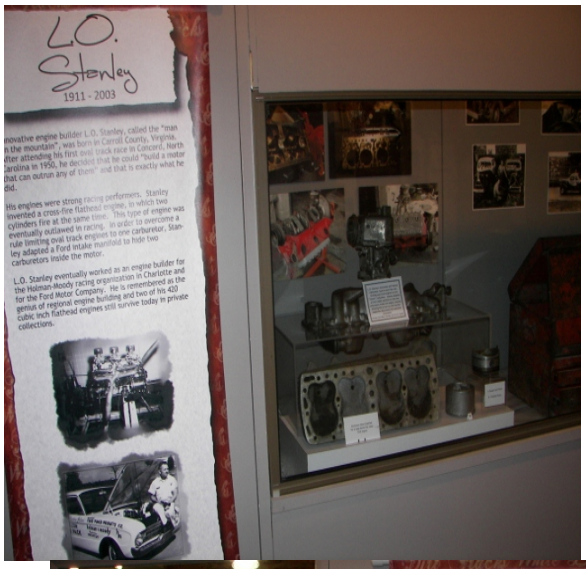
White Liquor and Dirt Tracks - Biographies This exhibit takes a look back at many of the industries most influential and colorful characters. It tells the stories of the early generations of racers, owners and officials affiliated with the rise of NASCAR, and will serve as an introduction to some of the early stars of the sport for a new generation of fans.




L.O. Stanley
1911 - 2003
innovative engine builder L.O. Stanley, called the "man
in the mountain", was born in Carroll County, Virginia.
After attending his first oval track race in Concord, North
Carolina in 1950, he decided that he could "build a motor
that can outrun any of them" and that is exactly what he
did.
His engines were strong racing performers. Stanley
invented a cross-fire flathead engine, in which two
cylinders fire at the same time. This type of engine was
eventually outlawed in racing. In order to overcome a
rule limiting oval track engines to one carburetor, Stan-
ley adapted a Ford intake manifold to hide two
carburetors inside the motor.
L.O. Stanley eventually worked as an engine builder for
the Holman-Moody racing organization in Charlotte and
for the Ford Motor Company. He is remembered as the
genius of regional engine building and two of his 420
cubic inch flathead engines still survive today in private
collections.


Chocolate
Meyers
b. 1948
Chocolate Myers served as a crewman for the Richard
Childress owned #3 car of Dale Earnhardt, Sr. from 1986
through Earnhardt's death in 2001. His role on the team was
that of gas man, earning him the moniker of "Gasman Choc".
He was a part of the pit crew known as the "Flying Aces"
which helped to propel Earnhardt to six of his seven NASCAR
championships.
Myers' career as an over the wall crewman spanned a total
of 19 years. During that time the sport grew from a regional
one to one of the most watched sports in the country. In
many ways Myers life changed with the growth of the sport.
His past reflects the rough and tumble early days of NASCAR
turning into the prosperous days that the sport now enjoys.
Myers has long since put behind him the rowdiness of the
past and has become a dedicated family man who attempts
to lead the youth he encounters into a positive life that
avoids the mistakes he made.
Today, Chocolate Myers continues his relationship with his
childhood friend Richard Childress. Myers is the curator of
the Richard Childress Racing Museum. He also serves as the
safety director for the team. In 2006 Chocolate Myers was
inducted into the Legends of NASCAR Hall of Fame.
Myers is the eldest son of the late Bobby Myers, a pioneer of
NASCAR who was killed while driving for the late Lee Petty in
the1957 Southern 500 at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway. NASCAR
awards the prestigious Myers Brothers Award each year at
their Annual Awards Ceremony to honor a person, corpora-
tion, or entity that has made the most positive impact on the
sport that season. This award is one of the highest honors
that can be received.