



**Daytona Firecracker 400**

by Darel Disinger  
 Like all the other drivers in the Firecracker 400 at Daytona International Speedway on July 4, I'll have my strategy for winning worked out when I go to the starting line — but I don't expect it to be worth very much once the race starts.

As a matter of fact, it will work only until the first yellow caution flag waves — then goodbye. The caution flags — and you are sure to get them in a race as long and as fast as the Firecracker — are the real strategy makers. For example, say we plan to run 60 miles or so on a full tank of gas, 22 gallons, and the caution comes out after we have run only 65 or 70 miles. We'd be crazy not to go in for fuel and look at the tires under the caution.

So you can say that the plans a man makes for a race are made between caution flags. When they are not out, he can run the way he thinks he should, but as soon as one is waved he has to re-do his strategy. The only good thing about this is that it holds true for everybody, and no one driver will be able to hold to his pre-race strategy worked out with his chief mechanic and pit crew.

Speaking of pit crews, they are the key to victory when a driver's car is handling and running well. Let a man spend, say, 25 seconds in the pits and his rivals only 20, and he faces what amounts to an insurmountable problem. There just isn't any way for a man to make up that five seconds on a car that is as fast as his and driven by a determined, capable driver. A fellow can't take a short cut across the infield to make up those precious seconds, you know.

The Firecracker 400 is a great one to win, but it's a tough one to win. I can't think of any more competitive race, or one more loaded with cars capable of the speeds needed to win. There used to be a time, even in the Firecracker, when the winner was almost certain to be among four or five cars. No more. There'll be about 20 cars in the race on July 4 strong and fast enough to get in the winner's circle. All a fellow will have to do to win is to beat such drivers in topflight cars as Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough, David Pearson, Mario Andretti, Lee Roy Yarborough, Buddy Baker, Bobby Isaac, the Allison Brothers, Bobby and Donnie;

P. Goldsmith, Charlie Glotzbach and A. J. Foyt. And that's not all of them.

You must not ever forget the heat, either. With the windows up, those stock cars get blistering at Daytona in July. I have come out of the race with the heels of my rubber-soled shoes melted and big blisters on my feet. It's an exhausting race, not only on the drivers, but on the engines and tires.

I've been lucky enough to be on the pole twice in the Firecracker, first in 1964 when I qualified at 172.678 miles per hour, and last year at 179.803. I'll have to do a lot better than that on June 30 when the time trials to decide the pole spots will be run, and I am sure that Mario Rossi will have our Plymouth ready.

I like to be on the pole, and if not on the pole as far to the front as I can get. When you have a fast car, but something keeps you from qualifying on the first two or three days, and you have to start back in the pack, your chances of getting in trouble are multiplied. The fast cars that are in the back are going to try to get to the front as soon as the flag drops, and the traffic is mighty hairy on the way to that first turn in Daytona. If you're in front you miss that mad scramble and the chances of getting knocked out of the race before it really gets underway.

The Firecracker is a great race, and this one should top them all. The only way to win is to keep the button pushed down all the way, all the time, and everybody will be doing that. I'm going to drive that way, and hope that'll be enough to get me to Victory Lane.

**NOTICE**

The Town Board of Andover has designated the Andover Grange Hall, District No. 1 and the Andover Town Hall District No. 2 as Official Polling places for Voting in the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 18, 1968.

Voting Hours are from 12 Noon until 9:00 P. M.

JOAN C. DIBBLE  
 Town Clerk

**Notice Of Primary Election**

Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held for the Republican, Democrat and Liberal Parties in all Districts in Allegany County on June 18, 1968.

The Republican Party will nominate a candidate for Sheriff.

The Democratic Party will nominate a candidate for United States Senator and Representative in Congress and will elect delegates and alternates to the National Convention.

The Liberal Party will nominate a candidate for United States Senator and will elect member of State Committee.

CATHERINE B. DEAN  
 GERALD N. MABEY  
 Commissioners of Election

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for the partial remodeling of the Allegany County Clerk's Office, County Courthouse, Belmont, New York, in order to accommodate certain motor vehicle processing equipment in accordance with New York State Department of Motor Vehicles requirements, at the Allegany County Board of Supervisors Committee Room, Second Floor, County Courthouse, Belmont, New York, on or before the 28th day of June, 1968, at 10:00 a. m. at which time and place all bids will be opened. Detailed specifications can be obtained from Helen S. Ackerman, 268-7613 Area Code 716. The County of Allegany reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

ROBERT H. MCNINCH  
 Chairman, Allegany County Buildings Committee Belmont, New York

**Notice Of Collection Of Taxes**

The Tax Roll and Warrant of the Village of Andover have been left with me for the collection of 1968 taxes, therein levied.

I will receive such taxes at the Village Office on the following days and hours; Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M.; Wednesdays, 8:00 A. M. until 12:00 Noon and Fridays 8:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. and 6:00 P. M., until 8:00 P. M. from June first to and including July first.

On all such taxes remaining unpaid after July first, interest of 5 per centum shall be added for the month of July and an additional one half of one per centum for each month and fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

LANDIS C. KIBBE  
 Collector

**Notice of School Meeting Andover Central School**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the inhabitants of Central School District No. 1 of Andover, Allegany County, qualified to vote at school meeting in said district will be held at the school house in said district on Tuesday, July 9, 1968 at 8:00 o'clock p. m., for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the said district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting except Saturday, Sunday or holidays at each of the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Andover Central School, 9 - 12 a. m., and 1 - 4 p. m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the board of education must be filed with the clerk of the district not later than June 25, 1968.

The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:

Term: Five years (Name of last incumbent: Alan Tuttle).

Term: Two years (Name of last incumbent: Robert Common).

Each vacancy requires a separate petition to nominate a candidate to each separate office. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be

signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the names of the last incumbent.

Dated: June 13, 1968.

MARY K. SLADE, Clerk

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