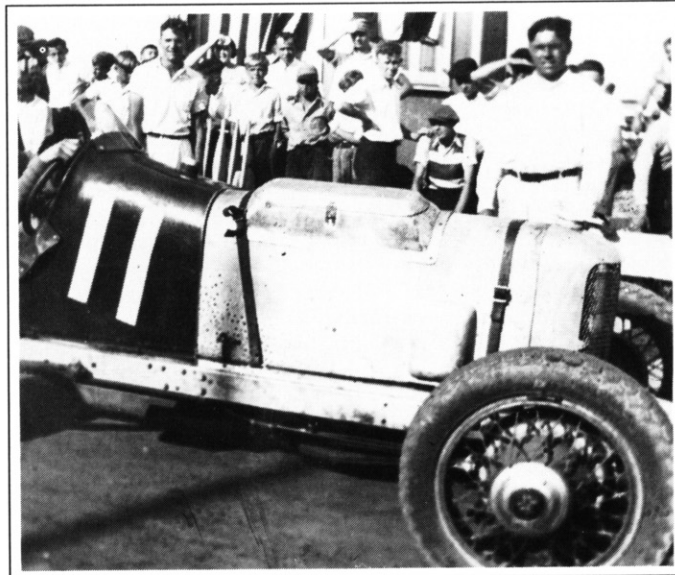


NATIONAL SPRINT CAR HALL of FAME & MUSEUM

BILL & JOHN AMBLER

Bill and John Ambler of Ambler (Penna.) were car builders and owners in the late 1920's and '30's. The sons of a physician were known as 'the Casting Brothers' because of their skills in casting steel and aluminum. In fact, Ralph DePalma used some of their casted eight-cylinder blocks in his racing efforts. Wes Johnson was one of the pilots of their Amber-Ford Specials, which fea-



Bill Ambler - on right (Bruce Craig Collection)

tured their overhead valves and cylinder heads.

In the mid-Thirties, they changed to Hispano-Suiza 'Hisso'-powered 'big cars'. Vern Orenduff built two of these machines during the winter of 1934, one from the left bank of a Hisso and one from the right bank. Their drivers for these cars included Orenduff himself, Ted Linn, Chuck Tabor, Ken Fowler and others.

Their cast aluminum tanks, hood covers and under-pans were well known through the eastern racing community. They quit running their own cars in the 1940's.

Bill and John Ambler, the German-American 'casting brothers', are both deceased.

