

GEORGE DAMON

Track Builder/Owner/Promoter

George Damon's interest in auto racing dates back to the fairgrounds tracks of the late 1940's. After witnessing the races at the Lewiston Fairgrounds and New Gloucester Fairgrounds and noting a new racetrack in Scarborough called Beech Ridge Speedway, Damon wanted a racing facility in the Oxford Hills region. Before the first tree was cut and the first spade of dirt moved, he did two things: 1. along with others who had an interest in a racetrack being built in the region, Damon formed the Pine State Stock Car Racing Association, and 2., he and friend Clyde Andrews Sr. built a car to race at Beech Ridge. In April of 1950, Damon along with brothers Edward and Bill broke ground for a \$50,000 half-mile dirt track and 5,000 seat grandstand on Route 26 in Oxford. Six weeks later, on May 27th, Oxford Plains Speedway held its first auto race. Damon and his family-owned Oxford Plains Speedway for eleven years before selling the facility in 1961.

