THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MANITOBA MOTORSPORTS Hall of Fame

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2018 Inductees

Dino Calvert

Dino's interest in the automotive hobby began as a young boy building model cars and playing with his Dinky Toys. After graduating university, he decided to pursue a career in Auto Mechanics. He attended Red River Community College and attained his Provincial Mechanics License and began to specialize in import vehicles. In the 1970's, Dino began working at several different shops such as Mathon Motors, Lone Star Motors, and Marion Motors, amongst others. Dino has been involved in the motorsport hobby for over 43 years. He started volunteering in 1974 with the Winnipeg Sports Car Club and soon after became a member in 1975. He is now an Honorary member of that club. Dino has held many positions within the Winnipeg Sports Car Club including positions such as Martial, Race Official, Clerk of the Course, and the Director of all disciplines within the Club.

Dino is also a member of the Western Canada Motorsport Association and has held various positions in the organization and has been the Regional Steward since 1986. He has been involved in organizing local, regional and national events including rallies, local and national Trail of the Bison, the Molyslip Series, Formula Atlantic Series, and Cascar Series now known as the Nascar Canada Series.

Dino has competed in rallies, road races, slalom, and hill climb events. He has won numerous trophies and Championships in all disciplines. The vehicles he drove in competition were a 1967 Volvo 122S and a 1978 Ford Fiesta which he raced until 1995 and still has today.
One of Dino's special accomplishments is his position as Regional Steward of the Western Canadian Motorsports Association. His duties included writing and teaching the Steward course, which is the judicial side of the motorsport hobby. Dino also re-wrote the bi-laws of the Canadian Association of Rally Sport and continues to upgrade the rule book annually. Because of his expertise and dedication, Winnipeg has a reputation for safe and fair racing which attracts racers from as far away as British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The Steward represents the Sanctioning Board of Rules and Regulations and applies penalties as required to keep the sport safe while maintaining a high level of integrity. It takes a special person to enforce the rules to promote equal competition - all while not upsetting the racers. A common phrase heard around the Club is "Let's ask Dino" therefore it is easy to see how well respected he is at the track amongst his peers.

An accident in 2012 has left Dino a quadriplegic. Although his mobility is limited, his desire, enthusiasm and passion for the hobby has not wavered.

He still attends meetings and continues in the position of the Steward. Dino says "A bad day of car racing is still better than a good day anywhere else." Dino's most memorable moments in the hobby are from the people he has met and the relationships that have helped him grow to become a well-respected personality within the sport. Due to Dino's integral work in teaching the young Stewards to evolve the rulebook and enforce the rules, the sport will be in good hands for years to come.