

CLASS OF 2018

Dave St. Clair

In 1965, Dave St. Clair went to a local stock car race and was immediately hooked. Shortly after, he purchased his first race car (a 1955 Ford) for \$37.00. His good friend Jack Light strapped the seat belts around Dave's shoulders and sent him out on the dirt track at Unity Raceway.

The following year while racing a 1958 Chevy, he won his first feature. He enjoyed the honors of circling the track with a checkered flag in his hand and a big shiny trophy as a reward to take home.

In 1969, Wiscasset Speedway opened its gates, where Dave soon began racing. Ellsworth Grand Speedway opened that same year, and Dave finished in third place. He was on a roll, winning at track after track.

Racing cars soon became a way of life. He was racing throughout New England and up through the border of Canada, giving away trophies to his pit crew and keeping the big ones as conversation pieces. Dave was driving truck in the winter for extra cash in the



1980s. One day while hauling a load of potatoes to North Carolina, Dave heard about a big-purse race on the radio coming up the following week. After the trip, he went home, packed up and headed right back to North Carolina.

Dave became a local celebrity after winning five consecutive championships and had picked up the nickname "Boss Hogg" which represented a character from the "Dukes of Hazard" TV series.

In 1991, he bought Wiscasset Speedway and changed the name to Wiscasset Raceway, and gave it the label, "A track run for racers, by racers, with the fans in mind." The whole family was deeply involved and the track was very successful with every improvement possible for 17 years. In 2007 Dave sold the track but continued racing until 2017.