

Myers, T. E.
(“Pop”)

The Tale of the Tail That Wagged the Dog

By JOE COLLIER

THERE is a solemn legend that over the labyrinths of the State House Museum there presides whimsically the ghost of one of Indianapolis' most notable dogs.

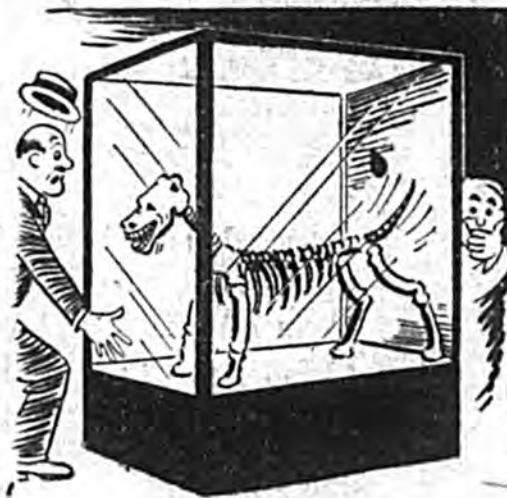
This dog was a Great Dane and belonged, in life, to Carl Fisher when he headed the Speedway Corp. here. When it died, Mr. Fisher extracted the skeleton because it was such a very large Great Dane, then assembled it with wires and presented it, standing up in a glass inclosure to the Museum.

The curator assigned the dog to a position on a side corridor near an office which at that time was used by the State Entomology Department.

The skeleton stood there very patiently for month after month without attracting any special attention. Then one day near Halloween several years ago it made an unprovoked attack on a museum visitor who was nervous anyway, sending the visitor yammering out of the building never to return.

It seems the skeleton had wagged its tail and snapped its jaws at the visitor, in the order named, which, if it had been a real dog, would have been against canine rules and sharp practice.

And those jaws, according to all reports, really snapped. The tail would begin wagging gently but occasionally nearly wagged the dog.



THEREAFTER, repeated reports were heard that the skeleton wagged its tail and snapped its jaws at perfect strangers, time after time no matter whether it was Halloween or not. State authorities became annoyed at a skeleton that snapped at taxpayers and decided to see what was what. (You've got to remember that the tales of this neurotic skeleton had been pretty well authenticated by this time.)

So a research party surrounded the thing and found rubber bands around its jaws, and black, almost invisible, threads leading from the tail and jaws through a crack into the entomologist's office.

So many odd things happen to Frank Wallace, State Entomologist that it seems to be almost fictional coincidence that he was then the State Entomologist and that since his office has been

moved to the State Library Building this wolf of a curio has been quiet as if afraid of the dog catcher. Mr. Wallace today said that he remembers the day the research party found the black threads leading from the skeleton to his office and he remembers wondering how in the world they got there. He said he never did find out. He said it was the sort of thing that might happen to anyone on Halloween. Then he began talking to a bug that happened to wander into his office by mistake.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 20, 1931.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
% Fisher Properties,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skip,

Of course, it is not necessary to send you a special invitation to our race but I am just taking this occasion to send you a line and to say that all of us would be delighted to have you with us once again. With this letter goes the hopes that your engagements will permit you to come to Indianapolis for May 30th.

I wish that I might guarantee that the weather would be comfortable but since I cannot do this all I can do is to hope that if you do come that your tongue will not hang out every minute of the time that you are in Indianapolis.

Please drop me a line at your convenience and say whether or not we may look forward to a pilgrimage by a Fisher party to Indianapolis for May 30th.

With all good wishes and best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Pap.

TEM:HR

April 24, 1931

Mr. T. E. Meyers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Pop:

Thanks for yours of the 20th.
I won't be able to see the Races.

The weather all over the country
has been most unusual this year, but we
hope that you have a good day.

Give my best regards to everybody.

Yours,

CGF:A

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September 7, 1933.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk Point, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Skip,

I have just returned to the office from a call on Arthur Newby, whom I was unable to see because of a rather serious illness.

This note is being sent to you with the thought that perhaps you had not heard about Arthur being sick. As a matter of fact, he has been practically confined to the house for at least five months and apparently has grown steadily worse. He has been running a steady temperature--some days quite high. This, I believe, is the result of an infection in the blood stream, and of course, on account of the high fever, he is extremely weak.

For the last two weeks or so he has had both a day and night nurse.

At present there seems no definite indication of an immediate crisis but it is my opinion that his trouble is incurable and it is only a question of time with him.

This is not a very cheerful letter, but I felt that if you did not know about Newby's condition, you should. It is my impression from something his cousin told me that he does not know exactly the trouble and is, perhaps, not aware of the seriousness of his condition.

I was sorry that I did not get farther south than Daytona Beach last winter and did not, therefore, have the opportunity of saying hello to you.

Mrs. Myers does not know that I am writing you this note, but if she did I am sure she would want to join me with very best wishes to you and Margaret.

Very truly yours,

TEM-ED

Ray Myers

April 29, 1935.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I would love to have an album of a lot of the old-timers - drivers, and, in fact, an album made up of a lot of surplus pictures which you have there that will be interesting at times to go over with some of the visitors I have down here.

I have a lot of very find album covers. If you will get me up a package of pictures and mail them down to me, I will have them put in an album all right.

Best regards.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

April 29, 1935.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop Myers:-

The wife of our Ex-Mayor is going to be in Indianapolis during the speedway races, and I would consider it a great favor if you would fix her up with a couple of good seats.

This is Mrs. Frank Katzentine. She will look like a million dollars in the front row at that.

Yours,

CARL G. FISHER.

CGF:AVM

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May 8, 1935.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Skip,

It has been so long since I had a letter come to my desk carrying your initials that I almost dropped over in a faint from excitement.

You may say to Mrs. Katzentine, if she is still in Miami, that when she comes to the Speedway office if she will ask for either Pop or Dolly we will go all the way to take care of her as you would like to have it done.

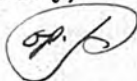
It may not be of any interest to you but nevertheless I cannot help mentioning the fact that the latter part of March was my 25th anniversary of my association with the Speedway--twenty-five years filled with unusually agreeable and interesting association.

I recall quite vividly the day you invited me to your office at the Fisher Automobile Company and told me of the responsibility I was to assume at the Speedway office. Fate was certainly good to me then and you were perhaps fate.

This is a weak expression of my appreciation of all the nice things that you did for me during the years I was under your direction but I do feel extremely grateful.

Please give my kindest regards to Margaret, retaining a share for yourself.

Sincerely,



TEM:hr

Handwritten notes: "C. F. Katzentine" and a circled "C".

May 20, 1935.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

Your letter of the 8th is a sweet whisper.

I hope you will have a good season and that the crowd will be as usual, although we now seem to be in a period when people are conserving their funds.

The weather will undoubtedly break for you, as it has been breaking, around May 30th, in that territory.

I would like to come up and see you, but hay fever is one of my various ailments and I have it bad in Indianapolis, or in any part of the Middle West, during May and June, and also July; otherwise, I would like to drop in on you.

Margaret is at Montauk and I expect to leave here in a short time for Montauk.

Regards to Dolly and the rest of the crowd.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

August 8, 1935.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island.

Dear Skip:

Some important changes in our track are now in progress.

You will probably recall that the outside ten feet on the curves rise at a very sharp angle. This is being lowered to correspond with the grade of the remaining fifty feet. The area that is being changed will be paved with concrete.

A new concrete wall is to be erected in front of the old wall but instead of being perpendicular, it will stand at right angles to the grade.

It appears from the best study that we have been able to make during the last two years that the sharp incline at the top of the curve has been a great contributing cause to so many cars going over the wall.

Under separate cover a set of photographs is being mailed that show the various stages of the work in the very beginning, which I thought might interest you.

Dolly joins me in very best wishes to Margaret and you and feel quite sure that the temperature on Long Island is much more comfortable than that which we are experiencing in Indiana, as for the last few weeks it has been hot as Hell.

Sincerely,



TEM-ED

P. S. Just to refresh your memory, the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month will be the twenty-sixth anniversary of the first automobile race meets on the Speedway

August 15, 1935.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

Glad to have your letter of the 8th and appreciate your sending the photographs showing the progress being made and changes contemplated in the track at the Speedway.

I am not so sure that you have the right idea in making these changes and that you are going to accomplish what you want to do - that is, make the track safer.

I used to sit and shudder at the possibility of some of the cars hurtling through the air and landing in the grandstand, and setting it afire and killing off God knows how many people, and every year I have been fearful of what might happen.

I wish you and Rickenbacker would think of some way to make this safer than it has been or will be, even if these changes you are making help. I think you should have at least two strands of 1-inch cable strung between posts in front of the grandstand, so that if any of these cars get out of hand and leave the ground opposite the grandstand, that they cannot get over into the grandstand.

When they strike this wire cable, the cars will bounce off and go back onto the track, instead of into the grandstand.

If you could arrange some kind of a coil spring attachment at different locations attached to the cable - that is, of course, a spring something like they use in connection with railroad car couplings, I think that would help. I am sure that Rickenbacker can figure out something, but I am absolutely sure that you have got to do something

Mr. T. B. Myers -- 2.

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more to protect the people in the grandstand from being killed and the stand set on fire when one of these cars going at high speed gets out of hand.

I sure do remember the 17, 18 and 19th of August twenty-six years ago. These were great days.

Thanks for your good wishes to Margaret and myself. Same to you and Dolly, and many of them.

You ought to come to Montauk. It is more comfortable than in Indiana these days.

Sincerely yours,

CARL G. FISHER.

CGF:AVM

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August 23, 1935.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Montauk, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Skip:

It really seemed like the old days to receive your letter of the 15th and it was certainly nice of you to take the time and trouble to write at such length.

Naturally, I was very glad to have your comments on the work in progress at the Speedway. I feel, however, that if you could see just what is being done you could not help but have a very different idea as regards the safety measures that this move will provide. It is difficult I know to get a mental picture of the situation before we started work and as it is now for it has been quite some years since you visited the track. So far we have not had an adverse comment from anyone who has looked over the job and the many people who have inspected the work are engineers of various types, automobile race drivers, car owners and laymen, so it is quite natural to arrive at the conclusion that not all of them could be wrong.

Regarding your comments on the safety of the stands want to assure you that the lowering of the outside ten feet of the track and the placing of a new wall in front of the old one--the new wall at right angles to the track surface, and not perpendicular--makes a barrier that appears to be impossible for any car to climb. In addition to this, the spectators in the stands will be very much higher than they have ever been before, so that racing cars would almost have to have airplanes to get into the stands.

I could not help but chuckle a bit when I read your recommendations as to cables in front of the stands, because these have been there for many years as per YOUR orders. Of course, you and I are getting a bit old and can't be expected to remember what happened since breakfast.

After all, it is silly to believe that with all the work we are doing and all the precautions that are being taken that it will be impossible to have a failure but we are all very much of the opinion that the chances of failures are so remote that in the end they will probably be negligible. There is one feature, however, that we are not going to get away from and that is racing cars colliding with the wall and the possibility of their coming back on the track and being hit by oncoming cars. This factor would prevail no matter what sort of a guard rail is employed and there seems no way of getting around it.

A little later on I will have some more photographs taken when one section of the curve is completed which I will be delighted to send to you and I feel sure that you will then appreciate the improvements that have been made.

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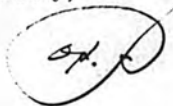
CGF - #2.

Thanks very much for the suggestion to visit Montauk. I know it is a dam sight more pleasant there than it is in Indiana, although for the last few days we have been enjoying perfect atmosphere. However, the activities at the Speedway are consuming a considerable part of my time as I am spending practically all of the mornings at the Speedway and the afternoons in the office, although I do make occasional trips out after lunch. So, it seems that the opportunity to visit Montayk this summer is out of the question.

I do, however, expect to get away for eight or ten days the early part of September to go to Salt Lake City to assist in the timing of Malcolm Campbell in his attempt to establish a record of 300 miles per hour.

Dolly joins me with very best regards to not only you, but to Margaret as well.

Sincerely,



TEM-ED

September 3, 1935

Mr. "Pop" Meyers
Indianapolis Speedway
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear "Pop ":

I have yours of the 23rd. I suppose Eddie Rick has had some good engineers aside from himself on this job. I had forgotten about the cables although I knew that I had them in mind.

Hope to see you in Miami this winter.

Yours,

Carl G. Fisher

CCF:B

April 15, 1936.

Mr. T. F. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I am glad to have yours of the 6th.

I won't get up that way this year.
I will probably be here on the job until June
the 1st.

I recently read Pete DePaleo's book.
It is quite interesting but he left out some
very snappy stories that would have made it
more so - for instance, the time his Uncle
Ralph and Barney stayed looking through the
windows, and allowed the races to start on
time, leaving them out of it.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

January 6, 1937.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I received your very unique Christmas
card. I will have to get me a new Panama hat.
Best regards.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

Silver Anniversary

500 Mile Race

May 6th, 1937.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skip,

This may not be news to you, but our 500-mile race scheduled for May 31st, will be the 25th running of this historic event.

I am quite sure in your inception of the speedway you had not the slightest idea that it would continue so long or make for itself the important spot in the sporting world that it has - but here it is.

Since this is the Silver Anniversary of the big show, Eddie Rickenbacker joins me in extending to you a most cordial and urgent invitation to help us celebrate by coming on to Indianapolis and being a special guest of the Speedway.

To this invitation are added the sincere wishes of Dolly and Joe Copps that you be with us.

We all know how you dislike fuss and feathers and want to say to you that you may do just exactly as you wish if you will be good enough to come. There will be no demonstrations and you will be guarded from being bothered other than by those whom you specially want to see.

I think I know about what your reaction to this will be. You will say "It's hot as hell in Indianapolis on May 31st and I always have hay fever so bad I can't breathe." But I do hope you will decide to put up with a little discomfort and do honor to the 25th 500-mile race that we all believe it deserves.

Awaiting your decision with the strong hope it will be favorable, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

E. J. Myers

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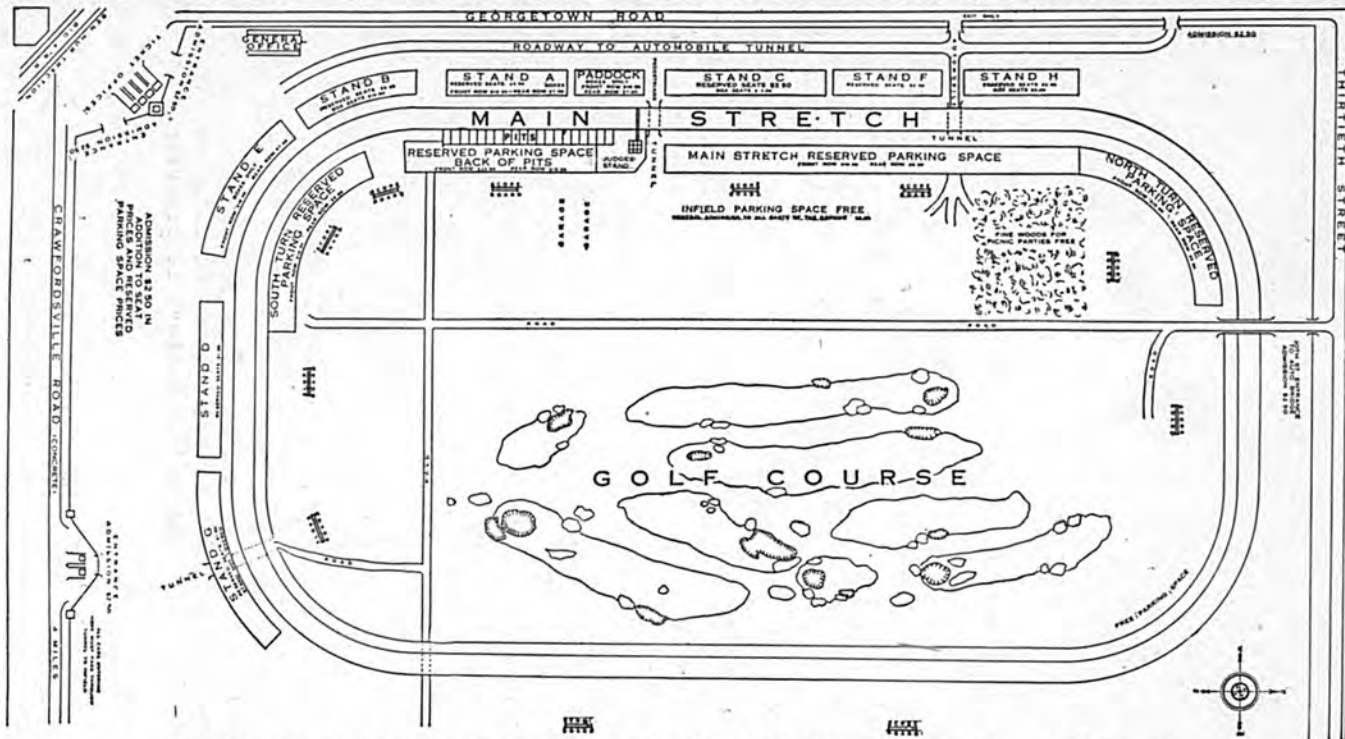
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RESERVATION CHART TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1937 - - DISTANCE 500 MILES

CAPITAL PRIZES \$50,000.00

DIAGRAM OF SPEEDWAY, SHOWING LOCATION OF GRANDSTANDS AND PARKING SPACES



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING TICKETS

How to Locate Seats Desired

After determining in what stand you prefer to sit by referring to diagram, turn to the detailed diagram of the stand bearing the same letter on the other side of this sheet. Each diagram is divided into sections numbered to agree with the section numbers in the Grand Stands.

The letters in the aisle spaces indicate the rows, from front to back. Each square represents one seat, which is numbered and reserved. These seat numbers do not appear in the diagram, but by marking the diagram and returning it to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation the seats indicated will be reserved.

In case seats indicated have been sold, others as near as possible to those chosen will be reserved unless purchaser orders otherwise when reservation is made.

Box Seats

The numbered spaces in front of the detailed plans of Stands A, B, C and H are boxes which seat six persons each. It is not necessary to order an entire box to obtain box seats, as any number of box seats from one up can be purchased.

Stand E and the Paddock Stand consist entirely of boxes. Detailed diagram on the other side of this sheet.

Parking Spaces

No detailed diagram of parking spaces is given, but all front row reserved parking spaces are numbered, and location designated on the general diagram of the Speedway will be reserved as nearly as possible if purchaser will mark diagram to show position desired. Rear row parking spaces are not numbered. Ticket merely entitles holder to space in one of the reserved sections.

Children

Children five years of age and under will be admitted to grounds without tickets if they enter by automobile or are carried through turnstiles. Over five years of age they must pay full admission price. Children, regardless of age, must have reserved seat tickets in order to gain admission to Grand Stands.

Mail Order Instructions

Make all money orders, checks and drafts payable to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, Main office, 444 North Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis.

Patrons, to be satisfied, should specify first, second and third choice when making reservations. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation reserves the right to reject any reservation and refund all money paid on same.

Tickets will be forwarded to purchaser as soon as order is received. It is important that correct address be given, as no responsibility will be assumed by the Speedway for loss of tickets in mail.

Postponement

In event of rain the race will be postponed until Tuesday, June 1st, 1937, or some subsequent date. No money will be refunded on tickets in event of postponement, but rain checks will be honored on postponed date. Please examine ticket stubs which are returned to you by ticket takers to make sure that rain check has been returned to you.

GATE ADMISSIONS

Seat and Parking Space Prices Do Not Include Gate Admission

Each Box Seat and Reserved Seat Ticket must be accompanied by a \$2.50 General Admission Ticket. Holders of Parking Space Tickets must have a \$2.50 Admission Ticket for each occupant of the car.

Gate Admission Tickets may be purchased at downtown office of Speedway, 444 North Capitol Avenue, hotel lobbies, and other convenient points two days previous to race, or may be obtained at the gate box offices the day of the race. However, much inconvenience and delay may be avoided by securing Admission Tickets before arriving at grounds.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION
 444 North Capitol Avenue
 Indianapolis, Ind.

Gentlemen:

Please forward tickets as listed below, for which remittance of \$.....is enclosed, addressed as follows:

Name.....

Street No.....

Town.....State.....

FOR DETAILED
 DIAGRAMS
 OF STANDS
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 OTHER SIDE
 OF SHEET

Quantity	KIND OF SEAT TICKETS	Estab- lished Price	Fed- eral Tax	Total	Amount
.....	*Front Row Box Seats, Grand Stand A.....	\$9.09	\$.91	\$10.00	.....
.....	*Second, Third or Fourth Row Box Seats, Grand Stand A.....	6.36	.64	7.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand A.....	3.18	.32	3.50	.....
.....	*Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand B.....	9.09	.91	10.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand B.....	2.27	.23	2.50	.....
.....	*Front Row Paddock Box Seats.....	9.09	.91	10.00	.....
.....	*Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Row Paddock Box Seats.....	6.36	.64	7.00	.....
.....	*Front Row Box Seats, Grand Stand E.....	9.09	.91	10.00	.....
.....	*Second, Third or Fourth Row Box Seats, Grand Stand E.....	6.36	.64	7.00	.....
.....	*Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand C.....	6.36	.64	7.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand C.....	2.27	.23	2.50	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand F.....	2.27	.23	2.50	.....
.....	*Front Row (only) Box Seats, Grand Stand H.....	4.54	.46	5.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand H.....	1.81	.19	2.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand D.....	.90	.10	1.00	.....
.....	Reserved Seats, Grand Stand G.....	.90	.10	1.00	.....
.....	Reserved Parking Space (Rear of pits).....	22.72	2.28	25.00	.....
.....	Parking Space Rear Row (Rear of pits).....	13.63	1.37	15.00	.....
.....	Reserved Parking Space.....	9.09	.91	10.00

*Price listed is for a single seat only

DO NOT ORDER
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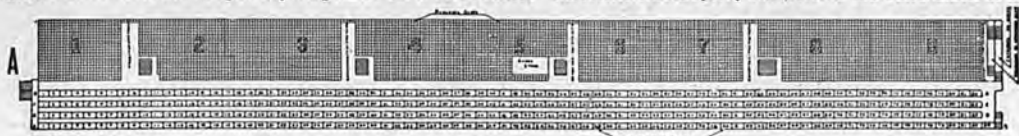


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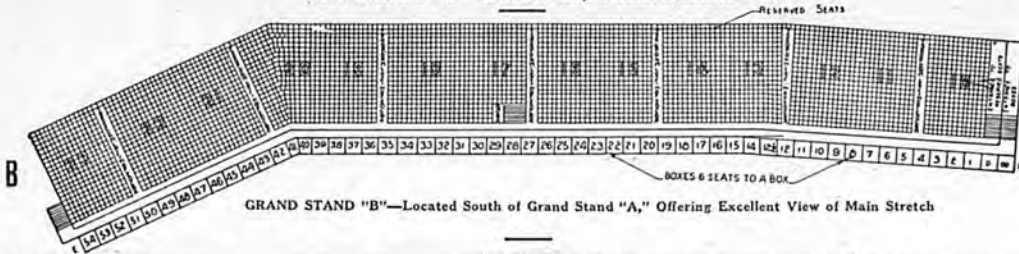
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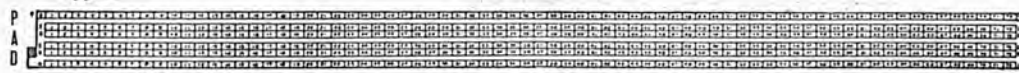
Location of Stands Shown in Speedway Diagram on Other Side of Sheet. Purchasers Should Specify First, Second and Third Choice of Seat



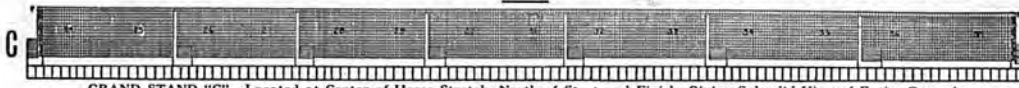
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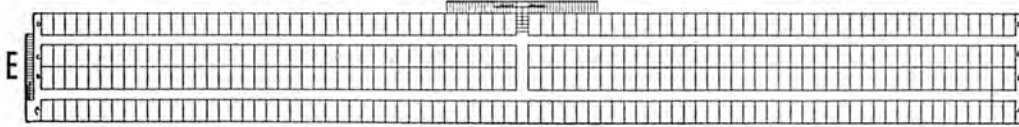
GRAND STAND "B"—Located South of Grand Stand "A," Offering Excellent View of Main Stretch



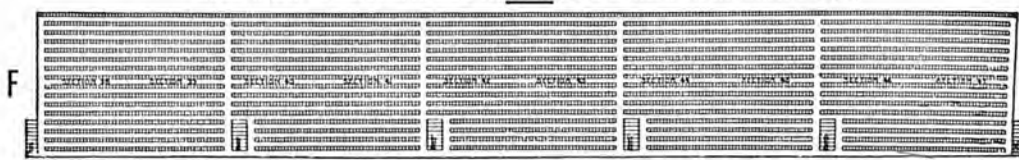
PADDOCK GRAND STAND—Located Opposite the Paddock. Start and Finish Line Located Directly in Front of This Stand



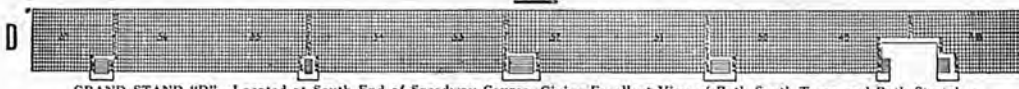
GRAND STAND "C"—Located at Center of Home Stretch, North of Start and Finish, Giving Splendid View of Entire Grounds



GRAND STAND "E"—Located on South Turn of Track. A Wonderful Location to See the Race



GRAND STAND "F"—Located North Part of Main Stretch



GRAND STAND "D"—Located at South End of Speedway Course, Giving Excellent View of Both South Turns and Both Stretches



GRAND STAND "G"—Located at Southwest Turn, Very Choice Spots to Enjoy the Race



GRAND STAND "H"—Located at Northwest Turn, Giving Splendid View

Read Instructions on Other Side of Sheet Carefully

Race Starts at 10:00 A. M. Sharp (Central Standard Time)

May 10, 1937.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I have your kind letter of the 6th, and I have one from Eddie Rickenbacker.

As it is now, we have a good deal of business here and I know it will be impossible for me to get away on May 30th. Besides, if I could get away, I would have hay fever and sneeze in everybody's face all the time I would be in Indiana.

Give my regards to Dolly and Joe Copps, and Eddie Rickenbacker, and tell them that as much as I would like to be with them, I just cannot make it. I am going to tune in on the radio, however, and see how things are coming.

Thanks, just the same.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

GOOD CHEER



THERE'S SNOW ON THE GROUND;
THE TREES ARE BARE;
THE WIND BLOWS COLD;
BUT THERE'S SPRING IN THE AIR

A FAR OFF CALL
"WHAT YEAR - WHAT YEAR?"
MY GLAD HEART ECHOES,
"GOOD CHEER - GOOD CHEER".

Mrs. Myers

J. B. Myers

VICE PRES. & GEN. MGR.
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORP.



June 17, 1958.

Dear Pop:-

I have just heard through Steve Hammagan of the death
of your wife.

I am very sorry to hear of your loss and you have my
sympathy.

Otherwise, I hope you are feeling all right.

Yours,

CARL G. FISHER.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

THEODORE E. MYERS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

June 21, 1938.

Dear Skip:

I appreciate more than I can say, your nice letter.

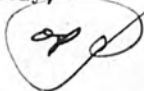
The suddenness of Mrs. Myers' passing was a great shock to me -- I did not know until a very few days before she left me that she had not been feeling well for a couple of weeks.

I had been considerably under the weather with severe neuritis pains practically all of the month of May and Mrs. Myers said nothing about her ailments feeling that I probably had all I could take care of with race activities.

My physical condition seems to be improving steadily -- it was necessary for me to have a couple of teeth extracted, they were badly infected and the doctors feel that they were the cause of my trouble.

I hope you are feeling better than you were when Dolly was down there. Take good care of yourself.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach,
Florida.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION

MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE
IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

October 28th, 1938.

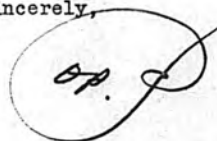
Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skip,

The enclosed clipping from the Indianapolis Times as of this day, may or may not be interesting to you, but anyway here it is.

How are you doing anyway you old so-and-so?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "C.P. Fisher", enclosed within a large, loopy circular scribble.

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October 31, 1938.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pops:-

Yours of the 28th

Don't send me any more skeleton stories about that
great Dan.

I guess the Museum overlooked the principal points
in the skeleton that should be a part of the record attached
to the case. However, that is another thing that is "water
over the dam", and it is best to forget it.

I am feeling fine.

Best regards.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

THEODORE E. MYERS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

March 13, 1939.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skip:

I have learned of a man in Kentucky who has Kentucky hams which I know from experience have a very unusual flavor.

Remembering your avid taste for Ham, I have instructed this man to ship one to your home address in Miami Beach and I not only hope that it reaches you safely, but that you enjoy some breakfasts of ham and eggs, if you have the eggs. If, by chance you do not have the eggs, let me know and I shall ship some special Indiana "eating eggs" -- how's that?

Best regards.

Sincerely,



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March 16, 1939.

Mr. Theodore E. Myers,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pops--

I will be glad to get that ham, as I know where I can get some eggs. I mean "eatin'" eggs - not "throwin'" eggs.

I am glad that you are up and around, and I suppose now you are stirring up the goulash for the big race.

I might surprise you guys by dropping in on you, but nothing certain. The only reason I might be able to do so this year is because my Doctor lives in Chicago and I might go up that way to see him.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

P. S.-- I won't be able to eat much of that ham at one time, because it is salty and gives me a great thirst, but I can eat a little at a time and then let my negro cook have a little of it, and then I can let my saliva drip on a lot of d-- spinach.

C.G.F.

March 27, 1939.

Mr. T. E. Bright
Danville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find copy of a letter mailed to you on March 13th relative to a ham to be shipped to Carl G. Fisher, 650 West 51st Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

Since no invoice has been received from you, the writer cannot help but wonder whether or not the order was received.

Will you please be good enough to advise in this respect and on or about what date you will be able to make shipment.

Very truly yours,



T. E. Myers

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March 27, 1939.

Mr. Theodore E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

You are always talking about sending me tickets
to the races.

There are some people here who are going to the
races (they live in Indiana), and I could use some tickets
for some good seats -- not box seats, but general admission
tickets.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

P.S.— How about that ham you were going to send me? It
has not been received, and several people are wait-
ing for it. You can save three or four people
from going on Relief, if you send it immediately.

C.G.F.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY CORPORATION

MAINTAINING THE GREATEST RACE COURSE
IN THE WORLD

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 3, 1939.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
650 West 51st Street,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skip:

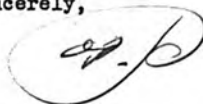
It really looks like you and some of those other birds in Miami Beach must go on relief for a while because I seem to be having no luck in getting that bird in Kentucky to ship you a ham.

So far, no action in response to my two letters and all day have been endeavoring to get this particular Kentucky Colonel on the telephone but no luck. He may be away from home or has not paid his telephone bill, or something. Any way, I shall keep trying, with the hope that I will be able to relieve the hunger before long.

Sorry.

Lots of good luck and best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to be "E. J. P.", enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. To the right of the signature is a checkmark.

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April 3, 1939.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Speedway,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I had no idea I was kidding you about that ham --
seriously.

At any rate, I received a ham and a slab of bacon
seven or eight feet long.

Of course that ham tasted good and I appreciate it.

I would send you in return a fish three times the
size of the ham, but the fish might not stand the trip.

Best regards.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

THEODORE E. MYERS
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

April 11, 1939.

Dear Skip,

Word received this day from Mr. T.B. Bright of Danville, Kentucky, is to the effect that the ham for you was shipped yesterday and it should arrive within a few days. ✓

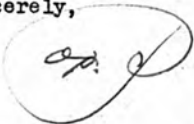
The delay was caused by the fact that Colonel Bright was enjoying Florida sunshine since early in January. ✓

If by chance this particular piece of meat should seem to be delayed any unusual length of time, please let me know and I shall start a tracer.

In closing just remember that the Kentucky ham is from "yours truly" and I am not to have credit for the big ham and bacon that came from Indiana. ✓

With all good wishes and best regards, I am

Sincerely,



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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
650 West 51st St.,
Miami Beach, Fla.

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April 17, 1930.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

I have your letter of the 11th, and I have received that ham. Sorry that I didn't write you on Saturday about it.

However, I am going to write three different fellows who sent me a ham and they all arrived at about the same time.

I certainly had a great experience.

Yours,

CGF:AVM

CARL G. FISHER.

April 21, 1939.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pops:-

Three good friends of mine recently sent me a ham. They all arrived at about the same time, and the cook, as usual, tore off the covers and shipping tags and threw them into the fireplace.

Now, one of these hams is a "lu-lu" from some standpoints. I believe this particular hog could have been a champion high jumper and the fastest moving animal on foot in the world. He has ligaments that stretch like a rubber band, and they are tough -- I'll say they are tough! Ordinary hack saws and butcher knives have no effect whatever on them. The only way we have been able to separate part of this ham from the other parts is with a blow torch.

I am not saying just who sent me this ham, because I certainly have no criticism for the good intentions, but if any of you fellows know of a breed of hogs with the physical characteristics that I have described, I think it is worth investigating from a scientific standpoint.

We might form a little company and sort out a breed of hogs that could out-run and out-jump any other animal, regardless of size, and it might be possible to produce a small draft animal that would revolutionize rural farming throughout the South, where the mule now stands supreme.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

CARL G. FISHER.

CGF:AVM

June 27, 1959.

Mr. T. E. Myers,
Indianapolis Motor Speedway,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Pop:-

Have you some pictures around the office of the cars
this year -- especially those open, showing the engines?

If so, I would like to have you send me three or four.

Best regards.

Yours,

CGF:AVH

CARL G. FISHER.