

CCRA races at St. Helens twice the fun on Labor Day weekend

Ralph Puncocar Motor-sports (RPM) and the Sam Jeffers-owned Superior Torque Converter (STC) Racing were two of the most successful race teams among nearly 140 competitors at the Reser's Fine Foods Labor Day weekend races, Sept. 4-5 at River City Speedway in St. Helens. Hillsboro drivers Scott Puncocar and his sister, Kari, both captured Columbia County Racing Association wins. Scott, 26, drove his Oly's Construction/Goddard Gardens Landscaping Chevrolet Camaro to victory lane in the street stock A mains Saturday and Sunday. Kari won both days women's division mains in the Fox Automotive/Louis Construction Nova.

Jeremy Martin of St. Helens, won Sunday's modified A main and STC Racing teammate Dan Smith of Scappoose, was runnerup, with Shawn Dorie of St. Helens, in third. Smith (4th) and Martin (7th) also notched top-10 finishes Saturday and they're both ranked in the top four of the division point standings, behind leader Ray Elwess of Portland and runnerup Gary Morris of Boring.

The 12 fastest cars from

time trials were lined up in reverse order in all of Sunday's A mains. Martin, the 12th fastest qualifier, took advantage of his front row spot and led the 40-lap, caution-free event from start-to-finish with the Reser's open-wheel style modified racer. Dorie won Saturday's A main and Scott Puncocar, a double duty driver who competes in two CCRA classes, was second, followed by Elwess. Marty "McFly" Holmason, of St. Helens, won Saturday's modified B main.

"The 12-car invert really helped me get a good starting position and I just stayed up front the entire race," said Martin, who was 12th in qualifying on the quarter-mile clay oval track. "There's no doubt that Sam has provided Dan and I with probably two of the best cars in this class. Getting a 1-2 finish is something that Sam has always hoped for, so this is like a dream come true for him."

"We couldn't ask to compete for better car owners than Sam and Jane Jeffers of Scappoose," said Smith. "I tried to make it a little more exciting too when Jeremy and I got side-by-side each other once, but we just wanted a 1-2 finish, we did-

n't care how we did it and it sure was lots of fun."

The women's division included identical top-three main event results both days as Dan's wife, Kerry Smith, notched two runnerup finishes in her Alliance Automotive Camaro to Kari Puncocar and Vancouver's Stacey Fordyce took third place twice.

"The 12-car invert was tough, but everything worked out pretty good since I was able to maneuver up towards the front and get second," said Smith, who was the fastest qualifier (16.62 seconds) Sunday. "Hopefully, I'll continue holding onto the lead during the last two events (Sept. 18 and 25) and it sure would be a thrill to accomplish my goal of winning the division championship. It was great having more cars (16), which was about twice as many as we've normally had in the class and that made racing a little more fun. My pit crew of Dan, his brother, Robert Smith and Dennis Blasier always does a great job preparing the car for each race."

Vancouver's Joe Cherington, 43, won both mini stock mains, he has a commanding lead in the standings and he's on target to possibly win a third series title in four years with his Dusty's Machine Shop Datsun.

Paul Liner of St. Helens, won Saturday's sportsman A Main in his Lawrence Oil Chevy Malibu. Holmason, who also competes in two classes, was runnerup in his Emmert Chevrolet Monte Carlo and division leader Troy Schreiner of Longview, took third. Corbett's Scott Winebarger won Sunday's sportsman A main in his Monte Carlo as he led all the way, followed by Rainier's Mike Hagen, Schreiner, Randy Allen of Sandy and Kelso's Bob Cram. Phil Sprague of St. Helens, was a two-time winner Saturday as he won the B main and heat race.

River City Speedway September 4 Results

SPORTSMAN – Trophy Dash: Bob Cram, Kelso. Heat 1: Tony Malar, Portland; Steven Canham, Portland; Dennis Blasier, Scappoose. Heat 2: Phil Sprague, St. Helens; Rodney Cook, Rainier; Jacob Brooks, Rainier. Heat 3: Doug Hurley, Castle Rock; LeRoy White, Portland; Stephen Kaptur, Deer Island. Heat 4: Randy Allen, Sandy; Troy Schreiner, Longview; Mike Hagen, Rainier. B Main: Sprague; Tim Williams, St. Helens; Blasier; Scott Schulte, Portland; Canham. A Main: Paul Liner, St. Helens; Marty Holmason, St. Helens; Schreiner; Hagen; Hurley; Allen; Don Schott, Portland; Tricia Brittain, St. Helens; Allen Jewett, Longview; Kaptur.

MODIFIED – Heat 1: Jeremy Brookshire, Portland; Merle Farris, Seaside; Don West, St. Helens. Heat 2: Scott Winebarger, Corbett; Don Jenner, Vancouver; Todd Hardesty, St. Helens. Heat 3: Greg Greer, Rainier; Randy Nelson, St. Helens; Steve Suckow, Portland. Heat 4: Eric Deeter, Portland; Brian Timmons, Scappoose; Ron Greer, Rainier. Heat 5: Gary Morris, Boring; Ray Elwess, Portland; Jeremy Martin, St. Helens. C Main: Jenner; Brookshire; Farris; Dave Ford, Portland; Mike Graham, Portland. B Main: Holmason; Jenner; Greg Greer; Winebarger; James Wheeler, St. Helens. A Main: Shawn Dorie, St. Helens; Scott Puncocar, Hillsboro; Elwess; Dan Smith, Scappoose; Jenner; Martin; Timmons; Holmason; Larry Benson, Longview; Morris.

STREET STOCK – Trophy Dash: Gary Meyer, Vernonia. Heat 1: Namon Martin, Portland; Chris West, Portland; Curt Nusom, Gresham. Heat 2: Randy O'Connor, Portland; Dennis Krohling, Vancouver; Kelly Moore, Kelso. Heat 3: Brett Eakins, Washougal; Nathan Slape, Rainier; Steven Harris, Battle-ground. Heat 4: Mark Reser, Beaverton; Robert Sterling, Scappoose; Robert Duncan, Portland. Heat 5: Scott Puncocar; Skip Pillow, Gresham; Meyer. C Main: Jim Kelly, St. Helens; Curt Nusom; Roy Giroux, Portland; Scott Ruth, Washougal; Martin. B Main: Curt Nusom; Moore; Slape; Krohling; Kelly. A Main: Scott Puncocar; Pillow; Meyer; John Nusom, Gresham; Reser; Kari Puncocar, Hillsboro; Moore; Sterling; Clark Tenney, Scappoose; Brenda Hurley, Castle Rock.

MINI STOCK – Trophy Dash: Scott McMullen, Deer Island. Heat 1: Sonny Sayre, Vancouver; Todd Nace, Clackamas; Kathy McMullen, Deer Island. Heat 2: Joe Cherington, Vancouver; Kelly Nace, Clackamas; George Dohn, St. Helens. Main: Cherington; Dohn; Sayre; Mark Jeffries, Beaverton; Kelly Nace; Michael Harrison, Portland; Dennis Davies, Portland; Kathy McMullen; Brad Nusom, Gresham; Todd Nace.

WOMEN'S DIVISION – Trophy Dash: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver. Heat 1: Kari Puncocar; Brenda Martin, Portland; Carrie Melland, Kelso. Heat 2: Kerry Smith, Scappoose; Jacki Graham, Portland; Bobbi Harris, Battle-ground. Main: Puncocar; Smith; Fordyce; Donna Evenhus, Portland; Harris; Graham; Angela Jones, St. Helens; Martin; Laurie Reser, Beaverton; Kathy Griffin, Portland.

River City Speedway September 5 Results

SPORTSMAN – Fast Time: 16.22, Marty Holmason. Trophy Dash: Mike Hagen. Heat 1: Troy Schreiner; Dennis Blasier; Ray Cota, Vernonia. Heat 2: Stephen Kaptur; Dennis Munger, Longview; Phil Sprague. Heat 3: Tricia Brittain; Randy Allen; Kirk Brissett, Scappoose. Heat 4: Holmason; Lisa Liner, St. Helens; Hagen. B Main: Schreiner; Doug Hurley; Kaptur; Jody Turner, St. Helens; Munger. A Main: Scott Winebarger; Hagen; Schreiner; Allen; Cram; Brissett; Holmason; Schott; Brittain; Hurley.

MODIFIED – Fast Time: 15.61, Shawn Dorie. Trophy Dash: Ray Elwess. Heat 1: Ron Greer; Steve Suckow; Dave Ford. Heat 2: Sean Fox, Warren; Merle Farris; Todd Hardesty. Heat 3: Dan Smith; Jeremy Martin; Don West. Heat 4: Elwess; Dorie; Marc Sayre, Portland. C Main: Ron Greer; Suckow; Ford; Timmons. B Main: Greg Greer; Hardesty; Fox; Sam Jeffers, Scappoose; Farris. A Main: Martin; Smith; Dorie; Elwess; Morris; Benson; Rudy Chappelle; Jenner; Scott Puncocar.

STREET STOCK – Fast Time: 16.37, Gary Meyer. Trophy Dash: Meyer. Heat 1: Scott Ruth; Brenda Hurley; Joe Richey. Heat 2: Terry Moss; Nathan Slape; Chris West. Heat 3: Ralph Puncocar; John Nusom; Clark Tenney. Heat 4: Dennis Krohling; Pete Kelly; Skip Pillow. C Main: Steven Harris; Hurley; Giroux. B Main: Randy O'Connor; John Haugenson; Nathan Slape; Namon Martin. A Main: Scott Puncocar; Krohling; Kari Puncocar; Pillow; O'Connor; John Nusom; Meyer; Ralph Puncocar; Duncan; Reser.

MINI STOCK – Fast Time: 16.96, Joe Cherington. Trophy Dash: Cherington. Heat 1: Sonny Sayre; Dennis Davies; Brad Ruth. Heat 2: Cherington; Kelly Nace; Todd Nace. Main: Cherington; Scott McMullen; Sayre; Kelly Nace; George Dohn; Michael Harrison; Ruth; Davies; Kathy McMullen; Mark Jeffries.

WOMEN'S DIVISION – Fast Time: 17.08, Kerry Smith. Trophy Dash: Jacki Graham. Heat 1: Susan Nelson; Tracy Vermeir; Carrie Melland. Heat 2: Smith; Puncocar; Graham. Main: Puncocar; Smith; Fordyce; Harris; Jones; Nelson; Graham; Martin; Evenhus; Kay Bayot.

RIVER CITY SPEEDWAY Point Standings

SPORTSMAN – 1. Troy Schreiner, Longview 884; 2. Mike Hagen, Rainier 879; 3. Randy Allen, Sandy 791; 4. Marty Holmason, St. Helens 763; 5. Bob Cram, Kelso 760; 6. Lisa Liner, St. Helens 747; 7. Tricia Brittain, St. Helens 718; 8. Clark Tenney, Scappoose 716; 9. Doug Hurley, Castle Rock 705; 10. Stephen Kaptur, Deer Island 640.

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