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sonal involvement with the cultivation and expansion of the Wally Parks NHRA Motorsports Museum at Fairplex in Pomona, CA, home of the CARQUEST Auto Parts Winternationals and Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals.

These are elements that appeal most to Wally Parks, a guy who has been there, done that, enjoyed and appreciated it for decades.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin P. Monroe III, 62, of Largo, passed away Monday, Sept. 10, 2007, at his residence. He was born in Miami and grew up in the family-owned Sea Chest Motel on Treasure Island. Ed was a pioneer of the high performance automotive industry. He created and ran Automotive Engineering and Southern Performance Warehouse for more than 41 years, which grew to be one of the largest in the southeast. He was a member of the Ward "tribe" in Colorado and was "king of Quigleyville". Ed was a loving husband and father, survived by his wife Barbara; sons, Eddie, of Seminole, and David, of Clearwater; his brother, Fred Monroe. Ed was an extremely creative and artistic man with a great sense of humor and a generous heart.

Al Morris, founder of United Specialty Wholesalers, passed away in Sacramento on September 27, 2007. Al was born on January 15, 1935 in Oakland, Cal. In 1957 he graduated from San Jose State with a B.S. degree in Industrial Education. From 1957-59 Al taught Vocational Auto and in 1959 went to work at Aero Jet General as part of the design team of the Titan engine project. In 1964 he started M&M Speed Engineering, an old fashioned speed shop combined with a then "state of the art" machine shop that built engines for drag racing Champion Gary Ormsby and also did work for Bill Harrah's Allison aircraft engine powered "Miss Tahoe" race boat.

In 1968 Al started USW with 10 jobber accounts and a like number of vendors. USW grew to serve 700 jobber customers with 75 vendors until Al retired in 2003. His industry accomplishments include his involvement in the development of the initial computer software for the Performance Warehouse Association. Al's involvement with PWA started with his attendance at PWA's formation meeting in Chicago and he went on to serve three terms on PWA's Board of Director's. Al also worked with industry legends such as Jack Harris, Ben Sigmund, and Don Raleigh on the PWA Handbook that is now known as the PWA Book of Recommendations. His active participation within his community includes two terms as President of his local Rotary club, four years as trustee of the Rotary Foundation, four years on the Board of Directors of Sacramento's Better Business Bureau and two years for the Boy Scouts of America's Golden Empire Council of Northern California.

TRADE SHOWS 2008

January 18-19: Meyer Distributing, Jasper, IN. "Meyer Mega Show", Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, KY.

January 26-27: Alamo Industries/Alamo Auto supply "9th Annual Jobber Show", El Paso, TX. Golf on Saturday, Show on Sunday.

February 24: P&E Distributors, Goodlettsville, TN. "11th Annual Sho-Nuff Trade Show", Municipal Auditorium, downtown Nashville, TN.

February 29 - March 2: Vehicle Specialties, Hammond, IN. "Hot Rod & Restoration Trade Show", Booth #100, Indianapolis, IN.

March 1-2: Competition Specialities, Auburn, WA. "Mega Jobber Show", CSI Headquarters, 2402 West Valley Hwy N, Auburn WA.

March 2: Karbelt Speed & Custom, Ajax, Ontario, Canada. "56th Anniversary Trade Show"

March 2: Earl Owen Company, Dallas, TX. "Full Throttle II", Texas Motor Speedway.

April 27: Performance Warehouse, Portland, OR. "NW Jobber Trade Show", Expo Center.

December 6-8: Vehicle Specialties, Hammond, IN. "PRI Trade Show", Orlando FL, Peninsula #1125.

Board of Directors Results

Congratulations. The PWA staff look forward to working with all of you throughout your term, January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2009.



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