

LEO TANGER II

TRACK OFFICIAL



A racetrack can't run successfully without good people; people who bring their own expertise to the game. If Wiscasset Speedway had a "sheriff" in its early days, it was Leo Tanger. The longtime track official was a fixture at Wiscasset Speedway from 1969 to 1980. Often sporting his panama hat and sunglasses, he could normally be seen patrolling the pit area before the show and front stretch during the racing action, and it was his job to help keep the show moving, good or bad. Born in Bath, Me he had very little background in racing other than going to Beech Ridge to help some friends race, but that's all it took to get him hooked. Tanger chipped in in many roles as most did back then, including a brief stint at flagging. During his career at Wiscasset Speedway he managed to get himself in many victory lane photos, and a few others he couldn't avoid. If there was a "disagreement" between drivers on the track, it was usually Leo who was there to separate them. The most famous one was a 1971 front stretch battle between Clint Feyler and Stan Messerve. Leo G Tanger Jr also served in the US Airforce and passed away in 2007 at the age of 73. Among his family, he is survived by his son Leo Tanger III who had his own successful racing career at Wiscasset and still spends time helping others in the pits.