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race car, and the other is building your own. Whether either method will produce a competitive car depends solely on the ability of the builder, and if they have the knowledge to produce a winning car.

Vest, who races a Nova in the Limited class, prefers to build his own. "It is a gratifying feeling of accomplishment to win a race in something you know that you've built with your own hands."

Vest builds his cars from the ground up, which means starting out with a bare frame. The front and rear suspensions are set up, then the roll cage and the inside tin work, which is sealing up the spaces left by the removal of the interior — the seats, the trim, doors, glass, everything. The dash, steering wheel and gauges, which usually consist of only an oil pressure gauge and a large tachometer, are installed next. The engine, which is by far the

always expenses, always something to modify or repair.

"The wear and tear on these cars is incredible," Bugbee says, "and the fact that we're out there running on 35-year-old asphalt doesn't help one bit. Imagine if you had to drive your street car on a highway that old, it just makes this sport that much more expensive and dangerous. We're reaching speeds of almost 120 out there, and that rough surface really chews up the tires."

Yet the condition of the Speedway hasn't caused a drop-off in competitors amid management assurance that the facility soon will receive some needed renovation.

The Speedway was built to its current form in the early '50s and was originally designed for the "hardtops," typically a '40s Ford without fenders, the predecessors to today's sprint cars.

While the Speedway's past has been rocky, the immediate future seems to be solid with the formation of a new "I-5 Tour Race Series" for the Super Stocks, which rotates among tracks along Interstate 5, and assures a purse of almost double the normal prize at the Speedway. This series will be in Eugene once a month, and should bring some of the best of Northwest racing to town.

— GREG RUBENSTEIN

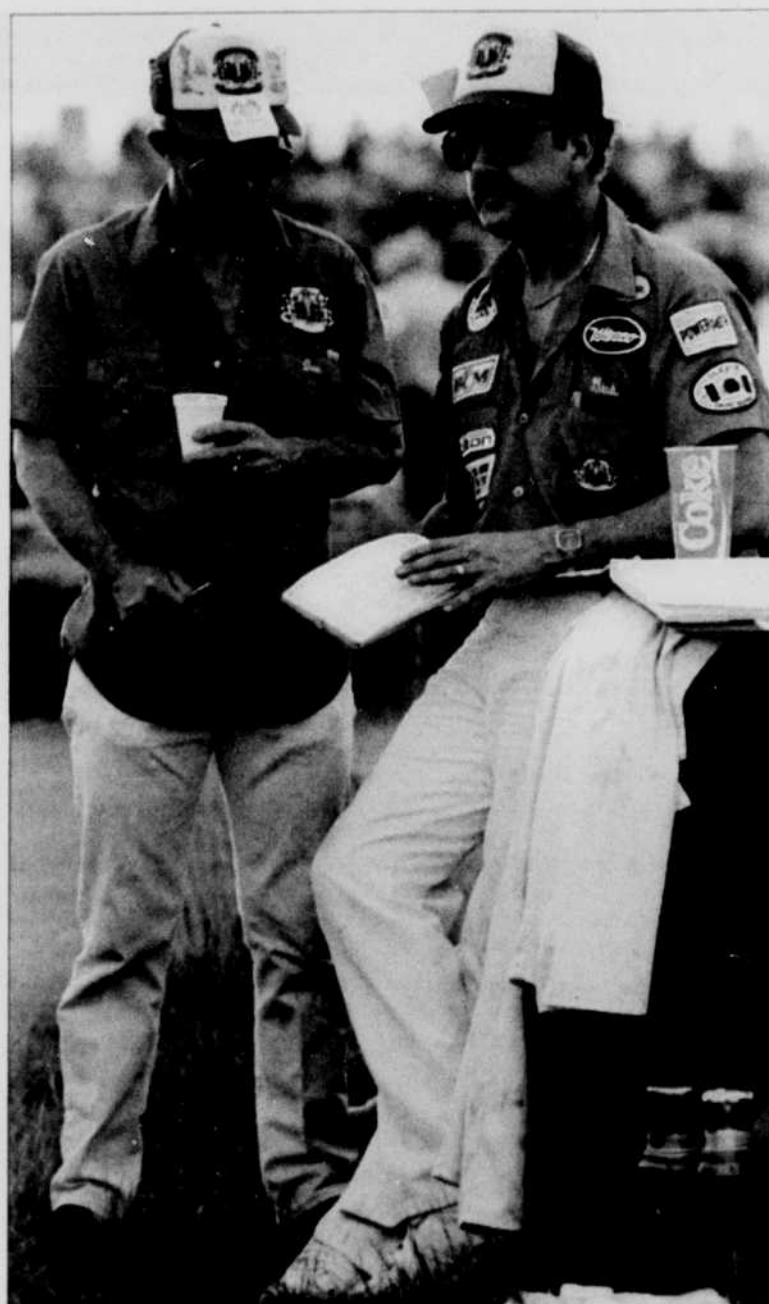
'You get to missing fishing trips, a peaceful weekend, and even seeing your kids grow up. My youngest boy graduated from high school recently, and I could hardly even believe it — I spend so much time in the garage.'

— Glen Vest

Building your own car is a difficult process, one that begins at the end of the race season around September or October. Planning is the most important part of the process, for you need a mental picture of how you want your car before you even begin. The car must have inexpensive and widely available parts, which usually leads to the selection of an early American-made car.

single most expensive piece of any race car (Vest's "only" cost a few thousand dollars), is the only component of the car Vest has built for him, is put in last. With his engine installed, only painting and cosmetic work are left. By the time his car is completed, he will have invested \$7,000, and at least 1,500 hours.

Having a race-ready car, however, doesn't mean the end of the preparation, for there are



Oregon State Prison inmates Dan Wheaton (left) and Dudley Janeway take a break during recent action at the Eugene Speedway. Both are members of the Highwallers Racing Team.

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