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Racers Reunion Hall of Fame, and a recipient of the Dearborn Classic Award.

Sommers won races and championships all over the Southeast and also had a brief career in the series now known as Sprint Cup. He ran 30 Cup races from 1976 through 1978 with two top-five and nine top-10 finishes plus a pole at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 1977. He retired from racing in 1986 and was inducted Jacksonville Raceways Hall of Fame in 1995.

Thomas was involved in all aspects of the sport, and even helped start a racing publication.

He was crew chief of the car that Georgia Racing Hall of Fame member the late Sam McQuagg drove to NASCAR rookie of the year honors in 1965, and won the National 400 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1966 with Lee Roy Yarbrough driving a Dodge he prepared.

Thomas owned and operated several tracks including Rocket Speedway, Columbus Super Speedway and East

Alabama Motor Speedway, which his family continues to operate. He died on Oct. 19, 1980.

Massey, known to many a fan as "Handsome Stan" got his first win at Senoia Raceway July 14, 1972, and his last win came on June 17, 2000, at Seven Flags Speedway. He ended his career with 188 confirmed wins and countless others that, like many a racer of his era, were never documented by him or his supporters. He won four Late Model championships at Dixie Speedway, and won some of the biggest events in dirt-track racing.

His biggest career victories came at Dixie against the best dirt racers in America. Running against the cream of the crop in the 1981 Dixie Nationals sanctioned by the National Dirt Racing Association, Massey prevailed to win a then-record \$17,000.

And to prove it was no fluke he came back the next year and won the 1983 NDRA Nationals at Dixie. He drove for many of the top car owners of his time including his father Ed Massey, Jack Diemer, J.R. Foster and Ronnie Dobbins, who has ties to two members of the 2016



Ricky Williams

Class as he has been a long-time car owner for Ricky Williams.

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WSB Doug (Hotdog) Turnbull and drag racer Dick Brannan



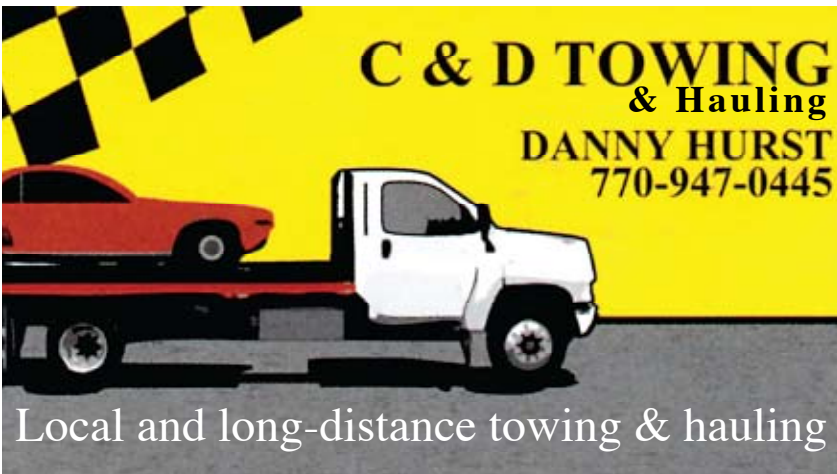
Jimmy Mosteller Media Award winner, Jim Cawley



The recipients of the 2016 Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Induction ceremony



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