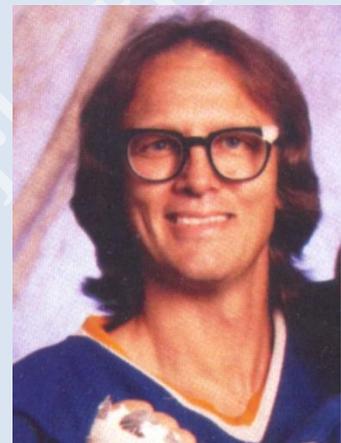




Dave Hanson

Dave Hanson is a former NHL and WHA hockey player. He is widely known, however, as “Jack Hanson”, one of the Hanson brothers of the 1977 hockey movie titled Slap Shot. Almost 50 years later hockey fans continue to tout the movie as the greatest, and certainly funniest, sports movie ever made.

In the movie, Dave plays the fictionalized role of one of three real-life Carlson brothers who terrorized hockey back in the wild 1970's. The Hanson brothers were child-like creatures who wore thick, horn-rimmed glasses, were over-zealous players and fought on-ice to intimidate their opponents. Dave, along with two Carlson brothers who also starred in the movie, had a great time filming the movie and loves to tell the stories of behind the scenes with his co-stars, including Paul Newman. Dave's book titled Slap Shot Original tells many of these stories.



But Dave was more than an actor. As a pro hockey player, he played for 3 WHA teams in three seasons – the Minnesota Fighting Saints, the New England Whalers and the Birmingham Bulls. True to form, he racked up 241 penalty minutes in 42 games for the Bulls in the 1977-78 season. Following his time in the WHA, Hanson played a handful of games for the Detroit Red Wings and Minnesota North Stars in 1978-79 and 1979-80. At that time, he then stopped “putting on the foil”.

Dave spends a lot of his time these days staying in character as a Hanson brother, travelling across North America to raise money for many great causes. He is also the father of Christian Hanson who played in parts of 3 NHL seasons for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

If your organization is looking for an entertaining speaker who can share some great stories, Dave Hanson is your man.