

"Hollywood" Gary Meyer gets up to speed and wins stock A main

by Mike Weber

It was "Turn Back The Clock Day" in the second round of Columbia County Racing Association action as three former champions won main events Saturday at River City Speedway.

Jeremy Martin, "Hollywood" Gary Meyer and Stacey Fordyce notched A main wins. Defending champion Tricia "Great" Brittain of St. Helens, almost joined the trio in victory lane, too, with a close runnerup finish to sportsman A main winner Clyde White of Longview.

Todd Newton of Portland, led from start-to-finish with his Chevrolet Camaro to capture his first ever street stock A main event. Fordyce, the 2006 women's division champ, won the women's main with her Recovery Racing 1975 Nova. In the Lexus of Portland Double Shot Series, Lance Haulmark won the NOMA Midget race and Doug Kammerzell won the USCA Sprint Car main.

Stehen Kaptur of St. Helens, led the first six laps on the quarter-mile clay oval track with his Chevy in the sportsman main. Kaptur's car was spewing a cloud of smoke and when he exited to the pits, Portland's Frank Elwess moved ahead with his Chevy Nova. Elwess led the next five circuits until

White passed him on the inside of the front straightaway on lap 12.

Brittain, of St. Helens, maneuvered up from a sixth place starting position and was right behind White by lap 23 in her Fast Racing/Rose Valley Market Chevy Monte Carlo. White, of Longview, continued to hold onto the advantage in his Bates Plumbing/Greer RV Monte Carlo and won the 40-lap race by four car lengths over Brittain. Milwaukie's Eric Lindquist had the best passing job in moving up from 16th place to take third in his Chevy.

"This is a tough place to race at and anytime you get a win here, you know that you've earned it," said White, who notched his first ever sportsman A main event at the speedway. "It's not easy to get a win and you have to put 40 perfect laps together. Tricia is an awesome driver. Anytime you look up on the scoreboard and you see No. 6 behind you, then you know that you're in good shape, because Tricia will run a good, clean race."

Brittain, competing in her first race, had an impressive performance as she took third in the heat race, fourth in the trophy dash and was first in qualifying at 15.07 seconds.

"The car was absolutely phe-

nominal and it handled just great," said Brittain. "I wouldn't be able to race though without the help from my mom and dad (Sandy and Bud Fast) and my husband Sam. I'm thrilled to get second and I was pretty happy to be the fastest qualifier. Clyde did a heck of a job in getting the win, which he really worked hard for and he deserves it."

Martin, the 2007 modified champion, took the lead from Vancouver's Don Jenner on the 22nd lap and led the last three circuits. It was the second straight win for Martin in his Reser's Fine Food/Wayne Martin Floor Covering open-wheel style modified racer.

"I've been racing at some other tracks and I'm not trying to win a division title," said Martin, 37, who competed for several years while driving for car owners Sam and Jane Jeffers of Scappoose. "I just come out here to support the track and have some fun with my new car. I like having my own car, but it's tougher now that I'm paying all the bills."

Meyer, of Vernonia, maneuvered up from seventh to get the victory in the 40-lap mini stock main with his D & S Light Truck Parts Dodge Neon. He

was followed closely by the father/son duo of runnerup Justin McMullen and his dad Scott of Deer Island. Adam Beehler of St. Helens, who won the May 16 opener, was fourth and Jenelle Harrison of St. Helens took fifth.

"The CCRA staff sure did a good job of working on the track and it was in excellent condition," said Meyer, the 2002 street stock champion. "Everyone out here are tough drivers who race cleanly and that's what makes it fun."

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June 6 Official Results

Sportsman – Fast Time: Tricia Brittain, St. Helens 15.07. Trophy Dash: Clyde White, Longview. Heat 1: Tony Hendon, Portland; Larry Lemmons, Toledo, WA; John Fordyce, Vancouver. Heat 2: Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens; Frank Elwess, Portland; Justin Russell, Portland. Heat 3: John Nusom, Portland; Eric Lindquist, Milwaukie; Brittain. Main: White; Brittain; Lindquist; Lemmons; Russell; Rick Rehanek, St. Helens; Jereld Strawn, Deer Island; Fordyce; Nusom; Hendon.

Street Stock – Fast Time: Brad Nusom, Gresham 16.76. Trophy Dash: Todd Newton, St. Helens. Heat: Newton; Mike Crase, Portland; John Nusom. Main: Newton;

Crace; John Nusom; Michael Harrison, St. Helens; Brad Nusom; Eddie Farness, Sandy; Curtis Zelmer, Portland; Ron Dodge, Vernonia.

Modified – Fast Time: Robert Jenner, Vancouver 14.07. Trophy Dash: Jeremy Martin, St. Helens. Heat: Robert Jenner; Don Jenner, Vancouver; Martin. Main: Martin; Don Jenner; Robert Jenner; Zelmer; Jim Midwood, Portland; Roger Champ, Portland; David Day, Portland.

Mini Stock – Fast Time: Justin McMullen, Deer Island 16.75. Trophy Dash: Gary Meyer, Vernonia. Heat 1: Jerry Winchester, Longview; Larry Pelletier, Portland; Tim Oyler, Portland. Heat 2: Meyer; Adam Beehler, St. Helens; Jenelle Harrison, St. Helens. Main: Meyer; Justin McMullen; Scott McMullen, Deer Island; Adam Beehler; Harrison; Joel Beehler, St. Helens; Jason Scheibel, Longview; Winchester; Devon Reed, Washougal; Joe Wheeler, Longview.

Women's Division – Fast Time: Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver 16.47. Trophy Dash: Ann Carter, Scappoose. Heat: Susan Nelson, Portland; Carter; Fordyce. Main: Fordyce; Carter; Nelson Kathy McMullen, Deer Island.

NOMA Midgets – Main: Lance Haulmark, Portland; Doug Kammerzell, Portland. USCA Sprints Main: Kammerzell, Portland; Pat Canfield, Vancouver.

Council told of road work this summer

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sion will be conducting chip sealing on Banks Road, from US Hwy. 26 to the Banks City Limits, during the summer construction season. For more information, citizens may the Maintenance Division at (503) 846-ROAD.

– The city received a tree donation from a citizen of Hillsboro and has donated the tree to Sunset Park for planting on their grounds.

– Work is continuing to establish a bus stop in Banks for the Ride Connection organization and the Tillamook County

Transit District. A proposal to approach Sunset Park about locating the stop on their property has changed. The Transit District did not think that the proposed area would meet ADA requirements. The city and Ride Connection are considering a bus stop in Log Cabin Park and having it blend with the log cabin design.

– The 20 year franchise agreement with Portland General Electric (PGE) will expire on December 31. The city and PGE will have to negotiate a new franchise agreement that specifies what the fee will be

and the term of the agreement. Currently, the city charges PGE a 3.5% franchise fee to use City Rights of Way; the city may legally charge up to 5.0%.

At Hough's suggestion, the mayor and council discussed indirectly-related financial matters to coordinate with PGE, such as upgrading the safety of the community by standardizing the street light system, addressing "green power," and the costs/benefits associated with shifting city ownership and maintenance of streetlights to PGE. Currently, most of the streetlights in Banks are owned by PGE, but some are owned by the city. Under consideration is whether standardization of ownership throughout the city might be more cost effective if PGE owned all of the street lights.

Adoption of an amendment to the ordinance regarding Dangerous Dogs was tabled for a future meeting. The ordi-

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