

## CLASS OF 2014

### **Bobby Tibbetts**

Bob Tibbetts was just seventeen years old when he first got involved in auto racing. Oxford Plains Speedway was a half-mile dirt track in 1957 featuring coupes on a Sunday afternoon.

Seven years later, the speedway was purchased by Bob Bahre and the racing landscape change forever. So, did Bob Tibbetts' participation. The cars were now full-fender Chevrolets and Fords, etc. Not only did Bob build a car for the new rules but he the first person Bahre appointed to the track's Board of Directors.

Bob won eleven races the first six years in the highly competitive Sportsman division when just qualifying for the thirty-six car feature was considered a victory. But, it was in the extra-distance races, commonly called "open competition", where Bob really excelled.

Not only did he enjoy success at his home track – a first and a second in a Twin 100-lap event in 1973 for example, but Bob was successful at the other tracks in Maine. He won open comp races at Unity Raceway, Wiscasset Speedway and Speedway 95 in Bangor. He also had success at Beech Ridge Speedway in Scarborough and Arundel Speedway.

His greatest accomplishment in racing? As he put it, "Building successful race cars with junk yard parts."

Bob retired from racing in 1979 and began to farm with a herd of Black Angus cattle, which he continues to do today.

Bob and wife Barbara make their home in Gray, Maine.

