



Remembering the good old days.....

By Nikki Nash.....

As I sit here and write this today, I look back over the past 12 months and remember those people that have passed away and I remember the good old days.

As a racers wife we tend to be pushed to the background and long forgotten by the fans that we too play an important part of our husbands/boyfriends careers. I remember the time Allan got his first Sprintcar; it was a used Schnee chassis which we had bought from Alan Haynes. Boy was he itching to go racing!!! Money was tight back then but with the help of a few people and sponsors he was able to get his Green Machine out there. I have to say the green definitely grew on me and I consider it to be one our of best looking cars yet!

Over the years we have had quite a variety of sponsors whom we have formed strong ties to today. One person whom played an important part of our racing for many years, tragically lost his son Levi in a motorcycle racing accident this year. Levi's father John DiCandillo was an important part of our racing team for many years; he was not only Allan's mentor but was a great friend too. John backed Allan through the years financially and to this day we wouldn't have gotten to where we are if it wasn't for the support and guidance of John. So John, he has listened to you and learnt from you and I can't thank you enough for the support and love you gave to not only my husband but also to myself and our children. By the way Zhana, you were right they do start to grow up after they're 30.....

Many memories come back to mind from those times, the late night Bbq's, the Crownies flowing after the race meet, to the memorable sponsor days....Fun times had by everyone. Don't you just miss those days!!! I know I sometimes do.....

I suppose the hardest part of being a racers wife is the emotional and financial drain it can cause. You put your heart and sole into the love of racing yet it can come back and bite you in the behind in one single moment. These times can be tough but some how we seem to work our way through it and continue to love this sport.

Its only a few days now until we hit the track for opening night, I have to say I can't wait for the season to start, I only hope the rain stays away....pleaseeeeeeeeeee.

A big thank you must go to Allan's dad Des and his brother Lee. Without your help and support through the off season our car would not have been ready to go racing this weekend.

I know how much you can't wait to go racing Lee!!!!

I look forward to catching up with friends old and new and look forward to meeting new people. So if you want to come say hi, please do, you will find me the racer's wife at her usual spot cooking the Bbq. See I too play an important role in this team.....

Good luck to all the teams this weekend racing at Kwinana.

To Val, Tyler and the Figliomeni Family Best Wishes from our entire 51 crew and families.

From the racer's wife. Take Care
Nikki Nash