

Dear NHRA family and friends:

As the news traveled last week of the passing of NHRA founder Wally Parks, you could almost hear the hearts that were breaking not only through out the racing community, but around the world. Wally's contributions to hot rodding and motorsports during his 94-year lifetime are more than any one of us can truly comprehend. To say that he is responsible for creating what many of us consider our passion, livelihood and driving force would be an understatement. The impact he had on our lives is immeasurable. So it shouldn't come as any surprise that NHRA, together with my father Steve Gibbs, are planning a moving tribute to the man we all knew and loved. This tribute will take place on Sunday, November 4th during the Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals at Pomona. We are requesting that a limited number of significant individuals and race cars that best represent everything that Wally created participate in this once in a lifetime event. We feel your accomplishments in drag racing definitely warrant your presence. If you would, please RSVP back to me as soon as possible if you can join us that day at Pomona. Attached is an outline of the plans so far; more details will come from either me or my father in the next week or so. So for now, please email me back with your responses and the most reliable contact information you have, i.e. cell phone numbers and email address. I will stay in touch with all of you over the coming days to see that you have all the information you'll need. I must tell you that I am honored to be able to assist in the planning of this event. With your help, we are going to make this a moving, living tribute to the man who deserves it most. Thank you so much for your participation.

Regards, Cindy Gibbs, [wallytribute@yahoo.com](mailto:wallytribute@yahoo.com)

**Editor's Notes:** The following comes from Steve Gibbs.

Wally Parks Tribute, Sunday, November 4th 2007, Auto Club Finals, Pomona CA

The basic concept here is to have a select number of significant vehicles and individuals line up in front of the main grandstands Sunday afternoon, between the semi-final and final rounds. We anticipate a start time of 3pm, but ask that you meet in a soon to be determined area around 1:30pm. For those of you competing that day, we understand your schedule and just ask that you make every effort you can to be ready around 3pm. If you have been invited to bring your race car as part of this tribute, please let us know if it is start able, as we would like to do a progressive fire-up of the functional cars as the conclusion of this presentation. Again, thank you for your participation in this tribute. We will update you with more details as we draw closer to that weekend. It's our goal to make this a great experience for everyone.

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