

CLASS OF 2015

Mark Jones

Mark Jones first got involved in racing while in high school in 1971 – he was seventeen years old. He didn't make the leap from class room to the driver's seat as he had to be eighteen years old to drive. But, he picked up a wrench to help a friend on a used race car they had purchased together. Twenty-five years later, Mark retired from racing with seven Spud Speedway track championship trophies.

Mark didn't just drive race cars, he built the cars and the motors himself. He built his first race car following that 1971 season. He learned a lot about building and maintaining a race car – and about driving.

After that rookie season, Spud Speedway closed its gates. Thankfully, for Mark and his fellow drivers, the speedway was closed for only two years. When it re opened in 1975, Mark was there with an all new home-built car and motor – a car and motor that he drove to four track championships over the next five years.

He won a fifth title in 1980, with a new car, then retired from racing to concentrate on the family business. Twelve years later, Mark returned to racing at Spud to drive a friend's car. For the '93 season, a new car came out of his garage which Mark drove to two more championships before selling the car in 1995 and retiring once more.

Seven Spud Speedway track championships and over thirty feature wins in only thirteen years of racing. Quite a resume.

Mark and partner Judy make their home in Caribou, only six miles from the speedway.

