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Notes from our President John Morton

I can't believe it is already time for another newsletter. You know what they say time flies when you are having fun. I was supposed to have this done yesterday but a little girl decided to arrive and make me a Great-Grandpa again!!!

Racing has been challenging this year with cancelation's and rainouts. But we have been able to do some action-packed and exciting shows. I want to thank all the members who have been out and kept the car count up, even the ones that go off the end of the track (Jim).

If you haven't been able to attend you have missed some good times and fellowship. Hopefully we will see you at the banquet in October. We are planning on 50 guests so make your reservation early so you won't be left out. It's going to be a great time. We have had some new people join and their excitement has helped fuel our commitment to have the "Best darn vintage club" out there.

Rivalry has been to develop among the teams all in fun this year and it has been good. Thanks for your help and support throughout the year. Remember it is your club and you make a difference. Keep the oil changed, car polished, and fuel flowing till we meet again.

For you that would be interested-Sham Kiser is having a swap meet at his place in Union City Ohio on October 8. he will have a lot of vintage stuff. He said he is going to widdle-down some of his collection. This would also be a good time to see his personal museum he has been working on. Any question he can be reached at 937-459-6190.

Signing off for now.

John

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
GREAT-GRANDPA JOHN and
GRANDPA JEFF MORTON and
NEW-DAD SETH SMITH**

Hilltop Speedway

RAINED OUT

Wayne County Speedway

Hilltop Speedway and Wayne County were scheduled for a double header weekend. It was too bad that Hilltop was rained out on Friday. We were really looking forward to that track.

Mother Nature supplied us with some, hot and humid, but raceable weather, for Wayne County Speedway on Saturday. The car turnout was good, nine cars were on hand.

Both Heat and Feature races were very well run. The Heat race was won by Jim McDermott. Johnny Lawhorn won the feature.

A special thanks to Jeremy Lawhorn and Jim McDermott for helping me out. Also, Bob Shelhorn for bringing his four-wheeler.

By Sue McWilliams



Corrigan Oil Speedway

10 members showed their cars at Corrigan Speedway with 9 taking the track. The Swain Family brought out two Dowker roadsters, what a beautiful sight on the track as they paced the heat race. A battle all race between Hank Lower and Matt Swain ended with the "71" Dowker finishing first and Hank "37" second. The track put on a great intermission with an autograph session and fans were able to come into the infield and inspect the cars. There were lots of pictures taken and a lot of great talk.

The feature race began with the Weidman Brothers pacing the front row. It was a great 12 lap battle with Tom Weidman squeezing out the win over Hank Lower and Matt Swain. We had very close racing and the fans loved it. Thanks to the Corrigan Speedway Staff and Management for a class act show. See you next year.

By John Morton



Oakshade Raceway & Springport Speedway

RAINED OUT



Portsmouth Speedway

This race was cancelled by the Race Promoter.

Sandusky Speedway

What a gorgeous day for Vintage Racing, there were 10 cars on hand. Present were two veteran Street Stock drivers from the 1980's and 1990's at Sandusky Speedway. One has won five Track Championships and other was the first female to win a Feature race. Yes, I am taking about Larry Smith in the popular purple and black #99 Camaro and Linda (Lander) Owens in the immaculate #71 Chevelle. It was so great to see these two racing against each other again.

The Stock Car heat race saw Larry and Linda running side-by-side for 8 of the 10 laps, until Larry broke a water pump. Linda walked away with the win followed by Jim Pitchford and Gene Steele.

The Open Wheel class saw some great racing between Ron Gunderman in his

Supermodified and Butch Evans. Jim McDermott in his #461 Sprint Car did his best to stay with them until the steering broke. Butch won the heat in his midget followed by Ron, John Lawhorn in his Champ Car and John Morton in his midget.

Carl Robinson brought out his Badger Midget for some fun, but ended up with a broken rear end and never made it out on the track.

The feature saw 8 cars on the track. Rodney Evans got in the #2 car for Butch. The race saw Ron Gunderman, John Lawhorn, Jim McDermott and Rodney Evans all running together. After a brief caution when Jim Pitchford slid off the end. The four of them were at it again. As they were coming up on slower cars Rodney decided to make it three-wide and split both slower cars and went on to win the Feature. He was followed by Ron Gunderman, Jim McDermott, Linda Owens, John Lawhorn, John Morton, Gene Steele and Jim Pitchford.

VARC would like to thank Kevin, Chris and Brittany for allowing us to come out and have a great time. Also, thanks to the jeep drivers for pushing the cars. We are already looking forward to next year.

By Melinda Ahleman



Angola Speedway

Angola Speedway saw 17 cars from Michiana Vintage Racers and Vintage American Race Cars groups. Members attended from Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. The weather was perfect for race day.

There were two heat races. The first heat saw Henry Dowker, Chris Miller, Jim Slade, and Jim Pitchford battling for all 8 laps. When the checkered flag fell it was Chris Miller, Jim Slade, Henry Dowker, Ron Gunderman and Jim Pitchford. Todd Tower and Dan Wiedman fell out with flat tires. John Morton had mechanical issues and was unable to start.

The second heat saw a great battle between Hank Lower, Junior Gould, Tom Weidman, and Seth Smith. When the checkers fell Junior Gould beat out Hank Lower followed by Tom Weidman, Seth Smith, Pat York and Jamie York. Mike Eastman and King Kramer dropped out with mechanical problems.

The feature saw 14 cars take the green flag. Hank Lower and Junior Gould battled back and forth for most of the race. In the end Hank crossed the line first, followed by Junior Gould, Tom Weidman, Jamie York and Dan Weidman.

Sunday's racing program was rained out.

By Melinda Ahleman

