

## ELMER AUER

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Elmer started his career at P'ville around 1949 or 1950 at the age of 22 and over the years drove for a few different car owners; namely Ed Robinson's # 202, the Lovett Brothers' # 23, John Falciano's # 3Star and the Stan Eisenhower owned #5E and George Horner's # 4.

All of these owners had good looking fast race cars and owners

wanted good drivers for them. When Elmer drove for these guys he won races for all of them and he was point champion in 1959 for Ed Robinson in the 202.

All of the guys that owned these cars were mechanics by trade, with Stan Eisenhower being the elite member of the group.

Stan worked at the Philadelphia Navy Yard as a machinist making various parts for submarines.

A source told me that Sonny Sanders drove the #5E in the beginning, then Elmer got the ride. The number on the car signified how many

people were in Stan's family.

The #5E was easy to spot; it was sponsored by "Old" Uncle Dick Collins who had a food market.



**Towards the end of the 50's the struggle for some owners to keep up with the faster cars was hitting them hard in their wallets and Elmer was driving for Ed Robinson at the time. Ed had cut back on getting the latest and best equipment at the time, so he was on a limited budget. Elmer told him if he wanted to run with the hotdogs he was going to have to spend the money to do so.**

**Al Tasnady talked to Ed and Elmer about how expensive it was getting. He said the Williams Bros. who owned a salvage yard and sponsored his car split up because all their profits had gone into the race cars, so one brother bought the other one out and parted ways. In that year they had spent \$50,000 on racing and back in the day that was a huge chunk of change. Every time they would send a motor to be**



**built down in Florida it was \$1000.00 a pop.**

**The changes were already starting; the flathead motors were becoming obsolete with the overheads coming into the mix and a few owners just had to get out.**



**I think Elmer would agree, if you ask him, that he was fortunate to have raced in that period of time, Elmer stepped away from racing in 1962 and you'd have to say he was one of the charter members who raced in the early days and I thank Elmer for taking the time to let me interview him.**

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