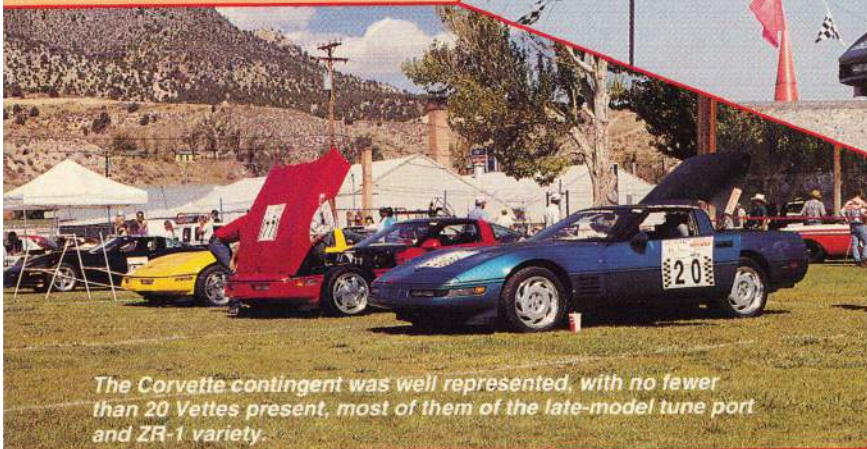


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The Corvette contingent was well represented, with no fewer than 20 Vettes present, most of them of the late-model tune port and ZR-1 variety.



The aggressive driver award goes to Edward Schoen, of Houston, Texas. One of the first cars off the line, his 1973 Corvette finished strong at over 136 mph. Not content with that finish, Schoen jumped into a helicopter, zoomed back to the starting line and hopped into a NASCAR-bodied Pontiac Gran Prix, complete with a 700-hp, 355 cubic-inch small-block Chevy, and ran the Unlimited class. Unfortunately, someone forgot to tell him that there are a few turns in the race, and the Gran Prix went off the course on one of the turns entering the narrows. Ed was not injured, but the car was a mess.

# RACE IS

## Racing's Great in the Silver State

BY RICHARD HOLDENER

**T**he Silver State Classic, or as it is now called, the BluBlocker Silver State 100, is alive and well. After the unfortunate accident last May involving a highly modified Porsche, there was considerable concern about whether the sanctioning bodies would allow the race to continue. Not only is the Silver State race continuing, but this September's running was by far the most well-organized event to date.



What would a car show be without a '69 Camaro? This SS model of Bob Wood, of Reno, Nevada, sports a healthy small-block and averaged nearly 130 mph, finishing second in the Vintage 131-150 mph class.

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Something old and something new. These Chevys did very well at the Silver State, with the Vette taking a win in the Touring class and the '57 finishing some seven mph faster than its target speed. Note the helicopter in the background. One of the sponsors of the race, BluBlocker sunglasses, filmed the entire event, to be used as part of a TV commercial to promote its products.



For those unfamiliar with the event, the Silver State race offers a little something for everyone. The race takes place on a wide-open stretch of Nevada's highway 318, between the small towns of Lund and Hiko. The race format offers a number of different speed brackets to suit the multitude of entrants. The drivers may select from the various classes depending on the speed potential of their cars, the necessary safety equipment, and the drivers' courage, as it takes more than a little bit of nerve to take a car out and mash the throttle down for 91.5 miles.