

NATIONAL SPRINT CAR HALL of FAME & MUSEUM

PAUL FROMM

Paul Fromm was born on November 25, 1903.

In 1932, Glendale, California, car owner Paul Fromm had driver Bill Hart in his Valley Machine Special number 80 on the American Automobile Association (AAA) Pacific Southwest championship tour. Fromm's car ran in the 'B' class at the American Legion Speedway in southern California.

One year later, Rex Mays drove Fromm's number 21 Hispano Special, which was a

longish car with a big 358-c.i. Hisso engine. That year, which was Paul's breakthrough year as an owner, Mays finished second to Al Gordon and his Art Sparks/Paul Weirick-prepared machine in the AAA Pacific Coast point championship. Many Miller owners at the American Legion-run track were upset that an upstart with a Hisso was regularly defeating such veterans as Ernie Triplett and others. Before season's end, Fromm had formed an alliance with Model-B Ford man Ed Winfield and the car became known as the Winfield Special.

Rex Mays won the 1934 AAA Pacific Coast championship for Eagle Rock iceman Paul Fromm and engine builder Ed Winfield. The red and cream Gilmore Special carried car number 2, reflecting Mays' runner-up status in points a season earlier. Behind Mays were Roberts, Gordon, Kelly Petillo, Harris Insinger, and Conners.

Fromm passed away in December of 1985.