

MERLE GROVER

DRIVER / CAR OWNER

Merle Grover is a member of one of Wiscasset Speedway's most famous racing families. He began his career in racing by working on his brother Buster's pit crew the first couple years Wiscasset was open. The combo paid dividends immediately as they secure the track's' first ever Sportsman championship in 1969. But the racetrack and competition were calling him and in 1971 Merle got a car of his own and his pursuit of checkered flags and trophies was underway. Like most new drivers, he struggled for a while finding his way, picking up wins here and there. Finally, in 1981 he teamed up with friend Dale Chadbourne to grab some wins and the 1981 Sportsman title, besting his Hall of Fame brother Buster, and Hall of Famer Mike Moody, among others. Merle continued to find checkered flag success over the next few years including winning the Wiscasset Quick Stop 50 Sportsman Series. But he decided to hang up his helmet following the 1985 season, ending his racing career after 14 years of driving. He is still often mentioned as one of the track's most outstanding drivers of the early 80's. A devout family man and golfer, Merle kept himself busy and dedicated his time to helping his grandson's Kevin Sherman and Adam Chadbourne get their racing careers off the ground. Now he is the next member of the Grover family to join the select company of the Wiscasset Speedway Hall of Fame

