

Jimmy Baker



1918-1970

Accomplishments

- ◆ 1930 began pro-racing career officially; however, like others in the "Georgia Gang", he learned to outrun the law
- ◆ 1930's through 1940's drove "Midgets" open cockpit cars throughout the east coast and was Midget Champion holding the track record at the Peach Bowl until he retired and the track was later paved. Jimmy was often a featured attraction at events along the east coast.
- ◆ 1949 President of the Southern Racing Drivers Association
- ◆ 1958 an original stockholder who invested in and helped launch Atlanta International Speedway
- ◆ Early 1960's NASCAR team owner who brought Mercury back to the front with drivers Roscoe Thompson, LeeRoy Yarbrough and Elmo Langley
- ◆ Late 1960's promoted races in Tennessee and Georgia at Boyd's Speedway in Chattanooga and Troup County Speedway in Georgia where Jodie Ridley began his career.

