

RECORD OF CHAMPION DRIVER FROM 1909 TO 1915

Year		Car Started	First	Second	Third	Unplaced
1909	Bert Dingley.....	7	2	3	1	1
1910	Ralph Mulford.....	5	2	1	0	2
1911	Harvey Herrick....	4	3	0	0	1
1912	Ralph de Palma...	5	4	0	0	1
1913	Earl Cooper.....	6	5	1	0	0
1914	Ralph de Palma...	5	3	0	0	2
1915	Earl Cooper.....	5	2	1	0	2

Motor Age magazine produced an automobile racing season review beginning 1903. As the years rolled by Motor Age became more detailed in there documentation of their selection of "Champion Driver".

Above is a list of past Motor Age "Champion Drivers" 1909 - 1915 from the October 21, 1915 issue of Motor Age magazine page 6. In Motor Age's November 25, 1915 issue on page 5 Motor Age proclaimed their speedway champions. Gil Anderson the speedway champion of 2 mile to 2 ½ mile speedway courses and Eddie Rickenbacher champion of the 1 mile tracks.

Motor Age in the October 21, 1915 issue describes "As the American Automobile Association does not attempt to solve questions of titular honors, this publication has taken upon itself the selection of a champion, practice inaugurated in 1909 and continued annually ever since."

RECORD OF CHAMPION CAR FROM 1909 TO 1915

Year		Car Started	First	Second	Third	Unplaced
1909	Chalmers	22	5	3	2	12
1910	Lozler	8	4	1	0	3
1911	National	21	9	3	2	7
1912	Flat	12	4	1	0	7
1913	Stutz	15	7	3	1	4
1914	Mercedes	5	3	0	0	2
1915	Stutz	14	3	5	0	6

The American Automobile Association attempted its first "National Automobile Racing Circuit" in 1905 crowning Barney Oldfield as champion. The American Automobile Association would not hold a seasonal championship again until 1916 when Dario Resta was named champion.

As World War I placed more of the energies of the United State into the war effort the AAA "has decided against holding the 1917 racing championship" was reported in the May 24, 1917 issue of Motor Age magazine on page 11 two months after it was reported that the "Decoration Day Indianapolis 500 Race Off" in the March 29, 1917 issue of Motor Age magazine on page 9.

Automobile racing continued through the war but on a limited basis.

It was not until 1920 that the American Automobile Association resumed their Speedway Championship with Gaston Chevrolet earning the 1920 Championship.

Motor Age announced a champion for the 1919 racing season in their December 25, 1919 issue on page 8. "The American Automobile Association did not.....select a champion for the season. Motor Age for several years before the Three-A took the championship in hand, was accustomed to naming a year's champion and this year, in view of the A.A.A. to take such action, again abrogates to itself that privilege."

Below is Motor Age's 1919 standing of the 1919 drivers by points and how the points were allotted.

STANDING OF THE DRIVERS BY POINTS		
(Points were allotted on the following basis for the principal track and road races of the year: 10 points per mile for first place; 8 points per mile for second; 6 points per mile for third; 4 points per mile for fourth; 2 points per mile for fifth.)		
Position.	Driver.	Tot. Points
First	Eddie Hearne	8960
Second	Roscoe Sarles	7288
Third	Howard Wilcox	6200
Fourth	Joe Boyer	4730
Fifth	Tommy Milton	4685
Sixth	Gaston Chevrolet	4125
Seventh	Cliff Durant	3990
Eighth	Louis Chevrolet	3890
Ninth	Dave Lewis	3330
Tenth	Jules Goux	3000
Eleventh	Ralph Mulford	2935
Twelfth	Ira Vail	2704
Thirteenth	Art Klein	2700
Fourteenth	Kurt Hitke	2102
Fifteenth	Albert Guyot	2000
Sixteenth	Eddie Pullen	1900
Seventeenth	Ed. Schillo	1806
Eighteenth	Louis Lecocq	1500
Nineteenth	Eddie O'Donnell	1500
Twentieth	Tom Alley	1000