



TRACK TALK

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WEEK #8 - FRIDAY, JUNE 21

The Outlaw Super Late Models, the Late Model Sportsman, the Street Stocks, the Outlaw FWDs and the Zoo Stocks. All five classes race this Friday night. If you weren't in the stands



last Friday, you missed some intense racing. This Friday there'll be heats. There'll be features. And it's the Ben Beeler Memorial Trophy Night by Send Out Cards.

We will see you at the races!

DETAILS: JUNE 14 (WEEK #8)	
Pits Open	3:30
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$12
Youth 6-12	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

WEEK #9 - FRIDAY, JUNE 28

June 28 will be pure feature racing with the return of Howe Patio & Windows' Double Trouble Night – two features for each of the classes racing that night. Come on out and watch the Late Model Sportsman, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock racers run two features each!

RETRO MOMENT

We've been highlighting historical events in the track's history to commemorate our 70th anniversary. Today's events will become our remembered retro moments. The finish to the Auto Value Super Sprints feature will be one of those moments. The white flag flew. Aaron Pierce had the lead. Tyler Roahrig was charging down the front stretch. By the time they reached the finish line, determining the outcome was a challenge for the naked eye. Pierce (inside) hit the line first.





RESULTS

Gabe Carr broke the track record (15.043) in the Outlaw FWDs, beating the record (15.096) he set on opening night. Carr went on to win one of the heats; Adam VanAvery took the second heat when John Munro was disqualified for a breakout time violation. VanAvery had a breakout violation of his own in the feature. The 23 car strong, 25-lap feature was a flurry of activity that was a challenge to follow with the scoreboard calling in sick at the last minute. Most area tracks don't have a scoreboard, but we sure have gotten spoiled by ours! Joe Lambright and Curtis Dameron led the field to green. Dameron led early as heavy hitters Paul Bittle, Pete Doxey, Corey Woods, Jason Essex and Gabe Carr started making their moves from the tail of the field. Dameron was called for a breakout violation. Woods had moved quickly to the front and took the lead. Woods, despite several cautions, established a commanding lead. John Carr was flying and was the next driver to get tagged for a breakout violation. At the end it was Woods followed by Bittle, VanAvery (despite his breakout violation), Doxey and Munro rounding out the top five. Brock Sweeter (2015 Zoo Stock champion)

placed sixth followed by Camille Lewis, Ben Wilcox, Drew Losey and Robby Siegel all finishing on the lead lap. Defending champion Jason Essex' bad luck continued and he retired early from the race with mechanical issues. Woods leads the point standings over VanAvery (-44), Drew Losey, John Munro, Mike Long, Camille Lewis, Pete Doxey, John Carr, Gabe Carr and Nick Layman.



Corey Woods, wife Melissa, and crew celebrate Woods' victory.

The Late Model Sportsman boasted a field of 23. Andy Bozell took fast time with a 13.722 lap. Keegan Dykstra and Chris Shannon won the heat races. Al Foote and Lane Head led the field to green. A couple of cautions significantly changed the character of the 35-lap feature. The first was 5 laps into the race when a chain reaction crash resulted in a red flag stop. Dykstra, Ryan Stutz, Bill Tomlinson and David Guarino were finished for the night. Chris Garrett (#32) was able to continue but not as dynamically as in previous races. Andy Bozell (seen in the top left photo in the #59) was facing the wrong direction but made it through the scene unscathed, going on to win the race from deep in the field, twice having his car in the right place at the right time. AJ Foote led the first 34 laps, frequently by such a large margin that it didn't appear he could be caught. Jon Beach didn't see it that way and lessened the gap to Foote with each lap. Beach was on a run on the white flag lap, appearing as though he would be taking the checkered flag, when hard racing along the backstretch led to the final caution of the race as Foote and Beach performed a synchronized spin and both retired from the race. Bozell, again in the right place to take advantage of race conditions, assumed the lead and took the checkered flag followed by seven-time track champion Buddy Head, Shannon, four-time track champion Kenny Head and John Long. Dylan Stovall finished sixth, followed by Zoo Stock champion Lane Head, Keith Wilfong, Garrett and Jesse Van Avery. Buddy Head maintains his point lead followed by Chris Shannon (-127), Chris Garrett (-131), Jeff Bozell, former Outlaw FWD champion Keegan Dykstra, Dylan Stovall, Keith Wilfong, AJ Foote, Andy Bozell and Kenny Head.









Twelve-time track champion Andy Bozell returns to Victory Lane.

The Outlaw Super Late Models offered a field of 17 and a close race punctuated by plenty of lead changes. Steve Needles took fast time with a lap speed of 12.989. Three-time track champion Matt Corliss and Doug True won the heat races. Todd Harrington, Adam Terry, Rick Senneker and Doug True led the field to green for the 40-lap feature. Terry jumped out to the lead and extended his lead with each lap. With about a quarter of the race run, Doug True brought out the first caution putting Adam Terry and Todd Harrington side by side for the restart, Terry assuming the lead. The second caution involving Paul Jakubik, Chris Highbaugh and Justin Lanting occurred a lap later pairing Terry and Harrington on the line again. Again, Terry took the lead. A third yellow flag waved when Frazier spun on the front stretch. Again it was Terry and Harrington on the line. This time Harrington took the lead following the caution with Senneker and Chris Shannon following. Dave Lober, driving the #57 we've seen Mark Shook driving, was fifth. Terry and Harrington traded positions, Lober's car developed issues on the backstretch and Needles with nowhere to go got into him; both retired from the race. During the caution, Terry's car started smoking and he pitted; other drivers including Buddy Head, Dylan Stovall, Steve Needles and Lane Head plus crews from various teams rushed to his aid but Terry was unfortunately parked for the night. Harrington and Senneker took the field back to green. Craig Everage had been moving up through the field from his 11th place start, got around Senneker and headed for front runner Harrington. Everage wrested the lead from Harrington and Harrington took it back. At the checkered it was defending champion Harrington, Everage, track champion Billy Shannon, Senneker and Frazier in the top five. The second half of the top 10 was Andrew Brest, Bill Tomlinson, Justin Lanting, Terry and Lober. Andrew Brest takes over the point lead followed closely by Harrington (-3), Terry (-16), True (-60) and Everage (-61). Senneker (-69) weighs in sixth followed by Frazier (-93), Mark Shook (-112), Shannon (-128) and Bill Tomlinson (-167).





Todd Harrington makes his second trip to Victory Lane this season.

The Auto Value Non-Winged Super Sprints also put on a great race. Aaron Pierce was the fastest car in practice with a time of 12.872. No surprise then, he also qualified in the top spot with a time of 12.788. Given sprints without wings have never been to the track before that would give Pierce the track record. Kyle O'Gara won the first heat and Tyler Roahrig won the second, both heats clinics in speed and maneuvering. Russ Gamester and Bobby Santos led the 15-car field to green for the 30-lap feature. Gamester led lap one with Santos taking the lead on the second lap until the two #II cars crashed between turns 3 & 4. Tom Geren walked away but Tom Paterson left in an ambulance after being extricated from his vehicle. Paterson hit the wall so hard his helmet cracked. We are happy (and relieved) to report that while Paterson's injuries were serious and required surgery, he was up taking a few steps by Sunday. When the racing action resumed it was front runner Santos and Gamester leading the field to green. With 28 to go, Roahrig and Pierce began to wage a fierce battle for position a few places behind the leaders. O'Gara got around Santos for the lead but later got hung up in lapped traffic allowing Pierce to catch and pass him. Roahrig shortly followed suit. On the last lap Roahrig was charging but came up a few inches short to take the victory. (See Retro Moment). O'Gara finished third ahead of Santos, Gamester, Derek Snyder, Taylor Ferns, Doug Dietsch, Teddy Alberts and Christian Koehler. The Sprints return on July 26 and we hope to see you all there. Auto Value personnel will be on the party deck for their annual staff outing and look for them to be in the flag stand and pace car. For anyone who'd like to send Tom Paterson a note, he may be reached at Tom Paterson, 305 Fremont, Argos, IN 46501. Let's make his day!









Clockwise: Track staff make push starting look easy, but it isn't as easy as it looks; sprints warm up for practice; Aaron Pierce won the feature and had fast-time; sprints lining up for one of the heats.



FAST FAMILY FUN FOR 70 YEARS. We will see you at the races.