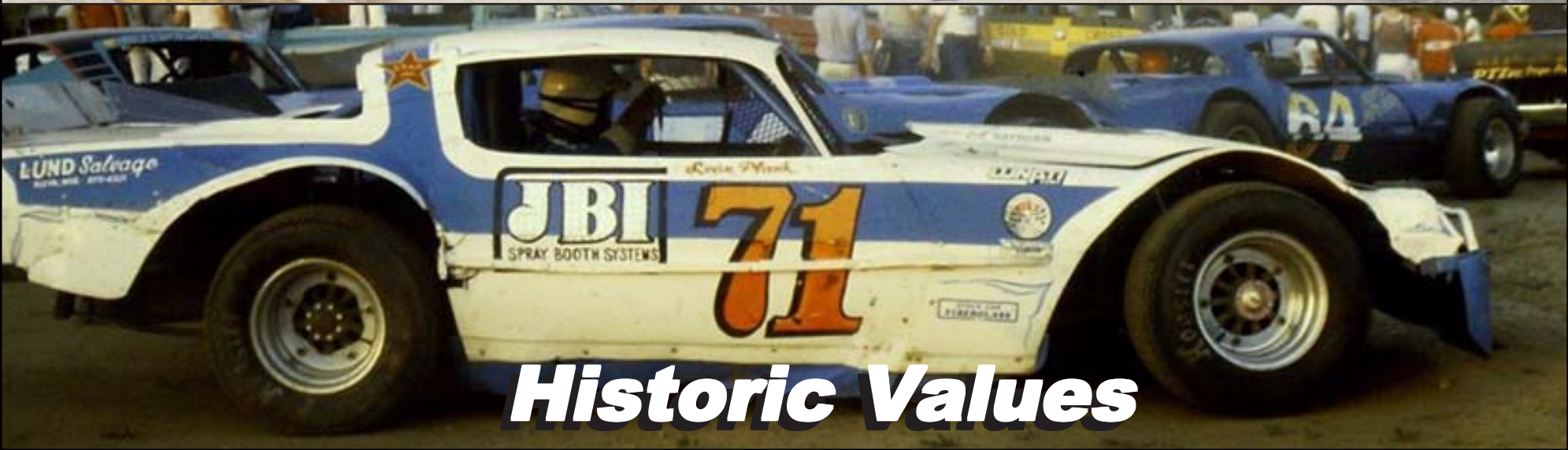


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Publisher's Note
Racing According to Plan



Dan Plan

I'm going to try something different this year. Several years ago, Skip Pollack started inviting me to the IMCA Oldtimers board meetings. The IMCA Oldtimers is a vintage racing group formed a little over 40 years ago to preserve the history of former drivers, owners, mechanics and others involved in

**Something
Different**

short track racing. Since I've been entrenched in racing history for most of my life, I became a club member several years ago and was elected to the Board of Directors for the 2025 season. I'm really looking forward to being more involved with the club and helping out at several of their events this year.

I've already participated in a committee meeting with Chuck Doyle, Jim Kulseth and Greg Larson. I can tell you first hand, a committee meeting with Chuck, Jim and Greg is entirely different than any committee meeting I participated in as a middle-manager in the corporate world. We actually accomplished things.

At the beginning of March, I attended the Midwest Motorsports Expo in Rochester, MN. I went with Skip and another IMCA Oldtimer Officer Wayne Warnest to help out in their trade show booth. Being part of a trade show made it much more enjoyable, as I saw many racers I normally only see on the week-ends in the Summer and met some people in person I've only known through email years ago and social media these days.

There are two other items I'll be adding to my agenda this year. I was asked by Matt Bohl to run a

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camera at a few MBTVSports events this year, and Brad Both asked if I would be interested in learning the ropes to run the JumboTron at Cedar Lake a few times this Summer. As Albert Einstein once said, “Once you stop learning, you start dying.” Seems like some pretty good motivation for me.

While these new roles won’t impact my ability to publish the print version of this paper throughout the course of the 2025 season, I might skip a couple of events I would normally attend. I really won’t be missing out on anything, as either way I will be hanging out with short track people. That is a good time in my book.

Miscellaneous news and notes

When the entry list for the IceBreaker at Dells Raceway Park came out, I was curious that Jacob Goede was listed as number 47. A quick message to Jacob confirmed that he will be driving the Chase Motorsports 47 at the Dells for the IceBreaker.

My first thought when I learned Jacob was driving the Chase Motorsports car was to free up the three Late Models he currently has in his stable. His daughters all have quarter midget experience, and in this day and age, should be ready to go Late Model racing as pre-teens. It turns out Jacob is only scheduled to run the IceBreaker at the Dells and the Joe Shear Classic at Madison. Jacob is added to the current Chase Motorsports roster of Casey Johnson, Ty Majeski and Riley Stenjem. Maybe next year the little Goede girls can run the Late Models.



The Chase Motorsports 47 will be piloted this year by Jacob Goede to open the season at Dells Raceway Park and Madison International Speedway. Casey Johnson, Ty Majeski and Riley Stenjem are also scheduled to have their time in the seat.

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Talkin' Racin'
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Jason D. Searcy

The Minnesota Asphalt Driver of the Year for 2024 is Ty Fredrickson from Webster (MN) who just turned 16 in March. Fredrickson had an incredible year racing all over the country. He was awarded the Midwest Tour rookie of the year and was the TUNDRA Late Model champion. He also capped off the year by being named the youngest ever Kulwicki Cup Champion.

“That’s pretty awesome. There are a bunch of great drivers in Minnesota like Jacob Goede and a handful of others, so it’s pretty cool to get the MN Asphalt driver of the year,” said Fredrickson.



Dan Plan photo

“It was an unexpected year for me,” said Ty. “I thought I would get 1 or 2 wins but to get 12 definitely opened my eyes a ton, it made me think that our little team could do big things. Now being in the ASA Stars National tour full-time, it was a real confidence booster for me as a driver and my dad as a crew chief and car owner. It was a really good year for us and broadened our horizons.”

Winning the Kulwicki Cup, was that a stepping stone for your career? “Definitely, the program helped me with the social media side of things, it got me a lot of press and reach because its a very known thing among NASCAR and Motorsports because everybody knows who Alan Kulwicki is, he was the underdog who made it, so that program helped me a lot and winning it was super awesome, it helped me a ton” said Fredrickson.

Ty Fredrickson just turned 16 years old in March of this year, so he is the youngest ever winner of this award, he is a few months younger than William Sawalich was when he won this award two years ago. “I’m pretty used to setting the youngest record, I think I have four or five of them, it’s cool to add another one to the list” said Fredrickson.

Ty’s father Dan Fredrickson also won this award in 2004. “Having my dad as a crew chief and the fact that he is a driver helped me skip 30-50% of my career because he drove the exact same cars, he can walk me through how to make the car better. It’s a big help to have a crew chief that is also a driver” said Ty.

On the outlook for the

2025 season- “We are making efforts to run the full ASA Stars National tour, it’s a really competitive series that has the top dogs of the whole country in it. It goes to a bunch of race tracks that I’ve never been to before so it will be a whole new learning experience. We also plan to run most of the Midwest Tour races, we will go to the big ones and then probably run the TUNDRA series again if we can,” said Fredrickson.

Will he be racing the annual Thunderstruck93 Midwest Tour race at Elko Speedway on Saturday September 20th? “100% we will be racing, my dad will also try and bring out a car for that and probably throw on a throwback paint scheme. I think you might see a few 36’s out there that weekend,” said Ty. “Last year’s Thunderstruck93 race race was a punch in the face, we practiced 2 or 3 times with our Super, the car was about perfect when we pulled into the race track on Saturday but the Super blew up in practice so we took out the crate car and got one practice session with it and qualified 14th and then drove it to fifth, so it actually was a pretty good night for us but it really hurt blowing up the Super Late Model.”

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- 2011- Chad Walen
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- 2015- Jacob Goede
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- 2018- Baiden Heskett
- 2019- Jacob Goede
- 2020- Tim Brockhouse
- 2021- Jacob Goede
- 2022- William Sawalich
- 2023- Julie Jorgenson
- 2024- Ty Fredrickson



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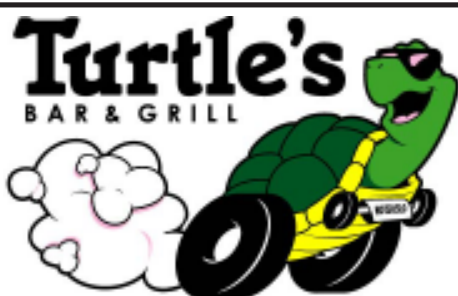
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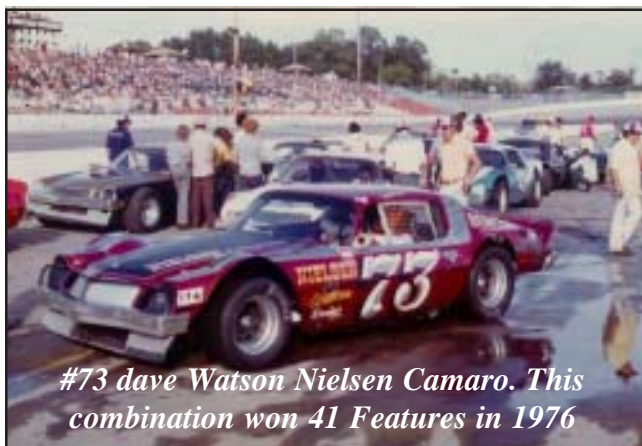
Racing History



Dale P. Danielski

In keeping with our theme of historic events in racing, we will feature a column that focuses on specific months of years gone by working our way to current affairs. To get there, I will need to reach the age of 110, but it will be interesting, nonetheless. Let the fun begin.

In May of 1976, it is Dave Watson taking a pair of main event wins, the opening race, May 12th at La Crosse Interstate Speedway, West Salem, WI., and his second victory of the year at the Capital Super Speedway, Oregon, WI., on May 14th. Watson was off to a great start in his Nielsen Enterprises Camaro and unknown at the time would go on to his most successful campaign in short track racing. Others winning during that second week of May included Tom Reffner, trying to match his 1975 win mark of 67,



#73 Dave Watson Nielsen Camaro. This combination won 41 Features in 1976

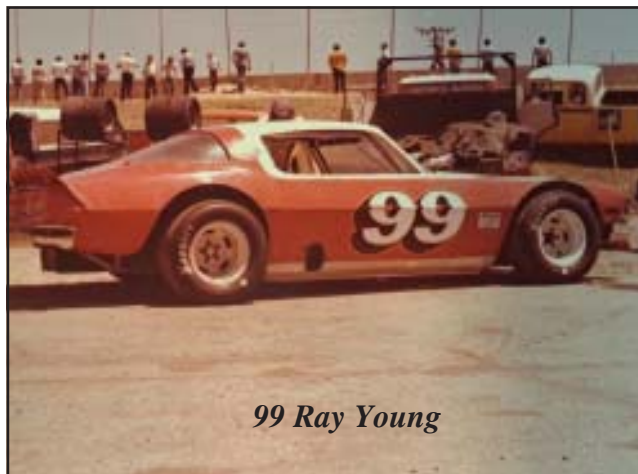
taking the feature at State Park Speedway, Wausau, WI., and Mike Miller. the Minnesota to Wisconsin transplant, capturing a feature win, May 11th, at Golden Sands Speedway, Plover, WI. Bobby Saterdalen won the Late Model feature at Cannon River Speedway of Morristown, MN., on May 14th. Street Stock main winner was Roger Rupp with the

Hobbystock main won by Wayne Williamson. Larry Schuler on the way to a 43 Feature win season captured the main event at Grundy County Speedway, Morris, IL., May 14th. Schuler also swept the program for Late Models, May 16th, at Illiana Motor Speedway, Schererville, IN., taking the 25 lap feature, the third heat, the S-K Trophy Dash, as well as setting fast time of 20:91, a new track record for the 1/2 mile oval. That, folks, is a true sweep of action, unlike what some think winning two events is. Leon Plank took the Late Model feature at North Star, MN., Speedway, May 14th, while Skip Splittstoesser won the Hobby Class main.



#71 Leon Plank

Tony Izzo won the opening race at the Santa Fe Speedway, Hinsdale, IL., on May 1st, in his 1976 Chevy Camaro. Ray Young won his second consecutive feature at the Waukegan Speedway, Waukegan, IL., on May 1st, which increased his all time career feature win total to 193.



99 Ray Young

Dick Trickle captured the 25 lap feature at Wausau's State Park Speedway, after leaders Mike Miller and Tom Reffner spun in the last corner of the last lap. Trickle outdistanced Larry Detjens, John Boegeman, Jim Hornung and Rick Haase for the fortuitous win. Mark Cieselski, in his Ford Mustang took the Dash and Feature win in the Sport Stock

division. Doug Wolfgang took the feature win May 1st at the Marion County Fairgrounds, Knoxville, Iowa. Wolfgang collected \$450 for the victory in the Bob Trostle Sprint car. Red Steffen was the victor in the Late Model feature at River City Raceway, Eau Claire, WI., May 9th. Roger Turk won the Hobby main, with Steve Paulson winning the Street Stock feature. Wally Jors took first place honors in the Late Model feature event at Hales Corners Speedway, Hales Corners, WI., May 8th. The 15 lap Sportsmen feature honors went to Jerry Kindler. A Menards store now lies where the old track was, but the famous tree that held many gatherings in the pit area through the years still stands. The Late Model feature winner at Cedar Lake Speedway, Somerset, WI., May 1st, was Perry Giles followed by Leon Plank, Red Steffen, Steve Egersdorf and Tom Steuding. Tom Neisius. won the Hobby main. The Rockford Speedway, Rockford, IL., opener May 1st was won by Jerry Lewis. Lewis laughed his way to the win over Wayne Swartout, Bob Meyer, Bill Venturini, and Jim Kersten. The Roadrunner main went to Ron King. Arnie Gardner won the Super Late Model feature at Sycamore, IL., Speedway May 1st. The Late Model main went to Mike Mihm. John Ziegler in his Music Box Tavern Camaro took two main event wins in early May, grabbing first place at Capital Super Speedway and at Dells Motor Speedway, Wis. Dells, WI. At the Dells he bested Bill Retallick, Dick Trickle, Doug Strasburg, and Marv Marzofka. The Sportsman division saw LaVerne Grandal taking the win over Steve Holzhausen, and Louie Raupp. Hobbystock winner was Al Laufer. The Cedar County Racing Association announced that the speedway in Tipton, Iowa would reopen. Superstocks and street stocks were set to compete.

The United States was gearing up for the 200th anniversary of the Country and most tracks held special events commemorating the occasion. The Illinois Senate was set to pass Bill 193 for noise regulation that would exempt all sports from noise restrictions. If not adopted present state regulations would limit sound at the property line of the facility holding events to 61 dBA. That would result in motorsports events not being able to comply without the use of mufflers. Leroy Scharkey took 1st place honors in the Late Model feature on May 14th at River Raceways of Fountain City, WI. He was followed to the line by Phil Prusak, Wendell Kuehn, Tom Grant, and Steve Meyer. Hobby stock main event winner was Karl Fenske. In the Street stock division, it was Zero Boseter first to the checkers.

The famed Smokey Yunick while in Daytona for racing in 1976 explained, "Anyplace I can find a loophole in the rules I'll go right through it, and I'll try

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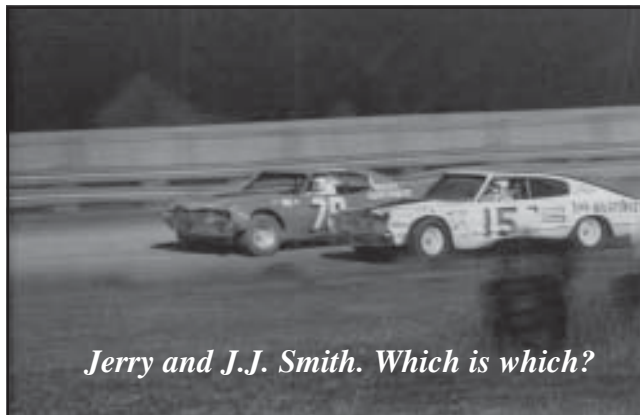
to cover it up to mislead you. But in my mind, that's not cheating. ' This from a Steve Sorenson writing while in Florida in 1976 for Speedweeks. Mark Lamoreaux held off Dick Trickle for the 20 lap feature win on May 19th at La Crosse Interstate Speedway. Ralph Bakewell took honors in the 15 lap Semi-feature with Rod Groth winning the hobystock main. Wally Jors won the opening night feature at Leo's Speedway, Oshkosh, WI., May 18th. Earl J. Hubert took top honors in the 25 lap Late Model feature at the Chase Raceway, Chase, IN., May 22nd. This is the same speedway this scribe visited many years ago not realizing the line for time change is right there. Got to the track, saw one race and the show was over! Sat at the restaurant a bit too long, I guess. J.J. Smith won the 14 lap feature at the USA Speedway, Depere, WI., May 19th. Fourteen laps due to the tracks curfew, a result of too many wrecks. Larry Dechant, no not Larry Detjens, won the crash filled, shortened Late Model feature at Englewood Speedway, Sheridan, CO., May 29th. The race was halted on the 18th lap after one caution and four red flags waved when rain mercilessly ended the event. The full moon which lasted too long was the reason for all the wrecking. John Rogge was the victor in the 15 lap hobystock feature at River Raceways, Fountain City, WI., May 31st. Leon Plank won the 25 lap Late Model feature. Dave Morgan won the 15 lap Late Model feature at Rice Lake Speedway, Rice Lake, WI., May 29th. Terry Baldry won his first career Late Model feature



#74 Early Terry Baldry

at Leo's Speedway, May 25th. Baldry roared to the 25 lap win in his 1973 Camaro. Jerry Reichenberger, patriarch of the famed Reichenberger racing family, captured the 15 lap semi-feature. Chicagoland STARS columnist, John McKarns was asking the question, are 65 series tires the answer racing at area tracks? At \$65 a tire and longevity superior to any racing tire, after two years use the verdict was still out and drivers claimed the right side tires were "used up" after 25 laps for those racing at Illiana Motor speedway. Just typical, it's always about tires and what to run.

The 1977 racing season arrived hot and heavy, with Dick Trickle debuting his new Pontiac Firebird by winning the Spring Opener 50 feature at Wisconsin International Raceway, Kaukauna, WI., on May 15th. 4,238 fans watched Trickle win over Jim Pierson, Tom Reffner, Roger Regeth, and Jim Back. Trickle's car was white which prolific winning dirt racer, Tom Steuding claimed was his idea. The change from Trickle's usual purple was due to his pure as the driven snow persona. In front of 2,550 fans it was Jerry Smith winning the 20 lap feature at Shawano Speedway, May 14th. Scott Hansen, M.J. McBride, Herb Iverson and Tom Greenlee followed. Most people are not aware that two drivers by the name of Jerry Smith raced at area tracks in or near the Fox Valley. One finally changed his first name to the initials J.J., and the other went by his hometown,

*Jerry and J.J. Smith. Which is which?*

Medina. Both were prolific winners and the change eased the confusion. Now you know the rest of the story of Jerry and Jerry Smith, who became Medina and J.J. Smith. Flamboyant promoter Paul Kaczowski worked out an arrangement with his Depere, WI., Speedway, and the Neillsville, WI., Raceway for an eight race miniseries. The series was boasting of \$45,000 in purse pay-out. Each main at Neillsville was to pay \$1,000 to the winner with the Depere mains paying \$1,250.00, with a \$1,000 bonus added to the overall winner. Hollywood star Joy Wilkerson was scheduled to compete in a couple of the events. Marv Marzofka won his first Late Model feature at State Park Speedway May 20th, since 1974 by besting Dick Trickle, Tom Reffner, Mike Miller, and Jim Bohmsach in the 30 lap main. John "Slim" Bovee won the 15 lap semi-feature. Irv Ettien won the Modified feature at Luxemburg Speedway, Luxemburg, WI., May 23rd. Terry Baldry won the Late Model feature.

According to Mid-State Viewpoint columnist,

Dale Danielski, he plans to go Late Model racing in 1977. Purchasing a 1972 Chevy Nova from Jim Bohmsach, the Stevens Point, WI., native did just that, going on to a 26 feature win season along with numerous preliminary race wins. Well, it might have been a bit less than that as far as races won. But he did compete in 50 events on the year. Ken Biertzer helped his injured dad, Etchie out, by hopping in his Supermodified and running off with the 25 lap feature win at Kenosha County Speedway, Wilmot, WI. Tom Jones sang his way to career feature win number 101 at the Waukegan Speedway, Waukegan, IL., May 1st. Dave Evans, Bobby Dotter, Ted Musgrave, and Roy Acuff, singing background, followed. Larry Phillips took the lead with less than 3 laps to go to win the feature at Fairgrounds Speedway, Springfield, MO., May 6th. Mark Martin, yes that Mark Martin, placed 2nd. J.J. Smith bested Dave Bruggink in the 25 lap feature at U.S. Speedway 141, Francis Creek, WI., May 8th. Rick Haase, Bill Goedon, and Eric Moe were next. Mario Andretti, one of the best to ever get behind the wheel of a race car, won the Spanish Grand Prix in Madrid Spain, May 8th. Andretti led the entire way. Punky Manor won the Late Model feature at Eau Claire Speedway, May 8th. Manor was followed by Red Steffen, Bob Husby, and Jim Gruen. The headline reads, "3 Features in 4 Nights for Regeth" That occurred, May 5 through May 8th, 1977, as the "Bear" Regeth was really growling. Benny Parsons, the Michigan taxi driver, won the Music City 420 Winston Cup Grand National race at Nashville Speedway, Nashville, TN., May 7th. Cale Yarborough, Darrell Waltrip, and Dave Marcis were next in line. Joe Shear debuted his new Fred Nielsen, 1974 Camaro, winning the 30 lap Late Model feature at Dells Motor Speedway, May 7th. Jim Johnson won the 20 lap semi-feature while Steve Carlson took top honors in the 12 lap consolation. The consolation? His career definitely went up from there. Paul Mahlum was the Hobystock race winner. Dave Bjorge was the victor in Late Model action at Dodge County Speedway, Kasson, MN., May 8th. Dick Trickle after winning in Kaukauna on the pavement in the afternoon, raced at night at Paul's Super Speedway, Depere, WI., May 15th, and also won the feature race on dirt there. Kevin Stepan won the semi ahead of Mike Blazer and Al Schulz. Clown prince of auto racing, Kevin Olson won the Badger Midget Auto Racing Association 25 lap feature at Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie, WI., May 15th. Olson wasn't joking around when he crossed the finish line 1st ahead of Tom Steiner, Ken Biertzer, Eddie Loomis and Stan Fox. There was a full turnout, very full as a matter of fact, for the Bikini contest at Slinger Super Speedway. Marilyn Mee was the winner as determined by a panel of drivers and Gee Whiz the clown. Dick Trickle made his debut in the American Speed Association in the 300 lap main at I-70 Speedway,

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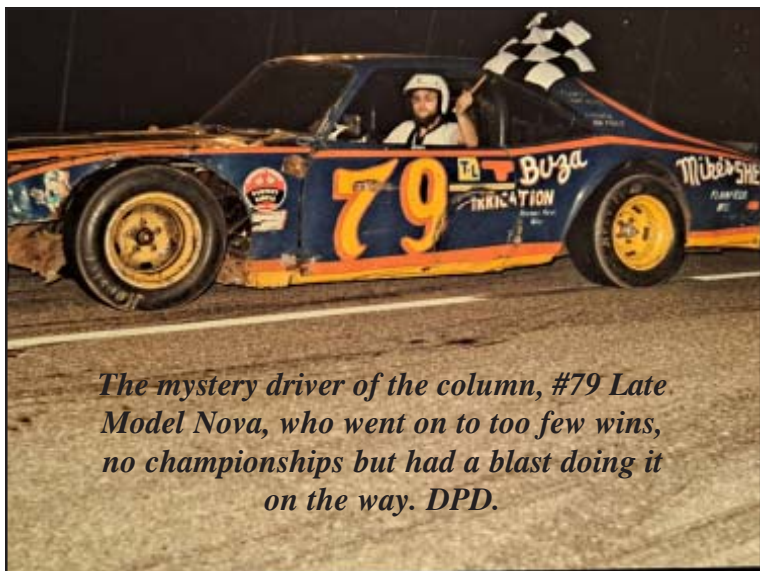
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Odessa, MO., May 22nd. It was Trickle's first career (of many to come wins) in ASA competition. Trickle wanted to be a judge for the Slinger Bikini contest, but decided to go win a race instead. Bob Gunn shot down the field in the 30 lap feature at Dells Motor Speedway, May 21st. Gunn pistol whipped the field out shooting Rich Bickle, Jim Sauter, Tom Reffner and Jim Bohmsach in the race.



**#6 Chicagoland victor
Jerry Kemperman**

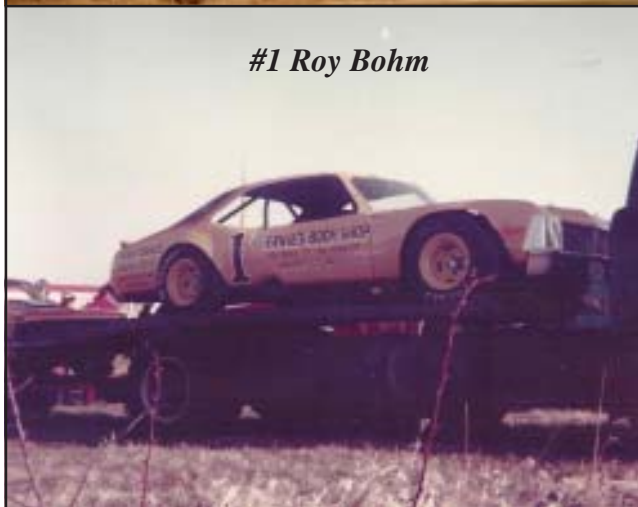
Jerry Kemperman took his fifth main event win of the season at Raceway Park of Blue Island, IL. The big news here was that Bud Koehler lost, he who would go on to a 500 feature win career, 490 coming at Raceway Park. This is the same Raceway Park that this writer visited with a group of friends bumping into promoter Pete Jenin in the grandstands. Pete proceeded to give us a tour of the grounds including the three beer and liquor dispensaries located in the main grandstands. He said don't worry about over indulging, you'll be fine. Easy for him to say! The Minnesota Fair released it's 1977 event schedule featuring 10 days of motorsports. Motorsports was a huge crowd favorite and a big money maker, consequently, that's probably why the Fairboard eventually discontinued that practice resorting to less and downright unpopular activity because a handful of people were complaining about the noise. As of May 31st, it was Conrad Morgan leading the Late Model point standings at Lake Geneva Raceway, Lake Geneva,



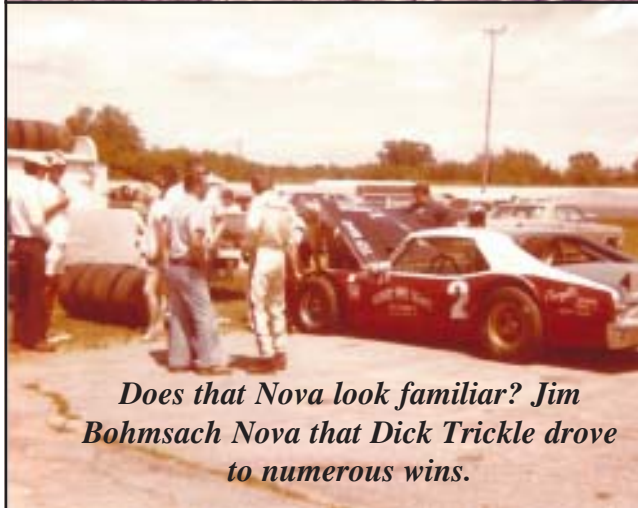
The mystery driver of the column, #79 Late Model Nova, who went on to too few wins, no championships but had a blast doing it on the way. DPD.



#84 John Bovee's Nova



#1 Roy Bohm



Does that Nova look familiar? Jim Bohmsach Nova that Dick Trickle drove to numerous wins.

WI. Fran Baumgartner led the Sportsman division. And so goes it for some racing in 1976 and 1977.

May-Day is over, lot's of fatigue going thru something like this line by line, go get some sleep now.

Here and there...Not much to report yet, but things will heat up in April and May with numerous events. We'll get started with the Reunion at the Yaggy Shop in Rochester, MN., and a couple events in Iowa. Of course, locally we can look forward to the La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway opener on May 17th...Lost a couple racers here recently. Kenny Matthews a pioneer of Central Wisconsin Racing and Ralph Bakewell who ran the area paved tracks for many years.

Questions, comments, opinions and other information should now be directed to Starmaker Multimedia 314 3rd Avenue



#0 Tom Jones ready to pass for the win



#21 Mark Cieselski in his super fast purple Mustang



Fast guy #75 Larry Phillips



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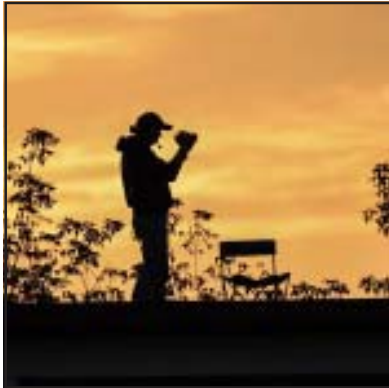
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Dangerous Dan**Dan Margetta**

The arrival of Spring means a lot to many people in the Upper Midwest. Golfers hit the links the moment the snow melts, baseball players take to the diamonds at the crack of the bat and racers crank up the engines and head to the racetracks. It's a great time of the year for race fans and racers as the anticipation of a brand-new year combines with the pent-up energy from being shut in all winter as they gather to see each other once again for another seven-month journey we call race season. It was a pretty quiet beginning of the year until a few weeks ago when Kenny Wallace asked the question "Is racing in Wisconsin dead?" on his social media platforms. That sure lit a fire under the race fans up here as clicks, comments, and shares quickly poured in. The posts garnered everything from measured responses, quick-fire salty rhetoric, ALL CAPS comments, and tons of emojis but sifting through them produced the main analysis that while racing in Wisconsin (and the Upper Midwest of course) doesn't have the quantity it had years ago, it is anything but "dead" and in fact is quite strong. Times have changed like they always do and while no one is racing weekly shows four to five nights a week like they used to, weekly programs at tracks

now feature a mix of divisions with each event having a more "special" flavor to them. Track schedules are filled with main events that have special meanings either through sponsorship, increased purses, commemorative trophies, or by being part of a series. While unfortunately we have lost a few tracks the last few years, we still have a large amount of both asphalt and dirt tracks still in operation that cover all four corners of the state. Sometimes we take what we have up here for granted and I think the social media post was an overall positive for racing in the area. It was refreshing to see the passionate responses as while maybe not always obvious, racing is completely engrained in our culture up here. It's a huge part of who we are and what we do, and it literally defines us. Sometimes it takes something as simple as a question on a popular social media page to make us pause and think how good we have it in this part of the country when it comes to opportunities to go and watch racing. Kenny Wallace is a true racer and he's one of us, which means he understands us and knows what really gets us going. He knew what he was doing when he asked the question, and I would be willing to bet he was pleased with the tremendous response it garnered. You could tell by the almost bewildered smile and upbeat attitude he had in his rebuttal posted the next day when he delivered the verdict that any talk of racing in Wisconsin dying was greatly exaggerated and all the fans that responded were encouraged to get out to the tracks and support the sport they so passionately love.

Speaking about people being passionate about racing, the main big news that broke over the last month or so was the sale of the Slinger Speedway from Todd and Elizabeth Thelen to new owners Travis and Kelsey Dassow. I've had the privilege to stand on the roof at Slinger and be a part of the racing program there since the early ninety's and have gone through a few ownership changes now. The Thelen's have become very good friends and I've seen how hard they worked to keep that track successful and bring its

racing events to even greater heights. For all you see and read about that goes into running a race-track, there's at least ten times more work and effort that no one sees that's required to keep everything and everyone pulling in the same direction. The Thelen's assembled a great staff that was just as passionate about the facility as they were, and they were outstanding at meeting the challenges that arose without ever losing focus on the main goal of making the track the best it could be. What will always

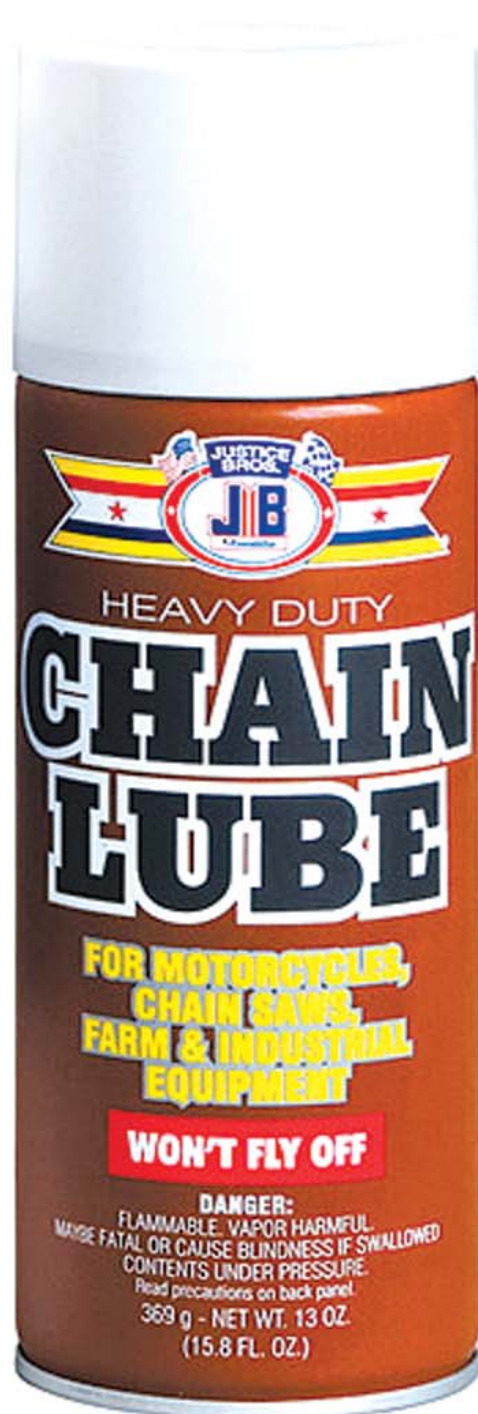
stand out to me as a prime example of their determination and "find a way" attitude was the early COVID era in the beginning of 2020 when faced with the possibility of having to shut down, they refused to let that track die and did what they had to do to have a season. No one can ever imagine how many countless hours of work and effort went into making that season happen, but they accomplished it against some pretty steep odds. They led the way as Slinger's marquee events grew even bigger and solidified the track's reputation as one of the premier facilities in the nation. I'm blessed to call them friends and I look forward to being able to enjoy the Sunday night races with them in a less stressful environment for a change.

At the same time, I also look forward to working with the Dassow's as they possess many of the same qualities as the Thelen's and that's why I think the transaction has pretty much gone seamless to this point. The Dassow's are racers too and they have a deep history at Slinger, and they love the place just as much as everyone who currently works and races there. Racing is a way of life with them, and they know what's "cool" to race fans because they've always been fans themselves. Like the Thelen's, they've also raced and are known by the racers in the pits and the respect they bring from there should continue the successful balance between the competition "Pit" side and the entertainment "Grandstand" side that make Slinger's race programs fun and infectious enough to keep people coming back. The Dassow's have already started making improvements such as completely remodeling the building I stand on to video from and finishing a water drainage project on the infield. They have implemented a new ticketing system and work continues on a new modernized pit sign-in procedure. The most notable change so far is the introduction of new pricing which now features a Family ticket where two adults and three kids under 17 get in for just \$40. The season opens April 27th with the Jerry "Bear" Priesgen Memorial which is part of the All Star Challenge Series for the late models highlighted by a \$2,500 to win feature.

If I had to describe April in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest for race fans in one word, I would choose "Enthusiasm". We've sat all winter and we're ready to go racing. I'll start my season on April 12th as the super late models contest round one of the Alive for Five Series at Dells Raceway Park for the Ice Breaker 100 along with the 602 late models and the Midwest Truck Series. From there, I'll swing by Slinger Speedway's open practice on April 26th before planning on catching some dirt racing action with the Glenn Hepfner Memorial and the IRA Sprint Cars, Dirt Kings Late Models, and Badger Midgets that night at Beaver Dam Raceway. I'll wrap up the month back on the roof at Slinger for the Jerry "Bear" Priesgen Memorial season opener on April 27th with the All Star Challenge Series Late Models, 602 Craters, Sportsmen, Slinger Bees, and Figure 8's. Hopefully I'll run into you at one of those shows and we can catch up and kick off another season.

*Bruce Nuttleman photo*

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Racing Nuggets



PJ "Jacklyn" Nuttleman

My husband, Toby, loves to snowmobile during the off-season. This was notably not the best season for snowmobiling (again). He tends to go toward Michigan's upper peninsula with his brother, Kevin, whenever they head out with their sleds.

Before heading out for the first (and ultimately only) time this season, Toby complained about his left calf hurting. I chalked it up to him not drinking enough water. The guy gets leg cramps often when he doesn't hydrate his body, which results in him sounding a lot like Yosemite Sam from Bugs Bunny cartoons... but I digress.

I didn't give much credence to his report of pain, as he was off with his brother to play in the snow for a few days. When he returned, he told me the pain was getting worse, and his ankle was now swelling. He also told me he rolled his snowmobile, so I chalked it up to him acting like he was still in his 20s.

I was talking to my boss, a naturopath who is well-educated in the human body when I mentioned what was happening with Toby. She got wide-eyed and told me to get him to Urgent Care IMMEDIATELY, as she thought he might have a blood clot. An ultrasound was necessary to confirm it.

And sure enough, the ultrasound confirmed that Toby had a blood clot that stretched from his left knee to his ankle. I was mortified that we didn't act sooner but grateful that none of the clots came loose, causing severe damage or death.

I don't think it's a secret that Toby puts a LOT of steps in whenever he's at a racetrack. People have long made jokes about his pacing during a race. I even put a (cheap) pedometer on him one year at Oktoberfest Race Weekend. I was astounded at the daily number of steps that he took—on average, it was more than 30,000 steps each day. That translates to more than 15 miles of walking each day of Oktoberfest.

Getting a Leg-Up

The guy walks A LOT during the race season. However, during the "off-season," when the racing migrates south, he sits for long periods in a vehicle. I am guessing that the long hours of sitting combined with a less-than-stellar diet of steak with "fries and fries" as his sides didn't help with the formation of that clot in his leg.

He is currently on blood thinners and using enzymes (topical and ingestible) to help dissolve the clot. We elevate his leg as often as possible to help keep the ankle from swelling. Getting things squared away with this will be a long process, and patience is NOT our strong suit.

Why am I sharing this story with you? For two reasons.

One—if you or anyone you know sits for long periods—whether that is by traveling or if you work at a desk all day—you need to make sure you move your

legs FREQUENTLY. Wiggle your toes. Rotate your ankles in a circular direction clockwise and then counter-clockwise several times each hour. Get up and walk around as much as you can.

Two—please stop Toby if you see him trying to operate a Sawzall, using a tool for an unintended purpose, or generally doing anything dangerous where he might maim himself. I don't want him to bleed to death.

He went to get his hair cut the other day, and the barber noticed he was bleeding from the top of his head when he sat down. Thank God she had some powder they use for nicks and cuts to stop the bleeding. Toby didn't even realize he had gashed his head on something.

I can't say it enough: I married a toddler.
Lord, help us.

2025 SCHEDULE

April 26 - Grundy Co. Speedway	July 18 - Hawkeye Downs
May 23 - Madison Int'l Speedway	Aug 1 - Madison Int'l Speedway
June 6 - Hawkeye Downs	Aug 8 - Tomah-Sparta Speedway
June 28 - Grundy Co. Speedway	Sept 13 - Dells Raceway Park
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Also locked in for all Storm Series events is returning Gopher Midget driver Trevor Serbus. After a tough injury took him out last year, Serbus is fully healed and ready to race. Another exciting addition is 360/410 sprint car standout Ryan Bowers, who’s making his midget debut. Bowers—married to Anna from the legendary Kouba racing family—is sure to turn heads.

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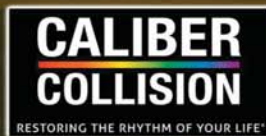


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2025 EVENT SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, APRIL 4

OPEN PRACTICE (6-9PM)

\$30 PER CAR & DRIVER. ALL CARS WELCOME

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS \$10

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

CLS WEEKLY RACING

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ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

OPEN PRACTICE (6-9PM)

\$30 PER CAR & DRIVER. ALL CARS WELCOME

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS \$10

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

CLS WEEKLY RACING

PRESENTED BY BERNICK'S PEPSI

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ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

THE LEGENDARY OPENER

(APRIL 17TH - 19TH)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

OPEN PRACTICE (6-9PM)

\$30 PER CAR & DRIVER. ALL CARS WELCOME

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS \$10

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

TIME TRIALS AND FEATURES FOR 10 CLASSES

PURE STOCKS, STREET STOCKS, HORNETS, USRA LATE MODELS, UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS! TIME TRIALS AT 5PM. RACING AT 7PM

ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$35

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

TIME TRIALS AND FEATURES FOR 10 CLASSES

PURE STOCKS, STREET STOCKS, HORNETS, USRA LATE MODELS, UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS! TIME TRIALS AT 5PM. RACING AT 7PM

ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$35

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

OPEN PRACTICE (6-9PM)

\$30 PER CAR & DRIVER. ALL CARS WELCOME

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS \$10

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

CLS WEEKLY RACING

PRESENTED BY FASTENAL

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ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, MAY 3

SPRING OPEN WHEEL SPECTACULAR

UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, BATWING OUTLAW MINI-MODS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, MODIFIEDS & VINTAGE CARS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, MAY 10

SCHOOL BUS SPECIAL

MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS & SCHOOL BUS RACES! (5/17 RAIN DATE)

ADULT \$25 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, MAY 17

CLS WEEKLY RACING

PRESENTED BY ST. CROIX CASINOS

UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS (RAIN DATE FOR BUS RACES)

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, MAY 24

PACK THE TRACK NIGHT AND COOK MEMORIAL

FREE GRANDSTAND ADMISSION!

FULL RACE OF MICRO SPRINTS, PRO STOCKS, STREET STOCKS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, MIDWEST LEGEND CARS & UMSS WINGED SPRINTS

ADULT FREE STUDENT FREE PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, MAY 31

CLS WEEKLY RACING PRESENTED BY TJADER & HIGHSTROM

USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

CLS WEEKLY RACING PRESENTED BY HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS, INC.

KIDS NIGHT 16 & UNDER FREE

USRA LATE MODELS, STREET STOCKS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS & MODIFIEDS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT FREE PITTS \$30



26TH ANNUAL MASTERS

(JUNE 12TH - 14TH)

THREE COMPLETE SHOWS 7PM START TIME EACH NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

MASTERS DAY 1

\$3K TO WIN USMITS MODIFIEDS, \$3K TO WIN CLS LATE MODELS & USRA LATE MODELS

ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$35

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

MASTERS DAY 2

\$5K TO WIN USMITS MODIFIEDS, \$5K TO WIN CLS LATE MODELS & USRA LATE MODELS

ADULT \$35 STUDENT \$17 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

MASTERS DAY 3

\$12K TO WIN USMITS MODIFIEDS, \$12K TO WIN CLS LATE MODELS & USRA LATE MODELS

ADULT \$45 STUDENT \$22 PITTS \$45

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

CLS WEEKLY RACING PRESENTED BY WESTFIELDS HOSPITAL & CLINIC

UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS & MODIFIEDS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

11TH ANNUAL WORLD OF OUTLAW SHOWDOWN

(JUNE 27TH & 28TH)

COMPLETE SHOW EACH NIGHT 7PM START TIME

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

WORLD OF OUTLAW SPRINT CARS DAY 1

HUGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

COMPLETE SHOW FOR 410 OUTLAWS & UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS

ADULT \$40 STUDENT \$20 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

WORLD OF OUTLAW SPRINT CARS DAY 2

COMPLETE SHOW FOR 410 OUTLAWS & UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS

ADULT \$45 STUDENT \$22 PITTS \$45

SATURDAY, JULY 5 - NO RACING

MONTH OF MONEY

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SATURDAY, JULY 12

CLS RACE 1 - MONTH OF MONEY

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\$2,500 TO WIN MIDWEST MODS

UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, USRA LATE MODELS & LATE MODELS

ADULT \$25 STUDENT \$12 PITTS \$35

SATURDAY, JULY 19

CLS RACE 2 - MONTH OF MONEY

PRESENTED BY CALIBER COLLISION

\$10,555 TO WIN MAHDER MEMORIAL LATE MODELS

\$2,500 TO WIN USRA LATE MODELS

MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS & MODIFIEDS

ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, JULY 26

CLS RACE 3 - MONTH OF MONEY

PRESENTED BY PIRTEK

\$2,500 TO WIN PRO STOCKS

\$2,500 TO WIN STREET STOCKS

UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS & MODIFIEDS

ADULT \$25 STUDENT \$12 PITTS \$35

38TH ANNUAL USA NATIONALS

(JULY 31ST - AUG 2ND)

\$100,000 TO WIN LATE MODELS!

7PM START TIME EACH NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 31

NATIONALS DAY 1

FULL PROGRAM OF WORLD OF OUTLAW LATE MODELS & CLS LATE MODELS

ADULT \$35 STUDENT \$17 PITTS \$35

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

NATIONALS DAY 2

TIME TRIALS, HEATS, & DASH FOR WORLD OF OUTLAW LATE MODELS & CLS LATE MODELS

ADULT \$40 STUDENT \$20 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

NATIONALS DAY 3

WDO SEMIS, LCQ & 100 LAP \$100K TO-WIN EVENT & COMPLETE SHOW OF CLS LATE MODELS

ADULT \$45 STUDENT \$22 PITTS \$50

SATURDAY, AUG 9 - NO RACING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

CLS WEEKLY RACING PRESENTED BY CROWN LIFT TRUCKS

UMSS WINGED SPRINT CARS, USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

CLS SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP & FAN APPRECIATION DAY

USRA LATE MODELS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS

ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$35

SATURDAY, AUG 30

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - NO RACING



25TH ANNUAL JERRY RICHERT MEMORIAL

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

RICHERT MEMORIAL DAY 1

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ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$35

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

RICHERT MEMORIAL DAY 2

FEATURING IRA 410 SPRINT CARS, UMSS TRADITIONAL SPRINT CARS, WISCONSIN WINGLESS SPRINTS & UMSS WING SPRINT CARS

ADULT \$35 STUDENT \$17 PITTS \$40

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PRELIMINARY FEATURE NIGHT 2 FOR 8 CLASSES

PURE STOCKS, STREET STOCKS, HORNETS, USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS! TIME TRIALS AT 5PM. RACING AT 7PM

ADULT \$30 STUDENT \$15 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

MAIN EVENT - 8 MAINS AND A MAINS FOR 8 CLASSES

PURE STOCKS, STREET STOCKS, HORNETS, USRA LATE MODELS, MIDWEST MODIFIEDS, PRO STOCKS, MODIFIEDS & LATE MODELS! RACING AT 5PM

ADULT \$35 STUDENT \$17 PITTS \$40

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MONSTER TRUCK NITRO TOUR

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS NA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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ADULT \$20 STUDENT \$10 PITTS \$30

20TH ANNUAL LEGENDARY 100

(SEPTEMBER 10TH - 13TH)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

OPEN PRACTICE (6-9PM)

\$30 PER CAR & DRIVER. ALL CARS WELCOME

ADULT NA STUDENT NA PITTS \$10

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

PRELIMINARY FEATURE NIGHT 1 FOR 8 CLASSES

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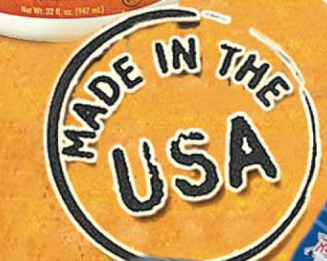
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