

**#89 BOB McCULLOUGH # 90**



After many months and countless phone calls, I finally was able to locate Bob. I reached his son first who I talked to for about an hour and he told me Bob was up for thanksgiving, visiting with his family.

Of course he went to the races at Wall Stadium and met up with some old friends and did some catching up.

I believe when Bob started racing, he started out on dirt and then ran asphalt too, running East Windsor, Bridgeport, Flemington and eventually came to Pleasantville. The cars he ran were the # 89 and the # 90 for Al Whitehouse.



He told me that he did drive the 9A for Howard Frye at East Windsor once but the engine let loose and they were done for the night.

Bob did pretty well at P'ville, picking up quite a few feature wins and eventually won the track points title in 1971.



He's probably remembered most often for the mishap he had on the front straight. I was 3 or 4 cars behind him and as we exited turn 4; Dusty Malsbury was on the inside and Bob was coming up to pass him, when Dusty's right wheel came off and Bob ran over the tire, hitting the fence which then launched him into the air

causing the car to flip 8 times.

I had slowed down and watched this happen in front of me, each time the car came down on the roof the headroom kept getting smaller and smaller; it was a scary thing to watch.

So Bob is telling me that the fortunate things in this instance were twofold, the seat had broken the welds allowing him to kind of curl up instead of being held in an upright position, the second thing was the car was a '35 Dodge or Plymouth which had a soft top instead of metal; so they tacked a couple of welds on to hold the panel in place. The impacts were so severe that it popped the welds on the panel and he got out through the roof.



The only injury he got was a small cut on his hand which he probably got getting out of the car and I think that's when they built the # 90 Falcon as the coupe was pretty well destroyed.



After racing Bob became the mayor of Pemberton Township N.J. for 4 years, then moved to Boynton Beach Florida, which was only 10 minutes away from me.

He and his wife have since moved to Clovis, New Mexico where one of his sons has become very successful in broadcast radio and at the present time owns 5 radio stations.

Now there was a rumor flying around that Bob and a few other people were thinking of re-opening the old Arney's Mount Speedway in Mount Holly, when I told him that he just laughed and said put that rumor to bed 'cause it isn't so. What is true is this; Bob is involved in revamping a high banked dirt track that needs a little sprucing up and if he's successful in the initial phase they'll move forward to the next step.

Of course the economy is going to play a big part in this, trying to draw a decent field of cars and that would mean guys that were in the sport before, would have to build new cars unless they have their old ones their garage.

**So Bob is still involved with racing to a degree and we all wish him the best in his endeavors.**