

DAVE KIMBALL

DRIVER / CAR OWNER / FABRICATOR & BUILDER

Dave Kimball was a man that had his hands in many aspects of racing – from a successful young driver to equally successful fabricator, builder, and car owner. According to his wife Kathleen, “it was as though Dave had a calling to be in racing”. Dave Kimball’s first turn behind the wheel was in the early 70’ as a high school student, driving Leo Lever’s #42 car in a mechanic’s race. From there he was hooked and eventually started racing his own cars. He proved he had a knack for it when he became Wiscasset’s first ever Street Stock champion in 1975 and then grabbed another title in 1979. From there Dave continued to expand his role in the sport and soon became highly respected and sought after for his ability to set up a race car, his mechanical aptitude, and his overall skills between working on cars and driving. He won many races at Wiscasset as well as Speedway 95 and Oxford. Another significant year in Dave’s Hall of Fame career came in 1991 when he teamed up with driver Mike Rowe to win Wiscasset’s Late Model Sportsman championship (Rowe’s first and only title at Wiscasset). Following that championship season Dave settle back into his work on preparing cars including getting his son Jason’s career off the ground in 1998. The following year in 1999, Dave Kimball passed away the day after his 45th birthday cutting his life short and leaving many to wonder where his racing career would have led him. The next month, at the beginning of the 1999 season, Mike Rowe returned to Wiscasset Speedway and ran a race in honor of his friend, changing his number back to #12x for the tribute race. Of course, Mike went on to win the race in Dave’s memory. Dave Kimball had a special connection to the racing community and Wiscasset Speedway and his legacy continues today with his well-deserved induction into the track’s Hall of Fame.



Dave Kimball of Pittston celebrated the sale of his car with one final ride as he took his third feature win in four weeks. It wasn't easy however. Roger Jones and Russell Shea made him work hard as they settled for 2nd and 3rd.