## **VERN HODGKINS**

DRIVER - CAR OWNER



Vern Hodgkins enters Wiscasset Speedway's Hall of Fame as one of the track's true "Iron Men". His racing career spanned nearly 40 years from 1969 until the late 2000's. He was a charismatic and entertaining driver of the #49 in the Hobby class in Wiscasset's early years and transitioned into the Limited Sportsman ranks in the later years of his career. Like many drivers whose careers have spanned such a long time, Vern rarely kept track of wins, estimating around a dozen checkered flags in his career to go along with countless podium finishes. "I just liked starting at the back and passing cars", cited Vern as his most memorable moments in his career. Hodgkins also wheeled his familiar #49 to the track's Hobby title in 1973 and then a Charger crown in the early 80's. These days, at 81 years young, you can still find him at the track on a weekly basis watching from the stands, trading stories with his friends, and sometimes watching his son Vern Jr racing in enduro races.