

CLASS OF 2017

Erny Levesque

Aroostook County's Erny Levesque made a racing name for himself – literally – on both sides of the border. That name? "The Flying Frenchman".

While Levesque's driving days began in the southern New England states of Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts, his career behind the wheel really took root alongside the potato fields of The County at Spud Speedway in Limestone. It was there in



1964 that he put his own car into the competition and enjoyed an eleven-year run at the front of the pack.

The fan favorite developed a huge following during his career. His nickname made him as recognizable as his winning ways, so much so that neighboring tracks used his name as a marquee draw in advertising and promotions. Across the border in Edmundston, New Brunswick, the track's newspaper ad invited fans in 1966 to come see a "Special Attraction – Erny Levesque – "The Hottest Driver of them All".

The driver from Madawaska, Maine, enjoyed a long run as racing royalty in The Crown of Maine, collecting countless wins and three Spud Speedway track championships. Erny Levesque – The Flying Frenchman – joins fellow County racers Bob Alexander, Mark Jones and Chink Maynard in the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame.

