

Class of 2019
DALE CHADBOURNE

In 1966, from his house in Woolwich, Dale Chadbourne heard the sound of an engine roar. It took him a week to find the source of that roar, nearly a mile away, in a car driven by Delmar Stinson in the "A" Class at Beech Ridge. Dale began helping on the car, but was too young to get into the pit at the Ridge. The easy way around that was to hide inside a stack of tires and get someone to rub their pit stamp onto his hand after the crew got inside. This continued for the next two seasons.

Dale had been working on a car of his own for Wiscasset Speedway when it opened in 1969. The car was not quite finished, but it had an engine. He went to the track to help a friend, and when their engine blew, Dale agreed to put his motor in the car if he could drive it. The rest is history, as they say.

During his tremendously successful career, Dale has worn multiple hats: driver, crew chief, car builder, owner, and he has achieved champion status at all of them. As a driver, Dale has won 3 championships at Wiscasset Speedway, two back-to-back in the Charger Division in 1985 and 1986 and another in the Heavy Weight Division in 2001. His career wins reach nearly 70, driving in multiple divisions at tracks across the state.

Perhaps even more notable is Dale's career as a non-driver. His first championship as a crew chief came when he teamed up with Merle Grover. The team drove to season titles in 1981 and 1983 at Wiscasset. Over the past decade and a half, Dale has built, owned cars, and been crew chief for his son Adam, as well as Mike Moocy, Jr. and others. Dale has fielded as many as four cars in a season. Adam has won 3 championships, his most recent in 2018, and Mike has another 2 championships driving cars out of Dale's stable. There are countless wins to add to the list of accomplishments.

In 2011, when Wiscasset Speedway was not in operation, Dale played an instrumental role in the "Save Wiscasset Raceway" effort. He spent significant time and effort preparing the track for a fall event to keep the track viable as a racing venue. His hard work won him a Mainely Motorsports Award for "Feel Good Moment of the Year".

