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ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINFIELD

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Program Summary - Apr. 2, 2025

Max Hank

Amateur Historian & Photographer



Last week, in recognition of the same date's grand re-opening of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, and the upcoming Month of May, fellow Rotarian Max Hank shared some unique facts about the group of Indy 500 drivers who claim multiple victories in The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

He shared that 75 gentlemen have been winners/co-winners of the 108 Indy 500s to date. Of that august body, 21 have won multiple Indy 500s, representing 56 of 108 races. The first multiple winner came in the race's 11th Running, when St. Paul, MN-born Tommy Milton won his 2nd 500 in 1923, having also won in 1921. The 21st, and most recent, multiple winner

came last year in the 108th Running when Nashville, TN-born Josef Newgarden won for the second consecutive year. Between Milton's second win 102 years ago and Newgarden's second win last year, 19 other drivers have joined this exclusive multiple winner club, including some of the most famous names in worldwide motorsport - names like Shaw, Foyt, Unser (Al, Sr., Bobby, & Al, Jr.), Mears, Rutherford, and Fittipaldi. The most exclusive subset of multiple winners are the 500's four-time winners, A.J. Foyt, Jr. (1961, 64, 67, 77), Al Unser, Sr. (1970, 71, 78, 87), Rick Mears (1979, 84, 88, 91), and Helio Castroneves (2001, 02, 09, 21).

Another unique subset of the multiple winner group are those six gentlemen who have won two-in-a-row. Wilbur Shaw, one of the perhaps three or four most important people in the long history of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, was the first to win consecutively, in 1939 & 40. Wilbur also won in 1937, making him the quickest driver to win three 500s as well. Following Shaw in the two-in-a-row club were Mauri Rose in 47 & 48, Bill Vukovich in 53 & 54, Al Unser, Sr. in 70 & 71, Helio Castroneves in 2001 & 02, and Josef Newgarden in 2023 & 24. Max also shared the unique fact that Josef Newgarden's second win last year made him only the second American multiple winner since 1994 when Al Unser, Jr. won his second. During that same period, six more drivers have added their names to the multiple winner list, representing five different countries - Holland, Brazil, United Kingdom, Colombia, and Japan. Prior to 1994, only one international driver had won multiple races, Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi in 1989 & 93. For many years the Speedway billed its Memorial Day event as the International 500-mile Sweepstakes Race, or some variant thereof. Although there seems to be no definitive history on the years of the various names of the race, it appears that the "International... Sweepstakes" moniker disappeared sometime in the 1980s. Until Fittipaldi won in 1989, only five races were won by five international drivers, two from France in 1913 & 14, and three from the UK in 1916, 65, & 66. So it seems that over the last 30+ years, the race has truly become an International Sweepstakes, even though that term has long been absent from the event's official name...



First multiple 500 winner Tommy Milton

Most recent multiple 500 winner Josef Newgarden



Charlie's \$2 Worth

THOMAS JEFFERSON (4/13/1743 - 7/4/1826) QUOTES...

"for I have sworn upon the altar of god eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." - Sept. 23, 1800

"if we can but prevent the government from wasting the labours of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy." - Nov. 29, 1802

"... but this momentous question, like a fire bell in the night, awakened and filled me with terror. I considered it at once as the knell of the Union. it is hushed indeed for the moment. but this is a reprieve only, not a final sentence.... But, as it is, we have the wolf by the ear, and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go. Justice is in one scale, and self-preservation in the other. " (regarding the Missouri Compromise) - April 22, 1820

"A death-bed Adieu.

Life's visions are vanished, it's dreams are no more.

Dear friends of my bosom, why bathed in tears?

I go to my fathers; I welcome the shore,

which crowns all my hopes, or which buries my cares.

Then farewell my dear, my lov'd daughter, Adieu!

The last pang of life is in parting from you!

Two Seraphs await me, long shrouded in death:

I will bear them your love on my last parting breath"

- a poem to his daughter, Martha Jefferson Randolph, only two days before his death on July 4, 1826

Upcoming Speakers/Events

- Apr 9** - Board meeting - all Club members welcome
- Apr 16** - Scott Olinger - (meeting @ Imagination Lab)
- Apr 23** - Daniel Kinnamon - Rob Pritchard, Redemption Ranch K9 Rescue
- Apr 30** - Susan Ament - Jennifer Dale, Rotary District Youth Exchange Chair
- May 7** - John Baer - update on the Rotary Foundation
- May 14** - Joe Bennett
- May 21** - Board planning meeting - incoming Board only
- May 28** - John Graham
- Jun 4** - Reann Poray
- Jun 18** - Dan Pies

Club Meeting Attendance

Plainfield (3417)

Monthly Attendance Detail

February 01, 2025 through February 28, 2025

Member Name	Feb 5 2025	Feb 12 2025	Feb 19 2025	Feb 26 2025	%
Ament, Susan Beth	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Baer, Janet S		Y	Y	Y	75
Baer, John M	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Bell, Danielle Renee		Y	Y		50
Bennett, Joseph D	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Biehn, John-Paul E					0
Burks, Diane Arnold				Y	25
Carter, Royce	Y			Y	50
Culp, Brian N	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
DuBois, Brad					0
Emerson, Donnie					0
Graham, John		Y	Y		50
Hank, Max C	Y	Y	M		75
Kinnamon, Daniel L				Y	25
Klinger, Andrew					0
Olinger, Scott	Y		Y	Y	75
Pies, Daniel Adam					0
Poray, Reann	Y		Y		50
Rash, Ryan Allen			Y		25
Reagle, Dennis J. Jr.					0
Sichting, Sherry D	M	Y	Y	Y	100
Turner, Dean F Jr.					0
Wielenberg, Margaret	Y		Y	Y	75

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!

APRIL

Jan Baer - April 18
Max Hank - April 30

Little Free Library Maintenance Schedule

Apr 2-8 - Brian Culp
Apr 9-15 - Diane Burks
Apr 16-22 - Susan Ament
Apr 23-29 - Brian Culp
Apr 30-May 6 - Joe Bennett
May 7-13 - Sherry Sichting
May 14-20 - John Graham
May 21-27 - Reann Poray

SPEED BUMP



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Report any damage to Joe Bennett.
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UPCOMING SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS

Please carefully examine the schedule below and let Max Hank know who you have obtained as a speaker for your date.

Nov 6	Joe Bennett	Jun 18	Daniel Pies
Nov 20	John Baer	Jun 25	John-Paul Biehn
Dec 4	Jan Baer	Jul 2	Rocky Turner
Dec 18	John-Paul Biehn	Jul 16	Jan Baer
Jan 15	Andrew Klinger	Jul 23	Andrew Klinger
Jan 22	Royce Carter	Jul 30	Royce Carter
Jan 29	Danielle Bell	Aug 6	Danielle Bell
Feb 5	Diane Burks	Aug 20	Dennis Reagle
Feb 19	Ryan Rash	Aug 27	Ryan Rash
Feb 26	Brad DuBois	Sep 3	Brad DuBois
Mar 5	Sherry Sichting	Sep 17	Sherry Sichting
Mar 19	Donnie Emerson	Sep 24	Donnie Emerson
Mar 26	Dennis Reagle	Oct 1	Diane Burks
Apr 2	Max Hank	Oct 15	Max Hank
Apr 16	Scott Olinger	Oct 22	Scott Olinger
Apr 23	Daniel Kinnamon	Oct 29	Daniel Kinnamon
Apr 30	Susan Ament	Nov 5	Brian Culp
May 7	John Baer	Nov 19	Reann Poray
May 14	Joe Bennett	Dec 3	Joe Bennett
May 28	John Graham	Dec 17	John Graham
Jun 4	Reann Poray	Jan 7	John Baer

4-Way Test

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?**
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?**
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**
- (5. IS IT FUN?)**

Committees and Chairs

Bulletin: Max Hank

Finance: Joe Bennett

Foundation: John Baer

Fundraising :

Golf Outing: John Baer, Brad Dubois

Crew Car Wash: Sherry Sichting

Membership: Brian Culp

Orientation: John Baer & Diane Burks

Programs: Brian Culp

PR & Website: John Baer

Quaker Day Parade & Picnic: TBD

Service Committees: Royce Carter

Literacy/LFL: Joe Bennett

Teacher of the Year: Max Hank

Youth: Diane Burks

Interact and RYLA: Susan Ament

Scholarships: Max Hank

Straight-A Salute: Sherry Sichting

The Imagination & Idea Labs: Diane Burks