

Trucks 6/28/08

The trucks had a great race Saturday night and an even better finish. Reggie Perry (#16) had transmission troubles and was unable to compete. Dan Jordan's (#07) race ended early on lap 18 with mechanical problems. John Wick (#96) qualified 2nd with a 25.823, but dropped out on lap 23, to finish 9th. Seventeen year old, Evan Roberts(#8), qualified 3rd with a time of 28.828. He ran as high as 3rd, but dropped out on lap 34 finishing 8th. His father, Mike Roberts (#81), qualified 9th and finished 6th. Jeff Storie (#7) qualified 8th and finished 7th. I think this is Jeff's first race with us. Tom Miller (#39) qualified first with a time of 25.680, finished 3rd and competed for the win all night. Scott Brooks (#70) qualified 5th, started on the pole after the inversion, led the first 10 laps and finished 5th. Ryan Todd (#21) had the best race of his career finishing 4th and racing with the lead pack. Tom Miller (#39), Jamie Brickley (#42) and Steve Blair (#61) put on a 40 lap show to be remembered. Blair took the lead on the straight aways and Jamie passed him back on the turns. There were three different lap leaders. Scott Brooks led the first part of the race, Steve Blair led the rest of the race until the last lap. On the last lap, there was contact made and Steve Blair and Jamie Brickley went across the finish line door to door. Jamie won by less than two feet. The driver's did a great job with their interviews after the race, especially considering emotions were running high. The fans really enjoyed the spectacular show put on by the ARA Pro Series Trucks.

Cars 6/28/08

We had 21 cars take the green flag at the start. There were 12 cars qualify within 1 second of each other and 19 cars qualified within 1.9 seconds. Danny Trent (#10) was the fast qualifier with a 25.021 qualification run (a new track record). Quay Gregory (#17) led the first lap. Rick Tackman Jr. (#74) led the final 39 laps starting from the outside of the front row. Danny Trent (#10) started in the 10th spot and came back to finish 2nd. Colin Nickolai (#49) finished 3rd after starting 5th and ran as high as 2nd. Mark Sweet (#21) rallied from 9th place at lap 28 to finish 4th. Tim Byrdwell (#51) finished 5th and was up front all night. TJ Sneva (#64) fell out on the first lap with mechanical problems. Jake Gibson (#15) qualified 18th and had mechanical difficulties in the middle of the race and finished 20th. Case Hooper (#88) from Urbana, IL ran his first race with us. He started 15th and ran as high as 11th before spinning in turn four on lap 21. Fortunately, he only sustained light damage to his car. Case and his team were pleased with the reception they received from the league and the drivers and are looking forward to running with us the rest of the season. Mike Cline ran the #20 that they purchased from Steve Blankenship this week. He qualified 14th and ran as high as 10th before running out of gas on lap 34, he finished 18th. Brian Hedge (#23) had handling problems all night and finished 17th. Andy Bradley ran the 22 car in his rookie race and finished 12th from a starting position of 19th. Andy drove a clean race and battled with the #5 Reed White, #9 Glen Andrew and the #11 Terry Kope. These 4 drivers put on an exciting show in the middle of the pack. 15 Year Old, Rookie Sensation, Mark Lambert (#18) qualified second with a 25.117 time in his #18 car and finished 10th. Ken Fodrie (#57) started 18th and finished 16th. Dave "Twinkie Man" Kinney (#16) qualified 11th and finished 15th. "Rude" Liles (#99) qualified 4th with a time of 25.237 and finished 9th. Keith Lyons (#78) qualified 13th and by the end of the night had moved up to 8th. Kenneth Owens in the 08 qualified 5th with a time of 25.278 and finished 7th. Quay Gregory (#17) who started on the pole was able to hold on to a 6th place finish after scraping the turn 1 wall. Reed White (#5) tagged the wall pretty hard between turn 1 and 2, but was able to continue after a yellow. He finished 14th. Rick Tackman Jr. (#74) earned 5 extra points for leading the most laps. In the post race interview, the fans learned that this was Rick's first win ever. The cars pulled off another great race. These consistent good shows are starting to bring in more fans. We hope to see all 26 cars out for the July 12th race.