

George DeCamp Bio

George DeCamp was born on June 10, 1934 in Providence RI. The family soon relocated to MA. In 1953, he found himself serving in the Army (on our side) in Germany.

While there, he started to collect bikes; his 1st was an NSU 250, followed by Beemers and Triumphs. His favorite was his BMW R69 (US version).

He returned from Germany, attended BU in Boston and was soon rewarded with the birth of his son Steve. 1962 found him selling motorcycles for Honda of Boston. He bought a 1962 Honda CL72 250 and still has it today. He cut his racing teeth on this bike-from drags to hill climbs, scrambles, ice racing and road racing.

1965 he started scrambles racing on a Honda 160. In one race, he crashed while in 2nd place-and the entire field rode over him. It was then that he decided that road racing might work better for him. His first road race was an AAMRR event at Loudon.

In 1967 he worked for Triumph as the NY and NE Sales Rep. In the 70's he went back to Honda; until 1980 when he became an Independent Rep for Sullivan Brothers, a career that would last for 30 years.

Fast forward to 1989 and his son convinces him into returning to racing. Out comes the Honda 160, by this time the only original part is the rear hub. They hit Daytona and Roebing Rd. all the while he is wearing a spare set of his son's leathers! At Roebing, he had a ball showing "the kid" how to brake late for corners.

With the advent of the USCRA, he has spent 10 years racing modern 50's and helped to inaugurate the coming of the F-160 class in which he is a regular competitor. He has won many class titles.

George is probably best known for establishing the Hawk Racing School which he conducted for 8 yrs. He remembers one student showing up on a turbo-charged Hayabusa, who wasn't much in the turns, but had a ball on the straights! Add to this, he was Director of 4 Moto Giros. However, he is quick to add; "I couldn't have done any of that without Kiyoko – she's the best!"

A long-time rider, racer and gentlemen who is always quick to lend a hand: whether helping his fellow riders with parts, repairs or giving sage advice to a new comer. He once said, "The USCRA is really a social club with a common interest in motorcycles." We couldn't have said it better, and this gentleman upholds the ideals of our organization through his consistent sportsman-like manner.

Please welcome your USCRA Hall of Fame inductee, George DeCamp.