

## LAWRENCE RENO

DRIVER – CAR OWNER



Reno is one of a handful of the most recognized names in Wiscasset Speedway's history. Lawrence Reno is the man who got it all started. Born in Bath, Me in 1942, he had already established himself as a successful racer at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway through the 60's. His win in the Autowise 100 at BRMS made him the first Ford driver to win there in 5 years. But like many, once Wilford Cronk opened his fast new track, he made Wiscasset Speedway his home. It didn't take long for Reno to find victory lane at Wiscasset as he quickly stacked up wins in his #5 Ford Mustang and took home three straight Sportsman championships from 1972 – 1974. He retired from driving in 1980 with those 3 titles and 45 feature wins. He then turned his efforts to helping to groom the racing career of his son Steve, who had his own championship-level success at Wiscasset. Lawrence Reno was inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2013. He says his fondest memories of racing include racing door to door with some of the state's most legendary drivers Stan Messerve, Ralph Nason, and Dave Darveau. These days Lawrence can still be found in the pits of Wiscasset, supporting his grandson Nick Reno and his racing career. Yet another Reno, great grandson Reed, is also waiting in the wings and anxious to get his turn behind the wheel to carry on the family name.