

## CLASS OF 2014

### Bruce Elder

It all began back in 1960 when Bruce Elder first attended a race at Beech Ridge Speedway. From that point on, he was hooked!

His involvement in racing has included a wide range of activities, from owning and driving race cars, to taking leadership roles in racing organizations, to interviewing drivers and announcing races. It has all been a labor of love for him.

With Bob Bushy Sr. as his earliest mentor, Bruce began learning the basics - doing tasks around the shop and taking in all he could. He eased into the driver's seat at the end of the 1966 season. He continued in the highly competitive C Class Late Model Stock division, earning a championship in 1971.

When the B and C classes were combined, Bruce moved to the Late Model Sportsman class, driving the propane-powered #9 owned by Steve Berry Sr.

For the 1975 season, Bruce was behind the wheel of the Late Model #3 owned by Bob Patten. After struggling with mechanical difficulties, they hit victory lane by mid-season.

From 1977 through 1979, he served on the Board of Directors of the Maine State Stock Car Racing Association and from 1980 through 1982, Bruce served as its president.

After first handling trackside interviews at the Ridge, Bruce became the "Voice of the Speedway", a position he held for a dozen years. He is frequently heard announcing PASS Tour races.

Bruce is heavily involved with the Maine Vintage Race Car Association as its vice president and with the New England Antique Racers Association as a member of its Hall of Fame selection committee.

Bruce and wife Cindy make their home Windham, Maine.

