



Message from EMPA President, Dino Oberto

EMPA is an organization of professional writers, broadcasters, announcers, videographers, and photographers working in the motorsports industry,

Greetings all,

Well it's finally here! The 2022 EMPA convention is now only days away and we are so ready to christen our new digs.

We actually got things kicked off this past weekend at the Allentown Indoor Races as we presented some hardware to a few who will be unable to join us in Wilkes-Barre.

Andy Jankowiak, who is the recipient of the 2021 EMPA Chris Economaki Memorial Newsmaker of the Year Award was presented his statue and really taken back by it all. Andy cannot make it with us as he will be testing his ARCA car in Daytona. (Bob Yurko photo)



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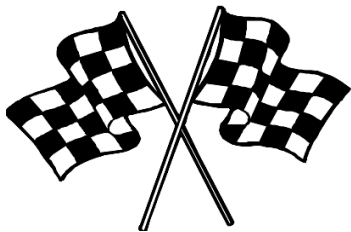
Also picking up a statue was Briggs Danner, who was voted the winner of the 2021 EMPA John Blewett III Young Gun Presented by New England Race Fuels. Briggs, along with entire family, was ecstatic over the award. He is, as we speak, in Tulsa competing in the Chili Bowl. We also had John Holland of New England Race Fuels join the party in

Allentown to present Briggs his award. John was also presented with the EMPA President's Award for his years of ongoing support of the organization. (Jim Smith photo)

Both Andy and Briggs put together short videos that we will play during Saturday's awards dinner.

Thanks to promoter Len Sammons Jr., for allowing us to give out those awards. A great crowd gathered to watch and it was also streamed live on Area Auto Racing News' Facebook page.

Kyle Larson has also received his EMPA 2021 Al Holbert Memorial National Driver of the Year award. Kyle will be joining Briggs all this week at the Chili Bowl. He did, however, send along a nice thank you video we'll show as well.



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We have for you, as attachments along with this newsletter, the weekend's itinerary and schedule of events.



FYI you can drop off your things at the front of the hotel for checking in. The main entrance will be to the right as you pull off Market Street.

There is parking in the back of the hotel and also a private parking lot located at the corner of East Market Street and South Pennsylvania Avenue which is for hotel guests. There will be no charge for parking in that lot for us.

For those just planning on attending either Friday night or Saturday, and not staying at the hotel, we recommend you come in at the far left entrance at the front. This will bring you right into the hospitality room and adjacent meeting/photo/dinner rooms and where registration will be taking place.



Safe travels and see you all in a few,
Peace, out
Dino

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