

Robert “Bobby” Walker

Track Announcer/Official/Author

Bob Walker was introduced to racing when he was a young boy. His father owned and sponsored race cars driven by Bud Lapham at Oxford Plains Speedway in the 1950's. But Bob never owned a race car nor driven one except in the occasional “officials” race. For over thirty years, he sat high above the racetrack on top of the grandstands at Oxford Plains describing the action on the racetrack to thousands of race fans seating in those grandstands. Bob was a track announcer, more importantly, he was the “voice of Oxford” from the early 1970's through to his retirement in 2006. And no one did it better than Bob – whether it was describing the racing action of 40 Street Stocks in a 20-lap race or the excitement and drama of an OXFORD 250. But Bob was more than a track announcer. He was an assistant pit steward at Beech Ridge Speedway in the 1960's, a crew member for James Hylton on the NASCAR Grand National (now Sprint Cup) Series, publicist for the Joie Chitwood Thrill Show (1977), a NASCAR Cup and Busch Series inspector and Director of Media Relations at Oxford Plains. Bob has also held positions at Star Speedway, Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway and Coos Bay (OR) Speedway. Now, Bob is an author/historian. His recently released first book is titled “I couldn't Drive – but I could Talk...” and he has begun writing a second book, tentatively titled “The Voice”. Bob Walker resides in Norway, Maine.

