

7/25/11 The "Cornish Comet" Bucky Demers Returns to Victory Lane on Mickey's Roadside Cafe Night!

Canaan Fair Speedway saw some new faces in Victory Lane as Mickey's Roadside Cafe hosted a great night of racing on Canaan's awesome asphalt. A full card of Canaan Fair Speedway's regular divisions plus the fifth stop on the schedule for the Senior Tour Auto Racers made for some great racing as the cars from the past and present were on track at Canaan. There was also a kids pit tour which allowed the young fans a chance to meet their favorite drivers, check out their favorite cars, and get some autographs from the big names such as Lashua, Fellows, Bly, Demers, and Wilk.

The first feature of the night was the S.K. Bean Enfield Daredevils. Eight cars started the feature with Bridgett Darling joining the young stars of Canaan Fair Speedway this week in her bright orange #20. Aaron Poulin proved that he knows how to run up front as he was able to take the win in the #11. Hunter Garduno was able to come from the rear of the field to finish second. Poulin and Garduno battled up front towards the end of the race and even had a four wide moment going into turn one with some lapped traffic. Jessica Darling in the #15 came home with third and another podium finish, while Scott Tracey in the #1 and Allison Menard in the #6 rounded out the top five. Lauren Rexford, Kyle Wilson and Bridgett Darling rounded out the finishing order.

The second feature of the evening was the New England Outdoor Furnaces Late Model feature with the #36 of Tyler Alati starting from the pole position. Donnie Lashua was in a backup car as his primary #08 is being prepared for the big race at Loudon. A good field of cars started the feature and starting fifth in the #26 Sparky Electric Straightaway Auto Chevy was the "Cornish Comet" Bucky Demers. Demers quickly made his way up to the third position and was on the back bumper of Bruce Jaycox in the #9 as the first caution came out with five laps complete. On the restart Jaycox was able to power by the #36 of Alati on the outside to take the lead as he would start to pull away. Then Demers in the #26 made the move on the outside of Alati going into turn one and eventually cleared him a lap later to take the second spot. With halfway coming Demers caught and passed the #9 of Jaycox through turns three and four and started to pull away. With about a straightaway lead and only five laps to go Demers looked to be on his way to his first win in over three years, but another caution for an incident between the #7 of Scott MacMichael and the #29 of Aaron Fellows set up a five lap shootout for the victory. On the inside of the front row it would be the #26 of Demers and on the outside was the #9 of Bruce Jaycox. Both drivers were having their best runs of the season and both were looking for their first win in a late model at Canaan Fair Speedway. On the restart it was the #26 of Demers getting a solid jump as Jaycox slipped back on the outside line eventually coming home with a fifth place finish. Alati moved into second but was not able to catch the #26 of Bucky Demers who would come home with the checkers. Third was the #49 of Matt Anderson with another strong run. After the event Fellows and MacMichael would have some words with each other in the pit area. Both were recipients of the black flag during the feature and neither driver was able to make it back up into the top five. However, with his sixth place finish Fellows was able to keep the points lead by only three points over Lashua.

Up next was the Beard Sewer & Drain Super Streets feature as they would go twenty five laps. After an incident in the qualifying race in turn one, Rich Dubeau borrowed Jessica Ovitts #97 and put the #60 on the door so he could stay in the points race. This proved to be a great move as he was able to come home with a solid third place finish and take the points lead as Bob Labine in the #72 was disqualified with a transmission issue. Taking the win would be the #8 of Chris McKinstry with the #69 of Sid Laquire finishing second. Third was Dubeau and rounding out the top five were the #12 of

Todd Bragg and the #23 of Craig Smith. Richard Dubeau holds a three point lead over the #12 of Todd Bragg in the season standings. Craig Smith is only 14 points from the lead in his #23.

The Papa Z's Pro Stocks were up next with their thirty five lap feature in what proved to be the wildest race of the night. Point leader, Donnie Lashua in the #21 was involved in an early race incident where he got loose in turn 4 and spun. With the field coming behind him the #05 of Ricky Bly had no place to go and collected the front end of the #21. Lashua would be done for the night but Bly was able to continue. Many drivers spent some time at the front of the pack including the #15 of Chris Wilk, and it looked like he would take the victory, but another caution toward the final laps of the event set up a Ricky Bly and Chris Wilk shootout for the victory. Bly was able to clear Wilk on the outside and take the lead. Cory Robert would put some pressure on Bly with five laps to go but Bly was able to hold off Robert and Wilk for the win. Cory Robert in the #71 would come home second with Wilk in the #15 finishing third. Rounding out the top five were Jay Sands in the #36 and Dave Davis in the #28. With the win Ricky Bly moves into a tie for the points lead with the #71 of Cory Robert.

The Bond Auto Parts Bandits put on a great show as a couple new cars came to have some fun on the "Awesome Asphalt". Some of the new drivers on hand were the #16 of Nate Brien and the #9 of Matt Morrill. Morrill had the better run of the two as he would come home with a third place finish. After starting near the rear of the field the #7 of Matt Boucher and the #00 of Kristen Ashly quickly made their way up to first and second. Boucher was able to hold off several hard charges from Ashley and took the win by a car length. Mike Soucy and Jeff Demers rounded out the top five. With her second place finish Kristen Ashley has a sixteen point lead over the #7 of Matt Boucher. Debra Holmes is third in points, 122 points behind her daughter.

The final race of the night was the NAPA Pure Stock Feature. It was a tough night for your Pure Stock point leader Kyle Davis as he would go for a spin three times in his #28. Eventually he would come back to finish fourth and keep his points lead relatively large at 27 point. Your feature winner would be the #99 of Paul Sullivan who had to hold off the #33 of Randy McGee on several restarts. McGee would come home second with the #77 of Ryan Ovitt holding off Kyle Davis for the final spot on the podium. Walter Hammond and Thomas Coates Jr. rounded out the six car field. With the win Paul Sullivan is tied with Ryan Ovitt for third in the point standings. Both drivers are only two points behind the #83 of Thomas Coates Jr. and 29 points behind the #28 of Kyle Davis.

Join us next Saturday night for another round of great racing at Canaan Fair Speedway. S.K. Beans Enfield Garage and Sherwin Williams Paint Stores Night will present all the events as the Late Models, Super Streets, Pure Stocks, Bandits, and Daredevils will be joined by Adult Big Wheel races, and the Maine Modifieds. Post time is 6 PM.