

Dirt oval is ALIVE and WELL in Kansas



This year's Kansas Dirt Oval Championship attracted racers from Missouri, Oklahoma and (of course) Kansas to compete on this VERY hot day! For the second year, Checkered Flag Raceway of Bonner Springs, KS was host to the Kansas Dirt Oval Championship. Title sponsorship was by Castle Creations (makers of the Mamba brushless system) with a huge list of additional sponsors including Slick Zero, Fantom, Team Integy, Eagle Racing Team, Heartland R/C, Kipps Hobbies, Nimble Motorsports, DeMallie Racing Products, Pro-Line, Team Cobra, Hobbytown USA and, of course, RC Driver. This 160' centerline outdoor track is owned by Tim & Donna McDowell and operated under the umbrella of the Kansas Dirtslingers R/C Club. The track surface is a smooth, loose dirt type that is maintained in a well-groomed and watered condition

allowing for close, exciting racing where setup is more important than raw horsepower.

There was plenty of high quality and close racing throughout the qualifiers and the Mains all weekend; but I am going to focus on the A-Mains where the "best of the best" ran for the beautiful trophies, featuring woodwork by Chris Woodard.



**MINI-T MODIFIEDS**

This class was truly dominated by TQ Jim Rupard who led from start to finish. BUT, the closest racing occurred between Tim McDowell and Shawn Palmer (Mr. Castle Creations) with Tim's light, nimble approach to car construction eventually wearing out the heavier and more durable machine that Shawn drove.

**RESULTS**

**Mini-T**

**A - Main**

**Position Driver**

- 1 ..... Jim Rupard
- 2 ..... Tim McDowell
- 3 ..... Shawn Palmer

**19-Turn Truck**

**A - Main**

**Position Driver**

- 1 ..... Lenny Blocker
- 2 ..... David Kriz
- 3 ..... Denny Crooks

**Sprint Car**

**A - Main**

**Position Driver**

- 1 ..... Scott Butts
- 2 ..... Jim Rupard
- 3 ..... David Kriz

**"Kansas" Dirt Modified**

**A - Main**

**Position Driver**

- 1 ..... Lenny Blocker
- 2 ..... Scott Butts
- 3 ..... Ben Keithley

**4WD Late Model**

**A - Main**

**Position Driver**

- 1 ..... Bill Cross
- 2 ..... Ben Keithley
- 3 ..... Scott Butts



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**KANSAS DIRT OVAL CHAMPIONSHIP**



**19-TURN TRUCK**

The 19-Turn truck class provided some exciting racing which Lenny Blocker won. BUT, the best racing was the 3-way battle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place position between Dave Kriz (TQ), Denny Crooks and Dennis Cooper who finished within two seconds of each other in that order!



**4 WHEEL DRIVE LATE MODEL**

This race was close from start to finish with the lead changing several times. Eventual winner Bill Cross was a full lap ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ben Keithley and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Scott Butts (who were only separated by two seconds after four minutes).



**SPRINT CAR**

The Sprint Car class is one of the most enjoyable to watch from the spectator standpoint and our A-Main was certainly no exception! TQ David Kriz had a bit of the TQ jinx, allowing eventual winner Scott Butts and second place Jim Rupard the room to battle it out for the top position.



**CONCLUSION**

Racing at Checkered Flag Raceway is a FUN experience – in fact, this is a *requirement* and is in the track *rules*. Lots of good-natured ribbing and teasing is pretty much the order of the day at any event at this track; and it's virtually impossible to leave this facility without a smile on your face.

Special thanks go out to Michelle & Donna for their hard work scoring the races, Shawn Palmer (Castle Creations) for his generous donation AND enthusiastic participation, Jim & Chris Rupard for their ongoing help with the track and Bill Hartpence and the other club members who gave the track the "hand" massage. Tim McDowell is the "glue" that holds this whole operation together with a smile and a gentle "rib" to ALL! ©



**"KANSAS" DIRT MODIFIED**

The "Kansas" Dirt Modified race was, for the most part, the Lenny Blocker show! The best racing of this race was between 2<sup>nd</sup> place Scott Butts and third place Ben Keithley who were only separated by four seconds at the end. GREAT racing!

**Links**

For more information on dirt oval racing, check out: [www.dirtoval.com](http://www.dirtoval.com) or [www.kippshobbies.com](http://www.kippshobbies.com)