

Points Champions crowned at Mt Lawn

The 2017 racing season wrapped up at Mt Lawn Speedway Sunday night with the crowning of Point Champions in all four divisions.

The Street Stock led off the evenings feature events with Ryan Amonett of New Castle leading all thirty laps for his first win of the season. Jason Thompson of Shirley chased Amonett the entire race to finish 3 seconds behind in second. Tony Stewart of Straughn finished third followed by Randy Anderson of Knightstown, Rickie Young of Beaver Creek, Ohio and Rob Shafe of De Graff, Ohio. Thompson set fast time at 17.801 and Amonett won the Payne Auto Parts Dash for Cash. As a result of his second place finish Thompson won the point battle by 30 points over Stewart.

Andy Jennings of Richmond won the D&J Sales/Mike Stone Motorsports Pro Compact 60 lap feature. Mark Jennings of Richmond led the first seven laps until Trent Gossar of Markleville got around him for the lead. Gossar who had been chasing motor gremlins in his mount led the next 12 laps until his engine started to misfire around lap 17. Once Gossar's engine started acting up Adam Lee of New Castle was able to catch and pass Gossar on lap 20. Lee appeared to be on his way to victory until a mechanical problem with his racer forced him out of the race on lap 44. When Lee dropped out Terry Neal of New Castle took over and steadily increased his lead until 53 when he stalled in turn one bringing out the caution. Neal was towed to the pit area where his crew made quick repairs enabling him to return to the race before the restart. On the restart Tom Gossar Jr. of Markleville took the lead but was passed by Andy Jennings on lap 56. Jennings went on to the win followed by Gossar Jr., Neal, Mark Jennings, Josh Neal of New Castle, Joseph Jennings of Richmond, Lee, Trent Gossar, Corey Slavey of New Castle, Johnathon Claywell of New Castle, Joe Jennings of Richmond and Zach Morris of New Castle. Neal set fast time at 18.465. Neal wrapped up the Pro Compact points by 39 points over Joe Jennings.

A.J. Stewart of Straughn won the first feature of his career beating his father Tony Stewart in the Van Hoy Oil Thunder Car event. Brian Slavey of New Castle got the lead at the drop of the green flag and led the first nine laps. The younger Stewart got around Slavey to take the lead followed closely by his father. The two Stewarts remained 1-2 the rest of the race. Jim Walker of Cambridge City finished third followed by Frankie Oakes of Cambridge, Bill Clark of Rushville, Slavey, Arthur Fields of Richmond and Kevin Rabenstine of Muncie. Rabenstine had a strong run going until he was black flagged with major smoke coming from his car on lap 26. Tony Stewart set fast time at 18.157 and won the Payne Auto Parts Dash for Cash. The elder Stewart also won the point championship by 49 points over his son.

In the Stock Compact feature race K.C. Simpson of Hagerstown won for the second week in a row taking the lead for good on lap 7 from Jerry Loy of Anderson who had led from the start. Loy finished second followed by Jeff Marlow of New Castle, Brett Smith of Richmond, Chris Chesher of New Castle, Jaycob Sherwood of Knightstown, Jason Caudill of New Castle, Trevor Lane of Anderson and Nick Bouge of Richmond. Simpson set fast time at 20.337 and won the Payne's Dash for Cash. Jeff Marlow took the point championship by 5 points over Loy and 10 point ahead of Simpson.

The management and staff of Mt Lawn want to thank all competitors and fans who made it out to the races this year. We are making plans for 2018.