

## **ART NORDSTROM**

Art Nordstrom was a longtime official, promoter and sponsor of local auto racing. He first became involved in racing as a pit man in the 1960s and then became an official at Huset's later that decade, a position he held until his retirement in 2005. He helped pioneer a number of new classes at local tracks, most notably the Street Stock class, for which he built the first car in 1976. Nordstrom spent a great deal of his own time guiding that division as it evolved into one of the most popular classes at the track. He also built the first cars for the "Deuces Wild" and "Wild Ones" front-wheel drive classes and was instrumental in creating the one-on-one and enduro races. Nordstrom also spent a substantial amount of money sponsoring races. After initially giving Street Stock drivers bonuses following the racing season, he created the popular "Dash-forCash" race, which paid out thousands of dollars annually for the special event that ran for 10 years. Many fans associated Nordstrom with his customized tractor - which featured a Ford Mustang engine with over 450 horsepower - that he built as a push vehicle and showcased at Huset's and at the fairgrounds Cheaters Day race for many years. During his involvement in racing, Nordstrom began a small used auto parts business on the side at his farm near Garretson. With the help of his family, Nordstrom's Automotive has grown to become known across the country as one of the industry leaders in auto recycling.