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This handsome guy at the wheel of this Midget is better-known for his many wins in coupes and sedans, on both dirt and asphalt. Can you guess his identity? For extra credit: the photo doesn't show it, but it was taken indoors. Any idea where?

No, that's not Errol Flynn in the driver's seat, that's none other than Don Stumpf. This photo was taken at the Teaneck (NJ) Armory. Note the sling tied around the bottom of the car, presumably to help keep the floor clean.

Don Stumpf, from Ridgefield Park, NJ, was born on August 16, 1927. Don started out racing motorcycles. He ran his first stock car race at Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, NJ in the late 1940s after serving in the Navy during World War II. He enjoyed 19 Modified wins and 1 championship and 1 Sportsman championship at Wall Stadium from 1955 to 1969; he also competed in Modifieds at Alcyon, Atco, Old Bridge, Trenton and Vineland Speedways (all in NJ).

Don was a top Three-Quarter Midget racer on indoor tracks during the winters through the 1950s and 1960s at the Teaneck Armory and on Long Island. In 1957, Don was the runner-up (by just 26 points) to future Cup champion Ned Jarrett in the NASCAR National Sportsman point standings. Don was also a top dirt Modified driver and had wins at Orange County (Middletown, NY), Fonda (NY) and Nazareth (PA) Speedways.

Don drove white and red #2 coupes and sedans (some he owned and also similar-looking Modifieds fielded by Frank and Bob Decibus); Joe Racz's #41; and the #2Jr. initially owned by Bob Furslew, Sr., and then by Les Schulthorpe.

Don Stumpf passed away on December 11, 1991 from cancer.

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