

DALE CHADBOURNE

DRIVER – CREW CHIEF – OWNER – BUILDER



Few people have done quite as much at Wiscasset Speedway for as long as Dale Chadbourne. He has found success as a driver, a crew chief, car owner, fabricator, engine builder, official, and even race event promoter in a career that has spanned over 50 years. As a driver he has wheeled cars off and on from 1965 to 2003 grabbing 68 career wins. His first two championships were Charger titles in 1983 & 85. Intermixed throughout the first half of his career he was also crew chief for other drivers including Merle Grover who he helped to Late Model crowns in 1981 & 83. The personal highlight of his racing career came in 1999 - 2001 when he got the chance to race with his son Adam in the Heavyweight Demons. Dale took the Heavy Demon title in 2001 with Adam finishing as runner-up. Once Dale decided to hang up his helmet, he turned his efforts to building cars and mentoring young drivers including Adam. Success continued as Mike Moody delivered Strictly championships in 2005 and 2007. Adam, to date, has chipped in with 45 wins and 3 titles (2006 and 2014 Super Streets, and 2016 Modifieds). All told Dale Chadbourne has had his hand in nearly 150 wins and 10 championships. Behind the scenes Dale has been involved twice in efforts to save Wiscasset Speedway. In 1976 he helped form the Midstate Stock Car Association and served on its Board of Directors. Then in 2011 he gathered friends to clean up the dormant facility to put on Save Wiscasset Raceway Day. His love of racing and his home track of Wiscasset is undeniable. These are all ingredients that helped put him into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2018. Dale Chadbourne lives for racing.