

## Joy Whited Profiled

You might say Jody Whited was born a racer - both Jody's grandfathers were racers as well as his dad Jimmy. The Savannah native cut his teeth at age five on an old junker with only second gear running laps in the backyard. Whited drove his first race at age 15 at the oil-and-dirt Golden Isle Speedway driving in the Sportsman division.



**Jody practicing laps on his Hot Wheels**

Then there was the 100 lapper in which Jody started dead last but passed 75 cars finishing right outside the top 10. That boy can drive! Wife Christina likes to brag that Jody was the 2000 Screven Late Model Sportsman Champion. Well worth braggin' about! By the way, Christina's dad builds engines: HomeMade Engineering.



**Screven Motor Speedway Champion in '68 Falcon  
You can tell he's a Ford man**



**Jody with his '65 Merc NVRA Late Model**

After 15 years of racing Jody says there were a few highpoints before winning the 2006 NVRA Late Model Sportsman Championship. The first came at Screven Motor Speedway where he climbed the wall while leading the field exposing his underside (of the car, that is) for the fans. The result was a bent frame but Whited went on to finish the race.



**Jody in his first ride a '72 Torino at Golden Isles**

Jody works on the waterfront in Savannah as a longshoreman. He's the proud papa of three children ages one, eight and nine. Outside Jody's passion for racing, he enjoys spending time with his family. Jody says he feels honored to be a part of the National Vintage Racing Association. And we're proud he's running with us too.