

## Usanov Andrey 09.03.1961 – 31.10.2020

On October 31, 2020, Andrey Viktorovich Usanov, Honored master of sports of Russia, teacher of additional education in the sections "Automodel sports" of the center for technical creativity of St. Petersburg "Ohta", passed away.

Andrey Usanov has been working as a teacher of additional education at "Ohta" since 1994 and has trained a lot of sportsman during this time.

Every year students of Andrey Usanov became winners and prize-winners in city and all-Russian competitions in automodel sports, its students were repeatedly awarded the President's Award in support of talented children of Russia in the framework of the Priority national project "Education".

The passing of Andrey Usanov is a great irreplaceable loss for our team of teachers, sportsman from Saint Petersburg, sportsman from Russia and the entire European sports community of car modelists.

We have lost not only an outstanding sportsman, teacher, and modelist with a brilliant education and high professionalism, but also a great friend, like-minded person, a bright person, a person of a kind, open soul.

Andrey was very fond of automodel sports. He started studying from school with a wonderful coach-teacher Fedorov Valentin Efimovich in the city Palace of pioneers. After graduation, he joined the Leningrad national team, where he met and became friends with a young (in those years), but experienced sportsman – Boris Afanasyev, with whom he went through his entire future, extremely bright and successful sports life. Andrey Usanov has updated the World and European record three times (in the model class 2). He is a multiple European and World champion and medalist.

Andrey respected and appreciated his colleagues, sportsman, provided comprehensive assistance to young people and novice sportsman, made plans for the future, sought new successes, tried to pass on his experience and knowledge, never refused help, gave reasonable and correct advice, and did a lot for the development of speedmodelcar in St. Petersburg and Russia.

In this way, Andrew will always remain in our hearts......