

CLASS OF 2014

Rodney 'Chink' Maynard

Rodney 'Chink' Maynard made a racing name of himself in Aroostook County. His twenty-seven year racing career began in 1965 and until his retirement from the sport in 1992, his records for the most part are not confirmable.

This much is fact, ask any race fan or any race driver he competed with and against, they will say the same thing, "there was no one tougher to beat than Chink" and "he won a lot!"

Rodney was the driver to beat at Spud Speedway in Caribou. Even though, there is no confirmation on the actual number of races he won, most everyone who followed his career will say "hundreds". Rodney himself says "hundreds" but it is confirmed he did win five track championships at Spud – there could be more.

His success wasn't limited to Spud. He also raced at Limestone Speedway, Speedway 95 in Bangor, Unity Raceway and Wiscasset Speedway. And, his car of choice throughout his twenty-seven year career – Ford.

Rodney was immensely popular with the race fans and his fellow drivers, having been awarded the "Sportsmanship Award" on numerous occasions.

With all the championships and the "hundreds" of wins, his greatest moment came the night Bobby Allison made a special appearance – "I got to race with him and beat him."

Racing was a family affair for Rodney, having his late wife Germaine and three children enthusiastically helping on the race car in the family garage and cheering him on at the track.

Rodney 'Chink' Maynard makes his home in Presque Isle.

