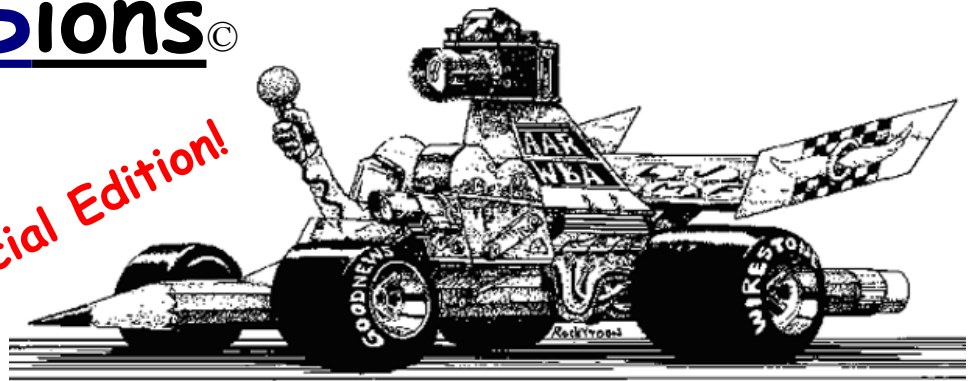


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Deadline Is  
December 15!  
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**First AARWBA Auto Racing Safety and Humanitarian Service Award to go to Dr. Robert Hubbard and Jim Downing, the creators of the HANS device.**



Pictured left to right are Jim and Connie Downing and Dr. Robert Hubbard, looking a bit weary near the end of the grueling 2001 Rolex 24 hours. Smiles weren't too hard to come by despite the all night racing action as the Downing Kudzu-Mazda persevered and took the win in the premier prototype class.

(Photo: Andrew S. Hartwell / ashautomobilia.com)

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# 2006 All-America Auto Racing Team Winners

## Chairman Rocky Entriken Announces The Winners Several Honorees To Attend Banquet On January 13th

The 2006 All-America Auto Racing Team has been chosen, and now the question turns to: Who will win the Jerry Titus Award?

The Titus, given in remembrance of the late racer/journalist, signifies the top vote-getter on the All-America team regardless of category, and is not announced until the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association's banquet Jan. 13 at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis.

For the past two years the Titus winner has been the Indy Racing League champion and this year's IRL champion, Indy-winner Sam Hornish Jr. is among the contenders. Also in contention are NASCAR's Jimmie Johnson and Todd Bodine, NHRA's John Force (already a 4-time Titus winner) and Tony Schumacher, and ARCA's Frank Kimmel.

### FIRST TEAM

OPEN WHEEL: Sébastien Bourdais, Sam Hornish Jr.  
STOCK CAR: Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart  
ROAD RACING: Jorg Bergmeister, Rinaldo Capello/Allan McNish and Scott Pruett/Luis Diaz (tie)  
DRAG RACING: John Force, Tony Schumacher  
SHORT TRACK: Donny Schatz, Josh Wise  
TOURING SERIES: Todd Bodine, Frank Kimmel  
AT LARGE: J.R. Hildebrand, Travis Pastrana

### SECOND TEAM

OPEN WHEEL: A.J. Allmendinger, Dan Wheldon  
STOCK CAR: Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick  
ROAD RACING: Max Angelelli, Olivier Beretta/Oliver Gavin  
DRAG RACING: Doug Kalitta, Jason Line and Clay Millican (tie)  
SHORT TRACK: Danny Lasoski, Jerry Coons Jr. and Bud Kaeding (tie)  
TOURING SERIES: Clay Rogers, Mike Olsen  
AT LARGE: Andy Lally/Marc Bunting, Frank Manzo

### HONORABLE MENTION (At least 5% of the vote)

OPEN WHEEL: Helio Castroneves, Justin Wilson  
STOCK CAR: Kasey Kahne, Matt Kenseth  
ROAD RACING: Colin Braun  
DRAG RACING: none  
SHORT TRACK: Tim McCreadie  
TOURING SERIES: Eric Holmes, Benny Gordon  
AT LARGE: Troy Herbst

**Time to book your room  
for the AARWBA  
All-America Auto Racing  
Team Dinner!  
Details on next page!**



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The Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis

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**Dinner tickets are \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members**

**Reception begins at 6:00 PM.**

**Silent Auction To Benefit the Methodist Hospital Trauma Center  
and the Overpeck Fund.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DINNER

\* As of Dec. 6, Sam Hornish Jr., Sebastien Bourdais, Tony Schumacher and J.R. Hildebrand are confirmed to attend. Please visit [aarwba.org](http://aarwba.org) frequently between now and the dinner for updates on other drivers who will be there.

\* Jack Roush, one of the most successful and influential team owners in NASCAR history, will be the featured speaker.

\* Remember, the dinner is a NEWS event, not just a SOCIAL occasion. Please help publicize the dinner in advance and then report the winner of the Jerry Titus Award and other honorees. Take advantage of this opportunity to interview the newsmakers for off-season and pre-season stories.

\* Popular broadcaster Bob Jenkins will serve as dinner Master of Ceremonies for the second consecutive year.

\* In addition to the driver All-America Team honors, other special awards to be presented at the dinner include: Jim Chapman Award, for excellence in motorsports PR; Pioneer In Racing Award to Dan Partel of the European Formula Drivers Association; Dusty Brandel President's Award; the Ford Sweepstakes Journalism Contest prize; Gorsline Scholarship recipient; and the new Safety and Humanitarian Service Award to HANS Device developers Jim Downing and Dr. Robert Hubbard, and other surprises.

\* Reminder: Guests will need to stop by the registration desk in the Hyatt lobby before going upstairs to the ballroom. The reception begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction. Dinner is 7:30 p.m. Due to expected heavy traffic in the downtown area, and limited parking, members and guests are **URGED TO ARRIVE EARLY!** Let's repeat that: You are **URGED TO ARRIVE EARLY!**

\* For those who need it: The Hyatt is located downtown at One South Capitol Ave. The phone number is 317-632-1234.

\* If you need a room at the Hyatt, make that reservation NOW at [aarwba.org](http://aarwba.org) . . . the hotel will be full Jan. 13, so don't delay!

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## “Sweepstakes” Motorsports Journalism Award of Excellence Contest

- For the second year in a row, Ford Racing will host the “Sweepstakes” Motorsports Journalism Award of Excellence contest for all journalists who cover auto racing and are members in good standing of the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA).
- **The contest** – the “Sweepstakes” Motorsports Journalism Award of Excellence – will honor the best feature, commentary or news story about a Ford driver, team owner, crew person, team or the Ford Racing program, that best captures the spirit and passion of auto racing that Henry Ford portrayed when he climbed behind the wheel of his race car “Sweepstakes,” in October, 1901 for his first and only race as a driver. Ford’s victory over Alexander Winton on that day marked the beginning of the Ford Racing program.



### Entries:

- Entries with publish/air dates between January 1, 2006 and November 21, 2006 (two days after the NASCAR, season-ending Ford 400) will be accepted.
- Entries can be from print, radio, television or internet news sites.
- Each AARWBA member in good standing may submit up to three (3) entries per calendar year.
- Original copies of the entries should be sent to Alexis Kinch of PCGCampbell, 3200 Greenfield, Suite 280, Dearborn, MI 48120. Entries must be post-marked by Dec. 15, 2006, to be eligible for competition.

### Winners:

- Entries will be judged and the winner will be announced at the AARWBA All-American Banquet in Indianapolis on January 13, 2007.
- The “Sweepstakes” Motorsports Journalism Award of Excellence winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 along with a framed artwork of Henry Ford’s “Sweepstakes” race car.
- Second and third-place winners will receive a gift package from Ford Racing.

### Al Pearce Almost Has Them All For Victory Junction Gang Camp

Member Al Pearce continues his quest to collect the autograph of every living Indy 500 winner on a helmet to be sold for the benefit of the Victory Junction Gang Camps. He recently wrote to us with an update: “Within the next week or so I’ll have personal autographs from all 25 living Indy 500 winners. As of today the only ones I need are Parnelli J., Kenny B., Gordon J. and Bobby R. My most recent “gets” were Al Jr., Arie L. and Tom S. in Arizona, and Emerson F. and Jim R last weekend in Florida.

I’ll post the helmet for auction at several sites, with the money being a donation to the Victory Junction Gang Camp. The money will go directly to the camp, not to me, and will be a tax-deductible donation. And I’ll ensure that all future Indy 500 winners are on the helmet. That way, it’ll always been current.”

### 10% Off For AARWBA Members



Doug Stokes has informed us that AARWBA members are entitled to a 10% professional discount on all purchases at “good old Autobooks-Aerobooks” in BURBANK, California. The store is currently setting up its 2007 book signing schedule. Visit their website at [www.autobooks-aerobooks.com](http://www.autobooks-aerobooks.com).

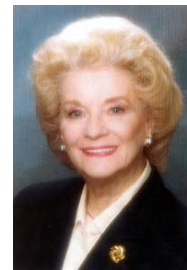
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## Open Letter From Kay Presto, Past Western Vice President

November 18, 2006

Dear AARWBA members,

For many months now, we have been receiving by e-mail (most of us, anyway) the excellent newsletters put together for us by Andy Hartwell. It's obvious that Andy puts his heart into this work, presenting us with a colorful, informative, and beautifully-laid-out newsletter. This takes time and work, and Andy does it so very well.



This computer e-mail also saves our current board a lot of mailing costs — a true benefit to our organization.

We also have a hard-working board headed by our president Dusty Brandel that labors to put all this together for Andy, plus their other work on all the other necessary items to help our membership year-round. Our board's caring and dedication makes this organization grow and succeed for all us members.

Then there is Michael Knight, who works very diligently with our board, sponsors, speakers, etc. to make the AARWBA banquet a success every year. And Gil Bouffard, who is putting together a great racing calendar showing the work of some of our photographers, with a wonderful tribute to our still-missed Art Flores. And Rocky Entriiken does an outstanding job of preparing, sending out, and then tabulating the results of our All-America Team balloting

There are many other AARWBA members working quietly and unheralded behind the scenes to make this organization successful. We owe each and every person who helps our organization a vote of thanks.

So when you like something that any of these board and other members have done, it would be nice to send them an e-mail of appreciation for all their dedication and hard work.

With that thought in mind, I wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas. and a successful New Year in 2007, and thank you for all *you've* done by being a member!

With warmest regards,

Kay Presto  
Past Western Vice President

### More Dinner Info:

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### Have something to say?

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### Election Results and Inaugural Award of The AARWBA Auto Racing Safety and Humanitarian Service Award

*Information Provided By Gil Bouffard*

1. The posted slate for the Board of Directors of the American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association has passed and are as follows:

For President: **Norma "Dusty" Brandel**  
For National Vice President: **Michael Hollander**  
For Secretary-Treasurer: **Dr. George Peters**  
For Eastern Vice President: **Lewis Franck**  
For Southern Vice President: **Mike Harris**  
For Midwest Vice President: **Ron Lemasters, Sr**  
For Western Vice President: **Susan Wade**

There were a number of Write Ins for various offices. However, no one had enough votes to succeed to any office.

2. **Dr. Robert Hubbard** of Michigan State University and racing driver / Kudzu chassis builder **Jim Downing** (Georgia Tech 1966) and their Head And Neck Support device (HANS) have been selected for the Inaugural AARWBA Auto Racing Safety and Humanitarian Service Award.

The HANS device is the international standard head and neck injury safety system for auto racers world-wide. The award will be presented at the AARWBA Banquet in Indianapolis on 13 January 2007.

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