

Kerry Smith induction Speech to Frank and Cathy Smith



It all started many, many, many.....many years ago! It was love at first site in a bar in New Brunswick, NJ. Dad did not even have a beard! He asks mom out on a date....hey baby, lets go to the drag strip. And there stated a long and illustrious love affair with various types of racing.

From sponsoring motorcycles and people to racing himself, the track has pretty much always been a part of our lives. We've had many trips to bike week Daytona....30+ for Dad. He even put off surgery so he could race. I can't even start to begin to count how many times we have been to a race of sorts. As a child I honestly thought that everyone went to the racetrack, they just weren't at the same one as me. I do remember a time that Dad got burnt out. He decided sailboats would be fun?? Motorcycle racing to sailboats? Ok maybe if we were doing Americas cup, but we weren't. Luckily he came back stronger than ever. Even placed 2nd at Daytona and was interviewed by Richard Chambers...a dream by many. He also collected some USCRA championships. Even after his career ended abruptly, just over a week after he got out of the hospital, he was getting around on a golf cart at Mid Ohio. You can try no take him away, but you can't! He then became involved with the club in other ways like serving as a referee or keeping tabs on Mom when people ask where she is. He has also help with the rules committee for many years.

And My Mom.....What can I say about my Mom. Some of you may be haunted by her voice over the PA (or is that just me??). Some of you even thought at some point, she was Bobs wife. My mom puts her heart into helping this club and keeps Dad and me in check. From race directing to scoring, she is always doing something! Luckily as she would be a complete mess if she wasn't. As many of you know, my Mom handles my racing in an interesting way. For the events she runs, she takes her job seriously to keep us on schedule and makes sure things are running smoothly. She gives up her own time and sometimes doesn't do the glamorous things like spending the entire endurance race last year with the scorers.

As for the Giro's, they spend countless hours setting up and tearing down checkpoints, helping with scoring and filing in when needed. They have been to every Giro held by the USCRA and also some in Italy.

I don't even think I could sum up the amount of hours my father and mother participate in some type of activity pertaining to racing. And they have it down to a T. From tracks all over the country and the world to meeting and developing friendships and beyond with so many people, I think we are truly blessed. So I am beyond honored to induct my parents, Frank and Cathy Smith to the USCRA Hall of Fame. Love you guys!