



# Career Highlights

Wally Dallenbach, Sr. began his racing career at age 15 in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Too young to race as a driver, he modified a 1938 Ford Coupe into a stock car and campaigned the car for two seasons as owner and mechanic.

At the age of 17, he switched to drag racing, building his own 1956 B-Gas Buick. In 1958 he built a successful rear-engine Buick powered A-Gas drag racer that earned 80 wins over the next five years.

At 21, Wally returned to oval track racing, building his own Buick-powered '36 Chevy coup, and earning several wins over the next four years. The success of these early cars became the stepping stone to mighty midgets, sprint cars, and the start of his Indy car career, leading to his open cock-pit competition with ARDC, URC, and IMSA before joining USAC in 1965.

Wally made his Indianapolis debut in 1967. He raced 13 consecutive races in the Indianapolis 500 from 1967 to 1979. His best finish at Indy was 4th in 1976 and 1977. He led the 500 for more than 200 laps, drove in 185 Indy Car Races and won 5:

1973 Winner California 100 • 1973 Winner California 500 • 1973 Winner Milwaukee • 1975 Winner Trenton • 1975 Winner California 100

In 1973 Wally Dallenbach, Sr. was named State Athlete of the Year in New Jersey.

In 1974 Wally Dallenbach, Sr. organized/founded the Colorado 500 Charity Road Bike/Dirt Bike Rides which have been active for 35 years. To date, over \$1 million dollars has been distributed through charity donations and scholarships.

In 1981, Wally retired from active driving to become Championship Auto Racing Team's (CART) Chief Steward, a position he held for over 20 years and 350 races.

## Hall of Fame Inductions

- 2004 New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame
- 2004 Colorado Motor sports Hall of Fame
- 2006 Garden State Stock Car Hall of Fame
- 2006 AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame



## Additional Awards & Achievements

- Eddie Sach's Award for Sportsmanship
- Jim Clarks Award for Sportsmanship On & Off the Track - 1975
- The Carl Horton Safety Award – 1985  
(Championship Drivers Association's highest honor)
- 20 Years of Distinguished Service from Road America
- Lifetime Performance Award for Excellence for Innovation  
& Outstanding Contributions to Motorsports – CAM  
Achievement Award from Molson Indy
- Instrumental – with the efforts of Nick Sanborn –  
in getting motorcycles back on Pikes Peak
- Eastern Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame Award –  
In recognition of outstanding accomplishments in Stock Cars,  
Open Wheel & Indianapolis Cars -1991

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