

CLASS OF 2015

Dick Berggren

Dick Berggren has done just about everything one person can do in his forty-seven year involvement in motorsports. He has been a driver, car owner, track announcer, promoter, executive editor/journalist of three racing magazines and television race commentator and reporter.

In the early-1970s, Dick would make the weekly trip from his Massachusetts home to race at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway – first with his winged sprint car and later with his Pinto-bodied modified. He loved racing on the dirt and he was right at home on the clay surface of 'The Ridge'.

But, Dick did more for Maine racing than just winning races at Beech Ridge. He put Maine's racing personalities, tracks and events in the national spotlight as executive editor of *Stock Car Racing* and *Open Wheel* magazines and now his own magazine *Speedway Illustrated*, whether it be a feature story about the latest OXFORD 250 or a cover photo of future Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame members Bob and Phil Libby..

Outside of Maine, Dick was a co-promoter of the original "Spring Sizzler" in 1972 at Stafford (CT) Motor Speedway. He was a NASCAR race on-camera pit reporter and commentator on all the major television networks for over thirty years.

Presently, Dick is spearheading the effort to build the North East Motorsports Museum on the grounds of the New Hampshire Motor Speedway with ground breaking scheduled for later this year.

Dick has been honored with membership in six halls of fame – D.I.R.T. Hall of Fame, National Sprint Car Hall of Fame, Manchester (CT) Sports Hall of Fame, New England Auto Racing Hall of Fame, Beech Ridge Motor Speedway Hall of Fame and, now, the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Dick and wife Kathy make their home in Ipswich, Massachusetts.

