



Marlin

Marlin brings talent, experience to PI team

Piedmont's image as an aggressive competitor in the skies is being promoted on ground level this year by a new, aggressive driver with the Piedmont race team.

Sterling Marlin, NASCAR's Rookie of the Year in 1983, is an exciting racer whose steady hands on the Piedmont No. 44 Oldsmobile inaugurated the 1987 Winston Cup season with a respectable showing in the Daytona 500. Marlin was in the lead lap—and had already collected bonus points for leading the race—when a clutch failed with just 33 laps remaining.

"We definitely had a top five car," the 29-year-old Marlin said recently at the team's shop near Thomasville, NC. "We were in sixth place and in perfect position to move up further in the field. The car was feeling better than it had all day, and then the clutch went out."

It was the first time in Marlin's racing career that he had lost a clutch.

But if anything's certain in the sport of high-speed auto racing, it's uncertainty. Perhaps no sport is as dependent upon so many variables for victories often measured in split seconds. From gas mileage to tire wear, from aerodynamics to untimely accidents, the Winston Cup races are a coordination of skill, strategy and luck.

Marlin has developed his skills since 1976 when he started racing with a Chevy Nova in the NASCAR Late Model Sportsman series, which uses cars slightly smaller than the Winston Cup circuit. He drove at selected tracks in the Southeast and, in 1980, switched to a Chevy Camaro on the NASCAR Grand American tour. He won the prestigious Grand American Track Championship in 1980, 1981, and 1982, and fans voted him the Most Popular Driver in 1981. From 1976 through 1981 Marlin won an impressive 47 races.

In 1983 Marlin started full-time on the Winston Cup circuit and won Rookie of the Year driving a Pontiac Grand Prix and a Chevy Monte Carlo. Then, from 1984 to 1985, he drove the Monte Carlo on a limited schedule.

"I was getting experience," Marlin said. "But I wanted to run all the tracks, so Wayne King (business manager of the Piedmont race team) and I got together—and here I am."

According to Marlin, the Piedmont team has the talent and resources to be highly competitive on both the super-speedways and short tracks. Besides all the equipment being first-class, the dedication to becoming a winner is evident throughout the team. In addition, he's gotten a lot of support from Piedmont race fans.

"The race team and Piedmont people have been just super," he said. "Everybody's really behind the team."

Those supporters include his wife, Paula, and six-year-old son Steadman, who live in Columbia, Tenn., where Marlin was born and raised on a cattle and tobacco farm. In addition, Marlin's parents live in Columbia and his father, Clifton "Coo Coo" Marlin, raced on the Winston Cup from 1970 to 1980.

Goals for the team this year include winning a pole position, which would qualify Marlin for the 1988 Busch Clash, and of course, winning at least one race which would qualify him for the lucrative Winners Circle program and The Winston.

"We're going to work hard and hopefully bring back a trophy for all the Piedmont employees soon," Marlin said. "Just let them know that we appreciate their interest and we'll try to be as successful at racing as they are at running an airline."

service awards

35 years 5 years

Burton, Leroy, Jr.
Mgr. General Procurement, INT
Norman, Hank
Mechanic, INT
Whapham, Ken
Sr. Indust. Engineer, INT

Abella, Jerry
Sr. Sta. Agent, EYW
Acampora, Chris
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Ahern, Lauri
Sr. Sta. Agent, DCA
Aldrich, Nancy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Arbogast, Diane
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Arnold, Cherry Lowry
Sr. Sta. Agent, SFO
Banister, Maria
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Beach, La Neta
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Beard, Terri
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Benishek, Connie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Blackburn, Debbie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Booms, Telsh
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Bordatto, Nellie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Boxleitner, Denise
Sr. Sta. Agent, PHL
Britton, Marci
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Broadus, Carol
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Bunn, Terri
Tariff Data Base Analyst, INT
Bush, Paula
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Cain, Sallie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Camp, Helen
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Campbell, Laura
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Cason, Jean Wynter
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Cobean, Debbie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Collier, Carol
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Cortese, Chris
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Cox, Andrea
Sr. Sta. Agent, DCA
Cramp, Beth
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Crofton, Sally
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Crumb, Ruth
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Denby, Craig
Sta. Supvr., LGA
Depweg, Bonnie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Doyle, Shelley
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Drayton, Cindy
Sr. Sta. Agent, EWR
Eldridge, Barbara
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Elms, Sharon
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Embrey, Julie
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Enea, Ana
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Evans, Kitty
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Evans, Sheila
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Fay, Mary
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Fischer, Dorothy
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Fliess, Elfie
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Ford, Sandy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Forehand, Dorinda
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Frost, Kathy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Galant, Lisa
Flt. Attend., DCA
Gaylord, John
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Gibson, Lori
Flt. Attend., DCA
Gilliam, Kathy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Gillock, Carol
Sr. Sta. Agent, PHL
Golladay, Zoe
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Gott, Lois
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Gray, Lisa
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Greer, Joyce
TBM Clerk, INT
Haight, Carrie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Hall, Shari
Sr. Sta. Agent, IAH
Harris, Linda
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Harven, Pam
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Hassett, Cynthia
Sr. Sta. Agent, TPA
Hayman, Sandye
Flt. Attend., DCA
Herrmann, Donald
Inspector, UCA
Hill, Loraine
Flt. Attend., SYR
Holcombe, Ann
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Horton, Jo Ann
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Howell, Steve
Sr. Sta. Agent, SDF
Hunt, Carol
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO

Hutchinson, Sandy
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Irving, Vernicka
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Jackson, Lakela
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Johnson, Archa
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Johnson, Greg
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Jones, Elaine
Flt. Attend., DCA
Jones, Lori
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Karkosky, Lois
Flt. Attend., DCA
Kelly, Brian
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Kennedy, Everett
Sales Rep., DCA-C
Kernan, Maggie
Sr. Sta. Agent, MYR
Ketels, Kathy
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Kiernan, Linda
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
King, Steve
City Sales Mgr., CRW-C
King, Susan
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Klaus, Tammy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Kohler, Lisa
Sr. Sta. Agent, SYR
Lall, Karen
Sta. Supvr., EVV
Latta, Angie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Lavinder, Jim
Sta. Supvr., CMI
Leftwich, Jack
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Lentine, Marion
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Lewis, Carrie
Sr. Sta. Agent, SFO
Longbeam, Jane
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Luce, Noel
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Maier, Cheryl
Baggage Claims Rep., CLT
Malool, Midge
Sr. Sta. Agent, CLT
Manning, Rosemary
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
March, Joan
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Marren, Jean
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Marshall, Phil
Sr. Sta. Agent, SFO
Martini, Marcia
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Martocchia, Yvonne
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Maxwell, Sue
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Mayberry, Jackie
Flt. Attend., GSO
McFatter, Megan
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
McGill, Kathy Patience
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
McIntosh, Treva
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
McLean, Margaret
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Meier, Rae
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Miller, Debbie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Millhouse, Marla
Sr. Reserv. Agent, UCARO
Molinari, Lynn
Sr. Sta. Agent, CLT
Montross, Cathleen
Sr. Sta. Agent, BUF
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Flt. Attend., DCA
Morehead, Ronnie
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Morgan, Vonne
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Motes, Terry
Technician II, ROA-FB
Murphy, Ann
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Murray, Vicki
Flt. Attend., ORF
Neely, Carolyn
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Nichols, Ricki
Secretary, INT
Olbrich, David
Mechanic (Automotive), UCA
Ontko, Carolyn
Acting General Clerk, INT
Paquette, Denise
Sr. Sta. Agent, BTV
Peeler, Cy
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Perera, Juan
Reserv. Supvr., MCORO
Peters, Ron
Lead Mechanic, GSO

Plotz, Fred
Sr. Sta. Agent, CHS
Popino, Carol
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Porter, Doug
Sr. Sta. Agent, TPA
Potter, Ginger
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Poulos, Paul
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Preer, Palma
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Reagan, Bridget
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Reel, Ruby
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Reinke, Jeannie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Richardson, Lewis
Sr. Sta. Agent, CTO, TLH
Ripple, B.J.
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Roach, Linda
Sr. Sta. Agent, FLL
Rogers, Larry
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Rumph, James
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Rydhholm, Stephanie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Salvaggio, Frank
Mechanic, BUF
Scott, Valerie
Flt. Attend., DCA
Sexton, Melissa
Crew Sched., Pilots, INT
Shetterly, Dottie
Personnel Rep., DCA
Shotwell, Joanne
Sr. Sta. Agent, LGA
Simchik, Edward
Supvr., Base Maint., UCA
Smith, Alicia
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Smith, Nancy
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Smith, Ramona
Sr. Sta. Agent, DAY
Sperry, Gillis
Mgr. Com. & Cargo Serv., INT
Sperry, Kathryn
Acting General Clerk, INT
Spink, John
Lead Mechanic, UCA
Starr, Valerie
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Staton, Yvonne
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Stern, Susan
Sr. Sta. Agent, MIA
Taylor, Gloria
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Terrell, Peggy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Thomas, Claudia
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DAYRO
Thomson, Penny
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Thorstenson, Gail
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Tobias, Roberta
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Tonozzi, Tina
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Torrey, Joann
Reserv. Supvr., DAYRO
Trinidad, Helen
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Truesdell, Carol
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Underwood, Marilyn
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Vandereems, Sandy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Walker, Micki
Sr. Sta. Agent, DAY
Walsh, John
Operations Mgr., SYR
Ware, Darlene
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Wehling, Tom
Sta. Supvr., AZO
Weik, Betty
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
White, Brenda
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
White, Linda
¾ Interm. Res. Agent, DCARO
Wilds, Jan
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INTRO
Williams, Claire
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Williams, Mike
Sr. Line Serviceman, ORF-FB
Wilson, Annette
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Winchester, Patti
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO
Woldeab, Ghermay
Sr. Reserv. Agent, MCORO
Wright, Lucinda
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DAYRO
Yesu, Theresa
Reserv. Supvr., DCARO
Zediker, Cathy
Sr. Reserv. Agent, DCARO

30 years

Fairchild, Mary
Executive Secretary, INT
Treadway, Dick
Flt. Attendant, CLT

25 years

Carroll, Frank
Sta. Supvr., ROA
Clay, Gene
Sta. Supvr., MCO
Rutkowski, Mary Ann
Sr. Reserv. Agent, INT
Williard, Rilla
Exec. Secretary, INT-FB

20 years

Ayers, Richard
Sr. Sta. Agent, GSP
Byrd, Imelda
Sr. Sta. Agent, ISO
Carroll, Trish
Sta. Supvr., DFW
Coe, Wayne
Inspector, INT
Eggleston, Bob
Lead Mechanic, UCA
Hilbert, Glen
Cargo Manager, BWI
Hinton, Robert
Cleaner, INT
Key, Ralph
Sr. Sta. Agent, ROA
Meason, Bob
Sta. Supvr., IAH
Naylor, David
Sta. Supvr., ISO
Peters, Don
Sr. Sta. Agent, TRI
Savage, Bob
Mechanic, ATL
Sayre, Cecil
Sta. Manager, ROC
Swing, Pierce, Jr.
Mgr., Passenger Movement, INT
Thurman, Jacky Walt
Flt. Attend., ORF
Tuell, Dent
Sr. Sta. Agent, ROA
Wheeler, Warren
Captain, B737, BWI

15 years

Morgan, Terry
Sta. Manager, FNT
Pruitt, Gene
Mechanic, GSO

10 years

Bach, Peggy
Flt. Attendant, MIA
Carswell, Greg
Cargo Manager, EWR
Griffitts, Tina
Flt. Attend. Supvr., ATL
Hinshaw, Linda
Flt. Attend., GSO
Koraleski, Vivian
Flt. Attend., ATL
Landau, Don
Lead Mechanic, EWR
Lee, Rick
Captain, B737, CLT
McIntosh, Martha
Flt. Attend., ORF
Murphy, Brenda
Flt. Attend., ORF
Ochmann, Sharan
Sr. Sta. Agent, DCA
Robinson, Laurel
Flt. Attend., GSO
Rotimi, Carolyn
Flt. Attend., DCA
Shaw, John
Lead Mechanic, INT
Swimpson, Arlene
Flt. Attend., ORF
West, Jane
Flt. Attend., CLT
Yanagida, Hiro
Specialist, INT

retirements

Brunelle, Vernon
Captain, B727, CLT, 35 years
Christenbury, Louise
Exec. Secretary, INT, 32 years
Hughes, James H.
Sr. Sta. Agt., EYW, 32 years

Nelson, Marvin, D.
Tech. III, ORF, 20 years
Perry, Frank, Jr.
Shift Supvr. Dispatch, INT, 38 years
Stoltz, Charles
Shift Supvr. Dispatch, INT, 36 years