

STEVE LANGELIER

DRIVER

While the early days of Wiscasset's Sportsman division were ruled by established stars like Bailey, Reno, Meserve, and Grover, there was one young up and coming star that had the talent and charisma to take them on and find success – Steve Langelier. Known by his nickname “The Flying Frenchman”, Steve burst onto the scene at Oxford Plains Speedway at 18 years old in 1969 and immediately began to attract attention by his ability to wheel a race car. A year later he brought his talents down to the high banks of Wiscasset. In his first full season he grabbed a couple wins and was steady enough to finish 4th in the competitive Sportsman class, showing he could go toe-to-toe with the best Maine's fastest track could offer. This was a pre-cursor to what was to come. 1971 was Steve's breakout season as the young star wheel his popular #98 “Yellow Bird Special” to a class-high 8 feature wins and the track championship, turning him into a household name among northeast race fans. His 16 podium finishes in 1971 were twice as many as any other driver that season at Wiscasset. Steve went on to run races and win trophies at Wiscasset as well as other tracks around Maine for the remaining years of his career, always wheeling a bright yellow #98. Steve Langelier passed away at the age of 68, but his legacy continues as one of the most popular and talented racers in the early days of Wiscasset Speedway.

