

Track Talk



May 30, 2010

Rain, Rain, Go Away!



Water was the only thing running this weekend at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway as rain that moved into the area Friday continued to fall. Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association President Trent Seidel made the call around noon on Friday to cancel the weekend.

“The weather forecast just wasn’t promising. With it calling for rain right through Sunday, there was no point even trying to use our regular rainout policy, which would call for us to try racing on Sunday.”

“With the Western Elite on the schedule for this weekend,

we needed to make the call as far in advance as possible. With cars coming from across Saskatchewan, Alberta and now even Manitoba, we don’t want them sitting here watching it rain. That might discourage them from coming back”.

Media Relations Director Richard Woodvine explains the normal policy is to make the rain call only hours before the scheduled race time and to only postpone to Sunday. “We’ve had so much rain already this week there just isn’t capacity to absorb any more. Even if it stopped raining Friday night, we’d never get things dried up enough to run this weekend. We can get the track dry; fan side and parking would be a different story.”

This is only the third time since the new track opened in 2006 that a weekend has been completely wiped out. “With no room in the schedule for a make-up race date, we can only add to existing races already on the schedule” says Woodvine. “The Western Elite’s Express Foods 125 has been rescheduled to next weekend, adding to the already busy night with the Martensville A&W 100 super truck race. We’ll figure out what to do with the SKL Trailers pro truck races and the Cooper Tire thunder stock races in the next few days.”

Also to be determined is what to do with the CJVR sponsored Dirt Cars of Saskatchewan. Competition co-chair Cliff Yelland has been working with dirt tracks around the province to see their cars come and give Auto Clearing Motor Speedway a try. “The aim was for them to try the track and perhaps find they can be competitive on asphalt. That might attract them to come and run in the high stakes Martensville 100 street stock invitational on July 17. Hopefully we can get them back on the schedule before then.”



Introducing 2010's Rookies



This is Deb Newnham's first year of racing at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway, driving the #1 pro truck Rock Ridge Paintball Laser Tag Silverado.



Familiar to race fans of other divisions, Rylan Utigard takes over the driving duties of the #19 pro truck, the R&R Racing Silverado



Another name familiar to street stock fans, Scott Lucas made the jump to the pro truck division with his #27 Eskes Seal Coating Dodge Ram

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Neil Schneider is another driver new to the pro truck division, with his #93 Northern Strands Toyota Tundra



Another name that's been around the track for a while is Ben Busch, who's sharing driving duties with daughter Shantel Busch, with their #49 P.A. Auto Body Silverado.

Complete Results and Points Standings:
http://speednetdirect.com/results.php?track_id=8311

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New to mini stock racing, Colin Puttick brings the #2 "That'll Do" Honda to the track.



Seeing his brother do well in this car last year, Alex Heintz takes over the #11 Pet-i-Coat Junction Sunbird this year



Dad's always done well, it's time for Bret Ross to jump into racing with the #65 Ross Racing Celica in the mini stock division.



Mike Schroeder from Outlook is the only new driver in the street stock division with the #14 Camaro



New to thunder stock racing is Tristan Ransom and his #7 Chevrolet Caprice.



"The Great One" Monte Carlo has a new driver in the thunder stock division this year. Jason Doell takes over the driving duties of the #99



Christoph Ludlage from Elk Point Alberta is new to the super late model division, with his #39 scrapbooker.ca Grand Prix.



Last year Jason Gervais test drove the #88 in a couple of races. This year he's back full time with the Commercial Sandblasting and Painting Monte Carlo.



Tim Kammer from Moose Jaw is new to the Western Elite with his #4 New Holland Monte Carlo



Nick Jewel plans on making the trip from The Pas Manitoba with his #51 Wellington Racing Monte Carlo for every Western Elite Race

WEST at "The HAT"

By Lewis Nugent

Wow, what a start to the season for the Western Elite Stockcar Tour. The MHRA hosted a collective group of WEST drivers from across all three Prairie Provinces to a demonstration event as a re-introductory of these contoured body race cars. Amazing how well these Club run associations look after their Guests. Many hoots to them all!

As the old saying goes: nor rain, nor sleet, nor snow was going to interrupt the attempt to run this race. For a while it was looking like déjà our of last year "snow out" of Junes race but typical to Southern Alberta's weather, one day -1 degree, the next +14.

Seven cars braved the elements for an 8:00 am re-booked date on Sunday to slip and slide onto their great flat track. Brings back memories of the old BCS... including the run-off into open field. Needless to say the Boys tested all limits. The Calgary Fountain Tire tycoon of Scott Kessler decided real early to rub off the lettering on his Goodyears and in hot laps managed to re-align the back-end of his car by about 4 inches.... But true to form, picked up the fiberglass and stated he would at least start the races to get some points.

Now I've put in considerable thought to eliminate sandbagging but this strategy I had failed to take into account. Scott comes out first, decaled with duct tape and immediately grabs the pole in qualifying. I assumed he decided to turn left this time and save more embarrassment... It didn't stop there. He managed to run FAST all day including testing out the gopher holes in the infield in a three wide corner 3-4 pass...oops there goes a tire and 4 laps down. For the days thrills and all the challenged hours by his crew to get the car switched over to the crate and make the Hat, many thanks: For that you have earned the Contingency sponsor certificate of \$150 from **McCull Racing** as "Mr. Excitement" of the day.

The inversion rule implemented this year to enhance the "racin" generated a great fan response. In a mixed field of veterans and rookies, the ability to learn as you get punted turned out to be a lesson well learned. One of the rookies for 2010 is Nick Jewel, the #51 Monte Carlo from THE PAS, Manitoba. Well his story is a good one. Three days of travelling, having to buy his fiancée a Cadillac to get her back home in time to work because of the postponed race date and then to bring the car home with only scratches self induced in parking the car in the trailer you would think is a good enough story. Well not. "The Kid" (by the way you will find new titles for all), jumped into the car for the first time ever on Thursday evening at ACMS between rain showers (thanks to Brent Olson) and spun off about 40 laps. On Sunday, crawled back in, only this time with the Hat no banking and after gaining experience in the heats drove his way to a well deserved and hard fought fourth place finish in the feature. Three hours later I catch up to him in Swift Current and the smile is still implanted. He can't wait for the only 5 hour drive next weekend. For this effort, the #51 is awarded the contingency sponsor certificate of \$250 from

Hocus-Pocus Hair and Massage Studio. It will come in handy for either curing the aching back muscles from all the miles of hauling or likely better yet, spoiling his fiancée and calming her nerves on her next trip into Stoon (if ever).

The opportunities continued with another Rookie showing his alternate racing class talents and adjusting to change real quick, finishing second in the Feature. The #04 of Moose Jaw's Tim Kammer put the hammer down and made an impression on all. His impressive car wrapped decal got tested by more than one. The colour matching at home this week will assist him in identifying the "targets" for Saturday's race. He simply can't wait to go again. With a handle like Tool Time Tim, no need for me to recreate the wheel.. Congratulations on winning the second McColl Racing certificate of \$100.00.

I was delighted to meet the "Ole Statesmen" of Cascar West, Cal Vance out of Medicine Hat. Shifty and Sly he moved his Dodge Challenger (hope I got that right), around the flat track and too quickly remembered the need to be awake at the wheel. He put the rev limiter to a test not to mention his brakes....For this and the streaks of blue tire smoke gained him the title of "Smoky the Black Bandit". Considering all, a great third place finish in the Feature garnered Cal his first trophy in the black beauty. Looking forward to seeing his car and crew in Stoon. Oh yes, your contingency award provided by **Mid West Combustion**, is a NEW "even tread all around" Racing TIRE... but you have to pick it up from Kevin. See you soon!

The teams of #41 of Travis Deforest from Prince Albert and that of the #48 of Nathan Weenk battled with set-up all day but still had their moments and good runs. While one brought his #41 Bright yellow machine closer to the front learning the new set-up tricks along the way, the other simply chose to see if the Driver actually noticed all the Negative adjustments they so inconveniently managed to do.... Oh well, ACMS is home track even if it's a 5 hour drive to get there, right Nathan. The silver and blue has got some catching up to do!

And LAST but absolutely not LEAST: To Mr. T (tall) half of the renowned twin towers of Kindersley, Jason and Dan's #94 was simply a rocket. In typical fashion Jason showed us and likely every fan at the MHR how to cover every square inch of the track in 20 laps. It's quite amazing how a big number like 94 can appear so much smaller when its cross-ways on the front straight. No matter, it was the usual Hammer down and GO for Mr. T. His determination to carry on from the impressive runs of last year are now documented.....to all beware. The only challenge he had was keeping his pen to work during the autographing session. I actually think he even intimidated some of those little kids.....look upway way up! Oh yes, please return my pen. At the end of the day the glory of victory was all his, getting a Heat and Feature win. Trophy included. BRAVO !

Auto Clearing Motor Speedway Points Standings as of May 28, 2010



Mini Stock Division

1. #4	Todd Jalbert	172
2. #41	Jim Barnsley	160
3. #3	Darnell Schick	155
4. #62	Kenny Heintz	153
5. #1	Scott Barrand	132
6. #77	Frank Vangool	114
7. #82	Jonathan Neufeld	109
8. #11	Alex Heintz	88
9. #65	Bret Ross	79
10. #2	Colin Puttick	72
11. #69	Kim Regier	60
12. #8	Scott Hartshorm	44
13. #00	Curtis Regush	14
14. #17	Dustin Lalott	12



Street Stock Division

1. #19	Aaron Anderson	157
2. #15	Todd Pluhator	144
3. #14	Mike Schroeder	141
4. #17	Adam Yelland	133
5. #36	Darryl Potts	127
6. #88	Brad Wrennick	122
7. #13	Jordan Hill	116
8. #8	Kyle Roy	74
9. #44	Craig Katelnikoff	52
10. #3	Mike Eby	34
11. #71	Trevor Freemantle	1



Pro Truck Division

1. #01	Alex Leschenko	90
2. #67	Ken Ross	88
3. #33	Scott Williams	80
4. #14	Wade Wohlford	68
5. #27	Scott Lucas	68
6. #19	Rylan Utigard	61
7. #49	Ben Busch	57
8. #8	Andrew Clewes	56
9. #38	Rick Kucher	55
10. #18	Bill Zubrecki	54
11. #93	Neil Schneider	51
12. #1	Debra Newnham	40



1. #94	Jason Hankewich	78
2. #77	Cal Vance	63
3. #53	Scott Kessler	62
4. #04	Tim Kammer	61
5. #48	Nathan Weenk	56
6. #41	Travis Deforest	48
7. #51	Nick Jewel	44



Super Late Model

1. #55	Jim Gaunt	51
2. #70	Trent Seidel	50
3. #14	Glen Hertzke	49
4. #38	Dave Bone	47
5. #77	Greg Vangool	43
6. #44	Trevor Hannay	38
7. #88	Jason Gervais	32
8. #39	Christoph Ludlage	30
9. #09	Doug Bienia	25
10. #20	Ken Campbell	25



Thunder Stock Division

1. #81	Barry Stefaniuk	86
2. #49	Mickey Pogoda	86
3. #18	Mike Rea	80
4. #99	Jason Doell	67
5. #7	Tristan Ransom	65
6. #83	Karmen Parks	63
7. #12	Ryan Lange	62
8. #22	Ryan Fredrickson	49
9. #24	Gary Ejack	1

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