

Track Talk



September 26, 2010

Endurance Test

The season came to an end Saturday for Auto Clearing Motor Speedway with the running of the annual Ellenn Plastics CJWW Ultimate Enduro. 300 Laps of grinding and rubbing racing. Not only is it a question of whether the car can last, but can the driver?

At the end of the race, which took three hours and forty-five minutes to run, only two cars finished 300 laps.

The number 98 of Gord Eckel led much of the race. He was leading when the competition caution came out at lap 100 and was still leading at lap 199, but was overtaken by the 43 of Cam McCracken when the competition caution flew again a lap later.

At the end of the day both ran into trouble and didn't have enough to outlast the team of Don and Ben Pogoda in the number 49 Prairie Meats Special. Ben took over the lead in lap 261 and took it home with only the number 85 of Leo Mireau on the lead lap. Number 94 of Layton Senger was third at 290 laps.

Twenty-five cars start the afternoon race. Ryan Studer and Sarah Pogoda didn't even get the tires warmed up before being knocked out in lap two. Sherman Brown and Keith Peterson at least warmed up the tires before leaving in lap 17. Cathy Wrennick lasted one more lap, retiring at lap 18.

WEST driver Nathaniel Wagner made his 2010 debut with the Ellenn Plastics CJWW car, but only lasted 27 laps. Street stock champion Mike Schroeder followed him out a lap later with a blown head gasket.

Gary Ejack put on a lot of miles going on and off the track all afternoon, but only logged 32 laps on the day.



Ben Pogoda celebrates his win of the Ellenn Plastics CJWW Ultimate Enduro

Race officials had a few tricks up their sleeves to keep the race interesting. Several times water was sprayed on the track, first in corner one, then corner three and finally a water tank was brought out and the entire lower groove watered down. This kept drivers on their toes as hitting the water isn't a whole lot different than hitting ice on the highway.

During the competition caution breaks the large crowd on hand witnessed a drifting demonstration. Four cars showed their skill at driving sideways around the track. A large cheer erupted when one went into the wall coming out of corner four.

In the second intermission, the SSCRA demonstrated a new division that is currently in the planning stages for 2011. Mike Schroeder and Shawn Hill have been busy building claimer cars and had four out for show on Saturday. The cars, which can be claimed for \$800.00 put on a couple of four minute sample races.



Adding water to the track made the race interesting

September 25, 2010 Results



Ultimate Enduro

Place	No.	Driver	Laps
1.	49	Ben/Don Pogoda	300
2.	85	Leo Mireau	300
3.	94	Layton Senger	290
4.	71	Dallas Andrew	276
5.	43	Cam McCracken	266
6.	47	Calvin Heilman	255
7.	98	Gord Eckel	246
8.	76	Logan Derkson	198
9.	666	Jamie Tataryn	191
10.	66	Brent Duprius	182
11.	28	Cale Siemens	170
12.	5	Kurt Senger	155
13.	30	Rob Hart	145
14.	17	John Brown	89
15.	22	Bill/Doug/Mike Rea	72
16.	73	Ken Ford	52
17.	54	Curtis Speidel	54
18.	24	Gary Ejack	32
19.	34	Mike Schroeder	28
20.	89	Nathaniel Wagner	27
21.	17x	Cathy Wrennick	18
22.	08	Keith Peterson	17
23.	77	Sherman Brown	17
24.	9	Sarah/Mickey Pogoda	2
25.	31	Ryan Studer	2



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