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RONNIE ALLYN

Ronnie Allyn of Santa Ana, California, was a diversified racing journalist and historian. His interest in motorsports developed at a very young age. He began hanging around southern California race tracks in the late Forties. From nearly the beginning, he retained his racing notes and event programs for future reference. It was during this time that he developed his unique writing skills for which he became known nationally. Race reports, columns, news releases and program highlights became Ronnie's stock-in-trade. He was a guiet yet articulate man who paid attention to detail. As a publicist, Allyn was an essential employee of Agajanian Enterprises for many years.

He was great at making sure printed race programs included up-to-date driver rosters and point standings. He was also expert at providing accurate cutlines for race photos. Allyn performed these professional services



Ronnie Allyn Bruce Craig Collection

throughout his career, concluding with his work at Baylands Raceway Park in Fremont (Calif.).

Beginning in 1962, Allyn penned many columns entitled "Down Allyn's Alley" for Gary Sterner's "Racing Wheels". His love for all forms of auto racing, especially the open wheeled variety, was especially evident in his

writings. He was a great saver of motorsports memorabilia, including historical programs, papers and photos. Ronnie also is remembered for his abilities in the timing and scoring of race events.

Ronnie Allyn, in his late forties at the time, passed away in the summer of 1984.