



COUNTY OF BRANT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

2024

Don Henderson



Hometown: Burford

Year of Birth: 1937

- Certified in 1959 as a FORD mechanic and began Brant County Motors
- 1950's - started building Stock Car engines for cars running at Mohawk Speedway (Brantford)
- Early 1960's - started Drag Racing and did so through to 1994
- Built engines and prepared Drag Cars for himself and others, setting National Hot Rod Association records
- Continued building stock cars in the early 60's which ran at Flamborough dirt track and Canadian National Exhibition paved track
- In 1970 opened Don Henderson Technical Services with wife Grace (later to become Don Henderson Automotive)
- Sponsored local sports teams including hockey, soccer, baseball and dance. Don also supported the local service clubs
- Sponsored and remained involved in motorsports for his entire life- both Drag racing and Oval
- Collector of rare performance cars
- Head of Tech Inspection 1960's 1320 Dragway /Super Boss Dragway (Cayuga)
- Head of Tech inspection 1970's Toronto International Dragway (Georgetown)
- Don was honourably selected to drive #25 car of the 57 built of the 1966 factory light weight 427 Ford Fairlane. This was the only car sent to Ontario, with only 7 sent to Canada. He set records and won class at the Indianapolis Nationals
- In 1968 Don was awarded one of only three delivered to Canada, of the 1968 ½ Factory lightweight Cobra Jet Mustangs. Only 50 were built by Ford for Drag racing
- In 1988 Don acquired his own 1966 Factory Light Weight 427 Ford Fairlane. This was #50 of the original 57 built by Ford. He raced this for his pleasure until 1994.
- 2023 - Don was inducted into Canadian Drag Racing Hall of Fame