

Ed Dachenhausen is dancing in the rain as he earns victory in Bethel's 'Crumley Memorial' Dirt Modified Feature! LaPolt wins in Asphalt Modifieds!

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White Lake, NY: A chilly damp overcast day of weather found wet grounds and racers dodging raindrops but the racing was hot on the track for the die hard race fans who came out to see the action. The evening of racing was highlighted by the memorial races of Dick Crumley and Les Quick Sr. who were both longtime supporters of the speedway and crucial in keeping the track open during difficult times.

The Dirt Modified held the 'Dick Crumley Memorial' race. Crumley who was a top racer at the speedway before taking on many track official roles including head flagger then went on to be a top supporter of the speedway as a town councilman. Crumley often ran his modifieds at several tracks' dirt and asphalt. Jerry Curry and Bill Deckelman battled for the lead with rookie Mike Roth in the 40-lap feature in the first half of the race. Meanwhile, track champion Ed Dachenhausen and Wall Speedway invader Andrew Krause worked their way thru the pack. The caution came out just past halfway when Deckelman experienced a tire problem going down the frontstretch coming to a stop. Dachenhausen inherited second position with Roth third and Krause in fourth. On the restart, Curry outfired Dachenhausen to retain the lead but two laps later Dachenhausen put forth a strong charge on the inside line and passed Curry for the lead going down the front chute. Dachenhausen quickly opened a margin between himself and Curry while Krause completed a pass for third getting by Roth. The final laps found Krause challenging Curry for second position several times, but it was Dachenhausen cruising to victory in the Scot Sanford owned machine for his first win of the season. Curry held on to second by half a car length over the impressive Krause for second and third, respectively.

Skip LaPolt proved that his prowess and expertise at the speedway was the winning formula in the NASCAR Asphalt Modified feature as he worked the wheel like a craftsman. Long Island racer Chris Young led the majority of the race with LaPolt in close proximity. Young who has found success at Bethel in Legends division racing has proved to be very impressive in his few modified starts at the speedway. Lap 16, found Young just sliding up ever slightly in turn two, LaPolt was keen on this opening and set up for it prior and pulled off a perfect pass for the lead going down the backstretch. Young quickly yielded the lead to LaPolt so it could get back down low and retain second position over track champion John Cote. At the checkers, it was LaPolt picking up his first win of the season in the Paul DeGracia owned machine, Young put forth his best finish of the season with strong second over the ageless Cote in third.

The always exciting NASCAR Street Stock class played host to the 'Les Quick Memorial' this year and the race was a battle royale. Les Quick Sr. was a longtime racer

at the speedway and years later was a crucial person with keeping the track opened. Joel Murns led early on as JB Morris, Kyle Welsch, and Walt Henry put forth a spirited battle coming thru the pack. Contact between Welsch and Henry in turn 3 forced both to the rear. The restart found Morris making the winning move on Murns to take the lead. Welsch and Henry then passed Murns several laps later as they closed in on Morris. At the checkers it was Morris picking up the victory by a small margin for his second win of the season over Welsch and Henry.

Former Bandolero champion Mike Roth picked up the popular victory in the NASCAR Sport Mod feature. He put forth a solid run over Andy Crane and Kyle Dunham to earn his first career win in the division.

A strong field of Legends racers were present on a cool damp evening, but the racing was hot on the track. Alex McCollum continued his perfection on getting around the speedway leading every lap despite having several challengers in James Anderson and George Tomko Jr. Both drivers were able to get within inches of the lead, but each time McCollum dug in a little more and pulled ahead retaining the lead. Post race inspection found a ride height infraction on third place finishing Anderson.

Four Cylinder Pure Stock feature action found a gang of challengers competing for the win in a very exciting feature. The final laps you could have thrown a blanket over the top three cars as three drivers battled for the win racing just mere inches from each other. At the checkers, it was Jerry Kingeter buzzing to victory by inches in his popular bumblebee Chevy Cobalt, he held off a strong charge by Mike Travis and Riverhead invader CJ Zukowski who came on strong in the final laps.

Joel Murns made history becoming the first ever Renegades feature winner as he won easily over an intense second place battle between CJ Zukowski, Joe Warren, and Ryan Warren in the caution free event.

Bandolero feature racing, found the Bradley brothers Jacob and Kaleb invading from North Carolina. Both drivers learned the track quickly and came charging thru the pack passing Justin Teresak to move into second and third position. Kaleb Bradley soon began to challenge track champion Monika Deckelman for the lead, minor contact between the drivers found the hood of Bradley's machine flying off down the backstretch and sending him pitside. The restart found Jacob Bradley now challenging Deckelman for the lead. One lap later, Bradley pulled off the winning move coming off turn two as he got ahead. Quickly after, the yellow was thrown when Rodney Dowless Jr. made hard contact with Deckelman sending both drivers to the rear. J. Bradley then has Teresak challenging for the lead on the restart but Bradley held steady. Deckelman rebounded by charging back into second position. At the checkers, it was Jacob Bradley picking up his first career Bethel feature win over Deckelman and Teresak.

Jordan Smith came so close to winning the beginner bandolero feature in the last event but lost by mere inches. This time Smith would not be denied as he won his first career Bethel feature win over Easton Houghtaling and Alison Smith.