



## Message from EMPA President, Dino Oberto

*EMPA is an organization of professional writers, broadcasters, announcers, videographers, and photographers working in the motorsports industry, along with Associate and Corporate members.*

Greetings, all!

Hope all is going well with everyone as the 2019 racing season is well underway.



### Save the Date

While the 2019 convention is well in the rear view mirror I would like to pass along a "Save the Date" for our 2020 gathering, which is planned for January 10-12. We will be back at the Crowne Plaza, King of Prussia.

Although we have been at the Crowne Plaza for the past decade, we do get inquiries from other venues to bring our event elsewhere. The good folks at Dover International Speedway are always pitching us to give them a try and it's always beneficial to keep our options open just in case.

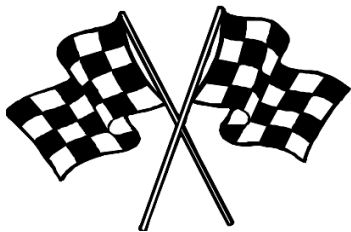
As the current race season progresses along we ask that you carry yourself in a very professional manner while covering events. As an EMPA member you are part of a distinguished motor racing media organization. With that said, we encourage you to reach out to possible new members to join the fold.

### New Members

Two of our newest that we welcome to the EMPA family include the father and son team of James and Jason "Jimbo" Ritter, camera operators and announcers for CWTAP-TV out of Old Zionsville, PA. They work a variety of items with the station, and in the field of motorsports have filmed the Reading Reunion, Dorney Park Speedway Reunion and the Coventry Mall Race Car Show. They also have delivered auto racing history presentations with legendary Sprint Car driver and mechanic Buster Warke.

Their current project is working with the Reading Fairgrounds Racing Historical Society to create a 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary DVD as a fund raiser.

(Reading Fairground Speedway Photo: Wikipedia)



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**NASCAR Hall of Fame**

In May yours truly is honored to be representing EMPA as a panel member for the NASCAR Hall of Fame. Voting Day is on Wednesday, May 22 at the Charlotte Convention Center. NASCAR has been a longtime supporter with EMPA and we are grateful that they continue to invite us on the panel each year for this very notable event.

***I would like to take this opportunity and extend a warm Easter greeting to you all and your families.***



Until next time, here's to great race reporting, capturing that great shot and being EMPA proud.

Peace and out!  
*Dino*

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