

DRIVER MILESTONES – QUALIFICATIONS

- **Most pole positions:** 6 – Rick Mears (1979, 1982, 1986, 1988-89, 1991)
- **Most consecutive pole positions:** 2 (10 times) – Ralph DePalma (1920-21), Rex Mays (1935-36), Eddie Sachs (1960-61), Parnelli Jones (1962-63), Mario Andretti (1966-67), A.J. Foyt (1974-75), Tom Sneva (1977-78), Rick Mears (1988-89), Scott Brayton (1995-96), Helio Castroneves (2009-10)
- **Most times starting on front row:** 11 – Rick Mears (1978-79, 82-84, 86-91)
- **Most consecutive times starting on front row:** 6 – Rick Mears (1986-91)
- **Highest starting position, rookie:** Pole – Lewis Strang (1911, first entered), Jean Chassagne (1914, drew pole), Walt Faulkner (1950), Teo Fabi (1983), Tony Stewart (1996*)
- **Highest starting position, woman:** 4th – Danica Patrick (2005)
- **Worst finish from pole:** 33rd – Cliff Woodbury (1929), Pancho Carter (1985), Roberto Guerrero (1992), Greg Ray (2000), Scott Sharp (2001)
- **Most consistent qualifying laps:** .0049 of a second difference – Scott Dixon (2008) - set in qualifying attempt that was later withdrawn.
- **Smallest time difference between the two fastest qualifiers:** .01 of a second – Al Unser over Johnny Rutherford (1970)
- **Largest time difference between the two fastest qualifiers:** 13.13 seconds – Tommy Milton over Jimmy Murphy (1923)
- **Youngest Pole Winner:** Rex Mays, 22 years, 81 days (1935)
- **Oldest Pole Winner:** Cliff Bergere, 49 years, 175 days (1946)

* – Tony Stewart started the 1996 Indianapolis 500 from the pole position after Scott Brayton was fatally injured in practice before the race.