PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY FILLS STANDS FOR KIDS NIGHT

By Judy McGee Timmons

When intermission started at Path Valley Speedway Saturday Night, so did the movement in the stands as hundreds of parents and children headed for the track to meet their favorite drivers from six divisions who had pulled their racers out on the oval to get close and personal with their fans of all ages. The entire frontstretch and fourth turn was covered as everyone went to meet and greet, receiving all types of gifts from the varied drivers. The evening's announcer, Tony Hampton, made his way through the crowd interviewing the children and drivers who were shocked at the number of the younger generation that were in attendance. Big or small; they all love Path Valley Speedway!

The Austin Gelwicks Memorial, which was rained out last week was scheduled for Saturday night & began with Mike Gipe, Austin's grandfather, chauffeuring the Macri Concrete 600 Sprints to the green in the number 69G Thunder Car that Austin drove.  T.A.Ward Construction added to the feature events by putting off a beautiful display of fireworks between each feature.

Polesitter Jim Young took the lead spot on the first lap but had to slow it down when a major accident in turn two brought out the caution with three laps complete. Brooklyn Gable, Bill Billett, Kelsey Heiney, Mark Brown & Courtney Wolf all left the track dropping the count to nineteen racers. Young and Randy Kunkle Jr. only logged two more laps till Eric Paxson and Sam Moyer brought out the caution when contact was made, putting Moyer and Paxson in the pits. The restart was Young, Kunkle, and Trent Yoder, where they ran for ten laps with Kunkle and Yoder going wheel to wheel; Yoder claimed second spot on lap nine but lost it when his racer went sideways out of turn two putting the second place runner to the rear. Kunkle moved into second and followed Young to the checkered. The top five were Young, Kunkle, Dylan Anderson, Travis Keiser, and Bradley Weber. Young posted the best lap of 11.685 and best speed of 77.022.

In the Thunder Car division, Austin's car again led the field to the green with Jeremy Ott and Justin Rasp sitting in the pole positions. The top two battled from start to finish, side by side and front to back, as they met the back of the field by lap seven. Cheyenne Ingram, Jackson Eutzy, and Jeremy Eutzy  filled out the top five spots nonstop till lap eleven when Allen Fiddesop , Matthew Hummel, Bill Kennedy and Nicholas Smith all retired their racers for the evening. One more lap was logged before fourth place runner, Jackson Eutzy, spun out in turn two putting him to the rear. At midrace of the thirty lap feature, Ronnie Garlock would retire to the pit area as the frontrunners continued to make the oval. Ott pulled away from Rasp and then crossed the line ahead of Jeremy, Lyle Barnes and Dan Smith. The fastest lap time was 16.920 and the fastest speed was 14.3511 by Jeremy Ott.

The Modified Feature went green after the Gelwick's car left the circuit, with Tim Fedder taking the lead from his pole position beside the racer of Carl McKinny. The polesitters were joined by Brad Kling in third; Doug Ostwald in fourth; and Ed Vogel in fifth. It appeared to be a one lane challenge till midrace when McKinney started to put the pressure on Fedder, making the run a two lane to wait for the opportunity to make a move. At the rear of the action, Deron Henry, Ostwald, and Arden Fedder were trying to create three lanes which did not work well when Henry spun out resulting in a pit entry. Fedder and McKinney were pulling away from their competition and with only two laps to go, McKinney made his move; pulling past Fedder and taking the checkered, Brad Kling held his third spot and Ed Vogel came across for fourth, followed by Arden Fedder. Tim Fedder had the fastest time per lap and best speed of 67.244.

Justin Williamson and Chris Anderson followed the Gelwick Memorial Race Car to the green in the Strictly Stocks, but had to slow down with only one lap in when the racer of Dustin Moore brought out the first caution. The racer of Tyler Stine was next on the list when he was headed the wrong way, going into the infield!  On green, Williamson and Anderson were immediately door to door with Bruce Betres inches behind them waiting for an opening.

The racer of Raymond Goss developed issues early as he headed to the pit entrance but didn’t make it, bringing out the caution to call for a tow truck.

The reline put Williamson and Anderson back into the wheel to wheel duel as Betres, Jimmy Moyer and David Eitnier ran in the top five spots for nine nonstop laps , gathering lapped traffic and making the front of the field even more intense as the rivals continued their battle for the checkered.

Six laps remained when the racer of Tyler Ulsh came to a stop out of turn four, unable to return to the field. The top drivers were still in competition but as the laps were depleting, they were more aggressive resulting in contact between Betres ,Anderson & Williamson, but all drivers kept  their pace till Andersons racer slowed and exited the raceway. Williamson led the final two laps followed by Betres, Moyer, David Eitnier, and Dylan Allen for the top five. Justin Williamson had the best lap time with 14.229 and speed of 63.251.

The Metzler Auto Truck Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman started out with a pre-lap pileup when the front of the twenty-two car field got out of order and collected drivers coming behind them.  Levi Hippensteel, Steve Whary, Derek Sheaffer, Mike Smith and Vaughn Williams did not log any laps in the WSS feature event.

Kevin Gutshall and Craig Perigo took the top positions on green and held on till a caution for Jack Liddick came out when he stopped on the backstretch. Gutshall and Perigo met the green with Perigo taking the lead, Gutshall holding strong in second, but fighting to keep the competition behind him. On lap twenty, Paul Kline brought out a caution, having to be towed to the pit area.

Perigo and, Gutshall, were running close to seventy miles per hour as they zigzagged through lapped traffic and diverted two and three abreast situations to hold their positions. With twenty laps in, the racer of Steve Wilbur came into the top five and after three more laps and some wheel to wheel action, he pulled into third place. Gutshall and Wilbur exchanged spots a couple times before Wilbur took second place with three laps to go. Perigo took the checkered followed by Wilbur, Gutshall, Cliff Brian Jr. & Carmen Perigo for the top five, Kevin Gutshall claimed the top lap time with 13.103 and best speed of 68.687.

The Mason Dixon 270cc micro sprint series were led to the green by Cory Myers and Mike Boyer and twenty laps later, the 270 micros were being led to the checkered by Cory Myers and Mike Boyer!

At the wave of green, Boyer pulled into the lead position with Myers, Tyler Brown, Craig Myers and, Timmy Bittner in the top five . Only two laps were in the books till the first caution came out for Stevie Daron who entered the pits but returned to the circuit. Mike Boyer was in control on green with Myers, Brown, Myers and Bittner where they stayed for ten laps and through a caution for the racer of Travis Hodge who came to a stop in turn four and exited to the pits.

At midrace, Cory Myers passed Boyer for the lead with Brown, Myers and Bittner still in the top five. The final ten laps were a stress factor on the entire field as the stop and go of cautions allowed for several changes but they didn’t happen at the top!

Lap eleven caution was for Cory Stubley who came to a stop between turns three and four and for Austin Bower who went to the rear and Jordan Racine, who retired to the pits. Lap thirteen was for Austin Bower in turn four, who returned to the rear again. On lap sixteen Devan Blose was towed from turn four and Curtis Brown was pushed to the pits!  All headed for victory but all having some bad luck. Meanwhile, at the front, Cory is leading with Boyer in his tracks, and Craig Myers made a move on Brown and Bittner to claim third place. Cory Myers had the best lap time with a 12.029 and a speed of 74.819.

Path Valley Speedway returns to racing on July 17th with the Thunder Cars, Strictly Stocks, Topless Late Models, Legends, T.A.Ward Construction 270 Micro Sprints and Macri Concrete 600 Sprints.

   Path Valley Speedway would like to thank everyone who donated and helped organize the "Kid's Night" and Autograph/ Meet & Greet night for the kids and drivers. Over 90 bicycles were given away for free to the kids along with other prizes. Also special thanks to all who donated through purchasing the 50/50 tickets from the Gelwick family which went to an organization for grieving families.

   Path Valley Speedway Staff, Employees, drivers and fans would also like to express our deep concern and prayers to Bob Dunn and family. Bob was involved in a serious accident at Port Royal Speedway Saturday night and we ask all our readers to include him in your prayers.

Saturday, July 10th Results

Kids Night

Macri Concrete 600cc Micros (24 cars):

1. Jim Young 2. Randy Kunkle, Jr. 3. Dylan Anderson 4. Travis Keiser 5. Bradley Weber 6. Timmy Bittner 7. Garyt Smith 8. Hunter McFadden 9. Mason Beinhower 10. Kyler Heiney 11. Shjon Dove 12. Kenny Beinhower 13. Josh Smith 14. Trent Yoder 15. Brandon Smith 16. Hoyt Mohr 17. Brian Nace (DNF) 18. Eric Paxson (DNF) 19. Sam Moyer (DNF) 20. Brooklyn Gable (DNF) 21. Bill Billett (DNF) 22. Kelsey Heiney (DNF) 23. Mark Brown (DNF) 24. Courtney Wolf (DNF)

Hard Luck Award – Eric Paxson

4 Cylinder Thunder Cars (28 cars):

Austin Gelwicks Memorial

1. Jeremy Ott 2. Justin Rasp 3. Jeremy Eutzy 4. Lyle Barnes 5. Dan Smith 6. Travis Burkholder 7. Ronnie Garlock 8. Roger Traxler 9. Cheyenne Ingram 10. Robert McQuade 11. Doug Sales 12. Kevin Bard 13. Dylan McKee 14. Jackson Eutzy 15. Charlie Stallman 16. Jason Armolt 17. William Seibert 18. Nick Barthalow (DNF) 19. Ronnie Garlock III (DNF) 20. Bill Kennedy (DNF) 21. Allen Fiddesop (DNF) 22. Nicholas Smith (DNF) 23. Matt Hummel (DNF) 24. Cory Wagner

Hard Charger – Lyle Barnes

Hard Luck Award – Nicholas Smith

BDR Racing Supply 5 gallons of fuel – Doug Sales, Cory Wagner

Metzler’s Auto, Truck & Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman (22 cars):

1. Craig Perigo 2. Steve Wilbur 3. Kevin Gutshall 4. Cliff Brian, Jr. 5. Carmen Perigo 6. Brett Perigo 7. Eric Walker 8. Gene Eppley 9. John Winsett 10. Sam Leonard, Jr. 11. Luke Lenker 12. Brad Mellott 13. Adam Minizer 14. Jason Failor 15. Chris Henry 16. Paul Kline (DNF) 17. Jack Liddick (DNF) 18. Vaughn Williams (DNF) 19. Mike Smith (DNF) 20. Derek Sheaffer (DNF) 21. Steve Whary (DNF)

DQ: Levi Hippensteal

Hard Charger – Steve Wilbur

Modifieds (7 Cars):

1. Carl McKinny 2. Tim Fedder 3. Brad Kling 4. Ed Vogal 5. Arden Fedder 6. Doug Ostwald 7. Deron Henry (DNF)

Hard Charger – Ed Vogal

4 Cylinder Stricty Stocks (26 cars):

1. Justin Williamson 2. Bruce Betres 3. Jeremy Moyer 4. David Eitnier 5. Dylan Allen 6. Daniel Eitnier 7. David Moore 8. Ryan Betres 9. Tyler Stine 10. Kavin Stine 11. Jason Goss 12. Shawn Wise 13. Bentley Williamson 14. Courtney Ulsh 15. Chris Anderson (DNF) 16. Bret Mann (DNF) 17. Tyler Ulsh (DNF) 18. Matt Zimmerman (DNF) 19. Nick Zborocanik (DNF) 20. Raymond Goss (DNF) 21. Malachi Doyle (DNF) 22. Kurtis Hardy (DNF) 23. Shane Varner (DNF) 24. Dustin Moore (DNF)

DNS: Steven Jacobs, Frank Chilcote

Hard Charger – Dylan Allen

Hard Luck Award – Raymond Goss

Mason Dixon 270cc Sprint Series (25 cars):

1. Cory Myers 2. Mike Boyer 3. Craig Myers 4. Tyler Brown 5. Timmy Bittner 6. Colton Hendershot 7. Zach Glass 8. Brad Cowan 9. Stevie Daron, Jr. 10. Dan Boyer 11. Colson Fike 12. Bradyn Kuhn 13. Austin Bower 14. Matt Dixson 15. Cody Racine 16. Todd Love 17. Stephanie Welk (DNF) 18. Curtis Brown (DNF) 19. Devan Blose (DNF) 20. Cory Stubley (DNF) 21. Jordan Racine (DNF) 22. Travis Hodge (DNF) 23. Jason Houtz (DNF) 24. Sam Chamberlin (DNF) 25. Wyatt Rotz (DNF)

Hard Charger – Colson Fike

Hard Luck Award – Stephanie Welk