

IN MEMORY OF ROGER BARLOW

Roger Barlow was remembered earlier this week at a private gathering at his home in New Market, Virginia. Barlow died May 9th of complications linked to a long-fought battle with lymphoma.

In his long and always active life, Barlow became known as a author, filmmaker, car and firearms expert and avid outdoorsman.

Born in Minnesota in 1912, Barlow developed an early interest in photography and motion pictures. Starting in the 1930's, he made contact with others who, like himself, would soon reach the forefront of their profession. He was one of the cameramen on "THE CITY", a milestone documentary made by a lifetime colleague and friend, Willard Van Dyke. He went on to serve as a photographer in the navy during WW11 and, afterward, continued to enjoy a circle of professional and personal contacts that included photographers Edward and Brett Weston, cinematographer Boris Kaufmann and the noted film expert and technical author, Raymond Spottiswoode.

Settling in Hollywood after the war, Barlow founded International Motors, Inc. importing the first generation of post-war foreign sportscars into the U.S. His automotive expertise was much appreciated by a number of famous movie stars who, as motoring enthusiasts, followed his winning track record as a race car designer, builder and driver.

Barlow later returned to motion pictures, working closely with such well-known commentators and producers as Lowell Thomas, Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite. His talents as a cinematographer and author can be seen in such films as "AFFAIR OF THE SKIN" (1963), "THE ROYAL HUNT OF THE SUN" (1969) and in publications such as THE DIESEL CAR BOOK, a handbook for diesel car owners (1981).

Most recently, Barlow had been a regular contributor to Autoweek. A special tribute to him will appear in an up-coming edition of the magazine.

Roger Barlow is survived by his widow, Mary, stepchildren Matthew, Monica, Jason, Kimberly and by his godson, Roger Spottiswoode, son of his closest friend and lifetime colleague, Raymond Spottiswoode.

Barlow will be much missed at "Box 85", the New Market postal address he customarily referred to as "home".