

ROBERT “BOB” BAHRE

Track Owner/Promoter

Bob Bahre owned and operated Oxford Plains Speedway from 1964 to 1986. The former Connecticut resident brought big time auto racing to Maine – first with the NASCAR Modified / Sportsman divisions (1965 & 1966), the NASCAR Grand National Series (Nextel Cup) (1966-1968), the NASCAR Grand Touring Series (1969-1970) and the NASCAR Late Model-Busch Series. He introduced the term “open competition” or “open comp” to Maine auto racing in 1971 with the creation of the “Getty Open” – a 100-lap “run what you brung” race. In 1974, Bob created an extra-distance, big purse event called the OXFORD 200 – the richest one-day Late Model short track event in the country. The race was lengthened the next year to 250 laps. Bob and his family owned New Hampshire International Speedway until 2008. He was inducted into the inaugural class of the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2004. He was also inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame in 2017. Bob Bahre passed away in July of 2020. His service was held at his beloved Oxford Plains Speedway

