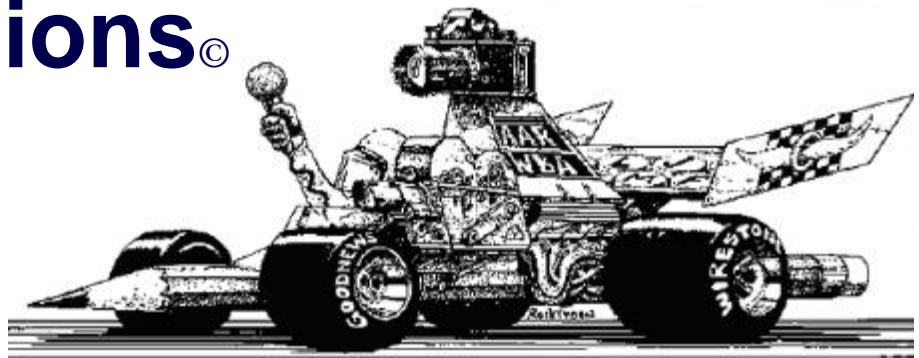


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## 58th Annual AARWBA Breakfast Saturday, May 25th at 8 a.m.

**Firestone**



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**Pavilion at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course**  
**Angeleo Angelopolous Sportmanship Award**  
**"Jigger" Sirois Award.**  
**Bob Russo Founders Award**  
**AARWBA Media Contest Winners**

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If you plan to attend please **R.S.V.P. To:**  
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Kathy Seymour: [speedwaykathy@hotmail.com](mailto:speedwaykathy@hotmail.com)

# News & Notes

## 97TH Indianapolis 500 Entry Filed for 1996 Winner Lazier



Lazier Partners Racing adds 34th entry to 2013 field

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - Lazier Partners Racing filed an entry for the 97th Indianapolis 500, with 1996 Indianapolis 500 winner Buddy Lazier listed as the driver.

The entry adds a fourth winner of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" to the potential starting field, as Lazier joins three-time winners Dario Franchitti and Helio Castroneves and 2008 winner Scott Dixon.

Lazier Partners' entry was the 34th for this year's race, which will breed competition for the 33 starting spots during Pole Day qualifying Saturday, May 18 and Old National Armed Forces Bump Day qualifying Sunday, May 19.

The 97th Indianapolis 500 is scheduled to start at noon (ET) Sunday, May 26. ESPN on ABC, the IMS Radio Network and SiriusXM 211 will begin their live broadcasts at 11 a.m.

Lazier, from Vail, Colo., will drive the No. 91 Lazier Partners Dallara/Chevrolet/Firestone. No backup car was entered. The team owner is Lazier's father, 1981 Indianapolis 500 veteran Bob Lazier.

2000 IZOD IndyCar Series champion Lazier last raced in the "500" in 2008, qualifying 32nd and finishing 17th in a Hemelgarn Johnson Racing entry. He failed to qualify in 2009.

Lazier, 45, becomes the senior driver in this year's field in age and experience. He has made 16 previous starts at Indianapolis, with five top-five finishes. Lazier produced five consecutive top-seven finishes from 1996-2000, including the victory in 1996 and runner-up finishes in 1998 and 2000.



## Jimmie Johnson Whirlwind Tour Pre-raceday at The Grove



Fans waiting for Jimmie Johnson to arrive at The Grove in Los Angeles to sign autographs.

Fans, Media, along with member Tim Haddock, waiting to interview Jimmie Johnson when he arrives from the airport for a rush of TV interviews at The Grove in Los Angeles, and giving out Sprinkles Cupcakes to everyone.



Bobbie Colgrove and Gillian Zucker, Auto Club Speedway President, waiting for Jimmie Johnson at The Grove.

Lucky reporter catches Johnson on the run from the fan question and answer session at the Pacific Theaters to the airport for another function.



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## Legends of Riverside V



Showing off their Legends of Riverside Medallions at the Riverside International Automotive Museum Reunion in March, are:

**Dusty Brandel**, photo-journalist, who covered racing at Riverside from 1957 until it closed in 1988;

Race driver **Ruth Levy**, who raced Porsche, Ferrari and other sports cars from Riverside to Sebring;

**Mary McGee**, who raced many sports cars at Riverside, and switched to Motorcycles and still races them. In December Mary was at Monte Carlo, Monaco at the FIM Awards Gala.

## Irwindale Event Center



A few AARWBA members at the re-opening of Irwindale Speedway in March. Left to right, Albert Wong, Dusty Brandel, Bobbie Colgrove, Anne Proffit, Bob Falcon, and Mike Bishop.

The new name is Irwindale Event Center!

## Shav Glick Award Honors Mickey Thompson



*(Bobbie Colgrove Photo)*

Auto Club Speedway in Fontana honored the late Mickey Thompson with a big sign announcing his selection to receive the Shav Glick Award. The award is sponsored by Justice Brothers, Inc.

It is to honor Shav and everything that he did for the racing community. A new recipient is honored each year for their contributions to the racing community in California.



Gary Campbell and Collene Thompson Campbell, accept the Shav Glick Award on behalf of Mickey, from Ed Justice, Jr., President of Justice Brothers, Inc.

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**Links to Indy 500 Information  
you can download now**



## **Entry List:**

<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com:8080/var/assets/Indianapolis500EntryList05072013.pdf>

## **Indy Schedule:**

[http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com:8080/var/assets/2013\\_Schedule\\_PRINTABLE.pdf](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com:8080/var/assets/2013_Schedule_PRINTABLE.pdf)

## **Track Map:**

[http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com:8080/var/assets/2013\\_500TrackMapWebReady.pdf](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com:8080/var/assets/2013_500TrackMapWebReady.pdf)

## **Race Stats Info Page:**

<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/history/stats/>



## **Dates Set For GRAND-AM, ALMS, IMSA Awards**

GRAND-AM Road Racing, the American Le Mans Series (ALMS) presented by Tequila Patrón and the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) today announced plans for postseason awards celebrations that will wrap up 2013 while setting the stage for their 2014 merger and the inaugural United SportsCar Racing season.

Here's the lineup:

- The Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Awards will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Conn., following GRAND-AM's season finale weekend at the storied road course.
- The GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series Awards will return to New York City's Gotham Hall on the evening of Monday, Sept. 30. The InterContinental New York Times Square will again serve as the official hotel for the Rolex Series Awards.
- Competitors in the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge by Yokohama and the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Championship will be recognized during separate special events at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., on Friday, Oct. 18.
- And on Sunday, Oct. 20, the American Le Mans Series Presented by Tequila Patrón Night of Champions Awards will be at Château Élan in Braselton, Ga., one night after the ALMS' season-ending Petit Le Mans powered by Mazda 10-hour endurance classic.

"Last year's Rolex Series Awards at Gotham Hall really gave the drivers, teams, tracks, manufacturers and sponsors involved in the Rolex Series a premium setting to showcase their efforts," said GRAND-AM President and CEO Ed Bennett. "Now it's time for another showcase, one that will celebrate 2013 but also set the table for what is sure to be a landmark 2014 season."

ALMS President and CEO Scott Atherton envisions "a special significance to this year's Night of Champions for the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón. As we look forward with great anticipation to a new era starting in 2014, we'll also celebrate 15 seasons of countless memorable events and so many great champions of the ALMS. It truly will be a celebration to remember."

**For additional information, visit  
[www.grand-am.com](http://www.grand-am.com), [www.alms.com](http://www.alms.com) or  
[www.imsaracing.net](http://www.imsaracing.net).**

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## Auto Club 400 at Fontana



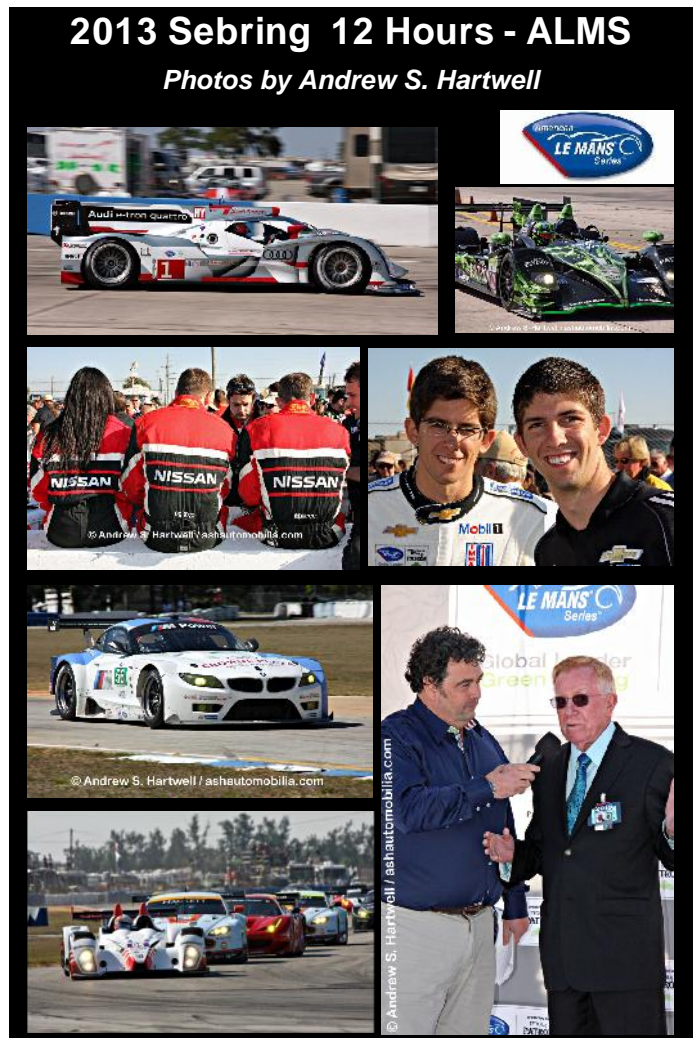
Gillian Zucker, President of Auto Club Speedway, excited about the question from the media. How much larger is the crowd, compared to last year. "Great question! It is one of our largest crowds." The papers estimated it at 82,000! (Dusty photo)



The real Dale Earnhardt prior to the Auto Club 400 (Photo by Richard Fariello)



The media center at the Auto Club 400, had their own Dale Earhardt. Dusty was surprised how much Jon Ferrey looks like Dale Jr. (Gina Fariello photo)



### 2013 Sebring 12 Hours - ALMS

Photos by Andrew S. Hartwell



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The AARWBA is the oldest and largest professional organization of its kind. Founded in 1955 in Indianapolis, it has grown to more than 400 members throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Each year the AARWBA members select a 14-driver All America Team from Open Wheel, Stock Car, Sports Car, Drag Racing, Short Track, Touring Series and At Large championship categories. An annual banquet is held to honor these drivers each January. AARWBA also sponsors several contests for its members and established the "Legends in Racing" auto racing hall of fame.

## AARWBA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Name:		Date:
Company:		
Title:		
Business Address:		
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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home address:		
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Phone:	E-Mail:	FAX:
Preferred Mailing Address: HOME OFFICE (Please note that our newsletter, "ImpRESSIONs", is sent via e-mail)		
Preferred E-Mail Address For Newsletter:		

### MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Media Professional (\$45.00)	Affiliate Member (\$65.00)	Associate / Corporate (\$300.00)
Signature of applicant:		Date:

#### Active Media Member

Applicants for active media membership status must submit the following materials to the membership committee for consideration. Materials must be submitted with your check.

- ✓ A fully executed membership application. (This information will appear in the membership directory unless you specify otherwise. Attach a note to this application if necessary.)
- ✓ Two 1" x 1.5" head shot pictures for use in the directory and for an I.D. badge.
- ✓ Tear sheets or samples of work as follows:
  - Two published articles on the subject of auto racing in a publication of general circulation within the past year.
  - Photographs on auto racing appearing in two publications of general circulation or two separate times in one publication, within the past year.
  - One video or audio tape of any race broadcast where spectators attended and exhibited the applicant's work within the past year.
  - One book on the subject of auto racing within the past year or three books on the subject of auto racing, or one book contracted from any trade publisher for a book on auto racing

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**Mail completed application, photos, and your check to the address shown above.**

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