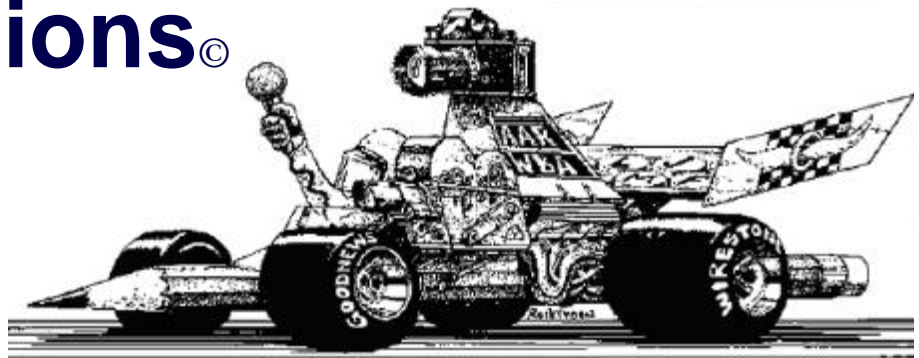


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Contest Winners Announced at the 58th Annual AARWBA Breakfast, Saturday, May 25th

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Tony Kanaan Wins 97th Indy 500! *Congratulations Tony!*



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2012 AARWBA CONTEST WINNERS

(presented at AARWBA awards breakfast, May 25, 2013, Indianapolis, Ind.)

MOTORSPORT BOOK

1. Bob Gates, "California Gold: The Legendary Life of Troy Ruttman," Pitstop Books
2. No award
3. No award

NEWSPAPER NEWS WRITING

1. Michael Knight, "Wreckin' and Fightin'," Arizona Republic
2. Scott Walsh, "Bittersweet Win," Scranton Times-Tribune
3. Ron Hedger, "Hearn's Fuel Gamble Pays Off," Schenectady Daily Gazette

NEWSPAPER FEATURE WRITING

1. Nicholas Dettmann, "West Bend Native Anxious for Event Honoring Mentor," West Bend Daily News
2. Michael Knight, "Champs' Relationship Shifts Gears," Arizona Republic
3. Scott Walsh, "Fit For The King," Scranton Sunday Times

NEWSPAPER COLUMN WRITING

1. Scott Walsh, "Mattioli Relished Family, Hot Dogs," Scranton Sunday Times
2. Nicholas Dettmann, "Shelby Finally Celebrates with Doughnuts," West Bend Daily News
3. No award

NEWSPAPER TECHNICAL WRITING

1. Scott Walsh, "Fuel System Makes Pocono Track Debut," Scranton Sunday Times
2. No award
3. No award

MAGAZINE EVENT REPORT

1. Burt Levy, "Aging Innocents Attempt Autosport Everest," Vintage Motorsport
2. Mary Bignotti-Mendez, "Northern Exposure," Inside Track Motorsports News
3. No award

MAGAZINE FEATURE WRITING

1. Jim Donnelly, "Effort Equals Results," Hemmings Muscle Machines
2. Burt Levy, "A Bigger Hammer," Vintage Motorsport

3. Bill Sessa, "Kear's Speed Shop," Performance Racing Industry
- Honorable Mention: Charles B. Camp, "Indoor Insanity," Vintage Motorsport

MAGAZINE COLUMN WRITING

1. Louise Noeth, "From the Demonizers to Humanizers," Goodguys Gazette
 2. Bruce A. Bennett, "From Fan to Friend," Speedway Illustrated
 3. Burt Levy, "Retro Awe All Over Again," Vintage Motorsport
- Honorable Mention: Ron Hedger, "Bodine Looks at Racing Differently," Speed Sport

MAGAZINE TECHNICAL WRITING

1. Bruce A. Bennett, "Prep School," Speedway Illustrated
2. Anne Proffit, "Ten Years in the Making," Race Engine Technology
3. William Vartorella, "A New Disruptive Formula," Charged Electric Vehicles

ONLINE NEWS WRITING

1. Patrick Reynolds, "Franchitti Claims Third Indy 500," Motorweeklive.com
 2. Kay Presto, "Beckman, Brown Win NHRA World Titles," Carsandcompetition.com
 3. Ron Hedger, "Hearn Runs Dry; McCreadie Pockets \$20,000," Nationalspeedsportnews.com
- Honorable Mention: Michael Knight, "Paul Page Out of NHRA Booth for 2013," Competitionplus.com

ONLINE FEATURE WRITING

1. Kay Presto, "Mike Neff - Wearing Two Hats," Carsandcompetition.com
2. Patrick Reynolds, "Dan Wheldon's Memory Lives On," Motorweeklive.com
3. No award

ONLINE COLUMN WRITING

1. Michael Knight, "Oh, What Might Have Been," Competitionpress.com
2. Patrick Reynolds, "Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway Fighting for Future," Motorweeklive.com
3. Paul Gohde, "Sprint Cup Series at Road America?," Racingnation.com

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Honorable Mention: Phillip Gary Smith, "When 10K HP Goes Wrong," Go2geiger.com

ONLINE TECHNICAL WRITING

1. Kay Presto, "A Continued Search for Safety in Racing," Carsandcompetition.com
2. No award
3. No award

WEB LOG ENTRY

1. Bruce Bennett, "Fantasy Camp for Engineers," Techbriefs.com
2. Michael Knight, "A History of IndyCar In-fighting," Spindocor500blog.blogspot.com
3. No award

PROFESSIONAL RACING WEB SITE

1. Motorsport.com, Nancy Knapp Schilke
2. Carsandcompetition.com, Kay Presto
3. Motorweeklive.com, Patrick Reynolds

PHOTOGRAPHY – PRINT ACTION

1. Bruce A. Bennett, "Not Pleased to Meet You," Speedway Illustrated
2. Joe McHugh, "Silver Lining," Drag Racing Action
3. No award

PHOTOGRAPHY – PRINT PEOPLE

1. Louise Ann Noeth, "Missoula Mile Man," China Auto Pictorial
2. Joe McHugh, "One Last Look," Drag Racing Action
3. Bruce A. Bennett, "Brian Tyler in Victory Lane," Speedway Illustrated

PHOTOGRAPHY – ONLINE ACTION

1. Michael C. Johnson, "Chili Bowl Leap Frog," Motorsport.com
2. Anne Proffit, "Coughlin on the Upswing," Motorsport.com
3. Edwin Hollowell, "Bad Luck for Elson," Risnews.com

Honorable Mention: Bruce A. Bennett, "On the Gas," Nationalspeedsportnews.com

PHOTOGRAPHY - ONLINE PEOPLE

1. Joe McHugh, "Antron's Focus," Dragracingonline.com
2. Michael C. Johnson, "Courtney Force," Motorsport.com
3. Louise Ann Noeth, "Speed King of Queens," NYTimes.com

PODCAST/WEBCAST

1. Dick Sisich, "Conversation with Reubens Bar-richello," Racesonoma.com
2. No award
3. No award

Bloys Britt Memorial Writing Award

An Unusual and Thorough Story - Kay Presto's entry in the Online Technical Writing about concussions and head injuries in racing -- "A Continued Search for Safety in Racing" Carsandcompetition.com

The judges said it was a timely, significant, well-done story, all things Bloys probably would have appreciated.

(JUDGES)

Photography (all) – Prof. Emeritus Susan Fleck, Pulliam School of Journalism, Franklin (Ind.) College

Podcast/Webcast – Prof. Joel Cramer, Pulliam School of Journalism, Franklin (Ind.) College

Newspaper Feature Writing, Newspaper Column Writing, Magazine Event Reporting,

Magazine Feature Writing, Magazine Column Writing, Online Feature Writing, Online

Column, Web Log, Professional Racing Website –

Prof. Emeritus Jerry Miller, Pulliam

School of Journalism, Franklin (Ind.) College, & AAR-WBA Contest Chairman

Newspaper News Writing, Newspaper Technical Writing, Magazine Technical Writing,

Online Technical Writing – Ron Lemasters (Sr.), Muncie Star-Press (ret.)

Motorsport Book -- Jerry Miller, Ron Lemasters (Sr.)

(All judging was essentially "blind," except in the Book, Racing Website, and Podcast/Webcast categories. Judges had the option to not make awards if they felt they were not warranted.)

News & Notes

Kanaan Earns \$2.3 Million for Winning 97th Indianapolis 500

Source: IMS Public Relations



Photo courtesy IMS

Tony Kanaan earned \$2,353,355 from an overall purse of \$12,020,065 for his victory Sunday, May 26 in the 97th Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

Brazil native Kanaan, who started 12th, set a record winning speed of 187.433 mph, breaking the previous mark of 185.981 set by Arie Luyendyk in 1990. Kanaan won "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" for the first time in 12 career starts, tying an event record for earning a victory latest in a driver's Indy 500 career. The other driver to win the race for the first time in his 12th career start was Sam Hanks in 1957.

Kanaan, who led the race 15 times for a total of 34 laps in his No. 11 Hydroxycut KV Racing Technology-SH Chevrolet, won the race when he and Carlos Munoz overtook race leader Ryan Hunter-Reay entering Turn 1 on a Lap 198 after a restart. During that restart, three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti's No. 10 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Honda made contact with the wall between Turns 1 and 2, allowing Kanaan to cruise to the checkered flag under caution.

In the first IZOD IndyCar Series race of his career, Munoz, of Colombia, qualified second and finished second in his No. 26 Unistraw Chevrolet for Andretti Autosport. Munoz was voted the winner of the prestigious Chase Rookie of the Year Award.

Munoz, who owns two Firestone Indy Lights wins this season and finished fourth in the Firestone Freedom 100 on Friday, May 24, earned \$964,205, which included a \$25,000 bonus from Chase.

The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race purse consists of Indianapolis Motor Speedway and IZOD IndyCar Series awards, plus other designated and special awards. Purse awards were announced and presented at the Victory Awards Celebration presented by Ice Miller LLP on Monday, May 27 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Indy 500 Photo Gallery

Photos courtesy of IMS



Tony Kanaan on the Yard of Bricks --



Tony Kanaan and his wife Lauren with the Borg Warner wreath



Tony Kanaan with his wife after winning the Indianapolis 500-

Kanaan wins Indy in 12th attempt

By Anne Proffit

Reprinted from <http://anneotheropinion.wordpress.com>

Photo courtesy of IMS



There's going to be one big nose on the BorgWarner trophy that celebrates winners of the Indianapolis 500.



It took Tony Kanaan a dozen years and plenty of heartbreak along the way, but winning the 97th Indy 500 today made up for it all. Kanaan took the twin checkered flags under caution when 2012 winner Dario Franchitti got in the marbles in Turn 1 with only two laps to go. Kanaan had passed then-leader Ryan Hunter-Reay after the penultimate caution ended on lap 197, as he, RHR and rookie Carlos Munoz went three-wide at the green, vying for the win.

Kanaan, the 2004 IZOD IndyCar Series champion who finished every lap of every race in his title run – and took second place at Indy that year – led Munoz to the flags while reigning series champion Hunter-Reay finished third, all driving Chevrolet-powered Dallara DW12 racecars and using Firestone tires. Chevy driver Marco Andretti and Honda driver Justin Wilson rounded out the top five for his best finish here, while Helio Castroneves, rookie AJ Allmendinger (Chevy), Simon Pagenaud, Charlie Kimball (Honda) and Chevy polesitter Ed Carpenter completed the top ten.

There were 26 cars still running at the close of the race, which saw a record 68 lead changes among 14 drivers. This was also the fastest Indianapolis 500 in history at an average speed of 187.433 mph, breaking the 1990 record of 185.981 mph set by Arie Luyendyk.

There were only five cautions of this 2-hour, 40-minute race and they occurred in batches. The first caution was for JR Hildebrand's contact with the Turn 1 wall on the fourth lap, the second for Sebastian Saavedra's Turn 4 contact on lap 35 and the third for Takuma Sato's no-contact lap 56 spin in the second turn. Beyond that, green flag running

ensued for 133 consecutive laps until the 194th, when Graham Rahal made contact with the second-turn wall and finally, for Franchitti's wall smack on the 197th lap.

This was an extremely popular victory among the near 400,000 assembled for the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. They wanted a good race – and they got one. Every time Kanaan took the lead in the 200-lap contest, the crowd seemed to will him forward. They cheered every single car he passed and celebrated every successful moment. No doubt they could be heard at the close – all the way to Terre Haute, nearly 77 miles away!

It wasn't only the fans in the stands rooting for the Brazilian; 1963 winner Parnelli Jones, celebrating the 50th anniversary of that victory said to Kanaan, "I want you to win," before the race began. "That was humbling," Kanaan said, "to have a guy like Parnelli wanting you to win." That he accomplished this feat with engineer Eric Cowdin, who worked with him at Tasman Motorsports in Firestone Indy Lights, way back in the day, is another aspect of the win that makes it special.

And here's yet another: Kanaan met a woman nine years ago during a hospital visit in Indianapolis. She was 14 years old, had a stroke and was in a coma. "I had this thing that my Mom gave me, a kind of a necklace to protect me... I gave it to her. She survived and she is doing really well. We kept in touch," Kanaan revealed. "She is doing really well and this year, four days ago, she showed up, gave me a letter with an envelope. I opened the letter and here it was. She said she had enough of luck in her life and she wanted to give it back to me to bring me luck."

Luck. That's the element that's eluded Tony Kanaan for 11 of his Indianapolis 500 starts. Today, he had his Mom's necklace, he had his old friend Alex Zanardi at the track and rubbed Zanardi's 2012 ParaOlympics gold medal before he went to his race car and he had good friend and team co-owner Jimmy Vasser calling strategy for his race. "The 11 and the 12 haunt us all month (12 was Vasser's signature car number when he drove). I think 1112 is going to be my number next year!"

This is the first win at Indy for the No. 11 and Kanaan's will be the 100th face on the BorgWarner Trophy. "This place has always been special to me and I'm glad I can put my big nose on that trophy. I was extremely confident," after prepping his car last Sunday, "but after 11 years I had no expectations of victory. I never doubt I could win this thing, but the yellows have happened to me so many times but today the yellow was my friend."

News & Notes

Bob Russo Founders Award to Hulman-George & France Families at Pre-Indy 500 Ceremony

The Hulman-George and France families, American motorsports' two most influential families and owners of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and NASCAR, respectively, Saturday were honored with the Bob Russo Founders Award for dedication to auto racing.



Mari Hulman George with daughters Josie and Kathy, accepts the Bob Russo Founders Award from AARWBA Founder's Chairman and Charter Member Bill Marvel.
Photo by: Mark T. Watson

The award was presented by Russo Award Chairman Bill Marvel during the annual American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association breakfast meeting at IMS, site of Sunday's Indy 500. Members of the Hulman-George family were present while Ken Clapp, longtime NASCAR West Coast executive and confidant to Bill France Sr. and Jr., accepted on behalf of the France family.

Russo, the late racing journalist/publicist/historian, founded AARWBA in 1955. He died in 1999 at age 71. The Russo Award is presented for "profound interest, tireless efforts and undying dedication to auto racing as exemplified by Russo throughout his lifelong career."

Tony Hulman purchased the Speedway, idle for four years during World War II, and resumed the Indy 500 in 1946. He built the race into the country's largest single-day sports event. Since his death in 1977, the Hulman-George family has continued to own the track and provide leadership throughout the industry, and now also operates the Izod IndyCar series.

Bill France Sr. founded NASCAR in 1947 and later built Daytona International Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway. He died in 1992. Son Bill Jr. took over as NASCAR's president in 1972 and was the driving force into making NASCAR the country's most popular racing series. He died in 2007. Brother Jim recently brokered the unification of U.S. sports car racing. Son Brian is NASCAR's chairman and daughter Lesa is chairwoman of International Speedway Corp.

Previous Russo Award winners include: 2005 – Michael Knight; 2006 – Wally Parks; 2007 – Chris Economaki; 2008 – Bob Jenkins; 2009 – Shav Glick; 2010 -- Bill York; 2011 -- Bill Marvel; 2012 -- Paul Page. A permanent plaque with all winners' names is on display in the Speedway media center.

The award is sponsored by Collene and Gary Campbell, the sister and brother-in-law of the late Mickey Thompson.



Honda announces major USAC Partnership Program at Indianapolis. Steve Zautke photos



(L- R) T.E. McHale, Manager, Motorsports Public Relations for Honda; USAC President Kevin Miller, and Mike Accavitti, Sr. Vice President, Automobile Operations for American Honda. Honda will be Title Sponsor of USAC's 3 Midget Championships.



Honda's T. E. McHale, Three-time Indy 500 Winner, Johnny Rutherford, Kevin Miller, Three-time Winner Indy 500 Winner, Bobby Unser and Mike Accavitti. Both Rutherford and Unser were Midget champions.



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