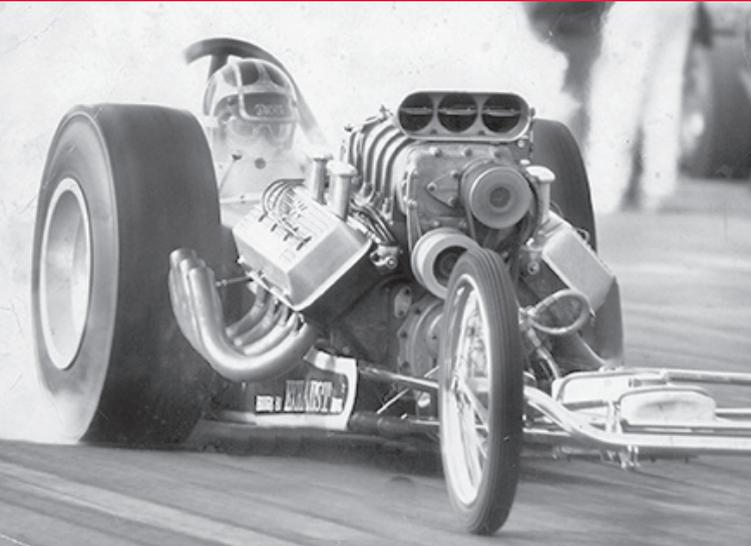


Sid Waterman



There are a number of true pioneers who have helped to build the world of drag racing into what it is today. One of those is a veteran who has not only established himself as a leader in our sport, but has also had quite an impact on the entire world of motorsports.

Sid Waterman began his racing career behind the wheel of a 1955 MG with a small block Chevrolet engine. With his knack for performance, he quickly ascended to crew member status on a fuel dragster and followed that by building his own Top Fuel dragsters in the 1960s. With a passion that leaned more towards tuning than driving, he relegated the seat to other drivers while he concentrated on building and tuning. Opening his first machine shop

in 1967, Waterman turned out engines for a number of champions in addition to developing his own line of aluminum connecting rods and superchargers.

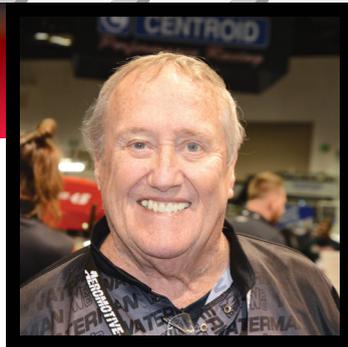
However, it was through his years of building engines where he realized the need for high quality fuel system components. Without proper fuel delivery, power and performance isn't possible. By 1979, Sid and his wife Judy sold their interest in the engine building business to concentrate on the development and production of state-of-the-art fuel delivery systems. The first of those designed entirely by Waterman were delivered in the early '80s resulting in new elapsed time records for those racers.

Like so many before him, Waterman's approach has

always been relegated to common sense, one of which was his insistence to manufacture both the aluminum pump housing and pump's rotor from the same material. During operation, Waterman noticed normal heat expansion variances between two dissimilar metals caused critical clearance issues. By utilizing the same materials, it allowed him to maintain clearances and consistency throughout the entire race.

Waterman's efforts have not been confined to just drag racing though, as he's earned a strong reputation in all forms of motorsports including World of Outlaws sprint cars, NASCAR, IRL, Indy cars, USAC champ cars, sprint cars and midgets, along with many others. Readily acknowledged as being one of the leading fuel system manufacturer in the business, Waterman recently teamed up with another fuel system innovator, Aeromotive, to further expand his common-sense line of products.

Now somewhat retired and enjoying the fruits of his labors with his wife after well over 50 years in the industry, Waterman has received many awards for his innovative approach to common problems. Twice rewarded by the exclusive *Car Craft Magazine All Star Drag Racing Team*,



Waterman has also been recognized from outside of our field by the USAC with their prestigious CNA Jack O'Neil Award for "Significant Contributions to Auto Racing Safety" in 2004. He continues to develop products that provide racers with increased power and consistency while always keeping safety foremost in mind. From new port nozzle designs, fuel safety shut off valves, improved fuel cells for NASCAR and a multitude of other products, Sid Waterman has proven time and again to be worthy of the title of *Hedman High Performer*. 🏆



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