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## NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS WISCONSIN AUTO RACING

OREGON, WI, November 10 -- A new book captures the excitement of auto racing during the golden age of Wisconsin's short tracks.

Before NASCAR dominated the auto racing world, some of the best action was at short tracks in Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Drivers like Dick Trickle, Tom Reffner, Alan Kulwicki and Mike Miller battled throughout the summer at Kaukauna, Oregon, La Crosse, Rockford and Wisconsin Dells.

Father Dale Grubba, longtime spiritual adviser to some of America's top race drivers, chronicles the early years that shaped today's stars. The book also features more than 200 photos that include both action shots and a gallery of 120 drivers.

In *The Golden Age of Wisconsin Auto Racing*, readers meet fearless, colorful drivers like Lyle Nabbefeldt, who raced with a live rooster as his co-pilot. The book offers race-by-race accounts of how Trickle became the winningest short-track driver in America as well as chronicling the tragic deaths of Nabbefeldt and Larry Detjens.

In profiling many of today's stars, Father Grubba writes about how Matt Kenseth, Richie Bickle, Ted Musgrave and many others became racing stars.

A Roman Catholic priest, Father Grubba has been an auto racing fan since the 1960's and is the author of three previous books and many magazine articles.

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## **THE GOLDEN AGE OF WISCONSIN AUTO RACING**

### **Fact Sheet**

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**AUTHOR:** Father Dale Grubba

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**SUMMARY:** A history of the best years of auto racing in Wisconsin including race-by-race accounts and driver profiles.

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### **About the Author**

A Roman Catholic priest now based in Princeton, Wisconsin, Father Dale Grubba, has followed auto racing both in the upper Midwest and on the NASCAR circuit for more than three decades.

His passion for auto racing evolved during the 1960's when drivers asked him to bless their cars before races. He has served as spiritual adviser to many drivers over the years. A longtime friend of Bobby Allison, he was asked to help conduct the funeral for Bobby's brother, Davey, and other drivers killed in crashes.

Father Grubba is the author of three previous books, including *Dream Weavers*, *Wisconsin's Finest* and *Testament of a Road Warrior*. He has written many articles about auto racing for *Stock Car Racing* and *Speedsport* magazines as well as columns and articles for *Midwest Racing News* and other publications.

An accomplished photographer, Father Grubba also took more than 200 photos of races and drivers that are included in the book.