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Born: November 19, 1931 – Atlanta, GA

1941 – Driving regularly by age 10, he was too young for the war, but between the ages of 14 and 19 he was making nightly trips to Dawsonville, 7 nights a week. He paid the stillers \$2.50 a gallon at the site, added a buck a gallon, times 120 gallons a load. Times were good, and he never lost a load in five years.

1950 – Began his racing career in 1950. On his first night out, he outdrove veteran hall of famer Jack Smith, who was amazed at the kid's ability behind the wheel of a car. (Jack didn't know Charlie had been hauling whiskey out of the mountains of Dawsonville for 5 years.)

1950's – won the track championships at Toccoa, Athens and Atlanta's Peach Bowl Speedway.

1955 – Won the Georgia State Modified Championship.

1980 – Retired in 1980. In over four decades of racing, never owned his own car. Which right there tells of his abilities, reputation, and character.

Charlie was also hired to stunt drive for several movies made in the Georgia area.

Between his dad, famed local paint and body shop owner Roy Mincey, Badeye Shirley, who was Raymond Parks' brother in law, and famous mechanic Billie Hester, they helped him convert his ways and built him a race car.