

BOB STEVENS

Pioneer - Sports Car and Road Racing - Nominated 2014

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In the summer of 1967 The New Westminster Columbia newspaper motor sport coverage had a headline of

So where did He come from?

The headline referred to 27 year old novice Camaro driver Bob Stevens of Richmond beating out veteran Camaro driver Laurie Craig in the sedan race. So began Bob's Westwood and road racing career. By 1970 Stevens was a formidable contender at Westwood and Edmonton's Edmonton International Speedway and showed well in some Trans Am events.

After the Camaro era, Bob had a brief flirtation with oval track racing. 1970 saw Bob running Blackie Green's Tipke upright modified car at Langley Speedway and other nearby ovals.

Bob's greatest motor sport successes came in the early 1970s with his return to road racing with a BRE Datsun 510. The car was developed locally but based on the very successful Brock Racing, Trans Am winning, Datsuns from California. Stevens won the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs (CASC) national runoff at Mosport in 1972. This win gave Bob the Canadian championship for the B Sedan class. Bob defeated a field of local racers on the very difficult Mosport Circuit, he went on to repeat this championship four years later at the Quebec circuit Mont-Tremblant. Bob ran several under 2.5 Litre Trans Am races and could be counted on to match the pace of the factory cars

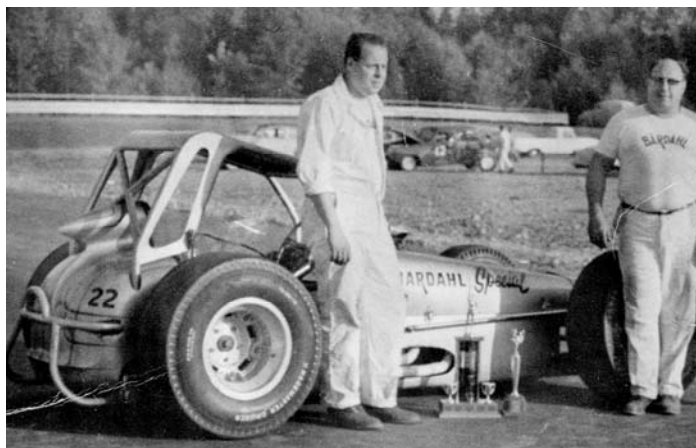


Bob and Championship Winning Datsun 510

Bob passed away some years ago but the family racing tradition is carried on by his daughter Cindy and his son Bob Jr.



The Datsun 510



Blackie Green's Upright modified (Blackie on right)



The Datsun 510 1974 at Westwood



The Camaro