Ray Motes Awarded Lifetime Achievement in Drag Racing

by Heartland Hot Rod Association

Great Bend, Kansas

Longtime Drag Racer Ray Motes was honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Drag Racing Award by the Heartland Hot Rod Association. The ceremony was held on September 25, 2004 at the Great Bend Kansas Dragway, home of the First NHRA sanctioned event in 1955.

Motes, the only driver to have won world championships in NHRA, AHRA and ADRA was also one of the first to go 240 mph in a Fuel Funny Car. His career spanned from his high school days until his last pass in 1995. During his tenure he competed in AA Altered, Gas and Fuel Dragsters, Alcohol and Fuel Funny Cars and to this day still holds the Top Gas record. "I am honored and proud to have received this award," stated Motes. "When I started racing as a teenager, I never in my wildest dreams thought I would reach the level I did. I am truly lucky to be blessed with the opportunities I have had."

Motes is still heavily involved with racing and the automotive aftermarket industry as Vice President and General manager of Taylor Cable. Best known for their racing ignition wires, they also manufacture a complete line of performance automotive wiring components and accessories.

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