

RECORDS OF THE
THOMPSON RACEWAY
1952-1967

Introduction

The Thompson Raceway was the first private road racing course to be built and operated in the United States. Prior to that, all sports car road races had been conducted either on public highways or on airports. The Thompson Raceway was opened in 1952, just prior to the banning of racing on public roads.

The records listed below were transferred to the State Archives in March, 1978. They were a gift of Barbara F. Weaver, one of the Raceway's original operators.

Total footage - 6 ft.

List of Records

1. File Folders labelled as follows: Box 1
 - Lawyer
 - Finances
 - Narragansett Improvement Co.
 - Frawley
 - 1956 Race Schedule Controversy
 - Publicity - 1965
 - Publicity - 1964
 - October 19, 1958 Cycle Race
 - 1957 Races
 - SCCA Oct. 1952 Event Announcement
 - National Event - Aug. 1952
 - Sept. 1954 - SCCA National Event
 - Sept. 6, 1953 Race
 - Oct. 11, 1953 Race
 - SCCA N.E. Region Event - Oct. 11, 1952
 - Cycle Race - Sept. 25, 1955
 - Sept. 4, 1955 Race

2. File Folders labelled as follows: Box 2
 - Sept. 2 & 3, 1956 Race
 - 1963 Race Clippings
 - Sept. 3 & 4, 1967 Race
 - Entry List - Sept. 3 & 4, 1967 National Race
 - Sept. 3 & 4, 1961 Race
 - Labor Day Races - 1960 Labor Day
 - May 30, 1953 Race
 - Sept. 2 & 3, 1962 - National Race
 - Sept. 1 & 2, 1963 Race (2 folders)

3. File Folders labelled as follows: Box 3
- Oct. 11, 1964 Race
 - Sept. 6 & 7, 1964 Race
 - Sept. 6, 1965 Race
 - Speedway Problems
 - Otto Bayer
 - SCCA Fights with Race Courses
 - Part of May 1967 Contract Battle
 - FIA Sedan Race 1967
 - Correspondence
 - Publicity - 1957 & 1958
 - Raybestos
 - Advertising
 - Permits
 - Program Material
 - Reprints - "Two Lanoias at Thompson"
4. Various Photographs of Races & Personalities at Thompson Box 4
(Most of the photographs are not identified.)
5. Miscellaneous Records including financial accounts 1952-, Box 5
tax records, legal records, records of the Board of Directors
and scrapbooks.