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**Dirt oval is alive and well in Kansas**



Above left: 19 Turn Truck—1st Lenny Blocker, 2nd Steve Matlick, 3rd Clint Seitz. Center: 2 Wheel Drive Late Model—1st Lenny Blocker, 2nd Steve Matlick, 3rd Tim McDowell. Right: 4 Wheel Drive Late Model—1st Lenny Blocker, 2nd Chris Rupard, 3rd Mark Stolzenberg.



Above left: 4 Wheel Drive Mini Latemodel—1st Rick Hartpence, 2nd Dennis Cooper, 3rd Shawn Palmer. Center: Mini-T Modifieds—1st Dave Alberico, 2nd Tim McDowell, 3rd Greg Parmalee. Right: Dirt Modified—1st Lenny Blocker, 2nd Denny Crooks, 3rd Greg Parmalee.

The State of Kansas has become a dirt oval hot spot in terms of participation and the number of venues offering this grassroots form of racing. For the third year, Checkered Flag Raceway (www.cfrkc.com) of Bonner Springs hosted the Kansas Dirt Oval Championship. With title sponsorship by Castle Creations (makers of the Mamba brushless system), the manufacturer support of this event was top drawer and everyone left with some nice prizes from a general drawing and raffle. The 160-foot centerline outdoor track is owned by Tim and Donna McDowell and is operated under the umbrella of the Kansas Dirtslingers RC Club. The track surface is a smooth, loose dirt type that is maintained in well-groomed and watered condition allowing for close, exciting racing where setup is more important than raw horsepower.

The Kansas Dirt Oval Championship attracted racers from Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska and (of course) the State of Kansas to compete in this growing event. Tim and Bill Hartpence, along with their families, had again spent the previous week regularly watering the track and grooming it in preparation for some hot and heavy racing action. As usual, the track surface stayed damp throughout the event with only two additional watering sessions necessary after the event began. Another highlight of this year's event was the colorful race announcing of Clint "Clint's Creations" Seitz. Clint has a lot of experience as a race director and announcer and it certainly was good to hear him back at the microphone. You'll also be seeing some of his paintwork on bodies featured in *RC Driver* soon.

Another treat was the display

of Mike McDowell's vintage racing '55 Chevrolet. This car is prepared to the MAX and reflects the care and love that Mike has for the sport of vintage dirt oval racing. Though in his first year of racing of any type, Mike is "working his way to the front" and showing improvement at every event he runs. This beautiful car added a lot to the event —thanks Mike.



Sprint Car—1st Steve Matlick, 2nd Chris Rupard, 3rd Brandon Hightshoe

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## KANSAS DIRT OVAL CHAMPS

### RACE RESULTS

#### Mini T

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.1	Dave Alberico	.40	.4m00.570	.5.370	.6.014
2	.2	Tim McDowell	.39	.4m00.270	.5.460	.6.161
3	.4	Greg Parmalee	.39	.4m05.890	.5.460	.6.305
4	.5	Jeremy Blair	.37	.4m04.300	.5.760	.6.603
5	.6	Denny Crooks	.36	.4m00.720	.5.860	.6.687
6	.7	Bill Hartpence	.35	.4m05.310	.6.060	.7.009
7	.9	C A Parmalee	.33	.4m05.930	.6.140	.7.452
8	.8	Matt Parmalee	.31	.4m04.600	.6.310	.7.890
9	.3	Jim Rupard	.19	.2m01.720	.5.570	.6.406
10	.10	Gary Offutt	.0	.No Time	.0.000	.0.000

#### 19T Truck

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.1	Lenny Blocker	.43	.4m02.560	.5.300	.5.641
2	.2	Sreve Matlick	.43	.4m05.980	.5.250	.5.720
3	.3	Clint Seitz	.42	.4m05.600	.5.330	.5.848
4	.4	Denny Crooks	.40	.4m00.300	.5.420	.6.008
5	.5	Kevin Donald	.40	.4m04.490	.5.360	.6.112
6	.7	Bill Hartpence	.39	.4m02.160	.5.650	.6.209
7	.6	Rick Hartpence	.37	.4m01.200	.5.630	.6.519
8	.8	Chris Henson	.34	.4m08.510	.5.750	.7.309

#### 2WD Late Model

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.2	Lenny Blocker	.43	.4m01.790	.5.270	.5.623
2	.1	Steve Matlick	.43	.4m04.360	.5.360	.5.683
3	.6	Tim McDowell	.39	.4m03.700	.5.620	.6.249
4	.5	Denny Crooks	.37	.4m00.600	.5.630	.6.503
5	.3	Rick Hartpence	.17	.1m50.410	.5.740	.6.495
6	.4	Mark Dempsey	.10	.1m05.040	.5.830	.6.504

#### Sprint Car

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.2	Steve Matlick	.42	.4m00.730	.5.470	.5.732
2	.5	Chris Rupard	.38	.4m03.600	.5.520	.6.411
3	.1	Brandon Hightshoe	.38	.4m06.000	.5.600	.6.474
4	.3	Bill Hartpence	.37	.4m05.150	.5.890	.6.626
5	.6	Kevin Donald	.36	.4m03.070	.5.690	.6.752
6	.4	Jim Rupard	.30	.3m11.250	.5.550	.6.375
7	.7	Tim McDowell	.29	.3m36.780	.5.600	.7.475

#### Kansas Dirt Modified

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.1	Lenny Blocker	.42	.4m03.160	.5.300	.5.790
2	.5	Denny Crooks	.37	.4m01.770	.5.870	.6.534
3	.2	Greg Parmalee	.36	.4m06.850	.5.790	.6.857
4	.7	Bill Hartpence	.35	.4m01.030	.5.910	.6.887
5	.3	Steve Matlick	.18	.2m13.630	.5.910	.7.424
6	.6	Kevin Donald	.8	.0m51.020	.5.970	.6.378
7	.4	Mark Dempsey	.2	.3m28.130	.13.530	.104.065

#### Round:3 4WD Mini

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.2	Rick Hartpence	.41	.4m01.550	.5.430	.5.891
2	.3	Dennis Cooper	.39	.4m00.290	.5.700	.6.161
3	.4	Shawn Palmer	.32	.4m01.820	.5.930	.7.557

#### 4WD Late Model

Position	Car	Name	Laps	Time	Best lap	Average lap
1	.1	Lenny Blocker	.44	.4m03.440	.4.840	.5.533
2	.2	Chris Rupard	.41	.3m49.520	.5.110	.5.598
3	.4	Mark Stolzenborg	.40	.4m03.310	.5.440	.6.083
4	.3	Kris Woodard	.40	.4m03.960	.5.180	.6.099
5	.6	Chris Henson	.25	.2m46.100	.5.620	.6.644
6	.5	Mark Dempsey	.15	.3m47.520	.6.520	.15.168



### CONCLUSION

This year, the rules of Checkered Flag Raceway were followed. Lots of fun was had in addition to the good competition and fellowship that only racing can provide.



Special thanks go out to Tim, Donna and Janet Brockert for their hard work scoring the races, Clint Seitz for his enthusiastic announcing, Shawn Palmer (Castle Creations) for his generous donations and enthusiastic participation, Jim and Chris Rupard for their ongoing help with the track, and Bill Hartpence and the other club members who helped out. Tim McDowell is the key ingredient to making this race and the weekly club shows the successes that they are. The Kansas Dirt Oval Championship is becoming a race that has stood the "test of time" and should be on every oval racer's must attend list! ©

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