



Message from EMPA President, Dino Oberto

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Greetings, Everyone!

With this being my first time sending out a newsletter as president I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire organization for having the trust in me to head the group. I am very humbled to be in this position. I have *always* felt that EMPA is a great assemblage of writers and photographers and very proud to be affiliated with all of our members.

I would also like to say thank you to those individuals who previously held the president seat including Ernie Saxton, Harry Blaze, Len Sammons Jr., and Ron Hedger. Their direction of EMPA has been to serve with pride and the best interest for the organization. It is my intent to continue along that same path.

To Ron, I think I speak for everyone that under your leadership over the past number of years the organization has not only remained on solid footing but has thrived in becoming one of the most respected auto racing media groups in the business. We thank you for all that you have done for us. You will be a hard act to follow but we'll do our best.

Of course we are very lucky to have a great Board of Directors including new vice president Earl Krause, Len Sammons, Carol Houssock and Brent Smith.

We are very happy to have Brent come onto the Board just recently. He was appointed the spot after Jeff Gromis opted to step down. Jeff will remain as treasurer which he does an outstanding job of keeping our books in perfect order. Jeff, thank you for all you do for EMPA.

Here's to great racing, great reporting and capturing great images.

Warmest regards,
Dino Oberto

Save The Date

The dates for the 2018 EMPA convention is January 11-13 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA.

The dates are slightly different than the past few years. With the Allentown indoor TQ program set for the first weekend in January, EMPA will shift to the following weekend.



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Membership Info

When sending in your renewals or for those of you that have helped attract new members, please send your information to: Dino Oberto, 211 Columbus Avenue, Hazle Township, PA. 18202



Media Picnic at Lime Rock Park

Longtime EMPA member Dave Moulthrop sent along the word that Marlene White, the new Public Relations & Communications Manager at historic Lime Rock Park in Connecticut, asked if there would be interest in a media fall picnic type day with possible track rides, auto cross, lunch etc.

Sounds like a great idea and if anyone would like to have more info please contact Dave at dave.moulthrop@gmail.com

Barry Boyd Passing

We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of photographer and videographer Barry Boyd, who passed away on July 19, just shy of his 76th birthday. Barry was a fixture for years at such venues as Linda's Speedway and also covered other local and regional tracks during his career.

Please keep Barry and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Truex Receives His EMPA Hardware

In June Earl Krause and I presented Martin Truex, Jr. with his award for being named as the EMPA National Driver of the Year. Thanks to Jim Smith for providing the photo.



Until next time.....*Dino*

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