

## DAVE DARVEAU

DRIVER / CAR OWNER



When you make a list of the most successful drivers in Maine history, one name that will no doubt be at or near the top for most people is Chelsea's Dave Darveau. Just how successful was Dave Darveau? For starters he won the very first race he ever entered at Unity Raceway in 1952. From there he went on to win more than half (692) of the over 1200 races he ran on 20 tracks over the next 40 years. Aside from his home track of Unity Raceway, a large chunk of Dave's success came on the high banks of Wiscasset Speedway. He was already an established star at other tracks in Maine, but gladly welcomed the challenge of Maine's fastest track when it opened in 1969. Racing headed to head through the 70's with fellow Hall of Famers (Meserve, Nason, Bailey, Ripley, Reno, Burgess) Dave Darveau was a regular in Wiscasset victory lane, picking up many feature wins. Over his career he won Wiscasset Sportsman championships in 1976, 1978, and 1984. The stories of cars built, races run, pranks pulled and even how he met his wife Rita (and literally swept her off her feet in Beech Ridge victory lane) would take countless hours and fill many books. He has always been a hardnosed and entertaining driver. His family legacy continued at Wiscasset with his sons Poncho and Dana and other family members. Dave was inducted into the Maine Racing Hall of Fame inaugural class in 2004 and the New England Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2008. He now takes his rightful place in the Wiscasset Speedway Hall of Fame class of 2020.