

Member Profile: Chris Davis

Chris Davis has been around racing all his life. His dad, Richard, had been a long time member of Bruce Brantley's race team. But the Cumming, Georgia native, didn't begin his racing efforts until 1991 when he was 29. Dad bought a mini-stock Volkswagen intending to drive it himself, but in a test session, Chris was a half a second quicker than Dad. That sort of settled it. Although Chris was not anxious to shove Dad aside, he took over the driving of the #16 and Richard took over as the chief wrench. Success came quickly and the younger Davis won his first race in 1991 at Lavonia Speed-



Chris in his first season. Peach State '91 Champion

Obviously, this boy can win on dirt and asphalt which makes him perfectly suited to race in the National Vintage Racing Association.

Chris and his Dad got out of racing after the 1996 season when Richard retired and moved from Atlanta. It must have been tough on Chris after winning 13 of 22 events, with eight second place finishes and one fourth place finish. In 2000 dad Richard reunited with Bruce crewing for Brantley's NVRA Late Model Sportsman car. When Bruce's health

faltered in 2002, he asked if Chris would drive his car in the NVRA series - a dream come true. Davis has a host of trophies for his efforts but the biggest prize money won was at Lanier, a double purse and a set of new tires - big prizes for a mini-stock.



Chris Davis Feature Winner at Senoia Speedway way and finished off his first season by winning the Lanier Super Bowl, the last race of the 1991 season. Late in '91, Chris and Dad started building another racecar for the next season.

Chris won more races at Lanier and was once the first half champion and twice the second half champ. Davis was second in points at Lavonia in '91, and the 1994 Peach State Speedway champion. Another big win came for Chris in the '93 Super Bowl at Lanier.



Chris and Richard in winners circle '94



Chris Davis winning VW Mini-stock 1994

When asked what his most memorable racing moment might be, Chris said it was a toss-up between winning his first Super Bowl at Lanier and winning at Cordele Speedway (Georgia, now Watermelon Capital Speedway) in 2002 in his first ever race in a full-sized rear-wheel drive car. This was his first NVRA race, too. Bruce Brantley put Chris in the car taking a chance on the mini-stock driver that paid off. Chris continued to race for Brantley through the '06 season and bought Brantley's car which he is still campaigning in the NVRA.

After 49 wins in the mini-stock series, and three in the NVRA (two at Cordele and one at Senoia Speedway (Georgia), Chris Davis hopes the 27jr Chevelle will come to the front again.



Chris and dad, Richard, in the Senoia Speedway winners circle