. Sinatra (**pictured above**) and his crew has painstakingly restored the machine and will reveal their craftsmanship as a tribute to Bohler. The bike will be donated to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, 15 W. Third St., Jamestown, where Dr. Sinatra has served on its Board of Directors for 27 years.

CSHOF Receives Axel W. Carlson Memorial Fund Grant



The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation has awarded an Axel W. Carlson Memorial Fund grant to the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame to assist with the hall's computerized inventory project. CSHOF President Randy Anderson explained that the grant will allow the CSHOF to electronically record and catalogue its large collection of sports memorabilia. "We take seriously the trust and confidence that individuals and organizations place in us when they contribute their pieces of Chautauqua County sports history. Our new software program will more efficiently manage our inventory. We are grateful for the Carlson grant from the CRCF."

In the photo above, CRCF grants committee member Helen Sawyer models a recently donated baseball jersey and bat from the 1934 Forestville Lumbermen team. Randy Anderson displays a photograph of President Bill Clinton at Chautauqua Golf Club with former club pro Stan Marshaus. The photo was donated by Marshaus, a 2006 CSHOF inductee and current member of its Board of Directors.

New Feature on CSHOF Website

In order to make it easier for inductees, members and other interested visitors to become informed when new content is added to the ever-changing CSHOF website, a new feature has been created. In the upper, right-hand corner of our home page is an icon reading "latest updates". Clicking on that icon will display a list of any new photos, articles or videos that have been added in the past year. Take a look. You'll be impressed! www.chautauquasportshalloffame.org. Thanks to our webmaster Doug Hoisington for his leadership and untiring commitment to our site.

Jim McCusker on Downtown Jamestown Banners



As part of its "Up Close and Wonderful" branding campaign, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation has unveiled a series of street banners highlighting the many outstanding visitor attractions within Jamestown. The CSHOF was fortunate to be included in the JRC effort. The slogan created for the CSHOF was "Up Close and Legendary." Selected by JRC to represent all of the legendary inductees of the CSHOF was Jim McCusker, football star at Jamestown High, the University of Pittsburgh, and the National Football League. McCusker was a left tackle on the 1960 NFL Champions Philadelphia Eagles.

The banners are located in front of McCusker's business, The Pub, in front of the CSHOF, plus several other downtown sites.

Julian Buesink Memorial Race at Stateline Speedway



Julian Buesink, legendary stock car pioneer and NASCAR champion, will be honored at Stateline Speedway on Saturday, August 16th. Bill and Lynne Catania, new owners of Stateline, will remember the 2009 CSHOF inductee with their biggest race of the 2014 season at the Busti, NY track.

The CSHOF has been invited by Stateline management to conduct a 50/50 fundraiser in honor of the legacy Buesink left in local stock car racing history.



Buesink (Findley Lake) was the 1950 NASCAR Grand National Car Owner. His two-car team included fellow CSHOF inductees Lloyd Moore (Frewsburg) and Bill Rexford (Conewango Valley). Buesink also entered a third car in selected races, a forerunner of the multi-car teams now popular NASCAR. Rexford (right in photo), who was just 23 year old at the time, remains the youngest champion in NASCAR Sprint Cup history and its only champion from New York State. Moore finished fourth in points behind NASCAR legends Fireball Roberts and Lee Petty.



Among the drivers who drove for Buesink was a young South Carolinian, Cale Yarborough, pictured with Julian's car at Daytona in 1962. Buesink gave the youngster seven starts as the future three-time series champion and 2012 NASCAR Hall of Famer was beginning his legendary career.

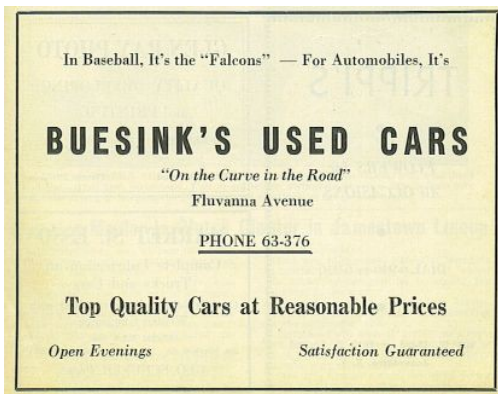


Buesink also fielded cars on the ARCA Circuit for driver Jim Scott from Garland, PA. Other local men to get behind the wheel of Buesink's ARCA cars were Tom Dill (Erie), and Floyd Fanale (Jamestown).



Buesink also enjoyed considerable success on the local racing circuit of Stateline and Eriez Speedways. In the photo at left, JB is shown with mechanic Jim Fardink and driver Fred Knapp after a 1966 victory. Other pilots of his potent Fords on the S/E Circuit were Bob Duell, Marty Rater, Pat Moore, Paul Wilson, Floyd Fanale, Johnny Whitehead and Jim Scott. Buesink's machines captured 27 feature wins and 73 top-three finishes.

Following the 1973 season, Julian's racing career was essentially over. Although he would occasionally sponsor cars, particularly the one of his son, Alan, as late as the 1990s, he refocused his attention and energy to his businesses.



Buesink was involved in the automotive industry throughout his life, owning various car dealerships in Jamestown, Westfield, Clymer, Corry, Northeast and Findley Lake.

Julian Buesink married Jean Hagelin in 1947. Their marriage produced four daughters Beverly, Darlene, Vicki, and Julie, along with a son, Alan.

Julian was a former supervisor for the Town of Mina. Buesink died on September 23, 1998 and was buried in Mina Cemetery.

Van Miller to Bills Wall of Fame



The Buffalo Bills recently announced that 2002 CSHOF inductee Van Miller will be the newest member of their Wall of Fame at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Miller was born in Dunkirk, New York, where he began his career at Dunkirk radio station WFCB calling play-by-play for high school football games. In the 1950s, he moved to Buffalo where he became the chief play-by-play announcer for the Buffalo Bills from the team's inception as an AFL team in 1960 to 1971, and again from 1977 to 2003. At the time of his retirement in 2003, Miller was the longest-tenured commentator with one team (37 years) in pro football history.

And he did it with flair and words and phrases that stuck: "Fandemonium," "Fasten your seatbelts," and "Do you believe it?"