

## Frank Mundy



As a young adult he supported himself in Atlanta in various ways ... including caddying at a public golf course and delivering telegrams. Figuring a motorcycle would speed up the delivery business, he bought one.

He became so good on that cycle that when Lucky Teeter's Hell Drivers show came to Lakewood Fairgrounds he joined as a replacement figuring how much can jumping cars and riding through the fiery "ring of death" be compared to Atlanta's traffic. Before long he was performing regularly and drove stock cars in the off-season.

He returned to the racing circuit, after serving in WWII, and was among those who sat down with Bill France in 1947 at Daytona Beach to discuss the formation of NASCAR.

In 1951 he ran some Grand National Events in a Studebaker, winning three times on a limited schedule and still finished fifth. He took the AAA's 1953 Champion driving a Hudson Hornet and when Carl Kiekhaefer's Chryslers took over the racing scene, he joined forces with him, winning AAA's 1955 title also.

On Labor Day 1951 he took Studebaker and sat on the pole at Darlington, besting the field of 82 drivers, including the "fabulous Hudson Hornets." It took NASCAR nine days to qualify the field. The cars on the front row nearly touched the back row before the race started. "It was more like a demolition derby. We were lapping the backfield before the lap. He immediately had engine troubles and twelve laps later was the first car out ... finishing 82<sup>nd</sup>. That type of deal will never happen again in NASCAR.