

Jimmy Mosteller



He began his career as a horse jockey out of some stables in his hometown of Roswell, Georgia while still in high school. After serving time in the service during World War II he came back with a little extra weight on him ... so he decided instead of riding he'd get on the speaker and tell the people about the horses. Guess What? He liked it!

About the same time he was working in a store and the local Hav-A-Tampa salesman saw the way he'd place those cigars for quick sells. He said son ... "I got plans for you." Over a decade ago, he founded the popular Hav-A-Tampa Racing Series.

Roswell's mayor back then was Pug Mabrey. He told him one day, "boy, I'm glad you ain't interested in politics cause I think you might take my job, cause damn if you ain't got the gift of gab!"

His hometown friend, Jack Smith, talked him into going to a stock car race one night. He said, "I saw as much fighting as I did racing, then on the way back they were all in a truck stop together eating." "That was a lot more exciting then those horses! So in 1949 he started announcing Boyd's Speedway in North Georgia and hasn't stopped yet.

In 1959 while helping the crew at the old Athens, Georgia Speedway, he left the safety of the stands to red flag the field while they watered the track. Some rookie driver didn't see him and flattened him like a rag doll. Driver and friend Charlie Padgett ran over to him thinking he was dead, but Jimmy looked up and said, Charlie, bring me a cigar, I've done chewed this one up." After months in the hospital, he had an ambulance take him to the Peach Bowl and would announce from the back of it! **NOW THAT'S LOVE FOR A SPORT!!**

In 1996 he, along with fellow racing lovers, got together to form the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Association, where he serves as CEO and works to preserve and share this sport's history with generations to come.