

Sprint cars bring excitement to Elmwood

By Mike Hughes

The United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Sprint Cars invaded Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, on Saturday evening, July 30, for the first of two nights of auto racing during the Norton County Fair.

Luke Cranston of Plains took advantage of his pole starting position to lead all 25 laps en-route to a trip to victory lane. Brian Herbert chased Cranston early on but Cranston used lapped traffic to his advantage to pull away from his competitors. The lone caution waved on lap 10 when Howard Van Dyke looped his car in turn 4, but Cranston pulled away on the restart and never looked back. Herbert had to settle for second, followed by the three heat race winners Jeff Radcliffe, Zach Blurton and Darren Bowman.

The IMCA Stock Car feature went 15 caution free laps, and 'The Taz Man' Tyler Hahn of Stockton led from green to checkered. Heat one winner Jay Hachmeister chased Hahn but had to settle for the runner-up spot, followed by Pat Bedore, Jason Davis and Dustin McClurg. Heat two winner Bob Rutherford ran sixth.

Second heat victor Tanner Portenier took the early lead in the IMCA Sport Mod main event. Portenier led the field to the halfway mark of the 15-lap race when the caution waved for a single car spin. When

the green flag replaced the yellow, point leader Brian Conness of WaKeeney passed Portenier to take the point. A late race caution gave the field a chance, but Conness held on for his third win of the season at Norton. Second running Portenier spun in turn 4 on the last lap, but track officials deemed third running Ben Hobbs made contact on Portenier and gave Portenier his second place finish. Hobbs then was third, followed by Tyler Watts and Kenny Schmidt. Frank McClurg won the other heat race.

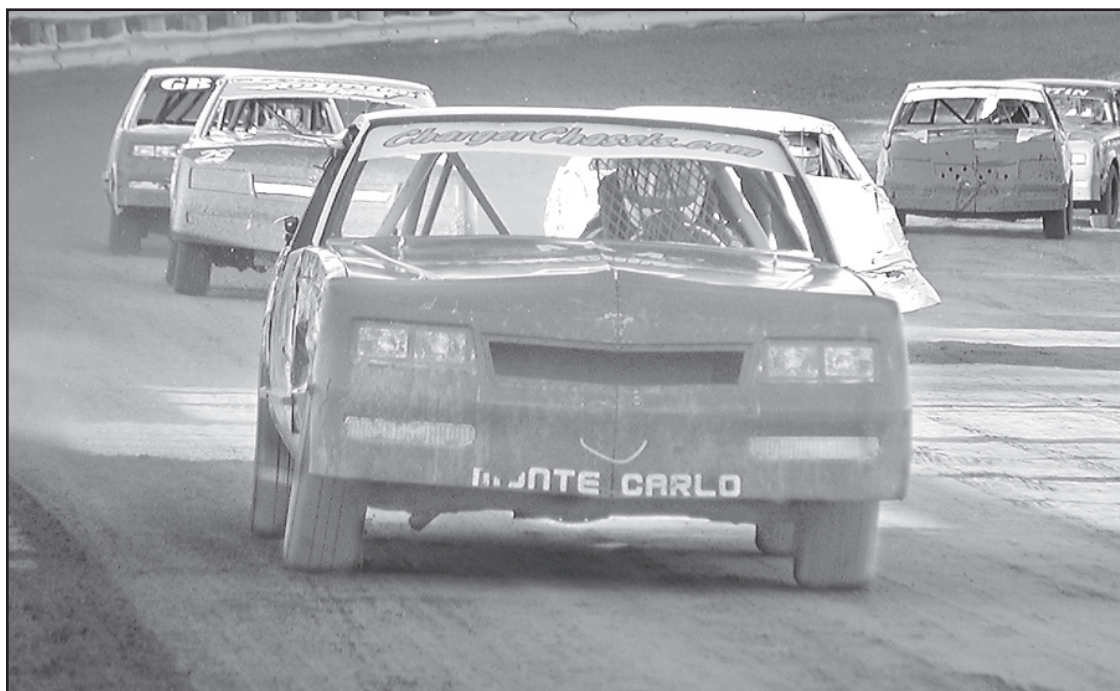
Hometown driver Kelly Karnopp remained undefeated at the half-mile oval. Heat race winner Karnopp drove around leader Kirk Karst on lap 5 of the 12-lap IMCA Hobby Stock feature for a trip to the winner's circle, his fourth appearance in four outings this season. Jeromy Wagner, Karst, Anthony Martin and Rick Maynard rounded out the top five.

Beloit's Brian Calhoon was a double winner. Calhoon won the IMCA Modified heat race, then took top honors in the feature. Tim Watts and Jason Davis ran second and third.

Norton Auto Supply added \$100 purse money to the winner of the stock car and sprint car features.

All five divisions returned for the second night of fair races on Sunday, July 31.

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Norton sprint car driver, Randy Bantam, warms up on the track before racing at the Norton Elmwood Park Speedway Races during the last day of the fair.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Party game delivers fun for boys

Created to give groups of children an active, exciting, and challenging way to play, Galloping Goose Toys of Vallejo, Calif. has just released Galloping Goose, a party and school recess game. Both unusual and compelling, it is the only group party game on the market for boys aged five to early teens, though girls can easily play, too. Played outdoors, with groups of three to seven, this new game combines the best elements of Pin the Tail On the Donkey, Hot Potato and Sack Race.

Galloping Goose can be played on sand, snow or grass, in any designated area. One player, the "goose", wears a perforated plastic apron that hangs over the backside called the "feathertail". Multi-colored plastic feathers are

affixed through the perforations. The other players, "hoppers", have ankles bound with velcro wraps so they must hop in pursuit of the goose, trying to pluck the goose's feathers. The goose tries to evade the hoppers while tossing a plastic egg in the air. If all the feathers are plucked before time is up, the hopper with the most feathers is the new goose. If the feathers are not all plucked in three consecutively longer rounds, the goose wins the right to wear the included "Supreme Goose" crown.

Galloping Goose was developed for groups of children to take advantage of their youthful energy. Exciting, fun, and always different, the game is much less expensive than renting bouncing

structures and more rewarding for the participants. It is easy to learn and easy to play and generates a great deal of excitement and laughter.

Galloping Goose was created by a former substitute teacher and his two sons to take advantage of children's energy in a playful, challenging and focused game. "We spent a year in the front yard, honing the game. Then I made a crude prototype and took it with me on various teacher assignments," said Rob Park, co-inventor of the game. "At recess kids would swarm to the game. It was a hit everywhere. Then I realized there were no group birthday party games on the market for boys. That's a big, undeveloped market."

Idol

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The first place winner was Jessica Gooder of Smith Center. For her performances, Gooder was awarded a recording and photo session, concert tickets and a \$500 cash prize. Gooder performed "I Won't Let Go" by Rascal Flatts and "Just a Kiss" by Lady Antebellum.

The second place winner was Jennifer LaGrow of Edmond, Okla. who took home \$250. Finally, Corbyn Broeckelman of Beloit took home third place and \$125.

The People's Choice designation was awarded to Christopher Whitney of Prairie View, who won \$100 in the competition.

The 2011 Norton Idol was sponsored by a list of 59 area businesses and individuals who helped make the event possible.

The panel of three judges included Dr. Terry Crull, Roger Cooper and Carly Evans.

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Carnival

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"A lot of different people look at the rides every year," he explained. "This particular piece of equipment was professionally inspected in 2008 and again in 2010. The ride wasn't inspected prior to use this year because an inspector wasn't available to visit us before the fair."

Eveleigh reported that Norton belongs to a network of home-owned carnivals and together, the groups hire inspectors for the home-owned rides. The inspections are subject to inspector availability and may not be inspected every year.

About 10 years ago, a similar situation occurred on the ride known as "The Octopus" where a cart fell from a support beam, but because of the low profile to the ground, the cart fell only a few feet and no injuries were

reported.

Kansas statute dictates that amusement rides that operate on a permanent or temporary basis be inspected annually, but home-owned carnivals like in Norton

are exempt from the regulations. The full explanation of regulations and exemptions can be found at www.kansasstatutes.lesterama.org.

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Schools

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Norton Junior High registration is planned for Aug. 10 and 11. Students in 8th grade will register on Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Students in 7th grade will register on Aug. 11, also from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Eisenhower Elementary students will register on Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Band Room.

The first day of school for Norton is Monday, Aug. 22 with a 1 p.m. dismissal.

NORTHERN VALLEY

Along with Norton, the Northern Valley Unified School District 212 will hold registration on Aug. 9 and Aug. 10 from 1-7:30 p.m.

High-school enrollment will be held in the high school office in Alma both days and the Long Island office will be open for PK-8 enrollment on Tuesday only. The Alma office will be open for PK-8 enrollment on Wednesday only.

High-school students must enroll at the high school and elementary students may register at either elementary school.

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