

Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.



Newsletter

January 2019

And the inductees are ...

The Selection Committee (consisting of all living inductees, HOF board members, and nine members from the CARB general membership) has voted and the ballots have been opened and counted, and the ties were broken and the 2019 Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Don Burlington
Larry Christy
Harrel Heavelow
Linda Howell

Chad Lyle
McCown Brothers
Skip Richardson
Ed Young

2019 Banquet

The 2019 HOF banquet will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Doors open at 3:00 pm and ceremony begins at 4:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at the Elk's Lodge #2509, 100 NE Brizendine Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014. We will have a photographer taking individual pictures that you can purchase. We will also be taking a group picture of all inductees and inductee's representatives in attendance before the ceremonies begin. The first four inductees will be honored before dinner and the remaining four after dinner. tickets are \$25 and are on sale now by contacting Debbie Bergman at 913-683-2390 or Karen Darling at 660-229-0952. If they are unavailable please leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible.

Important Dates

- January 6, 2019-HOF General Membership Meeting, 2:00 pm Christy's Clubhouse, 4729 Swartz Road, KCK 66106
- February 10, 2019-Annual General Membership Meeting, 2:00 pm Christy's Clubhouse, 4729 Swartz Road, KCK 66106
- February 22-24 World of Wheels
- March 2, 2019-16th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, Elks Lodge #2509, 100 NE Brizendine Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64014

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www.carbhallowofame.com

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Thoughts and Prayers for

Hospital, Surgery, Deaths-Tori Howell (surgery-Linda Howell's granddaughter); Super Joe Wallace family; Skip Richardson-surgery; Bob Baker (mother passed); Rodger Wright-hospitalized; John Mancuso-hospitalized; Karen Darling; John O'Neal, Sr., and Raymond Goodwin

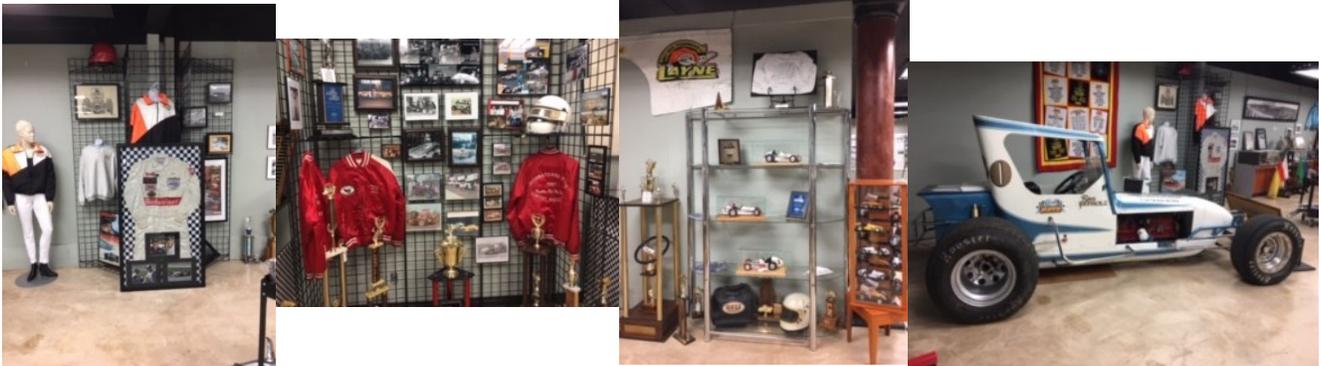
Family Matters

Remember those listed in Family Matters in your thoughts and prayers.

Contact Carla Layne with any family matters 816.476.7223 or by email bobby01@kc.rr.com.

Hall of Fame and Museum

If you haven't been out to The KC Automotive Museum to see the Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame & Museum display you need to go see it. The Layne family are the featured inductees on display at the museum. The display is a "hands on" display, including a go-kart for the kids to sit in, and a helmet and firesuit jacket for the kids to try on so they can see what it feels like to be a real racecar driver. We hope you can make it out to see what we have on display.



The Museum is located at:

Kansas City Automotive Museum
15095 West 116th Street
Olathe, Kansas 66062.
Phone: 913-322-4227.
Hours are Monday - Closed,
Tuesday - Saturday -10am to 5pm,
Sunday - 12pm to 5pm.
Prices are: Adult - \$9.00
Military - \$8.00
Senior (over 65) - \$8.00
Students - \$7.00
Children 5 and under FREE.



In the Spotlight

2015 Inductee—RICHARD LAYNE

Richard grew up in a racing family. When he was a little guy, 5 or so, Eddie Leavitt came to his home to get parts from his dad because he had wrecked his race car the night before. Richard asked him if he could sit in his race car and Eddie said yes. Richard remembers winning all kinds of features that day in Eddie's car. Eddie is one of Richard's childhood heroes.

But, car racing wasn't his first need for speed. You see, Richard in his early years was a speed skater. He was even clocked by a radar gun and got a speeding ticket. He was skating to and from work in North Kansas City. While going up and down hills, he saw a policeman & tried to get away from him but the policeman turned the gun on him and made a U-turn and pulled him over. He made him get in the car and asked him what he was doing and Richard replied that he was training to be an Olympic Speed Skater. The policeman said you were speeding. Richard said "How fast was I going?" The policeman said he couldn't pick him up on the radar but could pick up the car that was behind him. The car was going 37 in a 35 mph zone and you were pulling away. Richard's skates were considered a wheeled vehicle by Kansas City standards. The policeman gave him the ticket for running a stop sign. Long story short, he got out of the ticket.

In 1987 at the age of 27, Richard got into the cockpit when his brothers, Bobby and John, decided they were going to build a new car. Richard got the old car. His brothers took him to Humboldt Speedway for some training and John gave him a piece of advice that he still goes by today. "Don't drive any faster than you can keep it under control." Richard went on to win the IMCA National Modified Rookie of the Year Award that year and also won the Rookie of the Year award at Riverside Stadium and the CARB Rookie of the Year Award.



In 1988 the wins start coming and so did the Championships. Richard won the point Championship at Savannah Speedway. In 1993 he was leading the points at Topeka Raceway and broke a motor and finished second to Kerry Davis in the points. He was awarded Most Improved Driver at Topeka Raceway plus won the point Championship at Tri-M Speedway in Warrensburg. In 1994, 95 and 96 things were rolling good as he would win the point Championship all three years at Central Missouri Speedway and was voted by the fans in 1996 as Most Popular Driver.

1998 was a bad year for Richard. He went to practice at CMS on practice day and during practice he rolled the car and destroyed it. Bobby Hunt called and asked if Richard wanted to drive for him. First night out looked promising but went bad quickly in this new ride. They were supposed to run the first race out of seven at the fairgrounds

in Sedalia, Mo but the race was canceled. They decided to go to Warrensburg. Richard was leading the race and pulled in on the white flag lap. When he got to the pits and Bobby asked "what's wrong"? Richard said the motor blew up. Bobby said "I've never seen a driver do that before." Richard said, "What blow up a motor? Bobby said, "No, a driver pull in, any other driver would have finished the race, but you shut it off." First he didn't believe it had blown-up, it was still running. Richard shut it off and it blew up. Bobby still didn't believe it. He got the speed wrench pulled the valve covers off and a rocker arm was laying there. It had broken a rocker arm stud. Richard could tell it was down a cylinder from driving his own stuff and since he never had any money he shut it off so it wouldn't tear up any more things. Bobby just couldn't believe it; he never saw a driver do that before.

In 2001 Richard would finish second in points only because his engine was claimed and he didn't sell and lost all points for that night. He would lose the championship by one point. He would go on to win the championships in 2002 and 2003 at CMS. Richard was fifth in all time feature wins at CMS out of 278 drivers that have won features at CMS. He finished in the top 10 in points 13 out of the 19 years that he raced at CMS. He won three in a row "Big Ones" at CMS; Labor Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July Specials.





In the Spotlight

2014 inductee—BOBBY LAYNE

Bobby Layne's first time behind the wheel of a racecar was in 1970. Bobby had been crewing for a stock car driver named Billy Bud. He bugged Billy about driving his car until he said "yes" at Neosho Falls, Kansas. His last race was at I-76 Speedway at Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Bobby's first car was a stock car he built in Gene Claxton's garage in 1972. He campaigned the car all of 1972. Older brother, John, now could see clearly the racing career path of Bobby. John went to his dad, Elmer, and said we need to build him a car that is safe. John couldn't decide what type of car to build. They could build a stock car or a sprint car with a carburetor and run at Riverside every Saturday night. Well Elmer didn't really care for stock cars, as he kind of liked the open wheel cars. Really what it boiled down to was they had space in the basement for a sprint car and didn't have space for a stock car. Sprint car racing became a reality for Bobby in 1973. They built the first car during the winter of 1972.

Bobby Layne has raced at over 170 racetracks in over 40 states. His favorite racetracks were the old Lakeside Speedway and Saline County Speedway in Marshall, Missouri. He believes Marshall made a lot of good drivers because no two turns were the same. The front straight was different than the back straight so you couldn't just set the car up to run the race track the same all around. Sooner or later you just had to get up on the wheel and drive it. It got dry slick on one end and heavy on the other. It had holes to deal with. A lot of racers hated that type of track but, looking back, it made everybody that raced there a lot better.

Bobby is known by the #01. How that number came about was that John wanted single digit # and the #1 was available. But every time we went to a race track we had to put tape on the car or something to make it a 01x or 01L

4 or something like that so we decided to use the number 0 and that was about the time that Rick Ferkel came with

that number then everybody started using that number. We went to Knoxville and there was already a 0 car and a 1 car so we combined the two numbers to make 01. That was in 1978 and 01 has been our number ever since. Then I went and drove for Ron Wheeler and his number was always 1i and we combined it for a short period of time as 01i.

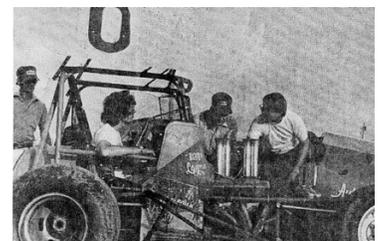
Over the years John and I both owned the cars we ran. The engines that I ran were small block Chevy's – big blocks Chevy's – IMCA junky small block motors, and then Ford motors, and right now Yamaha. We have helped Billy Bud, Gene Claxton, Eddie Adkins and A.J. Tice over the years. Plus we always helped whoever needed help on or off the track.

Bobby was Rookie of the year in Sprint Cars at Riverside Stadium in 1973. He was the Sprint Car Champion at Lakeside in 1976 and 1977. In 1979 he won the National Cheaters Day race at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1980 he won the Missouri Nationals at Sedalia, Mo. In 1984 he won the IMCA Regional (National) Championship by winning 29 features. In 1984 he won the Jay Hawk Nationals in Topeka, Ks. In 1993 he won the Tums National in Sedalia, Mo. and in 2011-2012 he was the Midwest Lighting Sprints Champion. He has run with IMCA, NSCA, WoO, MMSA and MLS.

His most memorable moment in racing was his first feature win in April 1976 at Lakeside Speedway and the last one he won in September 2013 at I-35 Speedway. And numerous in between, because right now wins are really hard to come by. You have to treasure this last one because there may not be anymore. His hardest part of racing was trying to learn how. He wasn't very good when

he first started. There were people who laughed at him when he first started. When you want something so bad, you learn how to do it and I wanted to race that bad, I didn't want to do anything else from the time I was 4 or 5 years old. I knew I wanted to race. But the most demanding part was the sacrificing that I had to make over the years with my family and friends. Racing is a demanding sport. I probably spent twice the time on my racecar as the other guys I competed against.

What Bobby would like to forget is the crash he had at Sedalia on the half mile in 1978 during a sprint car race and the one at Lakeside in 2001. With both of them he got upside down.





The Hall of Fame Board would like to explain how the voting process is done.

Nominations are taken up until September 1 of each year. Anyone can nominate. Selection Committee

(i) Will consist of:

- (1) Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. Board Members (Officers and Directors) (that consists of 13 board members);
- (2) All living Inductees of Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum;
- (3) Five to Nine Volunteers from the General Membership
 - a. Volunteers must be in good standing.
 - b. Volunteers will be requested at the October General Membership meeting.
 - c. If More than 9 people volunteer a secret ballot vote will be taken immediately to determine the 9 who will serve on the Selection Committee.

We would like to say at this time that you are more than welcome, and we encourage you, to be sure and come to the next October General Membership meeting and volunteer. You must be a CARB member in order to volunteer.

Voting Process:

- (a) On the 2nd Saturday of November of each year, the following items will be given or/mailed to each person on the Selection Committee:
 - (i) a short biography of each Nominee including his/her accomplishments
 - (ii) the ballots; and
 - (iii) a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (returning all ballots to the Chairperson of the Selection Committee at the address of the Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum Inc. current secretary). The Secretary should not open any of these envelopes. The envelopes should be turned over to the Chairperson.
- (b) Each person on the Selection Committee will have until November 30th of the current year to return his/her ballot. All ballots must be post marked by November 30th in order to be counted.
- (c) All ballots that are sent out will be numbered and, if two ballots come back with the same number those ballots will not be counted. The ballots, along with the envelopes that they were sent in, will be given to the Chairperson, shown to the Committee Members and then destroyed.
- (d) Chairperson and the Selection Committee will open all ballots during a Selection Committee meeting (date of that meeting will be determined but, must take place before the December General Membership meeting).
- (e) In case of a tie, the Selection Committee Chairperson's ballot will be opened and the tie broken. However, if the tie is not broken then each member of the Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum Board (Officers and Directors) will each get one vote in order to break the tie.
- (f) Committee member cannot vote for a nominee if they are related in any way.

This year there were 69 ballots sent out. Out of the 69 ballots 62 were returned for the count. A meeting was held on December 7, 2018 to open and count the ballots. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting and see how the process is done. The ballots are opened up in front of everyone present by the Selection Committee Chairman and counted by all. Everyone is handed a tally sheet to keep track of the votes as they are read off. Everyone on the Selection Committee has the right to vote for whom they believe is deserving by the bios of each nominee. The bios are done by the information that is sent to the committee. We encourage you to come and volunteer and see that this is not an injustice to anyone.

Sincerely,

Karen Darling, President

Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.



From The President

Happy New Year from the board and officers of the Hall of Fame.

The board is getting ready for the 16th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at the Elks Lodge #2509, 100 NE Brizendine Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available by calling Debbie Bergman at 913-683-2390 or Karen Darling at 660-229-0952. When you call they will need to know if you would like chicken or pork for your meat selection. If they are unable to answer please leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

The 2019 inductees are: Don Burlington, Larry Christy, Harrel Heavelow, Linda Howell, Chad Lyle, McCown Brothers, Skip Richardson and Ed Young. We will also have a Pioneer Class at this Induction. Names to be announced at a later date before the banquet. We will have a photographer taking individual pictures that you can purchase. We will also be taking a group picture of all inductees and inductee's representatives in attendance before the ceremonies begin.

Nominees for Elections are coming up for 2019 at the January 6, 2019 General Membership meeting. The Budget will also be discussed and approved. Plan to attend. General Membership meeting will be held at Christy Club House at 4729 Swartz Road, Kansas City, KS 66106 at 2:00 pm.

The Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame will be a part of the display at the World of Wheels show in February with the Central Auto Racing Boosters and hope that you will come and see the history and the hard work to make this display. Mark your calendars for February 22-24, 2019 at Bartle Hall.

We are working on our Legends Picnic and as soon as we set the date we will let you know in the next newsletter.

Check out the new display at the Kansas City Automotive Museum. Our featured inductees are the Layne Family—Elmer, John, Bobby and Richard. We also want to thank Ron Lefholz for his display of his vintage race car and trophies.

Please check out our website at carbhalloffame.com and our Facebook page Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum. Until next time be safe and God bless.

Karen Darling, President
Central Auto Racing Boosters Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.



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