

New Castle, IN (July 1, 2018) – In Vore’s Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Jeff Marcum of Morristown held off a hard charging Billy Hutson of Fort Wayne to win the 45<sup>th</sup> Raintree 100 and took home a crystal engraved trophy made especially for the event. The win was Marcum’s third Raintree win after winning in 2010 and 11. Alex Abbott of New Castle, Ronnie Rose of Anderson, Terry Neal of New Castle, Jacob Sherwood and Drew Morgan also took home victories.

The first race of the Vore’s Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Triple Crown was a hard-fought race with Marcum coming out on top with Hutson following close behind. Shawn Amor of Plymouth set fast time, and a new track record, to start the day; he then drew a five for the invert putting Danny Trent of Martinsville on the pole.

Trent took off running out to a lead until a caution bunched up the field on the 21<sup>st</sup> lap putting Amor right with him. Amor drove past Trent to take the lead on the 27<sup>th</sup> lap. Marcum and Trent kept on Amor’s tail with Hutson within a couple car lengths racing for many laps. Marcum would pull up next to Amor, but could not get past him.

While Marcum was trying to get past Amor, Trent slid past Marcum to challenge Amor. Amor slid high leaving the short turn on the 64<sup>th</sup> lap with Trent, Marcum and Hutson driving past Amor. Marcum powered past Trent on the 66<sup>th</sup> lap to take the lead for good.

Trent chased Marcum until he slid high into the short turn wall on the 84<sup>th</sup> lap bringing out the third caution of the day. On the restart several cars came together in the first turn. Amor, and Ronnie Rose were forced to retire following the accident.

Marcum held the lead after the restart, followed by Hutson, Chris Shannon of Lawton, MI was third Fred Hopkins of New Castle fourth and Tony Brutti of Dyer was fifth.

“This was a great race, these guys are great.” Marcum stated from Victory Lane. “Only one accident, very clean drivers, great race.”

Terry Neal took the Adams Enterprises Pro Compact win after Adam Lee dropped out with a large lead on the 18<sup>th</sup> lap showing Neal the lead with Mark Jennings pushing hard in an attempt get past Neal. . Neal also set fast time and took the Dash for a clean sweep. Jennings finished second, Dylan Hoppes third, Brett Smith fourth and Lee fifth.

Ronnie Rose did double duty stepping into his Van Hoy Oil Thunder car after racing 100 very hot laps in the Raintree 100. Starting last on the track after setting fast time and winning the Tom Gossar Towing Dash for cash, Rose worked his way up quickly moving to second on the fourth lap following David McConnell closely then powering past on the 15<sup>th</sup> lap to take the lead. McConnell stayed close until Dustin Sapp slipped past him to take second. Sapp could not get past Rose and finished second, McConnell was third, AJ Stewart recovered from a spin early in the race to move through the field back to finish fourth, and Kevin Rabinstine was fifth.

“This was a clean race, these guys always race clean.” Rose stated. “I love this track.”

Alex Abbott took the lead on the third lap of the Stock Compacts feature and never relinquished it as he too went on to the sweep with fast qualifier, the Gossar Towing Dash and feature win. Justin Mefford was second. "I was all over the place tonight." Abbott stated. "This car has a lot of power."

Cage Karts winner was Drew Morgan "My cart was running really good." Morgan said. "We made some changes and I guess they really worked out." Jacob Sherwood took the Fast Karts win.

Eric Room was the State Farm Insurance Street Drags winner taking his 2002 Grand Prix to the win over Jeremiah Lane in his 1995 Dakota in the final.

The next event will be Sunday, July 22 with the next race in the Indiana/Ohio Shootout with Thunders Cars/Hobby Stocks running in the Founders Day 100 with a top prize of \$1000 going to the winner. Pro Compacts, Factory Stock Compacts, Legends and Cage Karts are also on the schedule.