

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Hello there, all you racing fans! Well, this is IT! Yep, it's the "Swan Song" for the '67 racing season at the Woodhull Raceway — and its high onto the same thing for all of the rest of the local area tracks.

This Sunday, as far as we know now, will see the wind-up of the races at Perry Raceway when they have their 100-Lap Modern Invitational Race. Then it will be finished — until next spring — and another year.

Saturday night, despite the cold weather, there was a nice crowd on hand for the Modern Season's Championship Race. And, after the slam-bang championship races the preceding week in the same two classes — there weren't quite as many cars on hand as the boys evidently didn't bother to get them fixed up for the last race.

However, all three features were as exciting as ever with lots of action, chills, spills and thrills — with one driver being injured and having been taken to the hospital and, as of now, we haven't had a report on his condition.

The Hooligan Feature was a hard fought battle with Don Davis, No. 5, closing the gap on the lead car only to spin out and lose valuable ground that he wasn't able to make up — although in the last few laps — only a few yards separated the three lead cars. Anyway, when they crossed the finish line, Dave Cleveland, No. 40, was still in the No. 1 slot; Dan Calkins, No. 7, was second; and Don Davis, No. 5, was third.

In the Sportsman Feature, Whitey Karnoski, No. 55X, jumped out into the lead in the early part of the race with Lew Gunn, No. 15, not too far behind — and by the time that Chuck Wright, No. 66, worked his way up thru the pack — he just couldn't overcome the lead that these two cars had built up. Thus, this is the way the boys crossed the finish line in 1-2-3, positions.

The 60-Lap Modern Season's Championship Race ended up in a terrific duel between Basil Shutt, No. 15X, and Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, that started in the 1st lap and continued all the way to the

in the last few laps. The 1st lap saw several cars pile up so the race had to be restarted although Basil had taken over the lead as he and Leo came out of the No. 2 turn. After the re-start, Leo took over the No. 1 slot with Basil in hot pursuit and trying his best to get into position to pass. After driving lap after lap — side by side — most of the time, Basil finally dove under Leo on the No. 3 and No. 4 turn and took over the lead, holding it for many more laps. Finally, due to difficulty getting by lapped cars, Leo was able to pull out alongside Basil on the inside as the two came roaring down in front of the stands — and somehow or other Basil got crowded up on the bank. Leo dropped back into 2nd place with Basil still in the lead — but it soon appeared as if Basil was having trouble cornering — and shortly afterwards, Leo was able to pass and take over the No. 1 slot, and ended up picking up the "Checker" with Basil barely able to hang on to the No. 2 slot with the way his car was handling. After the race we checked with Basil and he confirmed our suspicions that the right front of his car was damaged when he hit the bank — and he just couldn't handle it at high speeds thru the corners.

For a brief re-cap of the evening's racing results: In the Hooligan Class — Ted Becker, No. 50, got his first win of the season in the first heat; Wesley Rogers, driving No. F5, took the 2nd heat; John Sharp, No. K-9, took the 3rd heat; and Charles Causer, No. PDQ, won the "Consy". In the Feature, Dave Cleveland, No. 40, was 1st; Dan Calkins, No. 7, 2nd; Don Davis, No. 5, 3rd; Skeet Crane, No. UP, 4th; and John Sharp, No. K-9, 5th.

In the Sportsman Class — Joe Johnson, No. 94X, won the 1st heat; Whitey Karnoski, No. 55X, the 2nd; Dick Bunn, No. 69, the 3rd; and Bill Johnson, No. 77, scored his 1st win of the season taking the "Consy".

In the Feature Whitey Karnoski, No. 55X, came in 1st; Lew Gunn, No. 15, 2nd; Chuck Wright, No. 66, 3rd; Joe Johnson, No. 94X, 4th; and Bob English, No. 66Jr, 5th.

In the Modern Class, Sunny Mathis, No. 1, won the 1st heat; Basil Shutt, No. 15X, the 2nd

heat; and in the Feature Leo Houghtaling, No. 42, was 1st; Basil Shutt, No. 15X, 2nd; Ray Kent, No. 28, 3rd; Bob Gee, No. 269, 4th; and Dick Dieter, No. 44, 5th.

On Sunday, we had a phone call from our friend "Dick", the roving Photographer, that he had been called in to work for an emergency and would be tied up for most of the day — so we agreed to go over to Perry and cover the races for him.

And, in spite of the rain here in Andover — and all the way over as far as Dansville — the races were held as scheduled. However, before the heats were all completed it finally did rain for a few minutes — and the races had to be halted for around half an hour. And then, after the shower, it started to get colder, and colder, and colder so that we had to dig out our fud-lined gloves in order to hang onto our camera during the exciting races.

However, the races were really "hot", and with their regular starter, "Whitey" Gorsuch laid up and an alternate starter working the track, we strongly suspicion that things were a little rougher than normal.

In the Semi-Late Model Class, the Feature was a real thriller with Ed Mconey, No. 92; Jack Byrd, No. 15; and Bill Tingle, No. 26X; battling it out for the first 3 positions with the boys crossing the finish line at the end of the race in that order. In one of the earlier heats in this class, No. 10X, slid off the edge of the track going down the backstretch and did a real slow roll and finally came back to rest on the wheels of the car, although for seconds it looked as if it was going to stop with the driver's side of the car on the track. We sure had plenty of time to snap this picture — but don't know whether we caught him up-side-down, or on the side.

In the Modern Class, Stroker McGurk, No. 18, won the 1st heat in a red-hot battle; and in the 2nd heat, Eddie Anchor, No. 55, jumped out to an early lead in the first lap and was never seriously threatened.

The 50-Lap Season's Championship Race was the real thriller for the day though — and possibly

the outcome was settled in the 1st lap — although that is purely conjecture. At any rate, Devere Bliss, No. 3B, by virtue of being high point man, started out on the pole position and jumped out into the lead on the 1st lap and was never seriously threatened. However on the No. 1 turn in the 1st lap, Dick Flaig, No. 33, spun out and Cliff Norton, No. 45, and then Eddie Anchor, No. 55, piled into Dick — as there was no place else for them to go with cars all around them. The starter let the race go on — instead of calling for a re-start on the 1st lap — so that Cliff and Eddy lost at least half a lap before they got themselves pulled apart, and it was seconds more before Dick managed to get his car underway again, so that he was a full lap behind before he got back on the track. The entire left side and rear of No. 33 was pretty badly smashed up, and a big chunk of body tin was torn out of No. 45 on the driver's side, while No. 55 didn't look too badly damaged.

In the early part of the race, Art Clark, No. 7, and Pete Tingle, No. 22, were in hot pursuit of Devere's flying No. 3B, but around the 15th lap, the left rear wheel and axle on Art's car pulled out and came off — putting him out of the race. Then a bitter battle began between Pete and DeWylie, No. 97, for 2nd place. Don did manage to pass Pete once coming out of the No. 4 turn — only to have Pete pass him right back between the No. 1 and No. 2 turns. In the meantime, Eddie Anchor, No. 55, gradually worked his way up thru the pack until he was up in the No. 4 slot when the checkered flag was thrown — and still gaining ground slowly. Thus, if the race had been halted in the 1st lap for a re-start, as we thought it should have been, the outcome might have been entirely different. However, the starter is "Boss-Man" on the track — so-o-o—that's the way "the cookie crumbles" — and "the fenders crumple". This coming Saturday will see the annual "100-Lap" open invitation for the Modern Class at Perry — and then its "taps" for the racing season for this year. So, so long for now, and see you at the races?

Check Your Driver's License For Expire Date

With some 350,000 operator licenses expiring at the end of this month, Allegany County Clerk Mrs. Helen S. Ackerman suggested today that all drivers check the expiration date on their licenses in the event that they have not received a punch card renewal application from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Mrs. Ackerman pointed out that the applications were mailed from Albany during the last two weeks of August but some may have gone astray in the mail because of incomplete or incorrect addresses, or because of a possible error on the renewal card.

In cases where no application has been received, the driver should immediately visit the County Clerk's office and fill out a DP-120 form. With this, the expiration date of your present license will be extended until the application can be redirected to your home address.

Mrs. Ackerman also remind motorists that they must pass the vision test in order to renew their licenses. The examination may be made either at her office at Belmont, or by their own oculist, optometrist, ophthalmologist or physician. Many industrial firms also have personnel in their first aid offices qualified to administer the test. To pass, drivers must have at least 20/40 vision in either or both eyes, with or without corrective lenses.

Registration In Andover

REGISTRATION DAYS in Andover this year are Tuesday, October 3, 1967 from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.; Saturday, October 7, from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M.; Friday, October 13 from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.; and Saturday, October 14, from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M.

District No. 1 — those residing East of Main Street, Register at the Grange Hall, on East Greenwood Street.

District No. 2 — those residing West of Main Street, Register at the Town Hall.

JOAN DIBBLE, Town Clerk

39 NOTICE — You must Register in person in order to Vote in any further Election.

Dates Claimed

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