

CLASS OF 2017

Mike Maietta Sr.

Mike Maietta Senior's racing career started in 1982 at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway, driving a limited sportsman. After a partial season and a feature win, he moved on to the highly competitive late model division.

Mike's first championship was achieved in just his third full year of competition. In fact, between 1986 and 2000, he earned nine track championships—eight in the late models and one in the modified division, thus making him third on the list of most championships won by a driver in Beech Ridge history.

For three years during that time, he drove in the two top divisions at Beech Ridge and won dual championships in 1990. This achievement has only been accomplished by two other drivers in Beech Ridge history—Hall of Famers, Dick Wolstenhulme and Homer Drew. Also, on three occasions, Mike achieved back-to-back championships. During the six years in which he didn't win the championship, Mike still earned top 5 in the season point standings five times.

In addition to 45 feature wins at Beech Ridge, Mike earned Driver-of-the-Year honors in 1993. He was inducted into the Beech Ridge Hall of Fame in 1996 and earned the first Driver-of-the-Decade award at Beech Ridge in 1999. Mike, like only a few other Hall of Famers, enjoyed the unique experience of competing against his son, Mike Maietta, Jr.

