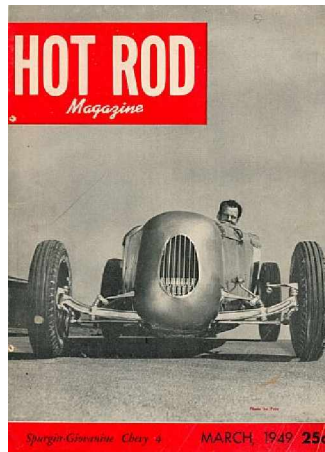


Spurgin Giovanine Cover



The Spurgin Giovanine Roadster

Legendary record breaking Dry-Lakes race car

We are finally going to start on the restoration of the Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster that raced at the SCTA Dry Lakes time trials. We have had the S-G Roadster for 4 years and it was in a backyard in Apple Valley for over 35 years. Chuck Spurgin and Bob Giovanine were brilliant together as a team.

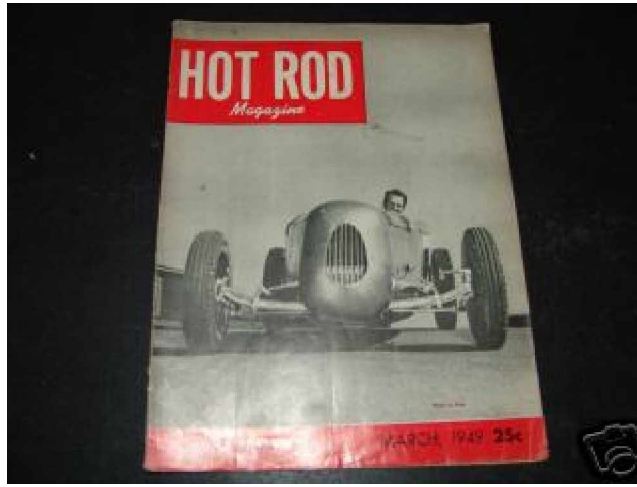
The legendary Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster was a beautifully designed Dry Lakes racer by the team of Chuck Spurgin and Bob Giovanine. The racer was a Chevy-four roadster and it was the "high points" car in SCTA competition for 1948 setting an A class roadster record of 123.655 mph, a record that stood for two years. During the record breaking S.C.T.A. 1948 racing season, which was defying all incredible odds, the October 30-31, 1948 S.C.T.A. Racing News Program had a story on the roadster titled- "Will the Chevy Four make a clean sweep? At that time the Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster was breaking the World Class record at every S.C.T.A. meet during the season as well as the leader in total points up to that time over the entire association competition. The Roadster was the "Cover Car" for the Hot Rod Magazine in March 1949 and the "Hot Rod of the Month" with a feature article.

The Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster subsequently continued racing in a modified configuration as the "Mothersill's Special" that raced at Bonneville in October 1956. The Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster was taken over by Carl Borgh of Harbor City of Southern California in 1954. The new owner, Carl Borgh changed out the engine with a 292- cubic inch GMC, using the same Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster chassis and turning a 141 mph. The now "Mothersills Special" in 1955 made the change as the engine was moved to the rear and the car turned 149 mph at Bonneville. It was again a feature car in the Hot Rod Magazine in the second configuration.

It was lucky that the body and chassis was totally intact... but without a motor and some key elements but we will get it together with help from historians... and networking

Take care and see you - etn

Spurgin Letter



SPURGIN- GIOVANINE CHEVY 4 CHAMPION DRY LAKES ROADSTER CARL BORGH "MOTHERSILLS" SPECIAL BONNEVILLE LAKESTER

The Chuck Spurgin- Bob Giovanine Chevy-4 roadster was the "High Points" car in SCTA competition for 1948 setting an A Class roadster record for 1948 of 123.655 mph, a record that stood for two years. The 1948 December issue of Hot Rod Magazine had a story which was the summary of the SCTA racing season...***"As was expected, the veteran team of Spurgin & Giovanine once again raised their own record in Class "A" when their 1925 Chevrolet 4 cylinder Roadster toured the two-way runs in an average speed of 123.655 mph, after having qualified at 125.52 earlier in the day. This gave them a perfect score in S.C.T.A. class competition in placing first and setting a new record in their class at every scheduled meet of the season. This most incredible feat brought them a total of 1800 points and won the Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster the title of "Season's Champion" for 1948.*** To win an event in 1948, one had to qualify at a world record speed and do an "A" run and a "B" run... both at the world record speeds. The car was the "Cover Car" and the "Hot Rod of the Month" with a feature story in the March 1949 Hot Rod Magazine. The beautiful Dry Lakes Roadster was featured as a "Cover Car" for the SCTA -First Annual Hot Rod Exposition in Los Angeles and was a feature car at the 1949 Second Annual Hot Rod Exposition in Los Angeles as the 1948 SCTA overall Champion. The Spurgin- Giovanine Roadster was the "Hot Rod" of the month as a "Cover Car" and was the feature story of the month.

The legendary Spurgin- Giovanine Dry Lakes Roadster continued racing as Carl Borgh raced the car at Bonneville Salt Flats in 1954 and 1955. The engine (292 cubic inch GMC) was placed at the rear as the driver was in a cockpit towards the front of the car. In 1956 it was known as the "Mothersills Special" and it was again the feature article in the October 1956 Hot Rod Magazine. The famous Spurgin- Giovanine race- car started racing the Dry Lakes in 1940 (SCTA – third place- 122 mph) and continued racing (with the exception of the WWII years) until 1956 at the Bonneville Salt Flats. Rarely does a car campaign in the highest level of competition for such a long period of time... and accomplish the incredible consecutive record breaking runs in 1949... a legend indeed.