Another Tourond Victory at Langley Speedway

AL TOUROND
Pioneer - Oval Racing

By Brian Pratt

Al Tourond came to Langley Speedway in 1969, driving a 1955 Pontiac in the early-late class. He had raced previously back in Ontario, so he wasn't a rookie per se when he arrived. That explains how he captured the season points championship that year for early-lates as well as trophies for winning races like the Mid Season Championship.

The next year, 1970, Al moved to the modified stock class with a 1933 Ford with a 223 cubic inch Ford 6. While starting the season a bit late he did end up second in points in the modified stock class. The same finishing position happened the next year, 1971, a second. Al moved up to the super stock class, running against some of the best Langley has ever had to offer. In 1975 he finished fourth behind Gordie Hemrich and Jack Cross and in 1976 he finished second behind Tom Berrow.

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Al Tourond moved his racing south to Skagit Speedway and had success there. In 1979 he finished 6th in the super stock point standings. The next year he won the points title outright, the first Canadian to do so at the Washington State track. The follow up year, 1981, Al finished second behind fellow Canadian Tom Berrow.

A long stretch away from racing saw Al return in the 21st century to race with the Vancouver Island based Old Time Racing Association.

These days he crews for his sons, all fans from his Langley days, while they race at Agassiz Speedway.

Al Tourond Modified *(Langley Speedway Historical Society photo)*