MARIO ANDRETTI

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

- **Superman Hall of Heroes**, Class of 2015 (2015)
- **National Motorsports Press Assocation Hall of Fame**, Concord, NC (2014)
- **Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame,** International Inductee, Toronto (2013)
- U**SAC (United States Auto Club) Hall of Fame**, Indianapolis, Indiana (2012)
- **Diecast Hall of Fame** (2012)
- ***Motor Sport* Hall of Fame**, *Motor Sport Magazine*, London, England (2010)
- **Long Beach Motorsports Walk of Fame**. The "walk" is on South Pine Avenue in Long Beach, California; 22-inch bronze medallions are imbedded into the sidewalk, representing each inductee. Mario inducted in 2008. He won the Long Beach Grand Prix in 1977 (F1), 1984, 1985 and 1987 (Indy Car).
- **Hot Wheels Hall of Fame**, Mattel, Inc. (2006); exhibit is housed at Petersen Automotive Museum, Los Angeles, California
- **Automotive Hall of Fame**, Dearborn, Michigan (2005)
- **Sebring International Raceway Hall of Fame**, Sebring, Florida (2004)
- **International Motorsports Hall of Fame**, Talladega, Alabama (2000)
- **National Sprint Car Hall of Fame**, Knoxville, Iowa (1996)
- **National Association of Auto Racing Fan Clubs Hall of Fame** (1995)
- **Motorsports Hall of Fame of America**, Novi, Michigan (1990)
- **Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers' Hall of Fame**, Speedway, Indiana (1986)
- **Eastern Old Timers Auto Racing Club Hall of Fame** (1982)
- **National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame**, Chicago, Illinois (1981)
- **American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame** (1976)
- **Hoosier Auto Racing Fans Hall of Fame** (1970)

DISTINGUISHED AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 City of Lucca, Italy names Mario an honorary citizen at ceremony on **January 9**. It is a coveted recognition that is given sparingly to a native Italian of good character who represents the city with pride anywhere in the world. Mario was honored by other local and regional organizations during his visit to the town where he lived for 7-1/2 years as a refugee with his family after World War II.

2015 At its annual awards night, the Italian weekly magazine *Autosprint* presents "golden helmets" to champion race drivers participating in the top categories of motorsport. On **December 15**, Mario accepted a special "golden helmet legend", as a reward for a career not capable of being imitated. Referring to his World F1 championship and all of his US victories, but in particular the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500…. *Autosprint* called Mario "the hero of two worlds". The prize giving took place at the Pirelli headquarters in Milan in a theater style room, a setting and presentation which could be compared to the Oscars of motorsports.

On **December 14**, The Scuderia Ferrari Club of Italy staged an unforgettable night in Mario's honor. Upon Mario's arrival to the location, the Salone dei Cavalieri of the Bolognini castle, an hour's drive from Milan, he was greeted with a magnificent display of ceremonial grandeur, the sort commonly seen at coronations. The pomp and circumstance led to a splendid celebration, wonderful dinner and the SFC presenting Mario with the "Cavellino d'Oro" (Golden Horse) for his legendary career.

In **April** Mario was welcomed into the 2015 class of the Superman Hall of Heroes. Inspired by the global icon, Superman, this Hall pays tribute to people who have made a positive impact on the lives of others. It celebrates public servants from all walks of life who set a positive example.

The City of Indianapolis presented Mario with its Tourism Leadership Award for his role in helping showcase Indianapolis as a vibrant city both domestically and internationally. The award was presented **January 22** at the Visit Indy annual meeting in front of some 1000 people who have businesses in Indianapolis. Visit Indy, formerly the Convention & Visitors Association, has been promoting the city since 1923. As Mario received his award, the Mayor declared January 22, 2015 as Mario Andretti Day in Indianapolis.

2014 Mario is one of ten honorees featured in the book *PrimiDieci* 2014. It is a book published every year by the Italian cultural organization PrimiDieci Society and celebrates Italians whose singular accomplishments have distinguished them in the most varied sectors of American life. Each edition of the book features ten Italians in the United States. It is an exemplary way to acknowledge the affection felt toward Italy and also the prestige that the values and the qualities associated with Italy have attained, thanks to the successful efforts and activities of many like the ten whose extraordinary stories are recounted in the pages of *PrimiDieci*.

2011 GQ Magazine names Mario one of "The 25 Coolest Athletes of All Time" (February 2011 issue)

Awarded the *Premio Internazionale Giorno Del Ricordo* in Rome in recognition of outstanding contribution to sport

2010 Received Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lido Civic Club of Washington, DC. The Club brings together local Italian American businessmen to enjoy their shared business interests and their Italian American culture, while volunteering in various philanthropic activities.

IndyCar Series names Road Course Championhip trophy after Mario. The *Mario Andretti Road Course Championship* trophy is to be presented annually to the driver with the most points through road/street course events on the schedule.

2008 Library of Congress in Washington DC adds Mario to its *Living Legends* list. The Library is the world's preeminent reservoir of knowledge, providing unparalleled resources to Congress and the American people. The Living Legend award honors artists, writers, activists, filmmakers, physicians, entertainers, sports figures and public servants who have made significant contributions to America's diverse cultural, scientific and social heritage**.**

2007 Mario is awarded the FIA Gold Medal for Motor Sport at a gala ceremony at the Monaco Sporting Club, in the presence of His Serene Highness Prince Albert of Monaco. The FIA Gold Medal is awarded to an individual that, either through exceptional success, or outstanding effort, has made a substantial contribution to motor racing. The recipient is selected by the FIA Academy, which is made up of eight senior members of the FIA and its national automobile clubs. The FIA is the governing body of international motor sport.

Received the Vince Lombardi Award of Excellence at a dinner event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made a "Hall of Fame" contribution to a sport, profession, or business in a manner that exemplifies appreciation of God, country, society, family and self. The award was presented to Mario by Bart Starr.

2006 The White House selected Mario to be part of the US delegation at the closing ceremonies of the XX Winter Olympics in Torino (Feb. 26, 2006). He was joined by Rudy Giuliani, Ronald Spogli the US ambassador to Italy, and Dr. A. Kenneth Ciongoli, chairman of the National Italian American Foundation**.**

In **October 2006** Mario received the title of *Commendatore* from the Republic of Italy. His knighthood was the result not only of his spectacular racing career, but also his epic life story as a classic example of the immigrant made good in America**.**

A trophy called ***The Mario Andretti Trophy*** is presented for the first time by SPEED. It is now presented annually to a racer who puts a premium on wining races, shines on motor sports' biggest stages and does it all with a measure of sportsmanship and class. The trophy itself, a true work of art created by bronze sculptor Elie Hazak, stands 38 inches tall and weighs 95 pounds. It features eight cars, including six of the most important in Mario's rise to superstardom, as well as an array of artistic symbolism that captures the essence of the trophy's namesake.

Received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Italian American Foundation East Coast Gala

2005 Voted to International Race of Champions (IROC) All-Time Legends Team

2004 Mario is Grand Marshal of New York City's Columbus Day Parade, the largest celebration of Italian and Italian-American heritage in the world. To coincide with this honor of this, Mario's career was chronicled in an exhibit of race cars, photos and video for 5 days (Oct. 4-8) in Grand Central Terminal on Park Avenue. A temporary theater was installed to show a continuously run 10-minute video of Mario's career.

2002 Mario is named one of "Top 300 Italians in America" by *Primo* magazine

2000 Presented with National Education & Leadership Award by Sons of Italy Foundation in Washington, DC at May 25th gala.

RACER magazine names Mario the **"American Driver of the Century"** (January 2000 issue)

1999 Mario is named **"Driver of the Century"** by the *Associated Press*, tying with AJ Foyt for this title (December 10, 1999)

Mario received the "Inspirational Figure for our Children Award" from The Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County, Florida at their 32nd annual *Champions & Heroes* dinner. The person chosen for this honor must be someone children can respect and admire, someone they want to emulate, someone who has acted as a mentor to others.

Received “Lifetime Achievement in Sports” award from the Coalition of Italo-American Associations.

1998 Awarded a gold medal from Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters for contributions to state and nation.

1997 Received honorary Doctor or Humane Letters degree from Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales in Pennsylvania at May 17th commencement.

Received "National Father of the Year" award from National Father's Day Committee in New York.

1996 Named PPG Colorful Character by PPG Industries, Inc.

1995 Received honorary Doctor of Science degree from the New England Institute of Technology at May 7th commencement in Providence, Rhode Island

Received "America's Finest" award from New England Tech

Received "Miller Nice Guy Award" at Red Smith Sports Awards Banquet in Appleton, Wisconsin

Received American Auto Racing Writers & Broadcasters Association's "Rick Mears Award"

Received Special Achievement Award from Philadelphia Sports Writers Association

Received “The Louis Meyer Award” from the Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers Club

1994 Received "Chris Economaki Award" for lifetime achievement, from the Driver of the Year Foundation

Turn 2 at Laguna Seca Raceway is renamed "Andretti Hairpin" in honor of Mario

Turn 1 of the Belle Isle track in Detroit named "Mario Andretti Turn"

Received Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding contribution to the world of race car driving

1993 Mario becomes oldest race winner in IndyCar history with his victory at Phoenix (53 years, 34 days)

1992 Received "Five Decades of Achievement" award at the Cleveland Grand Prix

Named "Driver of the Quarter Century" by vote of past Drivers of the Year and a panel of 12 journalists.

1991 Received "Ambassador of Motorsports Award" from Cleveland 500 Foundation.

Named Gala Italia "Man of the Year". Gala Italia has been promoting the best of Italy in the United States for more than a quarter of a century.

Received ARETE Lifetime Achievement Award for courage in sports

1990 Honored as "King of the Road" by Colden Center for the Performing Arts, Queens College, New York

Received *Autosport Magazine* "Gregor Grant Award" for lifetime achievement in motor sport. Presented annually at the Autosport Awards.

Received Lifetime Achievement Award from Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame

1989 Named ABC Wide World of Sports "Athlete of the Week" (April 29, 1989)

Received Molson Indy Achievement Award

1986 Mario was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel" on June 12, 1986 by Governor Martha Layne Collins. Kentucky colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Commissions for Kentucky colonels are given by the Governor and the Secretary of State to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state or the nation. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky bestows the honor of a colonel's Commission, by issuance of a published written order.

1985 Mario receives Patrick Jacquemart Trophy, presented by Renault USA

1984 Mario wins his fourth Indy Car National Championship (CART) (1965, 1966, 1969, 1984)

"Admiration and Appreciation Award" from the men & women of Tactical Air Command, presented to Mario by General W. L. Creech at the TAC Commanders Conference. General Creech was a four-star general who, as a combat pilot, flew 280 missions and was decorated 39 times, including 22 awards for bravery in combat. He flew more than 40 types of aircraft including fighter, reconnaissance and cargo planes. As head of Tactical Air Command, Creech oversaw the development of the A-10s, F-15s, F-16s, the F-15E night fighter, and the Stealth fighter.

“Driver of the Year” sponsored by Eljer

Victor Award (City of Hope Driver of the Year)

Auto Racing Digest "Driver of the Year"

MotorWeek Illustrated "Racer of the Year"

Eastern Motorsports Press Association "Driver of the Year"

Named “Driver of the Year” by Hoosier Auto Racing Fans (HARF)

Mario receives the "Jerry Titus Memorial Award", which is the American Auto Racing Writers & Broadcasters Association (AARWBA) "Driver of the Year" award.

1982 Valvoline Oil Company presented Mario with an award for his "contributions to the sport of racing and racing sportsmanship".

CART Goodwill Ambassador Award (Championship Auto Racing Teams)

1981 Member of SKOAL Auto Racing All America Team as selected by American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA)

1980 Voted "Professional Driver of the Year" by UNICO NATIONAL

1979 "Most Outstanding Athlete" award presented by the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association at their 75th annual awards dinner

Mario becomes International Race of Champions titlest

1978 Mario becomes Formula One World Champion

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Auto Racing Fraternity Foundation “Driver of the Year”

Eastern Motorsports Press Association "Eastern Driver of the Year"

Member of American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA) Racing All America Team

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	Auto Racing Digest "Driver of the Year"
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	Eastern Motorsports Press Association "Eastern Driver of the Year"
1976	Bicentennial Award presented by Golden Slipper Club for bringing honor to Philadelphia
1975	Receives the “Mark Donohue Memorial Award” from the Eastern Motorsports Press Association as “Driver of the Year”
	Member of American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA) Racing All America Team
1974	Mario becomes USAC National Dirt Track champion
	Named “Genesee Driver of the Year” by Genesee Brewing Co.
1970	Member of American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association (AARWBA) Racing All America Team
1969	Mario wins the Indianapolis 500
	Mario wins Pikes Peak Hillclimb
	Mario wins his third Indy Car National Championship (USAC)
	Named ABC Wide World of Sports "Athlete of the Year"
	City of Nazareth, Pennsylvania renames Market Street to "Victory Lane" in honor or Mario winning the 1969 Indianapolis 500
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1968	Award for outstanding service from the National Easter Seals Society for Crippled Children and Adults
1967	Mario wins the Daytona 500
	Vanderbilt Cup Award for "outstanding achievements and becoming the nation's most recognized driver"
	Martini and Rossi "Driver of the Year"
1966	Mario wins his second Indy Car National Championship (USAC)
	Selected to appear in the 1966 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of America*
	Schmidt's Sports Award in recognition of outstanding contribution to the sports life of the Delaware Valley (Pennsylvania)
1965	In his first full season, Mario wins his first Indy Car National Championship and was the youngest to do so. (USAC)
	Rookie of the Year at Indianapolis 500
	Sports Personality of 1965, from the Phoenix Press Box Association
1963	United Racing Club (URC) presented Mario with a trophy for "ability under adverse conditions"