

Motorsport in America Day Tuesday 23 March 2010

Speaker Biographies



**Les MacTaggart - Senior Technical Director
Indy Racing League**

Les MacTaggart has over 25 years' experience working with various IRL and F1 projects. He has also worked on the March Indy Car, March F1, Larousse F1, & March Motorcycles Superbike. He has been involved with the Indy Racing League since 1997. His current responsibilities include the Indy Racing League and Indy Lights Programmes.

Indy Racing League

The Indycar Series is the premier open wheel racing series in the United States. The cars race at the Indianapolis 500, Short Oval tracks, Road Courses and Street Courses. It currently races in the United States, Canada and Japan. Brazil is to be added to the 2010 schedule.



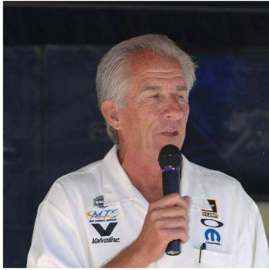
**Steve Hallam - Vice President and Director of Competition
Michael Waltrip Racing**

I have spent 27 years in F1 as an engineer and manager, including 18 at McLaren and in 2008 I made the move from Woking, UK to Waltrip Racing (MWR) Cornelius, North Carolina. I accepted the challenge because MWR was not an established team and it had one key ingredient, the support of a manufacturer in the shape of Toyota. I am now Vice-President and Director of Competition at MWR. I am responsible for managing drivers and crew chiefs in a competitive environment. During one season, we will prepare between 35 and 40 cars. In F1, they built 5 or 6 cars for the season. The NASCAR environment is fiercely competitive. It is as challenging as it can get anywhere in the world. There are better teams obviously, but the equality of the teams, in terms of performance is unbelievably close, a lot closer than in Formula 1. A good percentage of these drivers have a genuine possibility of winning in NASCAR.



**Dr. Andrew L. Randolph - Engine Technical Director
Earnhardt Childress Racing**

Andrew assumed the role of Engine Technical Director at Earnhardt Childress Racing in April 2008 after performing in a similar capacity for several years at Hendrick Motorsports and Bill Davis Racing. Prior to joining the racing community full time in 1999, he served as Manager of Advanced Engine Development at GM. He is a strong advocate of applying scientific principles to engine development, and is widely regarded internationally as one of the foremost combustion experts in the world.



**Mike Lewis - Senior Vice President
Don Schumacher Racing**

With over 30 years' experience in Drag Racing, Mike Lewis is an acknowledged expert in this huge sector of American motorsport. Mike is also the President of Maple Grove Raceway and a Member of the Board of Directors for the Indiana Motorsports Association. He previously has held positions at the NHRA and O'Reilly Raceway Park (formerly Indianapolis Raceway Park). Lewis is also a licensed NHRA driver who competes in the A/Fuel Dragster class and in Nostalgia Funny Car events.

Don Schumacher Racing

Don Schumacher Racing (DSR) is the largest NHRA team ownership organization, currently fielding two Top Fuel teams, three Funny Car teams and one Pro Stock Motorcycle team. Drivers and sponsors are Tony Schumacher/U.S. Army Top Fuel team, Cory McClenathan/Fram Top Fuel team, Antron Brown/Matco Tools Top Fuel team, Ron Capps/NAPA Auto Parts Funny Car team, Jack Beckman/Valvoline Mail Terminal Services Funny Car team and Matt Hagan/DieHard Funny Car team. DSR has recently assembled, tested and delivered two new Top Fuel Dragster teams to the Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi, UAE for drivers Tommy Johnson, Jr. and "Hot Rod" Fuller. DSR operates its own chassis, fabrication and CNC machine shop and has developed an in-house dyno testing facility. DSR also conducts hospitality operations at all NHRA events, serving over 30,000 guests each season in portable pavilions erected between team pit areas. Total employment is 85.



**Brian Reese - Vice President of Product and Business Development
COMP Performance Group**

Brian Reese is the Director of Engineering and Business Development at COMP Performance Group in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University, with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Automotive Business Management. In addition to the engineering background, Reese is a 'hands-on' engine guy with an Associates Degree in Automotive Technology from Columbus State University, and holds Master ASE Technician certifications. His professional career started as an engine machining apprentice at NAPA Auto Parts, followed with development engineering at General Motors, program management at HUNT Fuel Systems, and most recently as the Director of Engineering at SLP Performance Parts. Reese has a passion for aftermarket and

race performance, with particular interest in late-model engines. He has been and continues to be involved, in some capacity, with almost all forms of motorsports, from dirt bikes through drag racing and beyond.



**Scooter Brothers – Chief Operating Officer at COMP Performance Group and
Incoming Chairman of the Board SEMA (Specialty Equipment Marketing Association)**

Paul "Scooter" Brothers is the Chief Operating Officer and part owner of COMP Performance Group in the US. Comp is comprised of Competition Cams (Camshafts and valve train parts), TCI Automotive (Automatic transmissions and torque converters), FAST (Electronic fuel injection and intake manifolds), Quartermaster (Racing clutches and flywheels), ZEX (Nitrous Oxide systems), RHS (Cylinder Heads and blocks), among other brands. COMP is one of the largest suppliers of high performance auto parts in the US. Scooter is also the incoming Chairman of SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Marketing Association. It is comprised of over 7,000 members serving the high performance automotive market. As the world gets smaller, SEMA is quickly becoming an international association.



Jim Ryan - President/Publisher
Ryan Communications Group, LLC / Dirt Sports Magazine

Ryan Communications Group (RCG) is a progressive, multi-media communications business providing full market coverage that connects lifestyle enthusiasts as well as the business trade market segments via exclusive, high-quality content. Our current properties include Dirt Sports print magazine, DirtSportsNation.com, Off-Road Industry print magazine and OffRoadIndustryOnline.com.

In publication since 2004, *Dirt Sports Magazine* is dedicated to communicating this passion with the most informative, exciting, intriguing and inside perspective at all aspects of on-dirt competition, including desert, short course and rock racing. Hard-hitting, behind the scenes racer interviews, lifestyle coverage, in-depth tech articles, colourful history features and truly world-class photography are the key to *Dirt Sport's* reputation as one of the finest racing publications in the world.

RCG was founded in 2008 by Jim Ryan and Mari Provenzano Ryan, and is located in Long Beach, California.



Stephen Eriksen - Technical Director
Honda Performance Development, Inc

Stephen Eriksen, Technical Director of Honda Performance Development Inc. since April 1, 2009, possesses over 19 years of Honda experience and is responsible for all technical aspects of the company as well as acting as the technical liaison with race teams and race series sanctioning bodies. A California native, Steve started his motorsports career with HPD as a trackside engineer in HPD's first year of CART competition and progressed to Race Team Technical Leader before moving to a shop-based position as head of HPD's newly-formed Engine Development Department in 2000.

Steve later moved to a position as Development Division Sr. Manager/Chief Engineer responsible for providing direction on race engine and chassis development programs before moving to his current position.

Steve came to HPD from Honda Access Corp. in Torrance, CA, where he was responsible for design and development of automotive accessories as well as supplier management.

Prior to joining Honda, Steve held positions as Manufacturing Engineer and later as a Design Engineer in the aerospace industry working on electro-optical sensors and instruments for missile defense systems.

Honda Performance Development, Inc. (HPD) is Honda's racing company within North America and is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Honda Motor Co., Inc. Founded in 1993, HPD is the technical operations center for Honda's and Acura's high-performance racing programs. HPD is the single engine supplier to the IndyCar® Series and competes in prototype sports car racing under the Acura banner in the American Le Mans® Series.