

# Life through a Lens

## Meet Mike Arthur and Tim Aylwin

This year's Western Grands photos are taken by US Photography; Mike Arthur and Tim Aylwin.

Mike began as a mailman taking photos on the side. After retiring and living in San Diego, California, he travels taking various photos throughout the year.

Tim began taking photos of clouds in school. Later he took pictures of various sporting events including Sprint Cars. Tim works on the side as a construction worker building custom homes in Dallas, Texas.

Mike and Tim have been working together since 2004 after they met at the Knoxville Nationals in 1999. "I have lots of fun taking photos of Quarter Midgets. It is fast paced and really cool; something different," Aylwin said.

Arthur and Aylwin follow some of the drivers who move on from Quarter Midgets. After naming off many, one may say they are fans. Jason Leffler, AJ Allmendinger, Jeff Gordon, Bryan Clauson,

Without Arthur and Aylwin, most would only have the memories to suffice. They are very talented in their photography, but it isn't all fun and games for the two of them. A typical day at a Quarter Midget race begins about eight or nine. After taking pictures all day, without break, they head back to their hotel and print orders, often into the early hours of the morning.

Other races seem to be more relaxed where they may get break and get to go see the place they are, but both emphasize how much fun they have taking photos for Quarter Midgets. For over 25 years, US Photographics has been recording Quarter Midget memories at West Coast Tracks.

You will find them at the Silver State WinterNationals in Las Vegas, Nevada. "We've only missed one year, a few years back," said Mike.

A very special 'Thanks' to Mike Arthur and Tim Aylwin, not only for all their dedicated hours and hard work but also for the wonderful pictures they provide for us to buy.

Photos can be purchased by calling Mike or Nan Arthur at US Photographics – (619) 561-2602 or by email at [USPHOTO@cox.net](mailto:USPHOTO@cox.net)

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