



Gerald "Jerry" Emerson Underwood

September 17, 1933 - April 2, 2015

Words from a dear friend...

Gerald, spelled Jerry Underwood on his 1949 Ford Anglia that he ran in A gas class and drag raced primarily at a dragstrip called Thunder Road which then became

Denver Raceway was located at the intersection of 88th Avenue and Buckley Road back in the 60's. I'm sure old time fans reading this remember having to drive to this dragstrip down Buckley Road which was dirt back then. Sadly, Thunder Road along with other dragstrips like CDR and Erie closed a long time ago. I do remember many moons ago, I was 11, 61 now and my brother Wayne 18 and I used to go and watch Jerry drag race at these various dragstrips. Visiting him in what they they called the pits back then, where racers would park their cars to work on them between races. He was really a great person, very open to kids and loved to talk drag racing and other related stuff. Jerry owned a repair shop in Park Hill at 40th and Jackson Street called Metro Transmission. My brother Wayne recently showed me a photo he printed out from a website of Jerry's car which we both think was taken at Thunder Road. I began searching for Jerry's name on the internet and sadly came across his obituary which indicated he had died in April of 2015. He was a genuine person who is missed by the entire drag racing fans of Denver.

Sincerely,

Wayne and his little brother Bob