

MOTOR SPORTS

Alvis reminds young drivers to respect at least one elder

FLOYD ALVIS CAN order from the senior citizens' menu in restaurants, but his 63 years on the planet don't rate any breaks on the race track.

The San Carlos midget racer drives just as hard as the rivals young enough to be his sons and grandsons, and he does quite well.

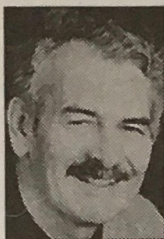
Alvis won the Bay Cities Racing Association's 1996 car owners championship and was in contention for the driving title until he was involved in an accident in the final race of the season.

The four-time BCRA driving champion's competitive season will be recognized by the Motor Sports Press Association when he is saluted as athlete of the year at the 35th annual banquet in Pleasanton on Jan. 10.

Another four-time BCRA champion, **Hank Butcher**, will be enshrined in the Hall of the Fame that evening at Wyndham Garden Hotel.

The Hayward veteran, winner of 118 main events in BCRA and USAC, will be joined in the induction ceremonies by NASCAR legend **Nick Rescino** and track announcer **Kenny Takeuchi**, who was at the microphone for many of their victories.

Rescino won two titles on the old San Jose paved oval and four



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on the fairgrounds dirt track.

Championship drivers who will be honored with trophy presentations are **Bobby Hogge IV**, Winston Racing Series Pacific Region titlist; Pleasanton's **Jeff Glenn**, who captured the American Cities Racing League crown; **Gary Scelzi**, who won NHRA top fuel honors as a rookie, and 10-time sprint car king **Brent Kaeding**.

Another sprint car driver, **Mark Monico**, will be honored for founding the Motor Sports Celebrity Dinner-Auction which benefits St. Jude's Charity for Children.

Also receiving recognition for combining motor sports with community projects will be road racer **Izzy Sanchez**, whose Racing 4 A Cause program rescues youths from the street to become pit crewmen, and track promoters **Mel** and **Marilyn Hall**.

The 7 p.m. banquet is open to all interested motor sports enthusiasts. The \$42.50 tickets can be reserved through **Floyd Busby** in

Concord at 825-1043.

BCRA HONORS: When **Brian Baker** graduated from college this year, he decided to go racing. His efforts in the BCRA midget ranks produced a 16th-place finish in points and rookie of the year honors.

Jeff Lee was selected as the most improved driver.

Sixteen-year-old **Tyler Franklin** won rookie of the year honors in the midget lites division. Most improved honors were claimed by **Terry Bergstrom**, third-place finisher in the title chase won by 18-year-old **Ryan German**.

Terry Tarditi repeated as midget champion.

PIT STOPS: Crowded out of the Oakland Coliseum Complex by conflicting dates with college basketball, the 49th annual Grand National Roadster Show will be held in San Francisco Jan. 16-18 at the Concord Exhibition Center, 635 8th St.

Winston Cup champion **Jeff Gordon** has joined **Bill Cosby**, **John Travolta**, **Bruce Willis** and **Cindy Crawford** on the list of clients of the **William Morris Agency**.

Owner-driver **Chuck Etchells** will become the second NHRA funny car campaigner to run a Camaro in 1998. The first was **Don Prudhomme**, who has **Ron Capps** as driver.