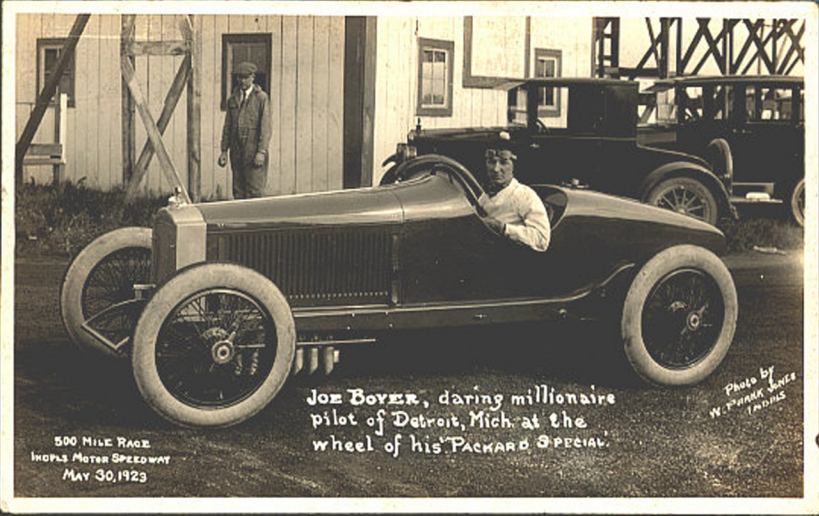
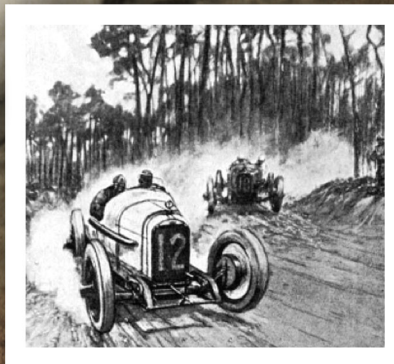




INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
ANNUAL 500 MILE RACE 1924
Driver JOE BOYER
DUESENBERG SPECIAL
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WINNER
AVERAGE 98 MILES HOUR.



JOE BOYER

A MAN WITH A DREAM



Joe Boyer, 1924 Indianapolis 500 champ, was born in Detroit on May 12, 1890. The son of the head of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Joe grew up as part of the local country club set to be a well-known sportsman and bon vivant.

Early on, Joe became interested in auto racing and is believed to have been a discreet financial supporter of both the Chevrolet and Duesenberg racing teams.

Although Joe got into race car driving a number of years earlier, the high point of his racing career came on May 31, 1924

at the Indianapolis 500. Joe and Duesenberg racing teammate, L. L. Corum, were each behind the wheel of Duesenberg Specials. Each car was equipped with a centrifugal supercharger fitted to a straight-eight with dual overhead cams. The engine had been newly developed by Fred and Augie Duesenberg to meet Indy specifications that had dropped maximum engine displacement to 122 cubic inches.

Joe blew by everyone in the opening lap but supercharger trouble had him gliding into the pits within a few more laps. Teammate Corum, who was running fourth, pulled in for a pit stop after 110 laps. Fred and Augie decided to change drivers.

As Boyer climbed into the cockpit, Fred told him, "Put that ship out front or burn it up!"

Once underway, Joe made up ground fast and, on lap 177, flew into the lead and stayed there until he got the checkered flag 24 laps later. Joe Boyer was the first driver to win the Indianapolis 500 with a supercharged car.

Tragically, after his great triumph at Indianapolis, Joe was killed just a few months later, on September 2, 1924, in a crash at the Altoona Speedway in Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

1919
First Indianapolis
race finished 31st.

1919
Winner Automobile
Association
of America
Championship
Car Race in
Cincinnati, Ohio

1919
Races in the
Sheepshead Bay
Speedway Race

1920
Second Indianapolis
race finished 12th.

1920
Beverly Hills
Speedway was
opened. Joe Boyer
ran his race car 110
mph during the
exhibition run.

1921
Third Indianapolis
race finished 17th.

1921
Races in the French
Grand Prix at Le
Mans, where he
was ordered to play
rabbit, and make the
field chase him.

1923
Fourth Indianapolis
race finished 18th.

1923
Races Miss Packard
in the 1923 Detroit
Gold Cup Boat races.