

Vintage cars put on Elmwood track show



MBM Motorsports and the Elmwood Park Speedway Racing Association hosted the vintage car races last weekend. Over 30 sprint cars, 13 modified and 30 vintage cars put on a great show for the spectators.

By Darin Racek
The annual Labor Day Weekend show at Elmwood Park Speedway found the pits with a high capacity of cars, as a total of 30 vintage race cars, 32 United Rebel Sprint Series Sprint Cars, and 14 IMCA Northern SportMods came to play and race between the two nights. Luke Cranston of Plains, Zach Blurton of Jetmore, Tanner Portenier of Luray, and Brian Conness of WaKeeney were playing for keeps, as they won the A Features in the Sprint Car and SportMod divisions.

The vintage cars did not "officially" race, but they did manage to mix things up on both nights. The iconic Kansas uncaged Sprint Car known as "The Offy Killer," owned by Jerry Wilson of Wichita and driven by Robbie Bryant was on hand, and the 57-year-old car was making laps around the big half-mile track at an average of 65 miles an hour. Bill Yalotz of Pueblo, Colo. had a 41-year-old caged Toggnahti Sprint Car, and he managed some laps a tick faster than that. Ron Murphy of Sharon Springs brought a new car he built, a good-looking replica of a dirt roadster from the 1950s, built from a 1919 Buick and powered by a 308 cubic inch Hudson engine. Joe Morosic of Indianola, Neb. brought an old favorite, a 1971 rear-engined Sprint car built by his dad, the late Lonnie Morosic. These were just a few of the amazing cars brought in from around the state of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Thirty URSS Sprint Cars were in the pits on Saturday night, and that meant four heats and two B Features to set up the lineup for the twenty car A Feature. The heat wins were split up between Kansas drivers Ty Williams of Liberal and Luke Cranston, and Gypsum, Colo. drivers Judd Shaeffer and Patrick Bourke. Passing points set up for interesting B Features, with the first one featuring all three of the National point leaders, Brian Herbert of Dodge City, Josh Fairbank of Goddard, and eventual race winner Ray Seemann of Jetmore. B Feature number two was won by Mark Walinder of Wheatridge, Colo., a former resident of the Ness City area.

In the 25-lap A Feature, Luke Cranston took the lead from Shaeffer on lap three and said "bye-bye" to the field for a while. 2010 URSS National champion Ty Williams wasn't ready to hand things over, and after he moved into second place on lap seven, began to close in on Cranston. Luke used a cool hand to maneuver through lapped traffic to again build a healthy

lead on the Liberal driver, but the lapped cars were removed between the two on lap 13 after Lincoln driver Mike Spear had mechanical issues on the track. After the restart, track champion Darren Berry from McCook opted to dive down into corner three rather than drive into the car in front of him, and the imminent berm sent him for a roll. He was not seriously hurt, but the car, and even his driver's seat, took a beating. On that restart, Patrick Bourke dove hard into the corner to get by Williams for second place, but could not deny Cranston from picking up his sixth win of the year, and his second at Elmwood Park. Jason Martin of Liberal took the fourth spot, and Seemann worked from the eleventh spot to take fifth place.

On Sunday night, there were 23 cars, and one of those was lost on the opening lap of the first heat race of the night when 14-year-old Conner Atkinson of Hutchinson rolled her beast four-and-a-half times in corner three. She was able to walk away from the wreck, but the car was quoted as "junk" after the wreck. Shaeffer, Seemann, and Zach Blurton were the eventual winners of the heat races. No B Features were run, but the 25-lap A Feature made up for it.

Judd Shaeffer was hoping to end his streak of good luck in heats and bad luck in features, and started the main event by leading the first five laps. The "Teenage Sensation" Zach Blurton found his way by the Colorado racer on the sixth lap, but his lead was short lived. Josh Fairbank had started in eighth place, but by lap 10 was able to use the low line to take the lead away. The race went until lap 17 before the first caution, and that was for a spin. On the restart, Blurton attacked on the high side, and within two laps, regained the lead. After Ron Hadley of Norton slapped the corner two wall, the field again realigned single file with six laps to go. Patrick Bourke had started in ninth place and was in third at this time. On the restart, while Blurton and Fairbank went high, Bourke went low, first taking Fairbank's spot, then making the slide-for-life out of corner four as they took the white flag to take the lead from Blurton. Blurton returned the favor in corner two, but before the entire field could complete the lap, the red flag came out after Blake Smith, Jr. of Fredrick, Colo. planted into the wall. This reverted the lap back to lap 23 with Blurton in the lead and Bourke in second. For the last two laps, Blurton moved lower on the track, preventing Bourke

from making another move to the front, and forcing him to take his second second-place finish in two nights. Blurton's win was his second of the year. Josh Fairbank was able to hold Ray Seemann at bay for the third spot, and Adam Trimble of Pueblo, Colo. ended a good night for him with a fifth place finish.

The IMCA Northern SportMod A Feature on Saturday night started with Dan Lauer of Norton in the lead, but on the next lap, he was involved in an accident that began with cars three-wide in the back straight and ended with his car up in the air and into the outside fence. Ben Hobbs of Red Cloud, Neb. steered clear of the mess and inherited the lead on the restart. Tanner Portenier ran the low side of the track, and was able to drive underneath high-liner Hobbs for the lead on lap six. Portenier stayed with the line and pulled away from Hobbs for a strong statement win. Troy Attwood of Gaylord was involved in an accident in the heat race that ended up with a torn up right side, but he willed his car to third place at the finish. Kaid Calhoon of Beloit finished in fourth, and Craig Howard of Lexington, Neb. took the fifth spot. Calhoon and Brian Conness were the SportMod heat winners on Saturday night.

The SportMods tried the three-wide on the opening lap on Sunday night, with pretty much the same results, only Craig Howard was the one that ended up in the air and Frank McClurg of Logan and Jason McCartney of Smith Center in the inside guard rail. When the race was restarted, Ben Hobbs showed the way, closely followed by heat winner Tanner Portenier. On lap four,

Hobbs went for a spin in corner three, but Portenier was deemed the cause and put to the back. Hobbs could not get his car going on the restart and pulled into the pits. Heat winner Brian Conness inherited the lead. Tanner restarted in seventh place in line, and made a hard charge to get into second place, but as the last 11 laps went caution-free, he had no shot at denying Conness the win, which sealed the track points championship. Attwood earned his second third place finish for the weekend. Newcomer Austin Walker of Utica took the fourth spot. Kenny Schmidt kept ahead of his fellow Ellis driver John LaShell for fifth place.

The staff of Elmwood Park Speedway would like to thank everyone who participated at the track this 2011 season, the sponsors, and especially the fans.

Results September 3
URSS 305 Sprint Cars

Heat 1: 1-Ty Williams, 2J-Zach Blurto, 36-Jason Martin

Heat 2: 56-Judd Shaeffer, 12S-Bob Schaeffer, 9D-Lance Davis

Heat 3: 20-Luke Cranston, 112-Richie Dewell, 30C-Barry Crane

Heat 4: 27-Patrick Bourke, 34-Adam Trimble, 97-Brian Herbert

B Feature 1: 72-Ray Seemann, 97-Brian Herbert, 46-Blake Smith, Jr., 51-Josh Fairbank, 30C-Barry Crane, 17-Conner Atkinson, 47H-Ron Hadley, 33-Koby Walters, 99-Tim Perkins (DNF), 12X-Weston Kraus (DNS)

B Feature 2: 6-Mark Walinder, 9D-Lance Davis, 12-Darren Berry, 140-Mike Parker, 54-Mike Spear, 1W-Reed Bernbeck, 29S-Mike Saathoff, R62-Greg Reiners, 22-Mike Madden (DNF), 5R-Randy Bantam (DNS)

A Feature: 20-Luke Cranston, 27-Patrick Bourke, 1-Ty Williams, 36-Jason Martin 72-Ray Seemann, 2J-Zach Blurton, 112-Richie Dewell, 9D-Lance Davis, 51-Josh Fairbank, 97-Brian Herbert, 12S-Bob Schaeffer, 6-Mark Walinder, 56-Judd Shaeffer, 30C-Barry Crane, 140-Mike Parker, 9B-Darren Bowman, 34-Adam Trimble (DNF), 12-Darren Berry (DNF), 54-Mike Spear (DNF), 46-Blake Smith, Jr. (DNF)

IMCA Northern SportMod
Heat 1: 21C-Brian Conness, 76-Ben Hobbs, 21K-Frank McClurg
Heat 2: 7C-Kaid Calhoon, 27-Tanner Portenier, 49-Dan Lauer

A Feature: 27-Tanner Portenier, 76-Ben Hobbs, 97-Troy Attwood, 7C-Kaid Calhoon, 68-Craig Howard, 21C-Brian Conness, 71-Kenny Schmidt, 34B-Josh Bopp, 21K-Frank McClurg, F5-J. R. Ewing, 1-Jason McCartney (DNF), 19-John LaShell (DNF), 49-Dan Lauer (DNF)

Results September 4
URSS 305 Sprint Cars

Heat 1: 72-Ray Seemann, 9B-Darren Bowman, 46-Blake Smith, Jr.

Heat 2: 2J-Zach Blurton, 34-Adam Trimble, 27-Patrick Bourke

Heat 3: 56-Judd Shaeffer, 6-Mark Walinder, 51-Josh Fairbank

A Feature: 2J-Zach Blurton, 27-Patrick Bourke, 51-Josh Fairbank, 72-Ray Seemann, 34-Adam Trimble, 97-Brian Herbert, 112-Richie Dewell, 9B-Darren Bowman, 6-Mark Walinder, 12S-Bob Schaeffer, 30C-Barry Crane, 56-Judd Shaeffer, 1W-Reed Bernbeck, 140-Mike Parker, 9D-Lance Davis, R62-Greg Reiners, 99-Troy Edwards, 33-Koby Walters, 22-Mike Madden, 77W-Michael Williams (DNF), 46-Blake Smith, Jr. (DNF), 47H-Ron Hadley (DNF), 17-Conner Atkinson (DNS)

IMCA Northern SportMod
Heat 1: 21C-Brian Conness, 97-Troy Attwood, 68-Craig Howard

Heat 2: 27-Tanner Portenier, 76-Ben Hobbs, 44-Austin Walker

A Feature: 21C-Brian Conness, 27-Tanner Portenier, 97-Troy Attwood, 44-Austin Walker, 71-Kenny Schmidt, 19-John LaShell, 21K-Frank McClurg, 1-Jason McCartney, 76-Ben Hobbs (DNF), 68-Craig Howard (DNF)

Elmwood Park Speedway,

2011 Final Points

IMCA 305 Sprint Cars (Top 10): 12-Darren Berry, McCook, Neb.-109, 74-Howard VanDyke, Clay Center-108, 5R-Randy Bantam, Norton-106, 47H-Ron Hadley, Norton-98, 99-Troy Edwards, Culbertson, Neb.-98, 22-Mike Madden, Norton-95, 2H-Bill Hays, Edison, Neb.-70, 29t-Tommy Lee Williams, North Platte, Neb.-36, R62-Greg Reiners, McCook, Neb.-33, 29s-Mike Saathoff, North Platte, Neb.-31

IMCA Modifieds: 11W-Tim Watts, Beloit-67, 43C-Brian Calhoon, Beloit-67, 97M-David Murray, Oberlin-37, 25P-Mike Petersilie, Hoisington-36, 43B-David Brock, Hoisington-33, 20H-Hunter Hembree, Great Bend-32, 43D-Jason Davis, Norton-31, 383-Milo Lippelmann, Oberlin-31

IMCA Northern SportMods (Top 10): 21C-Brian Conness, WaKeeney-293, 76-Ben Hobbs, Red Cloud, Neb.-280, 1-Jason McCartney, Smith Center-271, 21K-Frank McClurg, Logan-237, 19-John LaShell, Ellis-226, 27-Tanner Portenier, Luray-187, 97-Troy Attwood, Gaylord-187, 71-Kenny Schmidt, Ellis-144, 49-Dan Lauer, Norton-126, 77W-Tyler Watts, Beloit-100

IMCA Stock Cars (Top 10): 76-Jason Davis, Norton-217, 26-Dustin McClurg, Logan-215, 08-Jay Hachmeister, Lenora-209, 9C-Bob Rutherford, Norton-199, 8SK-John Annon, Norton-194, 1-Chase Conaway, Smith Center-164, 99B-Pat Bedore, Stockton 140, 44T-Tyler Hahn, Stockton-110, 97J-Josh Hudson, Athol-73, 97-Jay Schmidt, Smith Center-64

IMCA Hobby Stocks (Top 10): 3N1-Kelly Karnopp, Norton-211, 9A-Anthony Martin, Wilcox, Neb.-203, 62-Rick Maynard, Woodston-129, 9T-Theron Martin, Wilcox, Neb.-127, 29-Jeromy Wagner, Kensington-75, 6M-Jason McIntyre, Colby-66, 19-Dana Morgan, Kearney, Neb.-62, 24-Ray Caldwell, McCook, Neb.-62, 12-Jim Buss, Fullerton, Neb.-39, 111-Mike Giesenhagen, Colby-36

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