

JAY EGGE

Jay Egge got his start in racing by helping fellow Hall of Famer Marshall Gardner in the early 1950s. When the Sioux Falls Racing Association purchased Huset's Speedway in July of 1958, Egge was at that first race spinning a ratchet. He's been at Huset's ever since. Egge and his brother, Marlow, built a variety of stock cars in the late 1950s and early 1960s, and Egge served a short-term as a driver. An end over end front chute flip ended his driving career in 1961 but did not dampen his love of racing. As the supermodifieds slowly replaced the modifieds, the Egge brothers built some winning machines. Hall of Famer Dave Engebretson drove the Egge No. 15 to the 1964 Huset's championship. In 1968, Hall of Famer Jim Matthews wheeled the Ford powered No. 15 Egge car to the supermodified title in the famous "Blue Thunder" car. "Blue Thunder", with the unique Ford engine against the potent Chevrolets, was one of Huset's more famous and successful supermodifieds. On the August 15, 1976, Matthews lost his life in a crash at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds. Egge never owned another race car. Instead he continued to sponsor Huset's, and his sponsorship was among the driving forces to have adequate fire-fighting equipment in the infield at all times. Egge served on the fire safety crew for over 25 years and has gave of his time and resources whenever asked. Egge and his wife, Dorothy, were honored by the South Dakota State University as the Family of the Year after all six of their children graduated from the University.