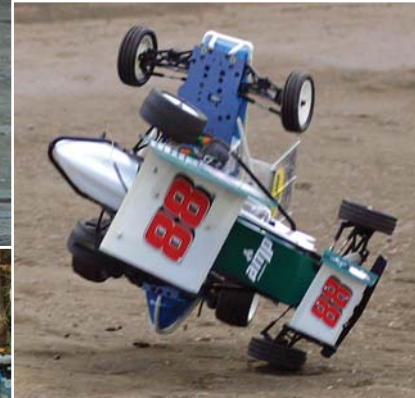


**Another great dirt oval**



**Sprint Car**—The Sprint Car class cars are realistic and they always put on a good show. Chris Rupard and David Kriz had a huge battle and eventually finished less than a second apart with Rupard in first. Third-place Brian Butts ended one lap down but there was a lot of great racing throughout the field!



**4-Wheel-Drive Mini Late Model**—This was dominated by Shawn Palmer from Florida, who travels to this race every year. Mark Clark and sponsor Rich Church had a good race for the runner-up position, and Palmer had the field covered. These little vehicles are a lot of fun to race and aren't expensive to put together!



**Dirt Modified**—The Kansas Dirt Modified was a tough battle between eventual winner Steve Matlick and his two rivals Lenny Blocker (second) and Adam Sippel (third). Matlick won by 2 laps, and Blocker and Sippel were less than 3 seconds apart.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Kansas Dirtslingers R/C Club at Checkered Flag Raceway (www.cfrkc.com) in Bonner Springs, Kansas, hosted the Kansas Dirt Oval Championship. In that state, this grassroots form of racing (dirt oval) shows amazing growth in terms of participation and the number of venues offering events. The title sponsor is Castle Creations, but the list of sponsors is long (see "Sponsors"), and because of this, everyone left with a nice prize or two.

Owned by Tim and Donna McDowell, the 160-foot-centerline outdoor track has a smooth, loose dirt surface that's well maintained and groomed and watered to ensure close exciting racing, when setup is more important than raw horsepower.

Racers from Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma and, of course, Kansas competed. Tim and his track team Dan Christensen and Jim Hubbard had spent the previous week watering the track regularly and grooming it for hot and heavy racing action. Over last winter, the track's dirt was swapped for a mixture that provided more traction without promoting tire wear and was still basically loose dirt. Again, the race announcing and commentary of the highly experienced Clint Seitz of Clint's Creations entertained us all.

Continuing what it's hoped will become a tradition, a new member was inducted into the Kansas Dirtslingers Hall of Fame. This award acknowledges a person's contributions to dirt-oval racing. Donna McDowell was the 2008 inductee. She has devoted countless hours to the sport by supporting Tim and the Dirtslingers and being the race director and manual lap counter for the track's first three years.



**Novice**—All weekend, this class was the most fun to watch. These guys and gals were focused, and it was anyone's race until the last lap. Jim Dominic McCowen took first followed by David McCowan (on the same lap!) and Garrett Johnson



**2-Wheel-Drive Late Model**—This Late Model class is exciting and innovative classes. Perennial favorite Lenny Blocker and up-and-coming David Alberico had a classic battle that lasted the entire 4 minutes. The race could have gone to either, but Alberico ended up in first, Blocker was second (on the same lap) and Steve Matlick, third. Good racing all the way!



**1/18 Mini**—TQ David Alberico dominated; he led from start to finish. David Kriz finished second and he was followed by Jeremy Blair. Racing was good throughout and in fourth through sixth were Clint Seitz, Matt Parmalee and Dustin Thompson, all finishing on the same lap.



**Truck**—What a race! The top three finished within 3 seconds of one another. Local good guy Sam Parks came out on top after a hard, close battle with Steve Matlick and Brian Butts (third).

High quality and close racing characterized the qualifiers and the lower Mains, but I'll stick with the A-mains, during which the best of the best competed for the beautiful trophies by Mills Trophies!

**OFF THE TRACK ...**

As is always the case, the rules of Checkered Flag Raceway were followed, a lot of fun was had, and we enjoyed the competition and fellowship that only racing can provide.

Special thanks go to Tim and Donna McDowell for their hard work scoring the races, Clint Seitz for his enthusiastic announcing, Donna McDowell for her amazing race directing and constant support of the program, the entire long list of sponsors for their generous donations and enthusiastic participation, Jim Hardin and Marilyn Blocker for the concessions, Dan Christensen and Jim Hubbard for their ongoing help with the track along with the other club members who help out. The Kansas Dirt Oval Championship has become a must-attend race that continues to pull the crowds and should be on every oval racer's calendar.

**RESULTS A Finals Round 3 NOVICE**

Pos.	Driver
1	..... Dominic McCowan
2	..... David McCowan
3	..... Garret Johnson
4	..... Mike Anhorn
5	..... Taylor Winter

**TRUCK**

1	..... Sam Parks
2	..... Steve Matlick
3	..... Brian Butts
4	..... Bryan Bowers
5	..... Clint Seitz

**1/18 MINI**

1	..... Dave Alberico
2	..... David Kriz
3	..... Jeremy Blair
4	..... Clint Seitz
5	..... Matt Parmalee

**2WD LATE MODEL**

1	..... David Alberico
2	..... Lenny Blocker
3	..... Steve Matlick
4	..... Denny Crooks
5	..... David Kriz

**SPRINT CAR**

1	..... Chris Rupard
2	..... David Kriz
3	..... Brian Butts
4	..... Bryan Bowers
5	..... Shawn Palmer

**KANSAS DIRT MODIFIED**

1	..... Steve Matlick
2	..... Lenny Blocker
3	..... Adam Sippel
4	..... Bryan Bowers
5	..... Jim Harden

**4WD MINI**

1	..... Shawn Palmer
2	..... Mark Clark
3	..... Rick Church
4	..... Steve Horine
5	..... Johnny Pilgrim

**4WD LATE MODEL**

1	..... Lenny Blocker
2	..... Lee Lockhart
3	..... Jeremy Blair
4	..... Bryan Bowers
5	..... Shawn Palmer

**SPONSORS**

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- MIP
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- RC Driver magazine
- Schumacher
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- Speedys Racing Products
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