

Michel Jourdain Declercq

Michel Jourdain Declercq was born in Belgium on August 25, 1947. At the age of four, his family relocated to Mexico. Michel and his brothers Bernardo, Patrick, Philip, and Jean Pierre (Pio) were raised in Mexico. All of the brothers became race car drivers. Of the brothers Jourdain, Michel was the most prolific racer. He competed in approximately 480 races throughout the world.



Michel Jourdain Declercq driving at the 24 Hours of Daytona in 1975.

Michel interest in motorsports led him into race promotion. He has promoted 1500 races, and some refer to Michel as "The Bill France of Mexico". His technical skills have allowed him to construct 350 race cars. And Michel has not stopped. Michel and Humberto Esparza are building a new chassis for an international race series.

Perhaps most impressive is his ability to design and construct race tracks. Michel has constructed eleven race tracks in Mexico.

The breadth and depth of Michel contribution is extraordinary. On June 11, 2009, the Federacion Mexican de Automovilismo Deportive (FEMADAC) admitted Michel into the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Michel's election into the Hall of Fame was in recognition of a lifetime

of achievement in motorsport. At the induction ceremony, Michel celebrated with friends such as Ruben Novoa and Freddy Van Bueren, and was surrounded by his family.



Michel Jourdain Declercq driving the Porsche of Juan Carlos Bolanos in 1975.

Michel Jourdain was the primary driver of Javelin #1 during its years in Mexico. On longer endurance races, Michel would co-driver with car owner Ruben Novoa. Michel's brother, Pio, would drive Javelin #2. When Humberto Esparza purchased Javelin #1 from Ruben Novoa, Michel continued to be the primary driver of Javelin #1 until the car was retired.

Michel Jourdain Declercq has been a wonderful and willing resource for the history of Javelins #1 and #2. Javelin #1 was in Mexico for 18 of 40 years: 1973 to 1991.