

Bethel's Dirt Modified 'Fall of 69' glory goes to Bill Deckelman! Young rookie Brian Rygielski dominates Asphalt Modified feature!

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White Lake, NY: Beautiful Indian Summer weather greeted attendees for Bethel's autumn afternoon of racing. The perfect weather conditions brought well over 100 race teams, many there for the very first day to take part in Bethel Speedway's annual 'NovemberFest'. Fans were treated with an excellent display of exciting short track racing throughout the program and was the final event of the 2020 race season.

The day of racing was highlighted by the Dirt Modifieds 'Fall of 69' race which saw Ed Dachenhausen and Scott Ferrier leading the charging as they brought the field to starter Joe Kriss green flag. The two drivers stayed even going into turn 1 but Dachenhausen pulled ahead out of turn two and began to pull away in a long green flag run. Veteran racer Jeff Parker made an inside pass on Ferrier on lap 5 to occupy second. Lap 7 found fifth place starter Bill Deckelman moving by Ferrier into third position while Dachenhausen continued to widen his lead. The yellow waved on lap 21 for debris in turn 4 erasing Dachenhausen's large lead. The restart found Parker getting hung up on the outside allowing Deckelman to prevail into second position. Lap 23 found the yellow out again when the front end of Kyle Dunham's car broke in turn 4 retiring him out of the event. Lap 27 saw the caution coming out again this time for Josh Wilbur in the troublesome turn 4. The race took on a more competitive nature in a long green flag stretch with Dachenhausen and Deckelman dashing thru lapped traffic as they battled for the lead with Parker and former track champion Jerry Curry following closely behind. Dachenhausen never surrendered the lead though as he executed lapped traffic precisely but bad luck bit Dachenhausen in the final laps when his rear axle broke on lap 60 as he coasted to a stop to bring out the caution. Deckelman inherited the lead with Dachenhausen dropping out of the race. Lap 63 found Ferrier drawing the yellow for a flat right rear tire and glowing red brakes relinquishing a strong run in his maiden visit to the track. The final yellow came out on lap 64 when capital region racer Bill August spun in turn 3. The final restart found Curry and Wilbur trying to get underneath Deckelman and Parker but their efforts were not rewarding as Deckelman and Parker proved too be too strong. At the checkers it was Deckelman picking up one of his biggest victories in his storied career in the Brian Bauernfeind owned # 07. Parker finished two car lengths back achieving a strong second place performance. Curry held on by half a car length to earn a hard fought third over Wilbur. Phil Goetschius rallied late to take home a fifth place finish in the 69 lap feature. advancing several important positions into third position as the race came to the checkers.

Bandolero graduate turned asphalt modified racer Brian Rygielski returned to his former home track albeit with much more horsepower. The young rookie driver put forth a stellar performance that you would normally see from an accomplished top notch driver and not a rookie. Rygielski looked right at home as he outgunned Skip LaPolt to take

the lead and was comfortable passing cars inside and outside. At the checkers it was all B. Rygielski taking the popular victory as it was his first career asphalt modified feature win. LaPolt finished a strong second with a returning Steve Conklin taking a third place run.

Ryan Tidman led every lap of the TQ Midget feature to earn the feature victory but ironically, he did the feat in a borrowed ride which is no easy task. The heat race discovered that his normal car needed to be parked for the night. The Paul Dodorico 55 machine was offered in an act of sportsmanship and Tidman pounced at the chance. Tidman then had to contend with a surging Joey Bailey but a scary moment occurred at the halfway point when Tim Proctor erupted in flames going down the backstretch. Thankfully, the red was thrown quickly allowing the track safety crew to extinguish the fire quickly. At the checkers it was Tidman, Bailey, and Jeff Kot authoring another strong run.

Newly crowned track champion Kyle Welsch and former track champ Walt Henry battled hard to take home the street stock stampede victory. Welsch who has picked up much victory hardware this season added a feather to his cap to finish his career best season on a high note. JB Morris finished second over Henry in third.

Shawn Maloney came home victorious in the fan popular annual Four Cylinder 'Hippie Bowl'. Maloney had to contend with upstate new york racer PJ Bleau as they swapped the lead back and forth several times as they negotiated heavy lapped traffic. Andrew Farnham also was a winning contender but got tangled up with a lapped car while running in third moving Nick Curry into the top 3 in an outstanding run from the young driver.

The Full Fender Frenzy proved it's uniqueness as a special event as the event found all sorts of full fendered race cars pro stocks, street stocks, vintage late models, figure eight cars, blunderbusts, four cylinders, volkswagons, and even a mini cooper offered up much variety for the fans. Kenny Hyde revealed his alter-ego and would not be denied victory in this event as he had to come from the rear twice passing about 50 cars overall in the 50 lap feature. Veteran Joe Barnes and Kyle Welsch staged a race long battle but neither could hold off the fast rolling Hyde. Tony Collinworth was the top finishing four cylinder with his Saturn race car.

Legends racer, Joey Braun picked up his first career feature win at Bethel in only his third visit at the speedway. Braun outpowered past Eugene Drew on lap 5 and remained unchallenged for the remaining laps. Drew held on for second with former bandolero racer Sean MacElearney taking home a strong third place finish in limited seat time at Bethel.

Enduro racing action saw Ryan Heady as the early leader but lap 6 found James O'Connell getting ahead of Heady. O'Connell continued to lead until a skirmish slowed him down and Joel Murns picked up the lead on lap 13. Murns continued to lead until lap 22 when New Hampshire enduro specialist Andrew Harmon moved into the lead

while Murns got mired in heavy lapped traffic. Lap 29 found PJ Bleau coming from 33rd starting position capturing the lead from Harmon and take control at the point. Bleau and Harmon would continue in the two top spots for the remainder of the even while Leon Keniston, a New England enduro specialist worked by Murns to take third position. At the checkers it was all Bleau taking the convincing victory his first career at Bethel over Harmon, Keniston, Murns, and Chris Olivari.

Matt Curry won the Dirt Modified Non Winners while Brianna Davis won the Slingshot feature.

11/7/20 Results:

Dirt Modified 'Fall of 69' Feature: 1. Bill Deckelman, Fremont Center, NY 2. Jeff Parker 3. Jerry Curry 4. Josh Wilbur 5. Phil Goetschius 6. Andy Crane 7. Matt Curry 8. Ryan Stortini 9. EJ McAuliffe 10. Bill August 11. Harry Hindley 12. Ed Dachenhausen 13. Scott Ferrier 14. Kyle Redner 15. Kyle Dunham 16. Joe Knoth

Asphalt Modified Feature: 1. Brian Rygielski, Wilkes-Barre, PA 2. Skip LaPolt 3. Steve Conklin 4. John Cote 5. Mac Crawson 6. Steve Haskett

TQ Midget ATQMRA Feature: 1. Ryan Tidman, Levittown, PA 2. Joey Bailey 3. Jeff Kot 4. Kyle Taraska 5. Brianna Page 6. Avery Stoehr 7. Tim Proctor 8. Mike Glaser DNS. Mark Yoder DNS. Paul Dodorico DNS. Geoffrey Sutton DNS. Bill Force

Full Fender Frenzy Feature; 1. Kenny Hyde, Yaphank, NY 2. Joe Barnes 3. Kyle Welsch 4. Walt Henry 5. Joel Murns 6. Don Rosinski 7. Tony Collinsworth 8. Bruce Illenberg 9. Jesse St. Clair 10. Gerry Giordano 11. John Hager 12. Shawn Maloney 13. PJ Bleau 14. Brandon Hubbard 15. James O'Connell 16. Ryan Heady DNS. Steven Brooks DNS. JW Gannon DNS. Paul Merchante

Street Stock 'Stampede' Feature: 1. Kyle Welsch, Monticello, NY 2. JB Morris 3. Walt Henry 4. Joel Murns 5. Don Rosinski 6. James Pape 7. Justin Ferreri 8. Jeff Hager 9. Dillon Gannon 10. Jesse Palmateer 11. Nick Giardini

Open Comp Four Cylinder 'Hippie Bowl' Feature: 1. Shawn Maloney, Liberty, NY 2. PJ Bleau 3. Nick Curry 4. Richard Smith 5. Tony Collinsworth 6. Jesse St. Clair 7. Bruce Illenberg 8. James O'Connell 9. Alberto LaLane 10. Ryan Heady 11. Andrew Farnham 12. Tisha Curry 13. JW Gannon 14. Paul Mercante 15. Wayne Russell DNS. Garrett Biagiarelli

Open Comp. Enduro 100 Feature: 1. PJ Bleau, Latham, NY 2. Andrew Harmon 3. Leon Keniston 4. Joel Murns 5. Chris Olivari 6. Mark Wolf 7. Donny Oliver 8. Tony Collinsworth 9. Zack Tyler 10. Jimmy Muench 11. Preston Prydatko 12. Steven Brooks 13. Carmine Ragusa 14. Chopper Jones 15. John O'Rourke 16. Dennis Hummel 17. James O'Connell 18. Vinnie Pohalski 19. Sean Corr 20. Justin Harris 21. JW Gannon 22. Ryan Partridge 23. Justin Reinke 24. Shawn Maloney 25. Joe Brodman 26. Jesse St. Clair 27. John Kehrley 28. Ryan Heady 29. Nick Noviski 30. Bruce Illenberg 31. Tim

Curry 32. Gerry Giordano 33. Andrew Farnham 35. Jesse Palmateer 36. Hank Morin
37. Andy Terwilliger 38. Eric Germuth 39. Richard Smith 40. Zack Jackson 41. Mickey
MacDonall 42. John Hager 43. Brandon Hubbard 44. Bear Patterson 45. Paul Mercante

Legends Feature 1. Joey Braun, Manorville, NY 2. Eugene Drew 3. Sean McElearney
4. Jeffrey Farruggia 5. Jason Castaldo 6. Patrick Moore 7. Bryan Gardella 8. AJ
Vasseur 9. Jeff Castaldo 10. Jack Polan

Dirt Modified Non-Winners Race: 1. Matt Curry, Neversink, NY 2. John Redner 3. Phil
Goetschius

