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ALAN KREITZER

- PROMOTER

By Todd Heintzelman

ALAN KREITZER HAS been a fixture in the sprint car pit areas of Central Pennsylvania dirt tracks for a very long time. From racer to track owner to track promoter and everything in between, Kreitzer has seen and done it all when it comes to dirt track racing in Central Pennsylvania.

Whether it was the super sportsman racing at Silver Spring Speedway or the sprint cars at Williams Grove Speedway, Kreitzer has always been a hands-on promoter running the grader, fixing fencing or running the water truck. Kreitzer was always willing to do whatever the job of running and promoting a

speedway required and made a life-time commitment to the sport.

Kreitzer was born into racing as his family owned and operated Silver Spring Speedway in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. At a young age, he promoted go kart races at the family raceway and helped put together the weekly program books and year books at his family's speedway, which is located near Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

He helped his parents, Will and Betty, operate the family's Silver Spring Speedway featuring winged super sportsman, limited late models and street stocks on the tight 3/8-mile. Albeit very brief, he did race the super sportsman cars as well. The "Springs" had a very successful 50-plus year run. The track closed and the property was sold following the 2005 season.

His involvement stretched well beyond Silver Spring as he's owned or promoted numerous other sprint car tracks in Central Pennsylvania. His hands-on approach and willingness to listen to the drivers, and others, are two of the reasons he's one of the most respected men in the pit areas.

In the early 1990s, he owned and promoted Susquehanna Speedway for several years featuring the sprint cars and

super sportsman on Sunday nights.

In 1993, Kreitzer, along with brothers Bob and Don Leiby, purchased Lincoln Speedway in Abbottstown, Pennsylvania. Kreitzer and the Leibys helped bring the speedway back and onto the national sprint car map. He remains involved at Lincoln with a new ownership group in place a few years ago.

Kreitzer's promoter resume also includes the historic Williams Grove Speedway. He spent several seasons there as a co-promoter. He still helps out at the Grove with track prep when needed. More recently, he spent a few seasons helping promote Selinsgrove Speedway.

While he no longer owns any speedways, he's very much involved in the Central Pennsylvania sprint car scene. He helps coordinate and promote the annual Pennsylvania Sprint Car Speedweek. The series has grown tremendously and many of the track involved have their biggest crowds of the season during Speedweek.

His involvement in motorsports goes beyond the on track action as well. He is also very much involved with the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and has been one of the driving forces behind it since its inception in the 1980s. ■

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