

## **Tony Stewart sets track record wins two features**

New Castle, IN (August 13, 2017) – “The Straughn Streak” Tony Stewart of Straughn took home two trophies as he won the Street Stock and Von Hoy Oil Thunder Car division features on the second race of the year at Mt. Lawn Speedway. After a month of July that saw two different weekends washed out, Mt. Lawn had perfect weather for an evening of racing with five features including the Factory Compacts, Pro Compacts, Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars and Vore’s Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman.

Stewart was the evening’s biggest winner after taking the Street Stock feature when while running third most of the race the leaders tangled coming out of the short turn and spun coming to the white flag. Stewart took the lead for the green white checker finish. “That was kind of like a gift wrapped win, I saw something was going to happen, so I hung back and waited.” Stewart remarked. “I am happy to get this win for (car owner) Lloyd Davis and the crew that worked so hard to get it ready.”

The Van Hoy Oil Thunder Car feature a different race for Fast Qualifier, Stewart who set a new track record for Thunder Cars at 18.104 beating the old mark set by Jamieson Owens of Indianapolis back on June 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. Stewart took the lead on the 20<sup>th</sup> lap and never looked back to win the 50-lap race. Brian Slavey took the early lead with second fast qualifier, David McConnell flying through the field from the last row to take over on the fourth lap. AJ Stewart followed McConnell through the field and stayed on his tail with Stewart’s father Tony close behind. On the 19<sup>th</sup> lap Tony Stewart passed his son to take second when lap traffic came into play, and father then passed for the lead a lap later.

The battle for second continued as McConnell and AJ Stewart fought for the spot. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> lap Stewart drove too hard into the first turn hitting McConnell and causing him and McConnell should not be penalized for spinning. Stewart then “tapped out” signaling the officials he had caused the accident and sending himself to the tail while allowing McConnell to retake his spot in second. As Tony Stewart continued to lead, McConnell fought to keep up with the strong car of Stewart’s as they negotiated the lap traffic. McConnell dropped out on the 42<sup>nd</sup> lap with a tire problem and Stewart cruised to victory. Jameson Owens finished second, Slavey third, AJ Stewart came from the back to finish fourth and Alan Lambert fifth.

“I want to dedicate this win to Steve Davis.” Stewart stated. “He has helped me and my crew’s hard work make this possible. I also want to say how proud I am of AJ for taking responsibility for his mistake of getting into Dave (McConnell and tapping out when that happened.”

The Vore’s Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman race featured drivers from many different areas, including some that had never been to the track before. Donnie Hill took

off from his front row starting position to take the early lead, as driver adjusted to the track. The racing was tight for the early part of the race, when Shawn Amor roared to the lead on the 30<sup>th</sup> lap. He never gave up the lead from there. RJ Norton finished second, Hill third, Jason Neal fourth and Tyler Marsh fifth.

“That was pretty smooth” Amor commented. “I am sorry I got into (RJ) Norton at the beginning. I had never seen the track before, not even on You Tube. This is the biggest crowd I have raced in front of in a while, and it is great to race in front of a big crowd.”

Mt Lawn’s newest division the Stock FWD is an inexpensive way to bring a car to the track to race. Mike Ally took the early lead, with Jason Caudill overtaking him on the third lap. Caudill would cruise to victory as Jerry Loy gave chase though the race. Owen Brummett finished third, Nick Bouge was fourth and Alley fifth.

### **New Castle’s Terry Neal picks up Pro Compact victory**

Joe Jennings took the lead at the green flag of the Pro Compacts feature and held it until Johnny Greer roared past on the 14<sup>th</sup> lap. Fast qualifier Trent Gossar drove through the field after the complete invert to start the race to take the lead on the 18<sup>th</sup> lap. Gossar provided the crowd with some thrilling moments as he launched the car in the air after coming into contact with competitor’s wheels on this march to the front. Gossar held the lead until forced to pit on the 29<sup>th</sup> lap due to an overheating car. Terry Neal took over the lead. Neal would hold onto the lead to win. Joe Jennings came home second, Nick Warner third, Donald VanValkenburg fourth and Mark Jennings fifth.

“It’s been a long time.” Neal stated after being asked how it felt to win. “That was wide open racing, it is hard to get to the win. I love this track, been coming here since I was a kid, I love it.”

The next race at Mt Lawn Speedway will be in two weeks on August 27 with a 5:15 starting time.