PATH VALLEY SPEEDWAY HOSTS FOSTER "DOC" JUNKINS MEMORIAL

Path Valley Speedway honored a Path Valley Native, Foster "Doc" Junkins, who recently passed away unexpectedly. Doc was a friend to everyone he met and was a graduate of Fannett Metal High School. Doc served as a marksman and a crypto intelligence operator in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a devoted Christian who loved his family and his country. Doc was a renowned weightlifter, bodybuilder and personal trainer, winning the Masters Mr. America AAU Bodybuilding Competition overall at 51 years of age and collected many prestigious awards in later years.

The Mid Atlantic Modified Series run by Tim Light, a friend of Doc's, made a special appearance at the track and Tim also set up to have the "Original 911 Let's Roll " NASCAR driven by Bobby LaBonte , on display at the track.

The twelve car field of Modifieds went into a battle when the green flag waved with Steve Axtell taking the lead. Five laps were complete when Doug Ostwald got turned in turn four putting his racer to the rear. The restart had Axtell at the front, Michael Altobelli, Jr, Brad Kling, Carl McKinney and Justin Cullum sitting in the top five. Axtell held the lead with Altobelli putting on the pressure as McKinney moved into third. Kling, Cullum and Spaulding made it a three wide attempt for fourth going into turn two. Nine laps were recorded when Ostwald had another misfortune, putting his mod sideways between turns one and two. As the racers lined up for the restart, Ostwald pulled off the oval to the pits. The green waved on restart as Axtell held firm.  Altobilli and McKinney were both determined to run in second place, as they went wheel to wheel. Jerry Foster gained a position on lap ten putting him in fourth. Axtell led the drivers by the flag stand twenty two times till Altobelli made his move  getting by Axtell and taking the checkered ahead of Axtell, McKinney, Foster, and Kling for the top five finishers.

 Dr. Zachary Crouse, a friend and veterinarian for Doc Junkins sponsored a "Hard Charger" award of $50.00 which went to Jerry Foster and a "Hard Luck" award of $30.00 in honor of Doc's dog "Bucky" which passed away in the tragic accident with his "daddy" of which Doug Ostwald was the recipient. Steve Axtell claimed the fastest lap time with a 13.713.

The Macri Concrete 600 Sprints were next on the oval with Trent Yoder taking the early lead.  The entire field was scattered with front to back competition, till laps seven to eleven when cautions created exits to the pits for Dylan Anderson, Mark Brown and Joe Boyle. Yoder maintained his lead on green and took the racers nonstop to the checkered flag. Yoder was followed by Garyt Smith, Johnny Smith, Kameron Morral and Mason Beinhower for the top five finishers. Jim Young had the best lap time with 11.656 and a speed of 77.213.

The Late Model division started their feature event with a caution prelap, when Randy Schaeffer and Sean Merkel developed issues with their racers, resulting in both racers having to be towed to the pits. Pole sitter Jake Moser pulled to the lead from the original lineup with Randy Burkholder inches behind. The top two battled for four laps till Burkholder took over the lead while Bob Dunn, Jakob Piper and D.J. Groft ran the top five spots where their racers remained till the finish. With seven laps in the leaders dealt with a caution for an accident involving Kyle Moser, who pitted and then returned to the rear of the field; John Moser going to the back and Jennae Piper's racer being towed to the pit area. On the restart, Burkholder held strong for ten nonstop laps, till he had to hit the brakes for the car of Andrew Long coming out of turn two. Long went to the rear but Burkholder stayed at the top since the lap was not complete. Burkholder claimed the checkered ahead of Moser, Dunn, Piper, and Groft. Burkholder also claimed the fastest lap time with 13.165 and speed of 68.363.

The Thunder cars were led to the green by Ronnie Garlock Jr, and Bill Kennedy, but with one lap in, the caution flag came out for fifth place starter Cameron Defenderfer who spun out on the backstretch but returned to the rear of the lineup. Kennedy brought the racers to green only to encounter a second caution for Doug Decker when he got into the infield out of turn two, also returning to the rear.  Kennedy was still in control on green but Stallman and and Jeremy Ott were door to door for second place resulting in Ott gaining the position, and moving by Kennedy for the lead. Garlock Jr, was wheel to wheel with Kevin Bard for fourth place but left the oval for the pits on lap nine. Ott gained a beneficial lead ahead of Kennedy, Bard, Douglas Sales and Cheyenne Ingram. Tim Hahn and Dylan McKee joined a side by side battle between Ingram and Sales to create a compact foursome as they entered turn two. Eighteen laps were on the books when a caution for Dylan McKee and Defenderfer came out, returning their racers to the back and Jason Armolt retiring his racer to the pits.  With only two laps remaining, Kennedy and Bard were side by side out of turn two when Bard got sideways against the fence, being hit by Nicholas Smith and Jason Erwin who had no outlet. Smith and Erwin went to the pits as did Bard who had held third spot for eighteen laps.

In Strictly Stock competition, Steven Jacobs took the lead at the start but the first caution slowed the field for Logan Matney, Andy Sneath and Kevin Arcq, all retiring for the evening. Jacobs led the line on the restart but Justin Williamson took the lead on lap six. Three laps later Shane Varner went to the rear and Jesse Matney left the oval for the night. The second, place runner, Steven Jacobs, came to a stop on lap thirteen, causing him to retire to the pits putting Latavin Spriggs into second place where he remained ahead of Tyler Ulrich, David Eitnier and Dustin Moore as Justin Williamson passed the checkered. Williamson also claimed the fastest lap time with a 14.824 and best speed of 60.712.

The T.A. Ward Construction 270 Sprints lined up for their feature event with Craig Myers and Colson Fike in the pole sitter positions. Myers took the lead on green slowing for an accident involving  Stephanie Welk in turn four, causing her racer to be towed to the pits. Myers, Fike and Cory Myers met the green on the restart as Timmie Bitner pulled into fourth. On lap seven, Sam Chamberlin got turned out of turn two and had to be towed to the pits. On lap thirteen, fourth place runner Timmie Bitner got into the infield out of turn one, putting him in the pits. Myers led the restart and took the drivers nonstop for four laps till Todd Love's racer also got into the infield out of turns one and two going to the rear. Craig Myers claimed the checkered ahead of Fike, Myers, Glass and Brad Cowan.

Craig Myers had the fastest lap time with 12.070 and a speed of 74.565.

Racing returns on May 29th with Path Valley regulars, Strictly Stocks, Macri Concrete 600 Sprints, and Thunder Cars. Also sharing the racing card will be the Mason Dixon 270's and the Metzler Auto Truck Trailer Wingless Super Sportsman. Gates open at 4 and hot laps start at 6. For more Information visit [www.pathvalley.com](http://www.pathvalley.com)

The Roy C. and Margaret G, McGee families are deeply saddened of the news that Denny Robinson has passed away.  Denny was a Micro Sprint driver for many years after the McGee's built Path Valley Speedway and collected many feature wins. Denny was a great person, on and off the track and he will forever be remembered that way. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and you will be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

   Mr. & Mrs. John Winsett and Vicki and Jack Flowers, the present owners of the speedway, and the speedway personale, some of which were there when Denny raced, also express their sympathy to all.

Saturday, May 22nd Results:

Macri Concrete 600cc Micros (23 cars):

1. Trent Yoder 2. Garyt Smith 3. Johnny Smith 4. Kameron Morral 5. Mason Beinhower 6. Timmie Bittner 7. Brandon Smith 8. Jeremy Harshman 9. Travis Keiser 10. Jason Schrist 11. Hunter McFadden 12. Nathan Hauck 13. Kelsey Heiney 14. Randy Kunkle, Jr. 15. Shjon Dove 16. Sam Moyer 17. Conner Bollinger 18. Jim Young 19. Joe Boyle (DNF) 20. Mark Brown (DNF) 21. Dylan Anderson (DNF)

DNS: Josh Smith, Brian Nace

Mid Atlantic Modifieds (12 cars):

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1. Michael Altobelli, Jr. 2. Steve Axtell 3. Carl McKinney 4. Jerry Foster 5. Brad Kling 6. Justin Cullum 7. Jared Spalding 8. Ray Kable, Jr. 9. Mark Griffin 10. Frank Dibella 11. Anthony Wuest 12. Doug Ostwald

Doc Junkins Hard Charger – Jerry Foster

Bucky’s Hard Luck Award – Doug Ostwald

Limited Late Models (12 cars):

1. Randy Burkholder 2. Jake Moser 3. Bob Dunn 4. Jakob Piper 5. D.J. Groft 6. Steve Lowery 7. Kyle Moser 8. John Moser 9. Andrew Long 10. Jennae Piper (DNF) 11. Sean Merkel (DNF) 12. Randy Schaeffer (DNF)

4 Cylinder Thunder Cars (21 cars):

1. Jeremy Ott 2. Bill Kennedy 3. Cheyenne Ingram 4. Doug Sales 5. Tim Hahn 6. Brian Smith 7. Matthew Hummel 8. Travis Burkholder 9. Austin Betz 10. Cameron Defenderfer 11. Tyler Stine 12. Dylan McKee (DNF) 13. Nicholas Smith (DNF) 14. Charlie Stallman (DNF) 15. Jason Erwin (DNF) 16. Kevin Bard (DNF) 17. Doug Decker (DNF) 18. Jason Armolt (DNF) 19. Ronnie Garlock (DNF)

DNS: William Seibert, Cole Hahn

4 Cylinder Strictly Stocks (24 cars):

1. Justin Williamson 2. Latavin Spriggs 3. Tyler Ulrich 4. David Eitnier 5. Dustin Moore 6. Johnathan Middaugh 7. David Moore 8. Shawn Wise 9. Daniel Eitnier 10. Shane Varner 11. Matt Zimmerman 12. Bentley Williamson 13. David Shore 14. Allen Fiddesop 15. Ryan Betres 16. Jason Goss 17. Steven Jacobs (DNF) 18. Raymond Goss (DNF) 19. Kevin Arcq (DNF) 20. Jesse Matney (DNF) 21. Andy Sneath (DNF) 22. Logan Matney (DNF) 23. Courtney Ulsh (DNF)

DNS: Frank Chilcote

T.A. Ward Construction 270cc Micros (17 cars):

1. Craig Myers 2. Colson Fike 3. Cory Myers 4. Zach Glass 5. Brad Cowan 6. Jerry Palm, Jr. 7. Tyler Brown 8. Wyatt Rotz 9. Curtis Brown 10. Matt Dixon 11. Jason Houtz 12. Bradyn Kukn 13. Todd Love 14. Timmie Bittner (DNF) 15. Sam Chamberlin (DNF) 16. Stephanie Welk (DNF)

DNS: Jamie Connelly