

# 1935

IT WAS ANOTHER DEADLY YEAR for the 500. Rookie driver Johnny Hannon died in practice, H.W. "Stubby" Stubblefield and his mechanic, Leo Whittaker, died during qualifications and Clay Weatherly was killed in the race.

The winner was Kelly Petillo, who ran a qualifying lap at 122.416 mph and then set a race record of 106.24 mph. His car was reputed to have been cobbled together from old airplane and tractor parts, but the part that mattered most was the engine. It was the first

500 win for the "Offy," an engine developed by Fred Offenhauser, who had previously worked for Harry Miller.

This would be the only Indy win for Petillo, but variations of the Offy would see victory lane many more times.



**ABOVE:** Film crews worked the race in 1935. The reels were edited after the race to be shown in movie theaters nationwide. *StarNews Archives*



**ABOVE RIGHT:** Kelly Petillo won the 1935 Indianapolis 500 with a race-record average of 106.24 mph. He started 22nd. *StarNews Archives*

**OPPOSITE:** Fans stood on their cars to get a better view of the action in 1935; Petillo won the race by more than 40 seconds over Wilbur Shaw. *StarNews Archives*

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**Today..**  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE  
Is Old Man Wilbur  
Indianapolis Race,  
Eber's Billions,  
Rush's Warning

**FLANDIN DENIED  
FRANC POWERS;  
CABINET FALLS**

**PETILLO WINS RACE AT 106.24 M.P.H.**

**Petillo Builds 500-Mile Winner Out of Junk;  
And Now He'll Celebrate Over Plate of Spaghetti**

**Western Flash  
Blasts Record  
For Long Dash**

**4:12:22.71 for 500 Miles**

**More Poles Winners Crowned Final Wins**

