

NVRA Member Profile: Woody Moore

Hold your breath. This guy, Woody Moore, has an amazing racing background. First—Woody drives that beautiful #11 yellow and black '55 Chevy in the National Vintage Racing Association Late Model Modified division. And at 73, yes 73 years old, he is a fierce competitor. Woody started racing in 1953, Hmmm. Ok I have my calculator out and on...2007 minus 1953 equals 54 YEARS IN A RACE CAR!



Woody and the replica of his original '55 Chevy

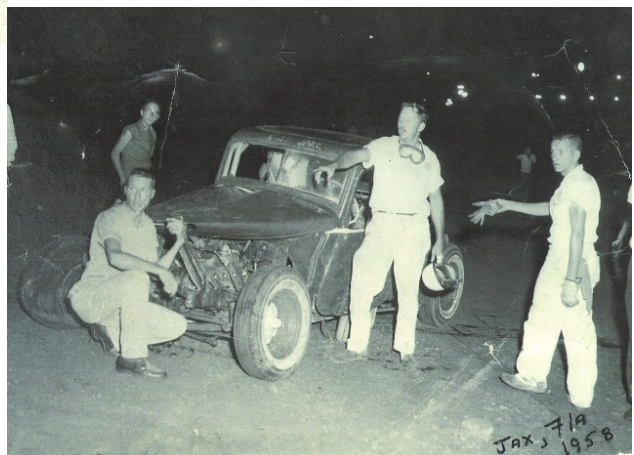


Woody and his first race car in 1953

Woody won his first race at Eastman Speedway in 1958—the first of over 100 wins! When asked what was the most unusual prize for winning a race Woody remembered winning, “the state sponsored Pine Tree Festival race at Swainsboro Speedway in 1969...kept the checkered flag and have it still hanging in my home today.” Asked about the most memorable moment Moore says driving the “famous” '35 Desoto V8 powered Plymouth that was

Moore started helping the late Paul McDuffie in his shop and started racing soon after. McDuffie and cousin Preston McDuffie provided the help needed to get this youngster competitive on the circle tracks of Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Woody owned all but three of the cars he drove. Those three cars included Tommie Meadows of Albany, Georgia, for about three years in the late '50s, Mark Hall, who owned the well-known '35 Plymouth with a Desoto V8 (a car that never lost a race) and Red Ball Moving Company out of Warner Robins in the '60s.



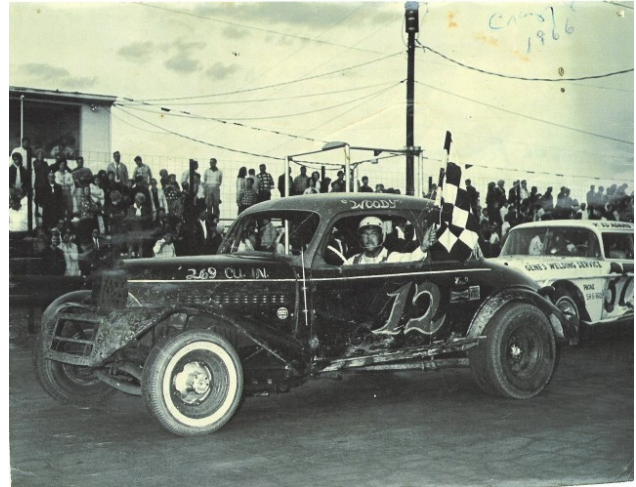
A very bad night in Jacksonville, FL in 1968



cooled with dry ice as well as water.

Mostly Woody drove his own cars and did 85% of the work himself. His '55 replica was built in the S&M shop as was the replica of his '37 Chevy 6-cylinder.

The list of track Moore raced is mind-boggling: Hawkinsville Speedway, VFW Speedway, Palmer Speedway, Eastman Speedway, Talmadge Speedway, Baxley Speedway, Waycross Speedway, Crazy 8 Speedway, Figure 8 Speedway, Oval 8 Speedway, The Rock Speedway, Cordele Speedway (the old track), Cordele Speedway (now Watermelon Capital and paved), Albany Speedway (the old track), Albany Speedway (1/4 mile asphalt), Cochran Speedway, Thunderbolt Speedway, I75 Speedway, Savannah Speedway, Screven Speedway, Senoia Speedway, Ashburn Speedway, Jacksonville (FL) Speedway



Most of Moore's wins came in this '37 Chevy 6-banger



The '37 replica Woody raced with the NVRA

In '59 and Pheonix City (AL) Speedway in '58-'59 (whew!)

So what's in the future for this Hawkinsville native? In 2008 he'll be starting his sixth year racing with the NVRA (and 55th year of racing) and son "Mac" will start driving the #12 6-cylinder. You cannot miss Woody in the pits...he's the guy with the big smile and often accompanied by a good-lookin' woman.

