

CLASS OF 2014

Jim 'Jimmy' Burns

Jimmy Burns first strapped himself into a race car in 1969 at Unity Raceway. Twenty-eight years later, he climbed out of a race car for the last time. In between, Jimmy had visited victory lane over one hundred times and had won numerous track championships.

During his career, he had raced at nearly twenty different tracks – from the Canadian Maritimes to as far south as Dover Speedway in Delaware and as far west as Jennerstown Speedway in Pennsylvania.

In 1980, Jimmy left his home track of Unity Raceway to race weekly at Oxford Plains Speedway and it didn't take long for him to find victory lane. He won two Late Model Sportsman races that first year and two more the next season. But, it was in 1982 when Jim had his best year at Oxford

– he won seven feature races on route to his first track championship. He made it back-to-back titles the next year out, ironically, he did it without winning a race.

Jimmy ventured to the NASCAR Busch North Series for the 1988-89 seasons, placing eighth in the 1989 point standings.

Following his foray into the Busch North Series, he returned to his original home track – Unity Raceway. Returning home was very beneficial for Jimmy. In 1991, he won fourteen of twenty races (he also had five second place finishes and a fourth place finish) to win the track championship.

Six years later, Jimmy retired from racing.

Jimmy and his wife Mary make their home in Winslow, Maine.

