

DAVE KELLY & GLENN FITZCHARLES NAMED GUESTS OF HONOR AT URC'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS BANQUET - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

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For sixty years, the URC sprint cars have been thrilling race fans up and down the East Coast, presenting some 1,397 racing events and visiting one-hundred and thirty-seven different speedways. Through the years of URC, some of the all time great race car drivers have not only competed with URC, but were feature winners as well. The all time feature win list of URC is a line-up of legends that includes Mike Magill, Eddie Gallion, Lucky Lux, Earl Halaquist, Larry Dickson, Bert Brooks and Jiggs Peters just to name a few of early day URC winners. In later years, Ray Tilley, Steve Krisiloff, Wally Dallenbach, Dick Tobias, Budd Olsen, Jackie McLaughlin, Rick Ferkel, Jimmy Shampine, Kenny Weld, Lee Osborne and Jan Opperman can be found on the list. But of all of URC's winners, two names stand as the most notable, that of Glenn Fitzcharles and Dave Kelly and both of these drivers will be present at URC's 60th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday night, December 8 at the Lancaster Host in Lancaster, PA.

Glenn Fitzcharles of Pottstown, PA is the all time feature winner with eighty-one career URC victories. In 1987, Fitzcharles won twenty-one features in a single season. As for championships, Fitzcharles is a five time champion taking titles in 1987-88-89-90 and again in 1996. Dave Kelly, who now makes his home in Ormond Beach, FL is ranked second on the URC all time feature win list with seventy-six career victories. In 1985, Kelly had a dominating season winning nineteen features in a single season. Kelly is also a five time champion winning championships in 1981, 82, 84, 85 and 1986. Along with impressive statistics, both Fitzcharles and Kelly were absolutely loved by their fans, often receiving standing ovations from the crowds at Flemington, Bridgeport, Grandview and Delaware International Speedway. These two drivers are living icons of a URC Champion. Special thanks to Racing Fans Direct and Bob Altman for their support of URC in bringing these two champions to the URC Awards Banquet. For more information on Racing Fans Direct, please contact Bob Altman at racingfansdirect@bigplanet.com or call Bob at 443-974-7027. Racing Fans Direct is busy now planning special racing trips in 2008.

A point fund in excess of \$42,000 in cash plus thousands of dollars in gifts and contingency awards will be presented at URC's 60th Anniversary Award Banquet. Champion Driver Curt Michael and Champion Owner Kathy Palladino will pocked the largest slice of payout, collecting \$10,000 in cash for their championship winning season. For driver Curt Michael, this will be his fifth title and fourth consecutive championship. For owner Kathy Palladino, 2007 will be her fifth URC championship.

Along with the distribution of the point fund money, numerous special awards will be presented to include the URC Rookie of the Year, and the Most Improved Driver of the Year.

A cocktail hour will begin at 6 PM with dinner being served at 7 PM. Following dinner will be the Awards presentation followed by music for dancing. A festive night is planned for all URC Drivers, Owners, Members as well as the dedicated and hard working URC Officials. A limited number of tickets are still available for \$75. Please contact Donna Miller by calling 215-860-5631 or, send your check or money order made payable to United Racing Company and mail to: Donna Miller, 129 Mill Pond Place, Langhorne, PA 19047.

If you're looking for a great Christmas gift for that URC fan or racing historian, consider purchasing a copy of America's Oldest, Tow Money Volume I and Volume II. This is a deluxe hard bound book with five hundred photos and articles. Tow Money II includes forewords' by Gary Gollub and Glenn Fitzcharles. For more information, visit the URC Store at www.urcsprints.com. Also, while visiting the website, be sure to go to the URC History Page and take a look at URC's rich racing past.