

# Two husband/wife duos notch top 10s at speedway

by Mike Weber

Area drivers Joel Beehler, Justin McMullen, Adam Beehler, Linda Holland and Jeremy Martin had top three main event finishes in the Wilcox & Flegel Race Saturday, July 11, at River City Speedway to solidify their positions as division title contenders.

St. Helens drivers Tricia "Great" Brittain and Bud Russell recorded top-10 sportsman finishes. Two husband/wife teams also had impressive efforts. Mike and Jenelle Harrison of St. Helens, notched top-10s, with Mike getting ninth in the street stock main and Jenelle eighth in the mini stock race. Scott McMullen and his wife, Kathy, from Deer Island, each posted top-five finishes.

Vancouver's Rick Rehanek started on the pole position of the 16-car sportsman main and led from the opening circuit of the quarter-mile clay oval until lap 38. Longview's Brian Vaughn, who was the fastest qualifier at 15.87 seconds, overtook Rehanek and led the last three laps to get the win with his Perfection Automotive/Liner Racing Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Rehanek was second, followed by Portland's Rick Graham, Eric Lindquist of Milwaukie and Gresham's John Nusom. Russell took sixth in his Competitive Edge Sign & Design Chevrolet. Brittain, who won the trophy dash, took eighth with her Fast Racing/Rose Valley Market Chevy.

"I've had a few problems while trying to figure out this car, but I'm just hoping for a good finish in the point standings," said Russell, a first-year driver whose parents, Mike and Terri Russell competed at the track 17 years ago.

Mike Harrison led the first eight laps of the mini stock main with his Double J Tires Chevy Malibu. Adam Beehler of St. Helens, maneuvered past Harrison on lap nine and led the next eight laps with his Triple X Archery Honda Civic.

Joel Beehler, Adam's nephew, zoomed up front with his Johnny's Bar & Grill Dodge Neon to take over the lead on

lap 18. Joel 16, of St. Helens, led the remainder of the 30-lap event and won by four car lengths over Adam.

It was Joel's second main event win, his fourth top-five finish and he's second in the standings behind defending champion Justin McMullen of Deer Island. Justin took third to get a fifth straight top-five finish with his McMullen Water Systems/Skinny's Texaco 1985 Ford Mustang. Harrison took fourth and Scott McMullen was fifth.

"I've been running pretty consistent all year and the Beehlers are doing good too," said McMullen, who leads Joel Beehler by 10 points. "It's going to be a good battle all year in the point standings, which just makes it much more fun. Joel has learned how to drive fast, so I'm sure that we're going to have some good competition all year."

Clint Petty of Scappoose, led the first 12 laps of the modified main. Vancouver's Robert Jenner passed Petty on the outside lane of the front straightaway on lap 13 and led the remainder of the 30-lap event with his Discount Race Car Parts racer. Robert's uncle, Don Jenner was second and he leads the standings. Martin, of St. Helens, took third with his Reser's Fine Foods open-wheel style racer. Robert Jenner, the 2008 Rookie-of-the-Year, is ranked third in the series behind Martin's second place.

In the women's class, Jesse Farness won the main, with Kim Lemmons taking second, Holland was third and McMullen took fourth. Holland of Deer Island, leads the division standings. Lemmons of Toledo, WA, won the trophy dash and heat race with her Chevy.

In other events, Gresham's Brad Nusom led from start-to-finish with his T&T Draggin' Wagons Towing Camaro. Nusom also won the trophy dash and heat. Brad's dad Curt, was second in the Tom's Auto and Performance Chevy. Gaston's Corey Esteban won the PHRA Dwarf Car B main. Henry Corbin III of Molalla won the PHRA A main. Jesse Shannon

of Centralia won the Pacific Mini Sprint main. The next event is the non-points Columbia County Fair Race July 15.

## OFFICIAL RESULTS

Sportsman Division – Fast Time: 15.87 Brian Vaughn, Longview. Trophy Dash: Tricia Brittain, St. Helens. Heat 1: Jerry Strawn, Deer Island; Bob Berg, St. Helens; Dave Pfaff, Portland. Heat 2: Rick Graham, Portland; Eric Lindquist, Milwaukie; LeRoy White, Portland. Heat 3: Clyde White, Longview; Stephen Kaptur, St. Helens; Brittain. B main: Larry Lemmons, Toledo; Larry Wetzel, Portland; Ben Crase, Portland; Berg; Pfaff. A Main: Vaughn; Rick Rehanek, Vancouver; Graham; Lindquist; John Nusom, Gresham; Bud Russell, St. Helens; John Fordyce, Vancouver; Brittain; Matt Taylor, Portland; Wetzel.

Modified Division – Fast Time: 15.29 Don Jenner, Vancouver. Trophy Dash: Robert Jenner, Vancouver. Heat 1: Curtis Zelmer, Portland; Mike Lony, Portland; Scott Dorie, St. Helens. Heat 2: Robert Jenner; Dennis Blasier, Scappoose; Don Jenner. Main: Robert Jenner; Don Jenner; Jeremy Martin, St. Helens; Blasier; Dorie; Shawn Dorie, Scappoose; David Day, Portland; Lony; Clint Petty, Scappoose; Zelmer.

Street Stock Division – Fast Time: 16.35 Mike Crase, Portland. Trophy Dash: Brad Nusom, Gresham. Heat 1: Ron Dodge, Vernonia; Mike Harrison, St. Helens; John Nusom. Heat 2: Brad Nusom; Curt Nusom, Gresham; Gary Meyer, Vernonia. Main: Brad Nusom; Curt Nusom; Meyer; John Nusom; Crase; Todd Newton, Portland; Dodge; Eddie Farness, Sandy; Harrison; Zelmer.

Mini Stock Division – Fast Time: 16.64 Justin McMullen, Deer Island. Trophy Dash: Joel Beehler, St. Helens. Heat 1: Rick Gooding, Castle Rock; Devon Reed, Washougal; Mike Harrison. Heat 2: Adam Beehler, St. Helens; Scott McMullen, Deer Island; Justin McMullen. Main: Joel Beehler; Adam Beehler; Justin McMullen; Mike Harrison; Scott McMullen; Reed; Jason Scheibel, Longview; Jenelle Har-

ison, St. Helens; Gooding.

Women's Division – Fast Time: 17.00 Susan Nelson, Portland. Trophy Dash: Kim Lemmons, Toledo. Heat: Lemmons; Stacey Fordyce, Vancouver; Kathy McMullen, Deer Island. Main: Jesse Farness, Sandy; Lemmons; Linda Holland, Deer Island; McMullen; Nelson.

## State Fair will be big this year

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town. Ticket prices (advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children age 6-12; kids 5 and under are free) remain lower than almost any kind of family entertainment, and once on the fairgrounds, many of the activities – especially those aimed at kids – are free.

General admission tickets are available for advance purchase at the Fairgrounds (2330 17th Street NE, Salem) and at all participating Safeway TicketsWest outlets ([www.ticketswest.com](http://www.ticketswest.com) or call 1-800-992-8499).

For more information about the 2009 Oregon State Fair, visit [www.oregonstatefair.org](http://www.oregonstatefair.org).

## WEATHER REPORT

JUNE 2009

DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
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1	82	55	T
2	77	47	--
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12	74	51	T
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14	70	45	--
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17	68	52	--
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23	76	43	--
24	75	42	--
25	62	34	--
26	68	34	--
27	79	34	--
28	73	44	--
29	72	35	--
30	75	34	--

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