

Ralph Nason

Driver / Promoter

A three-time winner of the state's prestigious Oxford 250, Ralph Nason's contributions to motorsports in Maine—and the Northeast—are far reaching. Emerging into the game in the 1960s, Nason's name drove into the spotlight in 1974 when he became the first to purchase, build and race the newly conceived Chrysler Kit Car in partnership with Richard Petty Enterprises. The yellow and black Dodge, emblazoned with the Partner Chain Saws sponsorship, combined with Ralph's driving tenacity to prove a formidable force across the Northeast for a period of years. In his first Kit Car year alone, Nason racked up 23 feature wins spread among his home track of Unity Raceway, Bangor's Speedway 95 and Wiscasset Speedway. A business entrepreneur, Ralph went on to purchase the track at which he became fabled—Unity—as well as Caribou's Spud Speedway and Quebec's Montmagny Autodrome. When Pro Stock racing hit an insurmountable wall in the mid-1990s, Nason stepped up to form a new Pro tour of his own under the New England Pro Stock Association (NEPSA) title—a tour that successfully morphed into new touring title names after Ralph's initiation of it. His three 250 titles—1998, '99 & 2000—saw him again defeat unlikely odds by becoming the first—and the only, to date—to capture Maine's biggest race three times in a row.

