

## DAVE ST CLAIR

DRIVER – CAR OWNER – TRACK OWNER



There are a few larger than life characters in Maine racing history and there are few as entertaining as “Boss Hogg” Dave St Clair. His natural talent and “checkers or wreckers” attitude have thrilled fans at tracks around the state since the mid 60’s. If you watched a race that Dave St Clair was in, he would make sure you knew he was there. Like many racers of his generation, he rarely kept track of race wins. He just loved – and still loves - to race. Dave picked up wins and championships at Unity Raceway and stacked on many more wins at Wiscasset, Spud, and Speedway 95 through the first half of his career, usually sporting his trademark cigar while he raced. In 1991 Dave’s career in racing took a major turn as he entered into an agreement to purchase Wiscasset Speedway from the Cronk family. The St Clair family (wife Sandra, daughter Tammy & son Puncin, plus many other extended family members) would run the track for 17yrs until they sold it in 2007. Over that time, he oversaw many upgrades to the facility including track repave, new pit tower, new grandstand tower, concrete pit pads and more. Plus, he brought in the Nascar Busch North Series in 1993 & 94 and started the track’s two signature races (the Coastal 200 and the Boss Hogg 100). Dave’s lone Wiscasset championship came in 2003 when he leased the track to Tom Mayberry and hopped back in the car racing to a Limited Sportsman title. Once he sold the track and got back into racing, he had the thrill of not only racing side by side with his son Puncin (David Jr), but also his grandsons Josh and Ryan. History would be made whenever the three generations would race together in the Late Model division. Boss Hogg’s last win came in August 2016 at the age of 69. Despite a scary crash in 2017 and a cancer scare, he wouldn’t be denied his love of racing. He returned to the car in 2019 at the age of 72, competing in both Late Model and Prostock. A throwback, old school racer, a successful track owner, and dedicated family man, St Clair took his place

in the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame in April of 2018, and takes his rightful place in Wiscasset's inaugural Hall of Fame on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season.