

## Rex White



He began his career working on his father's Model T's when he was eight years old while growing up in Taylorsville, North Carolina. At night he would lie in bed and listen to the moonshiners racing through the streets. He was always impressed watching how these guys could adapt skills for quick mountain turns and their capability of modifying their cars to run these speeds. He was always making things go faster.

At fifteen, he sold a few chickens, got some pocket change and headed to Washington, DC. While working as a gas station attendant, a man came by and asked to put a racing poster in the window. White went from sneaking under the fence at the West Lanham Speedway, worked his way up to a mechanic with Frankie Schneider when he left for the service. Hooking up with Frankie was Rex's idea of going to college because he could learn so much. After that apprenticeship Rex began racing and winning around the Maryland area to the point he wanted to go to the next level. To him that meant heading south.

In his first Grand National race, Rex took a new 1956 Chevrolet removed the hubcaps, put in a seat belt, roll bar and painted an X on the side and finished 22<sup>nd</sup> in a field of 76.

In 1957 he finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in NASCAR points. After he went to Detroit, and began his association with Chevrolet. The next seven years he accumulated 28 Winston Cup wins, the 1960 Winston Cup Championship and named by NASCAR in 2002 as one of its fifty greatest drivers.