

NVRA RACE REPORT FOR GREEN VALLEY SPEEDWAY

May 10, 2008

Green Valley Speedway was the second stop on the 2008 Vintage Thunder racing tour for the National Vintage Racing Association. NVRA members from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee brought twenty-six vintage cars to the high-banked 3/8 mile clay oval located just south of Gadsden, AL. A one hour rain delay resulted in cancellation of all the heat races but it didn't dampen the excitement displayed during the feature events.

The night's races produced two first time winners in the Vintage Thunder racing series. Bruce Griffin from Lincoln, AL drove his new '39 Chevy coach to victory in the Modified Open feature and Jason Bailey from Athens, AL was a first time winner in the Limited Sportsman division.

Martin Sapp, "the Quitman Ace" won his second straight Modified Sportsman feature by passing race leader Ozzie Howard with two laps to go. Howard, driving Ken Patterson's '34 Ford, led the first 14 laps but finished second. NVRA President Bobby Hanshaw took the third spot followed by Malcolm Parker then Stephen Abbott. Sixth place went to Allen Wheeler; Mike Connor drove his '33 Chevy "skeeter" to 7th place followed by Harvey Strickland.

Jason Bailey of Athens, AL won the Limited Sportsman feature followed by Larry Bailey in a '29 Ford coupe with Allen Cantrell finishing third in a '36 Chevy coupe.

David Adams of Tucker, Ga. won the Late Model Sportsman feature driving his '65 Chevelle. Second place went to Jody Whited of Savannah, GA in a '64 Comet followed by Bryan Cantrell in a Mercury Cougar.

Jason Bowen of Bonaire, GA took his second straight win in the Late Model Modified feature. Woody Moore jumped to a quick lead in his '55 Chevy and led until late in the race when a slower car gave Bowen the opportunity to make a pass on the high side of turn 3. John Knowles Jr. drove his '56 Chevy to third place with Dewey Stancil finishing 4th.

Bruce Griffin of Lincoln, AL. made his first appearance in the NVRA and topped the field in the Modified Open division by leading from the green to the checkers. Griffin's win broke the 15 race win streak of Woody Callaway going back to last year. Sam Odom drove his '36 Chevy coach to a strong second place finishing just a few feet in front of third place Callaway's '35 Ford. Fred Herring was fourth in his '65 Mustang with Ron Dykes of Warner Robins, GA finishing 5th. Al Smith drove his '36 Chevy coach to a sixth place finish followed by Denny Nash of Chattanooga, TN and Ruben Frady driving his '32 Ford coupe,

The next race for the NVRA Vintage Thunder racing series will be on May 24th at Peach State Speedway in Jefferson, Georgia.

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