

Willy T. Ribbs is an auto-racing pioneer who made sports history by becoming the first African American to qualify and race in the Indianapolis 500. A true motor sports icon, Ribbs' vivacious personality, charismatic presence and penchant for entertaining interviews has made him one of the most sought after individuals in the sport. It's no wonder with a 25-year career that had him at the top of his field racing for such winning teams as Dan Gurney, Jack Roush and Derek Walker not to mention winning over 40 races in such series as SCCA Trans-Am, CART/Indy Car, NASCAR and Formula Ford in Europe. One of Ribbs' most notable sponsors was entertainer Bill Cosby and his career has crossed interesting paths with such notables as Muhammed Ali, Vice President Dan Quayle, Paul Newman, Clint Eastwood, Colin Powell and many others.

Recently, Ribbs served as color commentator of NewsCorp's Speed Channel auto racing coverage. An autobiography is in the works on his life story and Columbia Pictures and actor Michael Douglas purchased the film rights to Ribbs' life story for a major motion picture. Ribbs has appeared on several television programs including the Tonight Show with Jay Leno, HBO special with Bryant Gumbel and the recent ESPN special, "A Forgotten Race". Ribbs' acting debut was opposite David Caradine and Murial Hemmingway in the major motion picture, ***American Reel***. Willy T. Ribbs name adorns in the wildly popular Disney series, ***The Proud Family***. Today you can find Willy T. Ribbs and his son, Theo, pursuing their mutual passion of sporting clays and participating at competitive events throughout the country and overseas.