



NORRIS RACING TEAM

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Backgrounder and Fact Sheet:

JOHN F. (JACK) McCORMACK -- CONSTRUCTOR AND OWNER,
McCORMACK RACING ENTERPRISES

By forming his own company, McCormack Racing Enterprises, in 1974, Jack McCormack began to take greater advantage of his multi-faceted talents in the racing field. McCormack, 33, and his newly formed team built three Talon MR-1 Formula 5000 race cars in just six short months in order to make the 1974 season under the sponsorship of Norris Industries. After the Formula 5000 season was over, Jack took the Talon to the Australian/New Zealand Tasman where he continued to refine the car and test new ideas. His efforts paid off in a fourth place finish overall for driver Chris Amon which included two pole positions and one win.

Jack McCormack began racing 18 years ago and built engines for everything from midgets to drag racers. In 1968 he joined with driver Sam Posey and they went to the Can-Am circuit with Jack as chief mechanic. Three years later he added team manager to his duties when he joined Champ Carr, Inc. for the Formula 5000 series. His team finished in second place for the series that year and again in 1972.

Simultaneously while running the Formula 5000 series in 1972, Jack was also chief mechanic for the Norris Eagle on the USAC Championship Trail where

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they finished fifth at both Indianapolis and Pocono. They returned to the USAC circuit again in 1973 under the Norris banner.

This year Warwick Brown, the 1975 Tasman Champion, has been driving the Talon for McCormack in the Formula 5000 Series and was joined by Formula 1 driver, Chris Amon, for the Inaugural Long Beach Grand Prix where they finished fourth and sixth. McCormack expects to have four Talons on the starting grid for the final race at Riverside on October 26.

Biographical Data:

Age:	33	Height:	5'11"
Born:	January 28, 1942 Cohasset, Mass.	Weight:	175 lbs.
Wife:	Shirley	Hometown:	Capistrano Beach, Calif.
Children:	Tracy - 13 Leslie - 11 Brian - 9 Mark - 7	Racing Shop:	32992 Calle Perfecto San Juan Capistrano, California 92675

Racing Career Highlights:

1967-67	Built engines for midgets, super modifieds and drag racing cars in New England.
1963	Began driving his own dragster.
1968	Employed by Autodynamics of Marblehead, Mass., manufacturer of formula racing cars; became chief mechanic for Sam Posey on Can-Am Circuit.
1969	Chief mechanic for Posey, Lothar Motschenbacher and Mike Hailwood, Formula 5000
1970	Chief mechanic, Dodge factory Trans-Am team.
1971	Chief mechanic and team manager, Champ-Carr, including L&M Formula 5000 circuit and Surtees team at U. S. Grand Prix, Watkins Glen.
1972	Chief mechanic, Norris Industries entry at Indianapolis 500, Pocono 500, and California 500; team manager, Winston-Delta two-car entry in L&M Formula 5000 series.

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- 1973 Chief mechanic, Champ-Carr, Tasman Series in New Zealand and Australia; chief mechanic for Norris Industries two-car entry in USAC Championship Trail.
- 1974 Started own company (McCormack Racing Enterprises) and began to build Talon race cars; constructor- team manager for three Talons in the Formula 5000 Series under the Sponsorship of Norris Industries.
- 1975 Constructor-team manager, Tasman Series in Australia and New Zealand, Talon driven by Chris Amon which finished fourth overall and included two pole positions and a win at Teretonga; constructor-owner, Formula 5000 series with Warwick Brown and Chris Amon; construction and sale of Talon cars to other Formula 5000 teams.

Non-Racing Background:

Graduate Scituate High School, Massachusetts. Competed for high school carsity wrestling team against Harvard, M.I. T., and other colleges, four years. Also played center and line-backer for the varsity football team.

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