

Motorsport America attended some awesome car shows in 2009. From the NHRA Hot Rod Reunion in Bowling Green, KY to Sam Memmola's annual car show in Villa Rica, GA and all points in between we saw a lot of beautiful cars. Here's a sampling of all that ogling last year. Photos by MSA Staff. See more coverage of 2009 car shows and the 2010 car show event calendar at www.FreeMSA.com



Big Dave: Racing Loses a Friend

Veterans and the racing community alike lost one of our heroes January 12, 2010. David Spencer Pruitt, Jr. of Lithia Springs, Georgia passed away after a long fight with diabetes. Big Dave was 64-years-young ... born November 5, 1945.

Big Dave was an active supporter of the Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame Association (G.A.R.H.O.F.A.). As he grew up around our sport, he could tell countless stories of the legends of racing.

"The Flagman", Weyman Milam, was Big Dave's stepfather. The famous Jack Smith was his hero. And Dave always considered the well-known Jimmy Motteller to be a great friend.

Big Dave Pruitt was a Vietnam Veteran. Truly a "man's man" as he served in the Navy as a forward turret gunner on a river patrol boat.

For those of us that knew Big Dave, we were fortunate. He always had a warm smile and a friendly word for everyone. He had a heart as big as all outdoors. I can still see him sitting in "his spot" at the 118 now ...

Big Dave, we're gonna miss you



Big Dave Pruitt's Heavenly Ride

*Big Dave Pruitt took his Heavenly ride,
Racers of the past were by his side,
Many Veterans were there, leading the way,
Shouting to God, "Hey, Dave's on his way!"
Jack Smith watched as Dave walked through the gate,
He smiled and said, "Friend, you're running late!"
We expected you here many months ago,
But you were too tough, you wouldn't let go.
"The Flagman" was first to shake Big Dave's hand,
He said, "I'm proud of you son! You're one hell of a man!"
Then Jesus walked up with a smile on his face,
And said, "Welcome home Dave, you've won the race!"*

Story and Poem by Rocky Sinyard / Photos by Fred Hanyon



Renewing your Georgia Tag?

The Georgia Automobile Racing Hall of Fame Association's (GARHoFA) license plate is now available at your local tag office. The proceeds of your purchase go towards the preservation of our great racing history.

