

Class of 2019
LOMER PELLETIER

Lomer's love of fast cars began at an early age and by the time he was 17 he had built his first street rod which he drove on the streets of Waterville, torturing the city's police department. From then on he was building race cars, drag cars and engines for area racers.

In 1956, at age 20, he began racing at Unity Raceway, racing at the oval until 1958. During that time he was also racing snowmobiles and drag bikes. He began his drag racing career in earnest at Sanford Dragway in 1962. He took his cars to Norridgewock Dragway in 1965 and still further north when Winterport Dragway opened it's doors in 1967. Lomer and fellow racer and strip owner Carl Crowley took the very first run down the strip at Winterport and when the track held their 50th Anniversary celebration in 2017, both drivers took their original cars from opening day down the dragstrip once again.

During the 1970s Lomer raced weekly at both Winterport and Oxford Plains Dragway. Over the course of his decades in racing, Lomer has raced at every New England dragway and has won at all of them. He's raced at strips along the east coast as far south as Florida, as well as the Maritimes and eastern Canada. His career wins total over 200 and he has won seven championships at Winterport Dragway.

Besides being a winner and champion, Lomer is also a strong supporter of drag and oval track racing. He is often seen helping his fellow racers at the track, lending parts, or even a car now and then, to competitors in need. Lomer's business, Pelletier's Auto Sales, has been displayed on more than a dozen drag and oval track cars. Lomer has sponsored seven drivers who went on to become Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees.

One of Lomer's greatest accomplishments however doesn't even involve cars. It is his passion for family and friends, and race fans of all ages. He is often seen giving fans a ride down the dragstrip and mentoring the younger generations. In his 62 years as a competitor, this more than anything is what drives him and keeps him young at heart.

