

## Wally Patrick

### *Driver*

During a comparatively short driving career, Wally Patrick nonetheless imprinted his name and style upon Maine's racing community with a hard-charging style that earned him the nickname "Wild Child". Debuting in 1965 at Oxford Plains Speedway, Patrick would soon prove himself to be a worthy contender. Racing through a period of some ten years, Wally established an impressive winning percentage, collecting 26 wins, two championships, and winning Oxford's Triple Crown race series three times. He also became the first person to accumulate more than 1,000 championship points in a single season at Oxford. Out-dueling more than 90 other drivers through qualifying for a tail-end starting position in Speedway 95's \$2,500-to-win "Bud 2500" in 1967, the Wild Child gave the crowd a show, driving his way forward to win the landmark event. Dick Bahre (2008 Hall of Fame) recognized Wally's talent and in 1972 put him into the driver's seat of his car for Daytona's Permatex 300 Sportsman race, where a mechanical issue took them out of contention.

