

## NEW LISTINGS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER

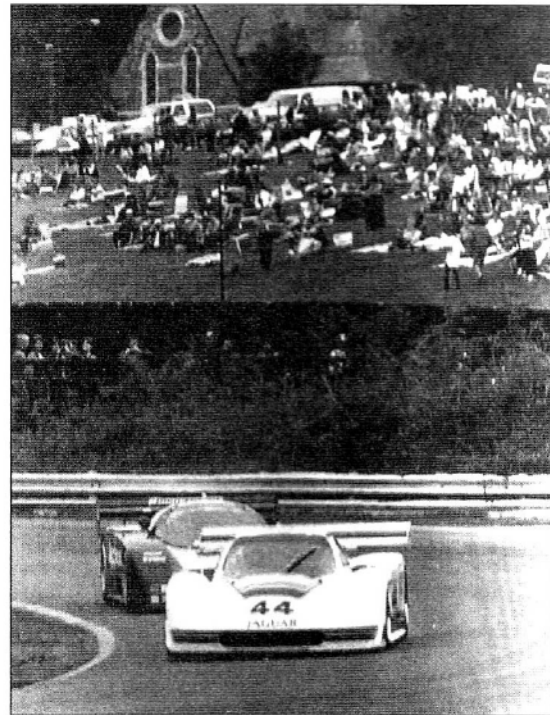
### Arrowheads to Racing Cars

Recent additions to the National Register of Historic Places highlight the broad range of historic places throughout the state. Here are a few, with descriptions excerpted from the nominations.

**Lime Rock Park** in Salisbury is a world-famous auto racing facility that contains a paved 1.53-mile race track with seven unique turns. Following the first sports car race held there in 1957, Lime Rock Park has often been referred to as the “Road Racing Center of the East.”

The idea of creating a race track in the countryside of western Connecticut was conceived by Jim Vaill, the son of the original property owner, Frank Vaill. Together with the enthusiastic support of entrepreneur and professional racecar driver John Fitch and the engineering expertise of Bill Millikin and his team at Cornell University’s Aeronautical Laboratory, the race track was completed and ready for its inaugural race on April 28, 1957.

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Lime Rock Park in Salisbury was the first race track to be scientifically designed and engineered for both recreation and safety.

It was a short track that was designed to contain extreme elevation changes and varied types of turns. One unique feature is that Lime Rock Park is the only race track in North America with no formal spectator seating or grandstands. Instead, from its inception, the natural terrain and hillsides have provided viewing vistas of the track that have been enjoyed by spectators while simultaneously allowing them to be mobile and watch the races from different locations. 🌿

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