Al Robinson

Driver/Builder/Mentor

Al Robinson was a race car driver, builder and teacher. Unity Raceway was Al's home track, beginning his racing career on the dirt half-mile in the 1950's. Al easily adapted to the asphalt when the raceway made the change from dirt in the 1960's. Al raced both the modified coupe and bomber divisions at Unity but he is most remembered for driving the metallic blue #62 Ford coupe. It was a family affair as brother Ernest drove the #61 while brother Prescott drove the #63. A frequent visitor to victory lane, Al was the high money driver at the raceway in 1966. Possibly his most significant contribution to racing was as a mentor to his three sons – Jeff, Tim and Al – and to two young, inexperienced drivers – Stan Meserve and Pete Silva – in the early 1960's. Al taught his sons, Stan and Pete about building and maintaining a race car as well as lessons in driving on the track, lessons which produced championships for the young drivers. Al passed away in 1970 due to complications from diabetes.

