

RALPH BROSCHARD

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Ralph Broschard Jersey called Somers Point. Before Ralph man at Point Auto honed his skills to

He has a gift and a when we raced our cars and crashed or had a fender bender on the street; the man is that good!



hails from a little town in South retired he had worked as a body Repair and over the years he perfection. talent that a lot of us wish we had



Now don't take my word for it; the next time you're at the Pumpkin Run at Fleming's Auto Parts walking around the stock car museum area where most of the restored vintage stock cars are, there are quite a few cars he has brought back to life that are on display there and some of those restored cars were in pretty

bad shape when he started on them.

He just completed his # 825 car in time for the Pumpkin Run this year and it is a beautiful piece.

Ralph started out driving his orange # 825 at P'ville in the modern stock division and was very successful winning heat races and features, oh yeah he also had a couple of "minor" mishaps too. Not to worry though, that's where his gift came in handy and he's also a good mechanic.



He ran in the modern division from 1971 to 1978, then moved up to the sportsman division driving another one of his cars the gold # 28Vega. He ran the last 1/2 of the '78 season with the # 28 at P'ville.

He then went to Evergreen Speedway in Penna. in '79 with the #28, because they opened earlier than P'ville. That track was run by a relative of Jimmy

Spencer and it just so happened that Mr. Excitement; Jimmy himself was also running there at the same time and Ralph wound up besting Jimmy for the win. As the story goes the Spencer's put money up a few times to protest Ralph, claiming he was illegal but when the car passed inspection they went home with the protest



money and the winner's purse, not bad for nights work.



Of course they were told in so many words not to come back, but they didn't listen and they came back the last part of the '79 season at Evergreen with Tony Siscone at the wheel.

Ralph finished the '79 season at P'ville with a very respectable 4th place finish in the point standings.

Other cars Ralph has done are the #30 coach, the #24 coupe, the yellow #0 coupe owned by Ann Ransom and the famous 659 owned by Charlie Santilli. If any of you haven't been to the Pumpkin Run, you owe it to yourself to go at least once, you'll have a spectacular



time and see one of the greatest car shows in South Jersey. It's usually held the 1st weekend in November; we have a link on this site where you can get information.



Now I didn't know Ralph that well until 2 years ago, sure I knew the name from racing and watched him run at the track;

then I came to Flemings during the week, (see they work on various projects and whatever on Wed. and Saturdays) and he showed my buddy Ray and I around, took us to the diner that him and the guys restored, had coffee and cake and a great BS session, I mean Ralph treated us like we were special people; but then, when you have the title of "The Mayor of Flemings" I guess that's how he should treat his guests!



All joking aside he really super guy and made us feel welcome like we were one of the regulars.

I guess we'll just sit back and wait to see the next project he takes on; I know we won't be disappointed.
