

2011 DRIVER AWARDS PRESENTED AND 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT NVRA BANQUET

NVRA members and their guests gathered for the annual awards banquet on Saturday January 21st and a good time was had by all. Our special guests for the evening were members of the Ragan family from Unidilla, Georgia. Marvin and Ken Ragan's father was a pioneer of post WW II stock car racing in Georgia. "Preacher" Ragan's race cars competed on most of the dirt tracks operating in Georgia from the late 1940's to the late 1950's.

Brothers Marvin and Ken continued the families racing tradition. Ken drove late model modifieds on both dirt and asphalt until jumping into the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit in 1982 driving for his brother Marvin. Ken made 50 starts in NASCAR cup racing. Two of Ken Ragan's sons were also in attendance at the banquet. Adam Ragan, who holds the record for attending the most consecutive Daytona 500 races, that being 28, which just happens to be number of years since Adam was born . Adam's younger brother David Ragan (NASCAR Sprint Cup driver and winner of the 2011 Daytona 400) made a surprise appearance. David caught everyone up on his new Sprint Cup ride for 2012 and signed some autographs and took pictures with many of his fans.

Following the buffet dinner it was time to hand out awards. Marvin Ragan received a plaque in appreciation for his continued support of the NVRA. Champions in each of our five vintage racing divisions received beautiful plaques to commerate their achievements. The 2011 Point Champions were:

Limited Sportsman -	Allen Cantrell
Modified Sportsman -	Martin Sapp
Late Model Sportsman -	John Knowles, Jr.
Late Model Modified -	Woody Moore
Modified Open -	Ernie Walker (also Rookie of the Year)

Once the awards presentations were over it was time for the members to elect a new board of directors to guide the NVRA through 2012. Those elected were:

Woody Callaway -	President
Ernie Walker -	Vice President
John Knowles, Jr. -	Race Director
Richard Stafford -	Secretary/Treasurer
Brett Puckett -	Technical Director

The NVRA looks forward to another exciting year of vintage racing and will be posting the 2012 schedule on our website soon.