

Weyman Milam

WEYMAN CHESLEY MILAM SR.

Born: April 15th, 1915 – Atlanta, GA

1935 – Along with his brother Bill, worked under the apprentice of Fred Offenhauser, producing officially licensed Offy engines in the South.

1945 – After serving in the Army, worked out of Long Island for speedboat record seeker, and bandleader Guy Lombardo.

1947 – Officially incorporated in the National Stock Car Racing Association, conducting races with prominent promoters around the Southeast such as Sam Nunis, Bruton Smith, Joe Littlejohn and Bill France.

1948-1951 – His NSCRA organization became the chief rival of France's newly formed NASCAR. (Sam Nunis and Bruton Smith remained with the NSCRA until its demise in 1951.)

1953 – With promoters and businessmen John Calviness, Neil Roberts, Ray McKay and Al Wells, he formed the SRE, the Southern Racing Enterprise Circuit.

1973 – Was presented the "Reed Cams Award" for forty three years of Service to Racing.

1979 – Presented Outstanding Individual to Racing Award by the Tri Racing Circuit.

In 1968, during a figure eight race at Atlanta's Peach Bowl Speedway, Weyman was hit and dragged around the track by a racecar. The newspapers reported him dead. Once he proved that report wrong, the doctors did not expect him to live, or walk again at best. With several operations and therapy, he was back flagging again within a year.

Weyman would tell you there is no greater family than your racing family. You can beat and bang on the track, but afterwards you're all family and they're for each other no matter what.

Weyman died June 4, 1987.