



Message from EMPA President, Ron Hedger

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MORE SAD NEWS

Right after our last missive, Bill Yoder sent along word that longtime member Bill Claren had passed away in mid-December in Florida. Besides serving the EMPA as President in 1976/77, Bill entertained members at numerous conventions with stories from his pre-media days as a racer. An accomplished “big car” driver, Bill’s stories brought the old days to life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We’ve been going through the EMPA database in preparation for handing it over to the next President and we have a number of members who have yet to renew for 2018. In the past, we have sent individual reminders, which is very time consuming, so we’re hoping a blanket reminder will trigger action that will let us avoid the individual reminders.

If you have not received your 2018 card, your dues are past due, so please take care of them now, before you get tied up in a new racing season!

Renewals will reach us at our winter address – 17402 SE 77th Helmsdale Ct., The Villages, FL 32162. And please tell us of any address, email or affiliation changes.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Randy LaJoie missed the NASCAR/EMPA Hall of Fame banquet because he was busy explaining the attributes of his containment seats to Chili Bowl competitors. His son filled in for him at the banquet, but a week later he picked up his HoF statue at Len Sammons' popular Pioneer Pole Buildings Motorsports Show. We thank Jim Smith for another great photo.



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THANK YOU

We received a substantial number of notes regarding our decision to step down from the Presidency this summer. We appreciate the kind words and members taking the time to share their thoughts with us. Thank you all! Ron

