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Born: MARCH 21, 1921 – Fort Payne, AL

1939 – Ran his first race at Lakewood Speedway. He was ejected through the canvas “top” of the old Ford with seat attached. The safety belt had been bolted to the seat, and not the frame.

1940 – Fonty’s very first win, also at Lakewood.

1947 – Won Points Championship of the NCSCC stock car series. (Bill France’s organization before he formed NASCAR.)

1948 – Won Summer Race at Daytona’s Road and Beach Course.

1949 – Finished 2nd in First NASCAR “Strictly Stock” (Nextel Cup).

1952 – Won Darlington 500. (wearing Bermuda Shorts)

1957 – Retired – after winning 19 “Nextel Cup” events ... even though his forte was the modified.

1966 – Officially explored, located and staked the property that is now Talladega International Speedway.

Began his racing career at age 17, using Dawsonville as his hometown and for parental reasons going by the name of “Wild Bill Dawson.” He came over to help his older brother Carl in the whiskey business.

Fonty once said the drivers of the newer generation (and applies today) don’t know how to have fun. Usually after qualifying, he’d go sit in the stands with the fans. “They make more money now, but much of the fun for them is gone.”

July 15, 1972, the fifty-one year old fan favorite died after a long illness.