

Travis drives the winning horse in 'Charlie Hummel Classic 42' enduro feature at Bethel!

April 24th, 2021:

White Lake, NY: Beautiful spring like weather greeted participants and race fans as Bethel Speedway hosted its second practice day of hot laps. Drivers tested their cars and dusted off the marbles in anticipation to their season opener now just one week away on Saturday May 1st. Over 50 race cars come out to Bethel's well known bullring oval all with intentions of running often at the speedway in 2021 as they seek to earn their way into Victory Lane.

The afternoon concluded with round two of Bethel's inaugural 13 race enduro series which found 24 competitors coming out to run a race in honor of the late Charlie Hummel Sr. who sadly passed away one year ago from serious illness. Hummel was a longtime competitor of both Bethel and Accord Speedways. He often raced in street stocks, pure stocks, enduros, and demolition derbies dating back to the 1970's.

Head Flagger Brandon Krutz standing in turn 1 waved the green flag with much excitement listening to the fans countdown to 'GO' starting the enduro drivers from a dead stop on the frontstretch. Bruce Illenberg starting in third position but was quick on the accelerator and swooped around the front row of Tim DeGrote and Shawn Maloney to take the lead. Sean Lynch followed suit and picked up second place early on. Veteran racer Dan Curry quickly moved into contention as he began to pressure the leader Illenberg on Lap 4. One lap later, Curry secured the lead but also found enduro expert Mike Travis trouncing up to second place coming from sixteenth starting position along with Maloney getting past Illenberg to take third place in the running order. Curry continued to lead thru heavy lapped traffic as Travis and Maloney closed in on the leader. Lap 11, found to be the winning move for Travis as Curry got boxed in by two lapped cars allowing Travis to sweep by taking the lead. Lap 14 found mechanical woes for Maloney running in third sending him pitside and moving veteran Joe Smith into third position. Smith took several laps but was able to reel in Curry and began to battle for second. Racing among lapped traffic found Curry spinning backwards into the turn two fence on lap 28. Curry was able to get moving again losing one lap in the process but continued to hold third position. Despite some close calls, Travis put forth a flawless effort and trotted to victory over Smith, Curry, Joel Murns, and Brandon Conklin to take his first win of the season.

4/24/21 Results:

'Charlie's Classic 42' Enduro Feature: 1. Mike Travis, Liberty, NY 2. Joe Smith 3. Dan Curry 4. Joel Murns 5. Brandon Conklin 6. Bruce Illenberg 7. Tim DeGrote 8. A.J. Holland 9. Aiden Fabian 10. Drew Atchison 11. Scott Young 12. Adam Buteau 13. Andy Terwilliger 14. Dennis Hummel 15. Charlie Hummel Jr. 16. Sean Lynch 17. Tasha Travis

18. Shawn Maloney 19. Dan Houghtaling 20. John Houghtaling 21. Jesse Palmateer
DNS. Richard Smith DNS. Rich Krauss DNS. Kyle Welsch