

CLASS OF 2015

Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson's fifteen-year racing career was spread over three decades with a six-year hiatus in the middle. His career driving record has one interesting statistic – when the racing season began, the odds Mike would win the championship was an amazing fifty-three percent.

Mike began racing in the early 1970s in the Daredevil division at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, winning the division championship in 1974. The following year he moved up to the Limited division and proceeded to win three consecutive division championships. Counting his 1974 Daredevil title, Mike is one of the very few drivers in Beech Ridge history to win four consecutive track championships.

He then decided to step away from racing with the hiatus lasting six years. When the "itch" to race again returned, Mike came back to compete in the Late Model Sportsman division.

It quickly became evident that despite the layoff Mike had not lost the championship winning touch. In a seven-year span from 1989 through the 1995 season, Mike won four Late Model Sportsman titles. As the record shows, he won a total of eight championships in fifteen years of racing. After winning the 1995 championship, Mike retired from racing at the age of forty-two.

In addition to all the championships Mike won, he won his share of big races as well: the Beech Ridge/Oxford Plains Challenge Series in 1989, Steego Auto Parts 200 ACT Tour race and ACT Triple Crown in 1992 driving his 'Saturday night' Late Model and the Coke 100 in 1995.

And, in 1994, a year before retired from racing, Mike was inducted into the Beech Ridge Motor Speedway Hall of Fame.

Mike and wife Lynda make their home in Scarborough, Maine.

