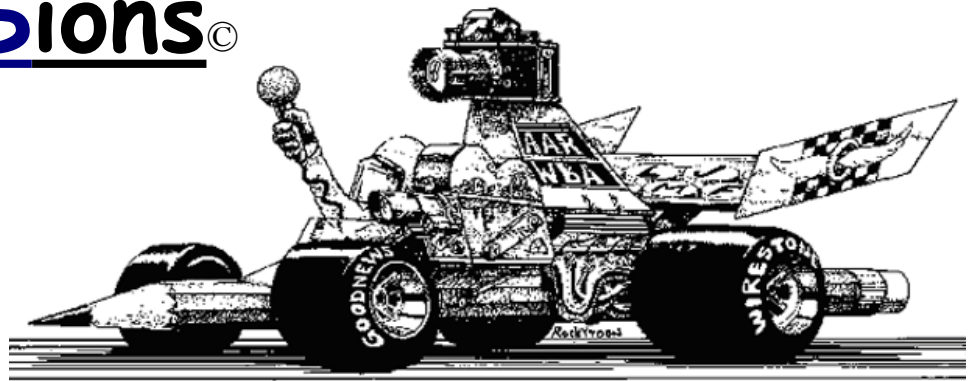


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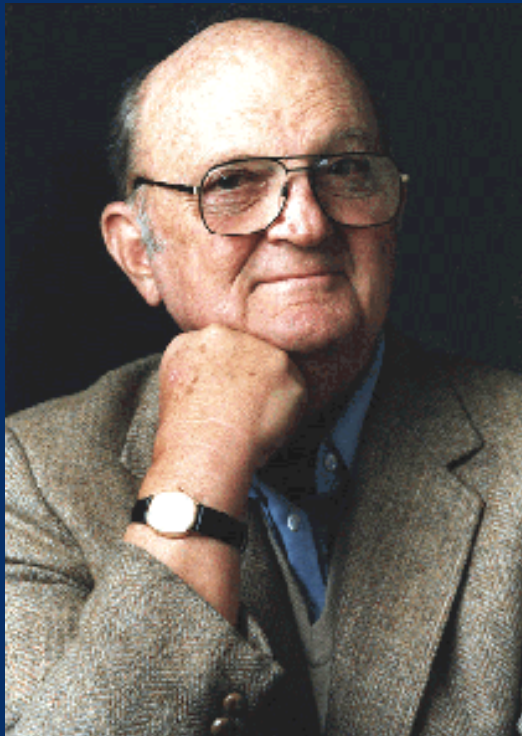
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## Shav Glick - A Career Of Accomplishment And Honor

*This issue of ImPRESSIONs honors one of America's finest journalists upon his retirement from the Los Angeles Times*



Inside this issue:

- A Letter From Michelin
- His peers share their memories and good wishes
- Photos from a life in journalism

American Auto Racing Writers & Broadcasters Association, Inc. ([www.aarwba.org](http://www.aarwba.org))  
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## AARWBA Names 2 Vice Presidents

Mike Hollander Accepts National Post;  
Susan Wade New Western VP



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Pete Lyons

**Mike Hollander** is AARWBA's new National Vice President and **Susan Wade** has followed Hollander as our Western VP. President **Dusty Brandel** made the appointments following the resignation of national VP **Sandy McKee**, who stepped-down due to increased non-motorsports assignments. Since we are between elections, AARWBA bylaws empower the president to appoint replacements.



Hollander, a pioneer in on-line motorsports journalism, has served AARWBA for many years. In addition to being Western VP, he has contributed to our organization as webmaster, MC of various functions, editor of the All-America Team program book, and he produced and directed the audio-visual elements at last month's Team dinner in Indianapolis.

Wade specializes in coverage of NHRA drag racing and her stories swept last year's AARWBA journalism contest. After consultation with 50th Anniversary Chairman **Michael Knight**, who was tasked by Dusty to recruit a new Western VP, Susan plans to work to strengthen our relationships with NHRA and its teams, sponsors and tracks.

Please welcome Mike and Susan to their important new roles. Hollander can be reached at [racing@motorsportsforum.com](mailto:racing@motorsportsforum.com) and Wade at [susanw7754@aol.com](mailto:susanw7754@aol.com).

## Contest Deadline is January 31st!



Rules for the 2005 AARWBA journalism contest, sponsored by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, have been E-mailed to members in "Word" format. If you did not receive this information, please contact Dusty at [aarwba@compuserve.com](mailto:aarwba@compuserve.com) or go to the [aarwba.org](http://aarwba.org) site.

**PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS JANUARY 31, 2006!**



## Shav Glick Retirement Event Planned

California Speedway plans to host a reception in honor of Shav Glick's retirement. Here is the information we have received from AARWBA friend **Dennis Bickmeier**:

**Date:** Thursday, February 23 (start of NASCAR weekend) **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Party Zone Tent, inside the tunnel in suite parking lot.

(Enter through the tunnel, turn right and it's the first and only tent in the suite lots to the right). Guests are asked to enter through Gate 6 off of San Bernardino Ave., turn left toward the tunnel by the Credential Building.

For more information: [www.californiaspeedway.com/retirement](http://www.californiaspeedway.com/retirement)

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# Sharing Fond Memories Of A Motor Racing Icon

Shav Glick officially retired from the Los Angeles Times on January 16th. What follows are the heartfelt comments of his many friends, peers, and associates as they look back over his long career in motorsports journalism and remember how he made a difference in their lives - and in the professional coverage of motorsports - through his words and deeds.

**Dusty Brandel:** Shav is an amazing writer, and he has always been the ultimate professional. It will take three people to replace him at the Times, and they will never be the writer of Shav's caliber. It is a fact that no one can fill Shav's shoes. I really appreciated all Shav's help when he was on the AARWBA board, he was a real asset to the association. Anyone who could sit through Dave Overpeck's long, long, board meetings deserves a medal. I hope Shav will write "the book" and that he will enjoy lots of golf, but not 'retire'....he is just too young to retire!



**Dan Gurney and Shav Glick in April of 2000. Gurney was the first recipient of the Shav Glick award.**

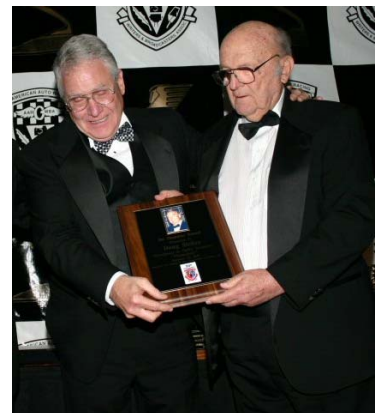
moved into PR, and working with Shav has always been a pleasure as I tried to help, in some small way, with his legendary coverage of motorsports. I, especially, will always remember the social occasions with Shav and Jim Chapman. It's an honor to be considered one of Shav's countless friends. God Bless You, Shav!

**Arie Luyendyk:** Shav was always a good interviewer, no nonsense, and always very cordial. He knew what he wanted from me and did not keep me for very long and always came up with everything correct in his story. I wish him the best in retirement although I have to warn him that he will miss his No. 1 job soon!

**Jim Hunter:** Shav Glick is an icon in the motorsports media world. His byline has covered all of the great stories in NASCAR history and he has been respected by at least three generations of drivers, car owners and officials. He has also been a worthy opponent on golf courses around the country. So, I would hope he hits them long and straight in retirement.

**Bill Marvel:** Shav, having known you longer than either of us may want to admit I want you to know that I value the friendship. As you know I have had the opportunity to work with many media types while working the IMS press room starting in 1953, and in one manner or another, thru 1997. Also while I was managing Pocono and Texas World Speedway and working at USAC, you were one of a kind, fair in whatever subject you were covering, sincere in your relationships and always took interest in the motorsports community, no matter the venue. The late Bob Russo and I always held you in high esteem. You will be sorely missed and I sincerely wish you a long and truly enjoyable retirement.

**Michael Knight:** Very early in my newspaper career, I had the opportunity to sit with Shav at a media breakfast before the Daytona 500. It made an impression on me that has lasted the decades. Shav could not have been nicer to this young "rookie" reporter and I also remember how professional his questions were during the Q&A with drivers. Later, I



**Shav presents the 2004 Jim Chapman Award to his friend Doug Stokes of Irwindale Speedway.**

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## CONGRATULATIONS, SHAV

Michelin is pleased to join in this tribute to one of America's premier motorsports writers, Shav Glick.

Shav's many friends respect his knowledge, integrity and his deep passion for the sport. His readers respect him for his many years of great reporting of all forms of racing.

It is rather ironic that both Shav and our longtime competition director Pierre Dupasquier (pictured right) have chosen to move on at this time.



Pierre has had a long and distinguished career, capped by leading a Michelin partner sweep of the 2005 Formula One, World Rally, MotoGP and 24 Hours of Le Mans titles.

Both Shav and Pierre go out at the very top of their games.

Congratulations Shav from your friends at Michelin.

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## Sharing Fond Memories of Shav Glick



Shav is flanked by Miss Winston and Miss NASCAR upon induction into the West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame in 2003.

**Anne Proffit:** Reading Shav's work always reminds me of what I lack as a writer; his conciseness and easy flow of words, together with an innate knowledge of the motorsports business from A to Z can't be matched anywhere in this world. We've always had good times together and Shav has always treated me with respect.

As an anomalous woman writer in this field for more than 30 years, I've had the opportunity to see the best and the worst of the scribes. The Gannett company probably figures they're saving some righteous coin by permitting Shav to take a buyout in January; in truth, they've likely lost the soul of the LA Times' sports pages.

**John Love:** Working through the media center at IMS a few days before the 1991 race, I was greeted by the freshly arrived Bill Center. He proclaimed, "Your car's not fast and you're not the defending champions, I don't even have to talk to you!" Shav was seated nearby and just smiled. He had

already done a story on the trials of the Alfa Romeo program and the effects on one Danny Sullivan. Eleven months later, Danny, now with Galles, qualified on the front row and won the Long Beach race. At the post-race press conference, Shav popped to the fore. "Congratulations, Danny," he said. Then, winking at Center, he said, "Excuse me, Bill, but I'd like to finish my trials and tribulations story." In his own way, Shav was and is a great racer. He was always fair, he always got it right, and he usually got it first.

**Chip Hanauer:** I find it sad when someone as young, talented and hard working as Shav Glick chooses to retire so early in his career. He has so much more to offer journalism. I find his selfish desire to retire early, only so that he can hang out at public golf courses, in the middle of the week, to ogle other men's wives, very sad indeed. Who else can ask the insightful, thought provoking questions that the sporting public has come to expect from Shav? For example, after winning my sixth consecutive APBA Gold Cup in San Diego, surrounded by adoring fans and other media representatives, Shav (in the company of his sidekick, the San Diego Union's Bill Center) first asks, "Who was the girl you were eating breakfast with this morning? She was a knockout!" P.S.: Shav, you are the greatest! I have, and always will, admire the journalist and human being you are.

**Kevin Kennedy:** I want to be Shav Glick when I grow up. Not only could the guy still consistently beat me on the golf course in his 70s, but he epitomized the word class. A lot of writers get by with some sort of 'shtick.' Not Shav. He proved you could be a great writer, and still be fair, honest and a friendly face in the media center. My professional life is better for having worked with him. Now, maybe he'll give me a rematch on the golf course!

**Jim Wilson:** Shav...in retirement, may your drives always lie in green pastures and never in still waters...and may all your putts never be short. Best, always!

**Travis Braun (age 15):** Shav is a role model. A few months ago, I had the honor of receiving a small crumb of a motorsports journalist's vast knowledge when beginning my search for journalism colleges. He gave me some great food for thought, and showed me a different perspective that I hadn't considered on the college selection process. Right from the start, I could tell this man wasn't just any journalist; he was respected by his colleagues, valued by his readers, and cherished by beginners like myself. Shav Glick is no journalist; he's a role model, someone that I think we can all learn a little from. I know I did. Best Wishes for the future!

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## Sharing Fond Memories of Shav Glick

**Mario Andretti:** Unfortunately, I'm not the best one to give advice about retirement as I find it hard to just slow down, but it seems like you have the right formula in place. Now just stick to it! Thank you for being a friend for so many years and for the integrity with which you covered motorsports. You'll certainly be missed. You have my sincere wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

**Mike Harris:** Shav has been a running mate of mine for many years and I've always known he could be a fun-loving guy. But I didn't realize just how quick he could be until a night a few years ago when Paul Newman for some unexplained reason invited the two of us to a party he was putting on for charity at Wolfgang Puck's Spago restaurant in Beverly Hills.

We avoided the valet parking, put our car in the rear of the restaurant and started to walk toward the main entrance. As we neared the front, I couldn't help but notice a gaggle of paparazzi hanging out near the door with their cameras at the ready. I decided to play a little game with them, but wasn't sure if Shav would understand what I was saying. I said in a voice loud enough to be heard a few feet away, "I don't care what Newman says, I'm not giving him points for this project." Shav, bless him, got it immediately, answering, "Hell no, we can always get Hoffman."

We continued in that vein, keeping straight faces, as we walked to the door. Meanwhile, the "poor" paparazzi were scrambling to try to figure out who we were, looking through picture files and shooting pictures, just in case. Newman got a big kick out of it when we told him, saying, "It serves them right. But you guys will probably be in some trashy magazine next week."

Shav, best wishes on a long, fun retirement. Hopefully, we'll still have a lot of rounds of golf together.

**Les Unger, Toyota Motorsports national manager:** Shav Glick is by far one of the most distinguished and influential sportswriters of our time. Toyota has had the great pleasure of working with this distinguished gentleman over the past two decades and applaud his many contributions to motorsports and journalism. Although sad to see him go, we wish Shav all the best in his future endeavors.

**Dennis Kaiser:** There are a couple of terrific reasons to read the L.A. Times — Shav Glick is one of the best. I didn't have the opportunity to meet Shav when I was a writer at the Times, but we crossed paths several years later when I was representing a NASCAR driver. Once when the driver and team owner parted ways and again not long later when the driver passed away due to a tragic illness. Both were difficult situations for the driver, his family and the race team, but Shav never veered off the course of integrity and professionalism. The family appreciated his ability to get it right and yet still be sensitive in writing about the situation. I will always admire his great knowledge of motorsports and his tremendous respect for the racing community and its fans.

**Danny Sullivan:** Shav tried to be one of those quiet, behind the scenes, guys but he was way more important than a lot of people in motorsports. He has been a big friend to motorsports for a long time and we all needed someone like him at the L.A. Times to help take the news to all those gearheads. He was a friend to everyone, not just to the big guys and the big series. He was a friend to the guys at the short tracks like Irwindale and the drag racers and all the other kinds of racing.

I was always amazed that wherever I went in racing, I would always see Shav. He was everywhere. A few years ago, I was in St. Tropez. I got a call from Shav. He and Hank Ives were at the hotel down the road in St. Tropez and wanted to meet for a drink. Shav is a classy guy and I wish him well in retirement although I'm not sure what he's going to do. He already travels, plays golf and goes to races. What more could anyone want?



Scott Riggs (left) joins Shav for presentation of the Eagle One-Shav Glick Award to Les Richter in 2004.

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## Sharing Fond Memories of Shav Glick

**Michael F. Hollander:** On the occasion of Shav Glick's retirement, I'd like to express my personal appreciation to Shav as both mentor and predecessor as Western Vice-President of AARWBA. I've been reading Shav's stories since I moved to Southern California more than 30 years ago. He helped me in many ways during my early career reporting from Riverside International Raceway and Ontario Motor Speedway. And he helped keep me fighting for the rights of online journalists, as well as to ensure that promoters recognized the role of media in improving motorsport.

**Peter Bryant. Designer Ti22 and UOP Shadow Can-Am Cars:** Shav Glick will always be remembered, and not just because of his great automotive journalist accomplishments. Who could forget a name like that? Have a great retirement Shav.

**Lewis Franck:** Shav will probably be embarrassed at the fuss we are making over him, but, it's absolutely deserved. His copy is clear, concise and independent. In a time when many journalists are fans or have an agenda Shav stands out for everything that's excellent in this media. A long list of accomplishments does Shav does not fully appreciate him. His knowledge and perspective enrich the whole world of motorsports. Anyone he calls "friend" should be honored. You're not retiring, Shav, you are just on temporary re-assignment.

**Ron Lemasters:** Shav, when I first started covering the Indianapolis 500 in 1962, you were there, it seems. I was in awe of you media giants and kept a respectful distance. As the years went on, you were still there and I got to know you. Here it is, 2006, and the last time I was at Indianapolis, you were still there.



**Shav Glick and Dick Mittman in 2004, when Shav won the Angelo Angelopolous Award.**

Now it appears that won't be true the next time the green flag drops. It has been my great honor to work among the giants of motorsports journalism. The sport is better for your having been a part of it. Your contributions to the professionalism of the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association are what has helped us to celebrate a 50th anniversary. Godspeed, friend.

**Dick Mittman:** My wife Pat and I have been friends with Shav for many years. He's either come to our house or gone out to dinner with us most times he's come to Indy, or at Daytona, etc. We visited him in the hospital when Jim Chapman led him astray. Last time he was in Indy I took him down to Shelbyville for an Italian dinner at a restaurant in a 100-year-old brick mansion. We enjoyed our meal as the only people in the ornate room off the main entrance. I always admired and respected Shav for his ability to ferret out top flight racing stories as if he still was 60. When I was working at the Speedway he always came to me if he had a question about a story he was working on. I always passed on my notes to him if they concerned someone from Southern California or he had missed a major press conference.

The thing I like best about Shav is that he, like me, always tried to find a positive story during an interview, not a negative one. I can't believe he's retiring at 85. Heck, his mother at 100 lived out in the desert, drove a pickup truck and had a boyfriend. I imagine, though, he'll still be playing golf at 100. And needling Hank Ives about his lousy strokes. The L.A. Times is the biggest loser by his departure.

**Sandra McKee:** Shav has been a friend of mine for decades now, so anything I say is probably biased. But when it comes to a professional in our business, I can't think of anyone who has represented our industry better than Shav. Young people coming into journalism, who want to see how a reporter keeps his writing fresh and entertaining while maintaining his ethics, could do no better than to study the work of Shav Glick, who did just that over 55 years at the Los Angeles Times and its forerunner. All good wishes for a long and happy retirement, Shav!

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## More Tributes To Shav Glick

**Bob Thomas:** Welcome to the club, Shavenau! Well, it's taken you 11 years to follow me into this "job" — retirement! In fact, this is the third time he's "stepped" into my shoes, going back more than 50 years when he replaced me as assistant sports editor of the ol' Los Angeles Mirror. Those were the days, weren't they, Shavenau? I've always called him Shavenau, rarely Shav. Probably out of respect for my elder. He hasn't changed in that half century. He's always looked old.



It was the second time he "took" my job, though, that caused a breach between us. And that was more than 30 years ago. National Speedsport News carried the story: "Shav Glick, 50, has replaced the veteran Bob Thomas as auto racing writer of the Los Angeles Times." MY age was not mentioned. I suspected then and suspect now Shavenau had something to do with that omission.

I fear again he'll try to perpetuate that age myth as he follows me into the toughest job of all. He was a decade older than I way back when...and he still is! Actually, that breach has healed. Like others, I could write volumes on the 50 years of memories. . A very special guy and a very special friend, well beyond the world of journalism. And — good for old Shavenau — he's leaves The Times like the young Shavenau who joined the paper. Performing at full speed. He didn't phase out. No reader ever was cheated.

As for retirement, I see Shavenau perfectly portrayed by a comment of Walter Cronkite shortly after he made that "leap" — "I wake up every morning with nothing to do and, by noon, I'm way, way behind."

That's the Shavenau I know.

**Susan Wade:** My favorite moment with Shav is a kind of sweet and goofy memory. We were having dinner with our wonderful PR friends (including Susie Arnold, Dave Ferroni and wife Suzanne, and Joe Sherk) somewhere near Pomona (California) several years ago. Shav didn't care for his meal for some reason, so I scooted my plate between us and we shared whatever I had ordered. It was a real treat for me to share something with him, because for so many years he had shared his marvelous stories, his insight, his unique presence with all of us. I had the privilege of working years ago at The Indianapolis Star with flawless motorsports/automotive writer George Moore, and how spoiled I am also to count Shav Glick, another industry giant, among my role models and friends.

**Mark Armijo:** I always thought Shav would work until he was 117 so I'm a little surprised he's calling it a career at the relatively spry age of what, 82, or somewhere in the neighborhood. I don't think I've ever met someone with as much fortitude as Shav. I remember one year while covering a CART race at Laguna Seca, Shav and I stayed in the same hotel. This was perhaps 10 years or so ago, and even though I'm about 30 years younger than Shav, it was Shav who had to knock on my door every morning to make sure I was awake.

I'm not sure exactly when in the mid-1980s that I first met Shav, but I wish I had met him much earlier in our careers. I admire his spunk, his vast reporting skills, his writing and his immense knowledge. Young and even veteran reporters would be wise to aspire to pattern their careers after Shav. I'm so glad I'm able to call him a friend.

**Caprice Chapman Aerts:** Jim Chapman, our Dad, always appreciated the fine things in life, including the fancy PPG motorcar he used as headquarters to entertain his journalist, PR and other racing friends and celebrities during an IndyCar race. Shav Glick was one of Dad's favorite visitors. As one of Jim's four kids, I felt privileged to be aboard the gourmet bus but was always aware that my role was to be quiet, respectful and never take a seat that a guest could use. I remember Shav because I thought he had a "cool" name but also because he wrote for the L.A. Times and because my Dad respected him. Anyone who knew Dad, knew that respect from him had to definitely be earned. Today we, Jim's now grown kids, would like to extend our best wishes for Shav on behalf of Jim Chapman, who always recognized a gem when he saw one. Good Luck on your retirement Shav!

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## More Tributes To Shav Glick

**Dennis Bickmeier, California Speedway:** On behalf of the entire California Speedway team, we will miss Shav immensely. A Hall-of-Famer through and through, he will always have a seat in our media center and parking stall #1 at California Speedway. Shav, we appreciate and will miss your candidness, your fine commentary and your wit. Best of luck and hit 'em long and straight!

**Jim Rocco, Valvoline NASCAR No. 10 Designated Team Owner:** Shav's tenure came at the same time when Valvoline was popularizing 'racing on Sunday, selling on Monday' — not just in Southern California, but internationally. Through his clear vision and concise writing Shav conveyed the excitement of racing to his readers for many years helping to build all forms of motorsports.

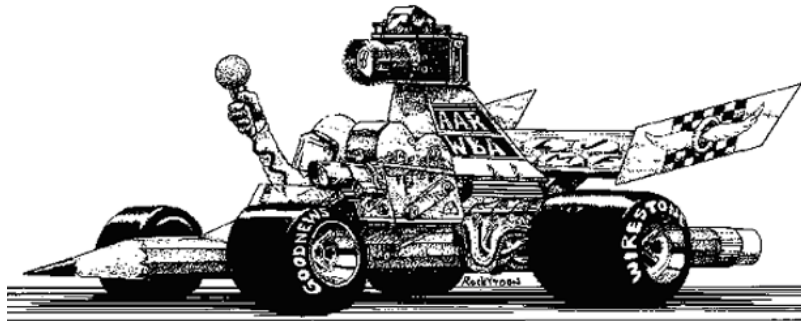
**From Glenn Campbell's Autowriters:** "Related career advice includes, 'Get out of the newspaper business.' This from Los Angeles Times motorsports writer Shav Glick upon his retirement after 52 years of writing for Los Angeles dailies. He is the only writer for a general circulation daily enshrined in the Motorsport Hall of Fame of America. Marvelously adept at writing well without calling attention to himself, Shav would keep on doing it if his health at age 85 would permit. Although writing for the Internet, the likely future for his craft, does not appeal to him and probably is the basis for his bleak advice. . . ." (Submitted by Mike Hollander)

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### Shav Glick Postscript

Shav Glick, on taking the 2005 buyout, after 51 consecutive years at Times Mirror newspapers (eight at the Los Angeles Mirror and then 43 at the Los Angeles Times):

"I don't look at it as me leaving the L.A. Times;  
I see it as the Times leaving me."



#### Note to all AARWBA Members: This is YOUR newsletter.

Your editor, **Andy Hartwell**, would love to hear from you. Write in and let him know what you are up to in the world of motorsports. We need good news content from professionals like you that we can share with all the other professionals in the AARWBA. And this newsletter is a great vehicle for announcing your recent successes with your peers! And you can even have your company or organization sponsor an issue!

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## Final Report AARWBA 50th Anniversary Celebration

The goals established for the 50th Anniversary Celebration were: 1) Increase recognition for AARWBA within the motorsports industry; 2) Increase the benefits of membership for current and potential new members. I leave it to the judgment of our members if we were successful. It is fair to say, however, that everyone gained something from our golden year. If you attended the January and/or December All-America Team dinners, or the traditional pre-Indy 500 breakfast, you enjoyed the upgrades and heard from three of the most important people in racing: Roger Penske, Lesa France Kennedy (who accepted our Newsmaker of the Half-Century honor for her family) and Mike Helton. If you entered the annual journalism contest or the new "Sweepstakes" contest, perhaps you won prize money, courtesy of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Ford. Photographers now have the Straight Shooters Award, in memory of Art Flores and Ron Hussey, funded by Fernandez Racing. If nothing else, you received a 50th gift and saw the improvements made to the newsletter.

All of this was possible because of the participation of our sponsors. Please take one more look at the list in the December issue and don't forget their help. I will always be grateful to those who stepped-up on this special occasion. It was a great disappointment, though, to have the first-hand experience of learning what has become commonplace in too-large a segment of the racing business: People who just don't return phone calls or respond to E-mails. Personally, I respect those who told me "Sorry, we just can't participate," but not those who didn't have the simple courtesy to reply. How sad. How unprofessional. (Of course, I remember a time when PR people actually spent time in the media center.) Some of you asked me during the year, "Have you contacted company XYZ?" Almost always, the honest answer was, "Yes, but they won't answer." If any member has a question about this, I will give you the candid answer you deserve, through the end of January. After that, it's best to move on . . . but remember!

Most of all, I hope the 50th renewed your enthusiasm for AARWBA. I ask you to re-read the summary of my AAT dinner remarks published in December. AARWBA now has the opportunity to build on the accomplishments of 2005, but that only will happen if YOU get involved. Let me conclude by thanking Bill Marvel and the Mickey Thompson family for the Bob Russo Founder's Award, and Dusty for the Honorary Membership. Along the way, a few of you took time to thank me for serving as chairman, so I thank you for saying 'Thank you.'

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Helton".

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## Notes from the All-America Chairman, Rocky Enriken



Well, we tried something new this year and in the main I'd have to say it worked, but like most new ideas it could do with a little refinement.

We tried doing the whole balloting process by e-mail, primarily to speed things up. Which brings up a key point — this is membership renewal season. If you have an e-mail address please put it on your renewal form and *please* take extra care to write it legibly. I announced up front I would not be chasing down addresses for those whose e-mails refused the ballot mailing for whatever reason. There was less than a handful demanding that I register to be an “acceptable” sender, that rejected the All-America e-mail as spam, or whose mailboxes were just full, and those ended up getting nothing. But I did chase down, and mostly found, corrections for a couple dozen e-mail addresses that were just incorrect. Most were simple typos and I figured that was our fault. Maybe out of 300+ members a couple dozen incorrect ain't bad. But another couple

dozen had no e-mail at all and most of those did not have fax numbers either. Those members, eligible to vote, never got a ballot.

So we're likely going to be doing our All-America and Legends voting this way for the foreseeable future. If you want to participate in your AARWBA, we need an e-mail or at the very least a good fax number. We're only going to send to you this way a couple times a year (unless you've opted for an e-mailed newsletter).

This e-mail/fax method cut the time to do the whole process down to about 60% of what it used to be in order to have a banquet and announce the team, and the Jerry Titus winner, in early December rather than the middle of January.

This also meant conducting the vote before all series were complete. The voting period was specifically set up to allow two weekends to pass between the time the ballot information was sent out and the deadline date, thinking those voters able to do so might let those two weekends pass before sending in their ballots. However, more than half turned their ballots right around before even the first weekend had gone by, and the only votes in after the second weekend were the usual few stragglers.

Might things have been different if voters had waited? Who knows? I daresay Dan Wheldon might still have been the Titus winner but Tony Stewart, who still had four races to run, was only five votes behind. Also in the Stock Car tally, in the early vote Stewart and Jimmie Johnson were almost neck and neck, but then Carl Edwards went on his streak and nearly caught Johnson while Stewart surged to nearly double Johnson's total.

Drag Racing had a huge battle going on in Funny Car — Gary Scelzi and Ron Capps just two points apart with one race to go and John Force within reach just another 28 points behind them. Force, however, had run up an almost unbeatable vote total before that last race was run. Scelzi won the title over Capps with Force third but Scelzi ended up Second Team, tied with Pro Stock ace Greg Anderson — both of whom made a late run after the NHRA finale's results were in but ended up still five votes behind Force.

In fact, the reason we expanded the ballot to eight names in each category was to be able to include second-place drivers who were close in still-contested championships, to be sure they were on the ballot in case they won.

As I have said before, we do need to raise the profile of the AARWBA All-America Auto Racing Team. Take a note from the football writers handicapping Heisman hopefuls. If you are telling about someone who is stepping out on his competition through the year, he could be an All-America candidate and perhaps a Titus Award contender and that is a good thing to mention in your columns and programs.

# News Notes

## **Rik Anthony is Back In The Pits**

Rik Anthony thought his fellow AARWBA members might like to know about a National Radio Show that's dedicated to the NHRA Powerade Drag Racing Series. The show is called "Back In The Pits with Rik Anthony". It's a 90 second daily feature heard on over 35 affiliates and on the web at [www.allstarradio.com](http://www.allstarradio.com). Show host Rik Anthony is a radio veteran with 27 years of experience. The show is syndicated over the All Star Radio Networks based in St Louis MO. If you'd like more information please contact Rik Anthony at 314-454-0086 x4.

## **Knight Presents PR and Media Techniques To Young Drivers**

Just before the All-America Team dinner, 50th anniversary Chairman Michael Knight took time to speak to the young drivers at the annual Lyn St. James Driver Development Program in Chandler, AZ. Knight did a one-hour presentation and Q&A session on PR, media interview techniques and related issues.

## **American Gt Road Racing Hires Veteran PR Man Lee Elder**

The American GT Road Racing Association recently announced that it has retained the services of veteran public relations representative Lee Elder. Elder is part of Goodyear Racing's public relations effort. He also works as a public relations consultant for Utts Racing, Custom Printing and other businesses in Southern California.

He is the former Media Coordinator for NASCAR's Elite Division, Southwest Series.

"Lee will be a great addition to our organization," said Woodson Duncan, President of the AGTRRA. "We are going to experience a season of growth in 2006 and Lee's job will be to get the word out."

AGT operates the Inter Americas Challenge, a road racing series featuring tube chassis, big horsepower American sports cars such as: Mustangs, Corvettes and Camaros.

"I'm very enthusiastic about Woodson's blueprint for this series," said Elder. "I'm happy to be onboard and I'm looking forward to the start of the season."

More information on the American GT Road Racing Association is available at [www.americangt.com](http://www.americangt.com). Elder can be contacted at [speedylee@sprynet.com](mailto:speedylee@sprynet.com).

## **IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL AARWBA MEMBERS!**

By now everyone should be able to open the newsletter when it comes via email. If you can not open it, the reason is most likely that you still don't have the Acrobat reader software on your computer. This is easily remedied! Simply click on this word "**ACROBAT!**" and download the file.

It will not harm your computer! It is free! It is easy to install!  
Help your AARWBA to contain costs by using email to distribute our newsletter!

## **AARWBA Members! Tell Us Your Story!**

We think AARWBA members would enjoy hearing about the events and activities their peers are involved with. That is why we are encouraging every member to always feel free to send a "News Note" to AARWBA President **Dusty Brandel** at [AARWBA@compuserve.com](mailto:AARWBA@compuserve.com) or to your Newsletter Editor **Andy Hartwell** at [ashartwell@att.net](mailto:ashartwell@att.net)



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## 2005 AUTO RACING ALL-AMERICA TEAM

As selected by the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association

### JERRY TITUS AWARD

**Dan Wheldon -  
 IRL IndyCar Series Champion**

#### FIRST TEAM

OPEN WHEEL: Dan Wheldon, Sébastien Bourdais  
 STOCK CAR: Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson  
 ROAD RACING: Max Angelelli/Wayne Taylor,  
 Scott Pruett/Luis Diaz  
 DRAG RACING: Tony Schumacher, John Force  
 SHORT TRACK: Steve Kinser, Dave Steele  
 TOURING SERIES: Martin Truex Jr., Frank Kimmel  
 AT LARGE: Rob MacCachren,  
 Patrick Long/Jorg Bergmeister

#### SECOND TEAM

OPEN WHEEL: Tony Kanaan, Danica Patrick  
 STOCK CAR: Carl Edwards, Mark Martin  
 ROAD RACING: Ron Fellows/Johnny O'Connell,  
 Oliver Gavin/Olivier Beretta  
 DRAG RACING: Greg Anderson, Gary Scelzi  
 SHORT TRACK: Levi Jones, Josh Wise  
 TOURING SERIES: Ted Musgrave, Clint Bowyer  
 AT LARGE: Charles Zwolsman, Rob Atchison,  
 David Haskell/Sylvain Tremblay

#### HONORABLE MENTION

(At least 5% of the vote)

OPEN WHEEL: Dario Franchitti, Sam Hornish Jr.,  
 Paul Tracy  
 STOCK CAR: Ryan Newman, Greg Biffle  
 ROAD RACING: Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro,  
 Klaus Graf, Greg Pickett  
 DRAG RACING: Ron Capps, Clay Millican  
 SHORT TRACK: Damion Gardner, Steve Francis  
 TOURING SERIES: Ted Christopher, Dennis Setzer  
 AT LARGE: Carl Renezeder, Steve Torrence,  
 Katherine Legge

\*NOTE: *In Road Racing, co-drivers with identical records are now voted as one.*

#### VOTE TOTALS

Open Wheel	Stock Car
81 Dan Wheldon	76 Tony Stewart
60 Sébastien Bourdais	39 Jimmie Johnson
12 Tony Kanaan	30 Carl Edwards
*10 Danica Patrick	24 Mark Martin
9 Dario Franchitti	11 Ryan Newman
9 Sam Hornish Jr	7 Greg Biffle
5 Paul Tracy	
	*1 Jeff Gordon
2 Oriol Servia	*1 Boris Said
*1 Tomas Scheckter	0 Kurt Busch
1 Justin Wilson	0 Matt Kenseth
Short Track	Drag Racing
75 Steve Kinser	62 Tony Schumacher
35 Dave Steele	32 John Force
18 Levi Jones	27 Greg Anderson
18 Josh Wise	27 Gary Scelzi
11 Damion Gardner	12 Ron Capps
6 Steve Francis	11 Clay Millican
3 Chad Kemenah	4 Robert Hight
2 Billy Moyer	3 Steve Spiess
*1 Brett Hearn	*1 Doug Kalitta
*1 Brad Kuhn	
*1 Fred Rahmer	
Touring Series	At Large
53 Martin Truex Jr.	48 P.Long/J.Bergmeister
46 Frank Kimmel	28 Rob MacCachren
24 Ted Musgrave	19 Charles Zwolsman
20 Clint Bowyer	11 Rob Atchison
17 Ted Christopher	11 D.Haskell/S.Tremblay
7 Dennis Setzer	*5 Katherine Legge
4 Benny Gordon	*1 Nick Coello
3 Shane Huffman	*1 Don Moss/Ken Moss
*1 Mike Duncan	1 Jim Sickles
*1 Chub Frank	
*1 Burney Lamar	
*1 Andy Santerre	
Road Racing	
46 Max Angelelli/Wayne Taylor	
34 Scott Pruett/Luis Diaz	
24 Ron Fellows/Johnny O'Connell	* = Write-Ins
23 Oliver Gavin/Olivier Beretta	Total Vote: 103
19 Frank Biela/Emanuele Pirro	
13 Klaus Graf	
6 Greg Pickett	
3 Randy Ruhlman	
*1 Clint Field	
*1 Andy Wallace/Milka Duno	

## BOB RUSSO FOUNDERS AWARD

In 2005 the Bob Russo Founders Award was inaugurated. In 2004 President Brandel assigned Bill Marvel, the founding Secretary, to chair a committee of Deke Houlgate, Dick Mittman and Norm Froscher to establish the award, the rules governing the annual selection of the recipient and awarding of the honor. Also the committee was to choose a worthy recipient of the first award.

Nominees must meet the requirement that they: "Have demonstrated profound interest tireless efforts and undying dedication to auto racing, as exemplified by Founder Bob Russo, throughout his lifelong career."

### The following rules apply to the award:

- Only Professional Members of AARWBA, who have held membership for at least five years, may make a nomination.
- Nominees from the auto racing community must have been involved for at least five years.
- A nominee from the Professional Media Membership of AARWBA must be a member for five previous years.
- The award can be made posthumously.
- Each recipient will be added to the Award's Committee.
- No member of the committee may receive the award while serving on the Committee.
- As the original committee members leave for one reason or another, the committee will select a chairman by vote.
- The majority will rule on the final award recipient selection by the committee. In cases of ties the AARWBA President will make deciding vote.
- Nominations must be submitted in written form of 150 words, email or regular mail, to the Chairman of the Founder's Award Committee. Nominations must contain the signature and year of initial membership of the one making the nomination. Nominations must be received by March first of each year.

The award is an individual plaque with a likeness of Bob Russo, the AARWBA logo and the following wording thereon, "Presented Annually by AARWBA to an individual who has demonstrated profound interest, tireless efforts and undying dedication to auto racing, as exemplified by our founder Bob Russo throughout his career."

A permanent plaque, with the same information as the individual one, with individual nameplate spaces is displayed in the Media Center at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Gary and Collene Campbell, to celebrate the lives of Mickey and Trudy Thompson, Collene's brother and sister-in-law, sponsor the award.

**Send nominations to Chairman Bill Marvel at [marvel@kih.net](mailto:marvel@kih.net)  
or mailing address at 4866 KY 49, Liberty, KY 42539.**

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