

## “Wild” Bill Carlton

### *Driver*

Bill Carlton got his start in racing at the old Belfast Raceway in 1948. But it wasn't until he arrived at Unity Raceway in 1951 that he began to cultivate his racing talent. During the 1950's at Unity, Bill would race anything with wheels and compete in as many races as he could, including the popular ramp races. It was during this time when his name changed from Bill to 'Wild Bill'. He says 'Wild Bill' came from his many rollovers and continuing in the race once track workers righted the car. But, for those who saw him race, the 'Wild Bill' moniker was from his "all out" driving style, which frequently resulted in a race win. With the 1960's came modified racing at Unity. In 1961, he won the prestigious Governor's Trophy race, a 50-lap event for the modifieds. When Unity Raceway became an asphalt track in 1963, 'Wild Bill' showed he was equally adept on pavement as he was on dirt. During the first three years the track was asphalt, Bill won one track championship and finished second in points in the other two seasons. During a twenty-plus year driving career, 'Wild Bill' won well over one hundred races and was a fan favorite wherever he raced.

