

Pat & Harold “Pappy” Wilcox

Official/Scorer – Driver

It is only fitting Pat & Harold ‘Pappy’ Wilcox are entering the Hall of Fame together. Pat and Harold had a deep affection for auto racing, wherever Harold was racing, Pat would be right by his side helping to get Pappy’s race car ready for the next event. Pat was more than a supportive wife. She was as deeply involved in auto racing on the grandstand side of the fence as her husband was on the track. She was a judge (a job usually held by men) and scorer at Unity Raceway and Pat even tried her hand at race promoting. Harold began racing at Belfast Raceway in 1950 before calling Unity his “home track” the following year. Pappy also raced at Bass Park, Exeter Speedway and Brewer Speedway. In addition to racing cars, Pappy was stunt driver – jumping ramps, going through the “wall of fire” and driving into a 5-ton block of ice. He was the first driver from Maine to race the NASCAR Grand National circuit, now Nextel Cup Series. In 1961, Harold drove the circuit from Norwood (Massachusetts) Arena to Ashville (North Carolina) Speedway. Pappy returned to Maine the following year. He retired as a driver in 1972, after twenty-two years of thrilling race fans, to support his son’s racing career as a car builder and advisor.

