

A Combined Team

By Karen Evans

Chet Danburg, 9-year veteran driver is still around and by many people considered one of the top-notch drivers in South Dakota.

Chet's from Miller and started his racing career at Central Speedway in Miller on a dirt track. A fine 3/8-mile track designed specifically for racing.

Chet's absence from the late model division has brought new community and track commitments into his everyday life, he is the local director of the Miller Area Jaycees and Central Speedway Association president.

This year along with his brother, Terry Danburg, and

associate, Joe Weinzirl of Miller, they managed to put together a highly competitive and quite controversial hobby stock car.

Chet said: We tried to give the guys some guidelines to go by when driving, I feel if they run hard and fast on the straightaways and make the turns without slowing down to a minimum, you'd have a better jump on the situation and be more capable of taking the first place position and keeping it. Myself, I've tried to stay away from the driving end of the agreement, but it's hard to do when I'm standing out there in the pits just watching. I'd

like nothing better than to be behind the wheel just to correct any mistakes they might make but in my opinion, Terry and Joe have come a long way. Terry, I feel, has really improved and Joe, for a rookie driver, he's really showing the fans his stuff.

Danburg said his reason for building a hobby stock was to help his brother and Joe get started in racing, building a hobby stock is less of a headache, also you don't have near the money tied up in it as the case of late models. Back when I started racing the attitude toward driving was fun and fans

enjoyed watching but now drivers, owner and spectators have a new awareness and it's all serious business. We have reached new goals and surpassed them.

I asked Chet if he had any future goals planned for the No. 177 hobby stock they are now campaigning. Yes; we do, currently I believe we are third in point standings at both Huron and Miller tracks. We especially are aiming for high point championship in Miller and with a little luck, capture Huron's crown also.

The Danburg-Weinzirl car only managed two sponsors for the "76" season, but hometown sponsors at that: Ray Sommers of Miller and Miller Fencing the Danburg-Weinzirl pit crew consists only of the trio but each one considered top notch mechanics in their field with all the setbacks this season they have set their feet down firmly and worked hard to keep the car running smoothly and set the pace for hobby stock competition.

I asked Chet Danburg what he thought of his interview for Dirt Track News and got this reaction:

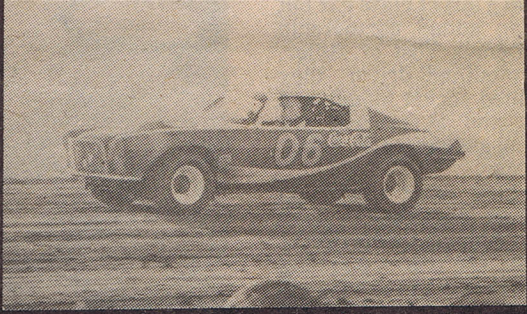
Miller Central Speedway has definitely progressed from last year. I believe the added publicity supplied from Dirt Track News will bring us to a better understanding with our convidents and partners on the racing format. Fans could only show a higher interest in what we're doing at local tracks and a chance to be behind the scenes on the excitement.

It will only help to unite us again, a tribute we have lost in past years.
Thanks Dirt Track News.



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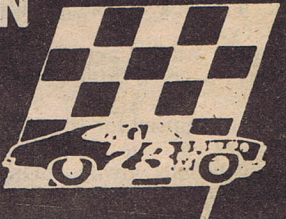
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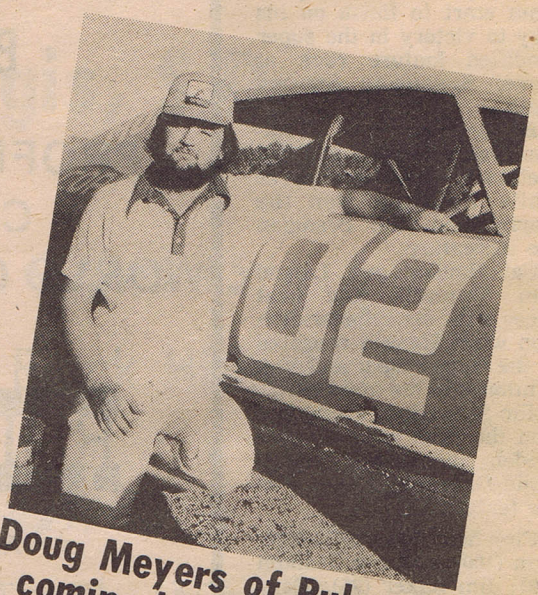
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