JACK MADER

Jack Mader was viewed by many as one of the top car-builder/owner/mechanics of his era. All three of his drivers - Roger Larson, Tom Meehan and Bill Mellenberndt - are members of the Huset's Hall of Fame. The Madison, South Dakota resident originally teamed with Meehan, and they were highly successful with a track championship at Lake County Speedway in Madison along with numerous feature wins, including a runner-up spot in points at Huset's in 1972. When Meehan moved away after the 1969 season, Mader selected another up-and-coming driver, Larson, to steer his racing machine. Larson responded with a second-place finish in the Huset's points chase followed by a championship the next season. With Larson electing to move to sprint cars in 1972, Mader joined forces with Ron Tysdal and Meehan returned to drive the car at Huset's while Mellenberndt took the wheel at Jackson. It was another successful year for Mader with Mellenberndt taking the track title at Jackson and Meehan finishing second at Huset's. Mader's racing mechanical prowess was affirmed with his reception of mechanic-of-the-year awards at Huset's, Jackson and Lake County.