

Bob Flock



At age 16, he got his start in racing as many did in those days, running moonshine. After World War II, he was united with Hall of Fame car owner Raymond Parks. Raymond had been winning races with drivers Roy Hall and Lloyd Seay, both cousins of his from here in Dawsonville. With Seay dead and Hall only racing part-time, Parks racing team was in trouble.

In 1946, Bill France was to drive a racecar at the old Charlotte Fairgrounds for Raymond Parks as a last minute replacement for an incarcerated Roy Hall, but France had gotten too wound up in the promoting side of the sport, Raymond summoned his new twenty nine-year-old protégé to take over. In 1947 he won both the famous winter and summer Daytona Road and Beach course races, and held a hefty lead in points for France's new association prior to it being called NASCAR.

In 1949, racing as an independent out of his own garage and his own pocket money he finished 3rd in points in NASCAR's first WINSTON CUP season, winning two of the six races he entered – which consisted of an 8 race season.

Tough and colorful – that was Bob Flock. In '47 he suffered a broken back in a racing accident. In 1952 he flipped his car and after leaving the track he drove himself to the hospital where they said he had several broken ribs. They also discovered he had a broken neck. Several months later he returned, in a neck brace to win the race, lapping the field twice.

He spent most of his career racing modifieds, and rated by many as the best of the best in his field, winning an estimated 300 events over a twenty-year career.