

## **McConnell wins Founder's Day 100 at Mt Lawn**

The rain held off just enough to allow the running of the annual Founder's day 100. Mt Lawn officials decided to run the 100 lap main event first in case the skies let loose and would cause another postponement. Fifteen cars took the green flag from starter Jack Sweigart with Mike Worrel of Muncie grabbing the early lead. Dylan Hoppes of Markleville got around Worrel on lap seven and led the next six laps. Jameson Owens of Indianapolis took the lead on lap fourteen until current point leader in the Thunder Car division Dustin Sapp of New Palestine got around Owens on lap twenty two. On lap nineteen Josh Neal of New Castle was the first car out of the race and defending Founder's Day champ Tony Stewart of Straughn also left the race on the same lap with a blown engine. At the quarter way mark Sapp was followed closely by Ronnie Rose of Anderson, AJ Stewart of Straughn, David McConnell of Shirley and Owens. Randy Hoppes of Markleville exited the race on lap twenty-four. Dylan Hoppes dropped out of the race on lap 28. Rose got around Sapp on lap twenty-nine and steadily built a comfortable lead over the next several laps. At the half way point it was Rose, Sapp, AJ Stewart, Kevin Rabinstine of Muncie and McConnell. Rabinstine and McConnell appeared to get together on lap 50 bringing out the yellow. McConnell went to the pits for a quick repair and rejoined the field along with Rabinstine at the rear of the field. Rose appeared to be on his way to victory until mechanical issues forced him out of the race on lap 63 giving the lead to AJ Stewart. At the 75 it was Stewart, Sapp, McConnell, Rabinstine and Owens. At this point Stewart appeared to be the man to beat until his car started showing signs of a handling problem. Upon close examination it could be seen that Stewart's left front tire was going down. Stewart fought his mount until Sapp passed him on lap 85. Stewart finally pulled off the track on lap 87. Now it is Sapp's race to lose and that is just what he did on lap 99 when his car ran out of fuel and he rolled into the pits. McConnell then finished the race in the top spot without any other problems. Rabinstine finished second followed by Owens, Frankie Oakes of Cambridge City, Dale Harper of Indy, Worrell, Sapp, Earl Adams of Alexandria, AJ Stewart, and Rose to round out the top ten.

In the Adams Enterprises Pro Compacts Terry Neal of New Castle continued his winning ways by leading the final 29 laps of the feature for the win. Adam Lee of New Castle finished a close second after closing in on Neal's rear bumper on lap 28. Trea Bowman of Indy took third followed by Josh Owens of New Castle, Joe Jennings of Richmond, Brett Smith of Richmond, Alex Abbott of New Castle, Mark Jennings of Richmond, and Brian Slavey of New Castle. Chris Jennings of Richmond did not start the feature. Neal set fast time in qualifications at 18.091 which is a new track record, won the Payne Auto Parts Dash for cash and the first heat the Abbott taking the second heat.

Eighteen cars were on hand for Factory Stock Front Wheel Drive action. Six cars did not make it to the feature event which went to Tyler Brown of Indianapolis. Donald Van Valkenburg of Indianapolis finished second followed by Alex Abbott of New Castle, Jennings and Jacob Johnson... Brown won the Payne's Auto Parts Dash for cash and the first heat and Jennings the second heat.

Owen Brummett of New Castle won the State Farm Insurance Street Drags.

The next event at Mt Lawn will be August 19<sup>th</sup> with the final leg of the Van Hoy Oil Indiana/Ohio Shootout. August 25<sup>th</sup> will be the return of the CRA Street Stocks for the

200 lap Bob Fields Memorial race and then on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> will be the final event of the 2018 season with the Doc's Kart Sales and Service Stock FWD one hour Enduro. The Mt Lawn Classic Car Show will be held on Labor Day September 3<sup>rd</sup>.