

JIM HANEY

Haney has been active in regional racing as a driver, car owner and crewman for seven decades. Haney first became involved in the sport as a teenager in 1956 as a crewman for Watertown, South Dakota neighbor and future Huset's Hall of Fame member Marv DeWall. Haney began driving in the Street Stock class in Watertown in 1962 and five years later he competed in a Super- Modified at Huset's as a teammate with Roger Swenson. In an era when feature lineups were complete inversions of total points – the car with the lowest amount of points started in front on the D Feature and the highest- point car started in back of the "A" – Haney became the first driver to win a D, C, B and A feature in the same season. After driving with Swenson for several seasons, Haney raced his own car for a time at area tracks before driving for Hall of Fame member Harold Krull from 1975 to 1979. In 1978, he achieved a rare feat when he won the Saturday morning feature at the South Dakota State Fair and came back to repeat the win in the afternoon session. Haney eventually retired from driving and became a car owner for a number of drivers. His most successful stint with a driver was with his son-in-law, Terry Reilly, that began in 1988 in a modified before they moved to a 360 Sprint Car in 1993. Haney left racing as a car owner in 2001.