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Inductee name: Dave Gilbertson

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Dave Gilbertson began his racing career in 1965, Viking Speedway 1st year, driving a 1951 Ford # 40. He is one of very few that started that first year that are still actively involved at Viking Speedway.

1969 thur 1979 he drove a Mopar for the Racing team of Harold Linnquist, Everal Timm, and Bernie Botner of Garfield Mn. A few years later Stan Ramsdell and Paul Teeuwen joined the team. The team had 4 - 2nd place season finishes prior to winning the 1973 Late Model Championship. During that time period he held a Viking speedway Record for Feature wins in a year with 13, also held the record for consecutive Feature wins with 7 in a row. He held these records for a number of years. Dave also maybe had the distinction of being the only Viking Speedway Driver to pilot a 426 HEMI Dodge (Shaker) engine in some of his race cars.

Dave was voted Sportsman of the year in his class in 1973 and voted Fan Favorite in 1972.

In 1980 Dave began driving for Dick Block (car owner/crew chief) # 33 Sportsman Class and finished in 2nd place in season pts, In 1981 he won the Season Championship driving a Dodge product.

In 1983 He drove the last 1/2 of the year for Bob Danzeisen, (car owner /crew chief) of a #5 Chevy and finished strong as the Season runner up to the championship. Dave won the final feature race of the that year which also was his last as a Driver in his successful racing career.

Dave also was involved for years working with Tom Carlson as the speedway's Tech Inspector and Scale operator.

In 1993, Dave become a car owner of a Dodge # 40 in the Super Stock class with his son Scott Gilberson as the driver. This Father/Son combination was a success with another Season Championship in the Sportsman class in 1994 and runner-up in 1995.

Dave continues today as a car owner/crew chief on the Dodge #40 Modified with son Scott handling the driving. They are very competitive and have finished in the top 10 every year in season points.

Dave has served numeous terms on the Viking Speedway Board of Directors and was selected as President in 1993. Dave was instrumental in the early 90's in bringing the Speedway back to today's Club or membership runned Association from being privately owned. Today he still keeps a active interest in the speedway management

**by communicating and attending a
occasional Board meeting.**