

## **Ken Farrington**

### ***Crew Member/Official***

Ken Farrington was a teenager when he was first introduced to stock car racing. His mother, Mrs. Inez Farrington, handled the publicity for the Pine State Stock Car Racing Association when it was founded in the spring of 1949 – a full year before Oxford Plains Speedway opened. Ken was at Beech Ridge Speedway when the gates opened for the first time in 1949. He also attended the stock car races held at the Norway Fairgrounds the same year. The following May, his fifty-plus year association with Oxford Plains Speedway began. Ken never missed a race at Oxford during the 1950's. But, it wasn't until the close of the decade, 1959, when he got to work on a race car – the #81 of Ed Niemi. In the 1960's, Ken became a crew member for Charlie Huff on the famed #68. One of Ken's most memorable moments took place in 1970 when Al Hammond won the Sportsman track championship at Oxford with a motor Ken built. After two more track championships with Hammond and car owner Tony Dipompo, Ken moved into the position of technical inspector for Oxford. Ken was a familiar face at the speedway every Saturday night until 1987 when the NASCAR Busch North Series was created and he was asked to help the fledgling touring series. Ken's guidance as the series' Technical Director and later Race Director helped the series grow to over 70 cars before his retirement in 1996. Ken has been honored with the NASCAR Dedication Award (1993), track awards from Holland (NY) Speedway and New Hampshire International Speedway (1996), Oxford Plains Speedway Promoter's Cup (1998) and Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Pro All Stars Series and the Northeast Motorsports Expo. Ken and his wife of 51 years Phyllis make their home in Oxford, Maine.

