

PAUL STOGSDILL

Paul Stogsdill started his driving career in 1951 at the old Casey's Speedway in Yankton, S.D. He finished third in the first feature race at Casey's, and still has the check that was awarded for the place of \$6.00. Stogsdill and his older brother, Leonard, were early day outlaws roaming the country armed with their team Ford coupes numbered '01' and '02'. They ran the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota, and the cream and black colored coupes finished 1-2 on many occasions. They later added a third Ford coupe to their stable, and Bucky Wagner drove the 'OX' while Paul steered the '01' and Leonard the '02'. Stock car racing in the early 1950s was a rough and tumble affair of fender duels, fistfights and a high attrition rate for race cars. The Stogsdills were among the first to recognize the need for race cars that could withstand the punishment, run strong and be safe. Stogsdill built stock cars of the 1950s set the standard for the era and a lot of the Ford modifieds were near duplicates of the Stogdill's. In 1954, Stogsdill raced in 30 A features and won 13 times, a winning percentage that any driver in the infield in today's racing world would gladly accept. In 1955, Leonard Stogsdill was injured and Paul Stogsdill retired from driving competition. However, in 1973, Paul Stogsdill returned to the stock car class. Armed with a 1964 Ford late model, he won two more track championship titles. Both Paul Stogsdill and Leonard Stogsdill competed in the first feature event at Huset's Speedway in 1954. Leonard Stogsdill finished second, just behind the winner of the first feature race ever held at Huset's Speedway on May 23, 1954, Paul Stogsdill. Paul is now retired and continues to live in Wagner, South Dakota.