



## EMMETT MALLOY, FATHER OF TRENCH SHORING COMPANY FOUNDER, TOM MALLOY, INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL SPRINT CAR HALL OF FAME

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KNOXVILLE,( IOWA), June, 2018. Emmett J. Malloy, who made the transition from successful race track owner to successful sprint car owner, was inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame (NSCHOF) during the twenty-ninth annual ceremonies in Knoxville, Iowa.

Emmett Malloy, father of Trench Shoring Company owner/CEO, Tom Malloy, began his career as an excavator in the early 1900s. However racing was his passion and, to begin his transition from dirt mover to race car builder, he would construct and operate the famous “Gardena Bowl,” home to first the California Roadster Association, which morphed into the California Racing Association (CRA). A true visionary, Malloy anticipated the huge interest and opportunity for a “big car” racing venue. After a year of planning and negotiations, a half-mile track was carved out of a marshland and Gardena Bowl opened in 1940.

Fan interest was immediate but was interrupted by World War Two. When racing resumed after the war, torrential rains almost brought an end to the venue; undeterred, Malloy rebuilt the speedway on higher ground added upgraded facilities, and when the track reopened on July 4, 1947, opening weekend crowds were estimated at 33,000 people.

His years as a track owner had whetted Malloy’s appetite to be a competitor in auto racing. He took a leap and purchased a race car from J.C. Agajanian. He then hired legendary builder and mechanic Bob Pankratz to modify and prepare the car for the 1949 racing season. Primarily driven by Hall of Famer Troy Ruttman, Emmett Malloy’s car won 26 features in two years.

Malloy then set his sights on Indianapolis and was competitive there. After going through some chassis changes, the Malloy Special entered the 1954 Indy Race. Driven by Jimmy Reece, the car qualified 7th on the first day and finished all 500 miles achieving 17th place, a remarkable accomplishment for Malloy’s sophomore team. Successful finishes followed in other races, ranking the team fourth in the Championship standings at the end of the year.

Emmett shared another passion with his son early on in Tom’s life: racing cars. His Dad owned two open-wheel race cars and—as noted earlier—built/owned Carrell Speedway in Gardena, CA. Tom grew up loving the powerful, fast engines. Because of his passion to preserve the history of American auto racing, he has built a unique, private collection of cars and racing memorabilia, and in 2008, Tom purchased Ed Pink Racing Engines Company in Van Nuys, CA. Today, the company is one of America’s premier auto racing engine building, rebuilding, testing, design and development facilities.

Persistence, passion and know-how, enabled Emmett Malloy to transition from track builder/operator to successful car owner and leave a permanent imprint on the history of sprint car racing in the United States.

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