

Driving only part of business for South Shore racer; parts store devoted solely to stock, drag racing

SOUTH SHORE—If you need a water pump for the Family Supporter, Precision Auto Parts is probably not the place to go. The auto parts store, which is 13 years ago by Bill Hayes and a partner, is not in the business of racing and does not carry parts for normal vehicles operated on the street.

Hayes has had a love affair with racing since he was a teenager and, with the exception of a few years after high school, has made his living from racing and its related business.

"This is all we do full time to make a living," Hayes explained. "We build race cars and sell racing equipment."

Hayes did work for Harbison-Walker Fabrications in Portsmouth for a few years. However, the money bank yards in the area, if it fell on hard times in the late '70s and early '80s.

"I started shutting down in 1982," Hayes said. "We started Precision in February or March '82. After a couple of years, Hayes and his partner sold out to Hayes' father, Jim Hayes.

The younger Hayes, however, has continued to work at and operate the business.

Hayes and some buddies actually started building a car the previous summer, but Jim Hayes put his son off until the next season.

Dad built my first car," Bill Hayes said. Unlike most drivers who start out in a lower division car, Hayes took the track at the age of 17 in a late model.

"It was the father decided he'd just as soon see me start out in a late model with a much better group of drivers," Hayes said. "I made me a better driver."

Since that first race, Hayes has been driving "off and on" for 21 years. Only in the past three years has Hayes gone to a modified car.

The shop at Precision is busy throughout the year. "We build

six to 10 cars a winter," Hayes remarked. That, however, is only part of the activities. Much of the time is spent repairing cars and making improvements for the upcoming season.

"We build a new front clip under a car," he said. "We carry a body under one."

This time of the year, cars damaged during the season are being repaired in the Precision shop in order to get the cars back on the track.

"One of the chassis (on the car of Hubert Harfield of Milton, W.Va.) we built is running first in the UMP points," Hayes said. Precision also built the cars for Chris Steiner, son of the top

street stock drivers at Portsmouth and Tom Houghbush, one of the top super street stock drivers at Fleming County racetrack.

"We're building Randy Madson a new modified," Hayes added. They also rebuilt Madson's current car and are keeping it running during the current season.

In addition to operating the business at South Shore, Hayes and the other employees at the business are off to race tracks each weekend with trucks loaded with parts.

In addition to having a truck at Portsmouth each Saturday,



Bill Hayes waits on a customer during a recent race. Hayes, a modified driver, has converted to interest in racing into a full time business.

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR EXCITEMENT!



PORTSMOUTH Raceway PARK

1 1/3 mile Semi Banked Oval - Located 1/2 mile South of U.S. 52 on S. R. 73; then right just before the bridge

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

Gates Open: 4:30 PM/ Warm Ups 6:30 PM/ Race 8:00 PM

For More Information Call
(513) 246 - 2111 or (614) 354 - 3278

Ramada Inn Race Headquarters
(614) 354 - 7711



Trade With The People Who Know Cars & Trucks

Dotson Brothers, Inc.
1810 Colman Drive - Reynolds Rd., Paris, KY - Open 7:15 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
987 - 5669

WANTED

Your Scrap Steel and Motor Cast PAYING TOP PRICES
Monday - Friday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
CECIL SALVAGE
Olive Hill, KY
286-6561

Check Out Wednesday And Thursday Family Night Special!

All Movies The Movie Store
603 Carol Malone Blvd. Grayson, Ky. 474 - 6224

* Excludes New Releases

McDAVID MOTORS

Family Owned For Over 30 Years
by People You Can Trust.
Quality Cars With Low Miles
Phone: 474 - 9888 or 474 - 7596
Owner: Hugh McDavid Salesman: William Waddell

90 Buick Skylark Maroon, 4 cyl, 4 door 25,000 miles \$6450.00	91 Chevy Cavalier RS 4 dr., 4 cyl., maroon 41,000 miles \$6950.00
90 Chevy Corsica Black, V-6, 4 door 46,000 miles \$6450.00	88 Olds Cutlass SL V-6 2 dr, coupe 54,000 miles \$6450.00
90 Ford T - Bird Cinnamon, V-6 55,000 miles \$7450.00	89 Pontiac Grand Am Maroon, 2 door, 4 cyl 41,000 miles \$6950.00
90 Ford Escort Maroon, 2 door, 4 cyl. 50,000 miles \$4950.00	88 Chevy S-10 Blazer White, V-6 49,000 miles \$8950.00

519 E. Main Street Grayson, Ky.

Harr believes more bombers will be on tracks



Ashland engine builder and driver Kelly Thacker checks over an engine he built before a recent race. Thacker is one of the main modified engine builders in the area.

ASHLAND—Larry Harr is the defending bomber champion at Portsmouth Raceway Park. A 13-year veteran of the racing world, Harr survives as an accident-prone mid-season last year that got him a trip to the hospital and destroyed his car. He came back, however, to take the track championship.

After a slow start this season, Harr is once again challenging for the top spot. He enters the final two months of the racing season in second.

Harr's cars are old Camaros and carry the number 28.

Harr said he began his racing career at the old Checker Flag Raceway near Ashland. "I'm not a fan of building a racecar," he said. "I called it a race car, but nobody else did."

Harr started in bombers and has stayed pretty close to those early roots. "I had a late model and ran about half a season," Harr explained. "It was more money than I could handle."

While starting a Checker Flag, Harr has gone where ever he could find a track. "I've run about every track they've got," he said.

Harr operates a garage on Roberts Drive, beside the vocational school, near Ashland.

Besides making repairs on regular cars, he finds time to keep his race car running and building and helping other drivers with their cars.

"I build cars for other people in the winter time," Harr explained. "It keeps me busy in the winter."

One of the cars Harr built last winter belongs to Michael "Batsler" Batzell of South Shore, a past feature winner at Portsmouth.

Since bombers require the least amount of money to put on the track, Harr sees the demand for the bombers continuing to increase.

Portsmouth regularly attracts 40 or more bombers. A track at Vinton County, Ohio, runs nothing but bombers and has 10 or more cars on an average night.

"If they had all the bombers here (at Portsmouth), they wouldn't handle them," Harr said. "There'll be even more next year."

40 +

to choose from Big Selection of late model Used Cars & Trucks

WE BUY Late Model Used Cars & Trucks. If You Have One For Sale SEE US !!

WEBB'S USED CARS
317 2nd St. Portsmouth, Ohio 614/353-5588

SEE Gary or Roger Webb "Always the Best Buy"



Firestone - B. F. Goodrich
Unifroyal - Mastercraft
OTHER BRANDS AVAILABLE
INTERSTATE BATTERIES
Body Part Accessories and Supplies
Factory Original Equipment or After Market
New Radiators

BOWENS AUTO BODY
"We Specialize In Quality Body Repair"
• Foreign & Domestic • Color Match Guarantee
• Insurance Claims Welcome • Free Estimates
7426 U.S. 60 Ashland, KY
606/928-5427 Toll Free: 1-800-532-1851

The hands at the left belong to a pit crew member and signal Randy Briggs, driving 73, concerning his lead. The signals from the pit entrance are an important source of information concerning leads, position to drive on the track and potential problems on the track.



IMCA - UMP Modified Chassis . . .
Complete - Only \$1,995.00
Rolling Kit Car - \$6,995.00

5 pt. Safety Harness Choice of Red - Blue - Black \$79.95	ALUMINUM 4' X 10' SHEET White ----- 032 White ----- 040 Colored ----- 040 Colors Available - Black, Red, Dark Blue, Pepsi Blue, Orange and Yellow
--	---

Complete Race Car Fabrication Shop
From Repair to Turn Key
Full Line Of Racing Equipment

"Our Performance Products Help You Stay Out Front"

Precision Parts
4000 Old US 23
P.O. Box 150 - South Shore, KY 41175
(606) 932-3575
Toll Free: 1-800-932-5529

THUNDER MOUNTAIN

Stock Car Racing
US 60 East Olive Hill, KY

Sorry, We Will Be Closed Friday, August 20th
We Will Be Open Friday, August 27th
Qualify At 7:00 p.m. Race At 8:00 p.m.

\$1000 Late Models to Win
\$400 Modified to Win
\$300 Street Stock to Win
\$250 Bombers to Win
Coming Friday, September 3rd
Don Hall Chevy 1000

Rules:
Must have stock floor pan
No weight jacks or coil over
No local locks
Maximum 8" tire - D.O.T. Approved
Any 2 barrel carburetor
Any small block engine
Conventional type header only
Stock splitter only
No Aluminum heads or intakes

\$1000 Late Models to Win
\$1000 Bombers to Win
Bring The Whole Family Come Out And Join The Fun!

