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SPEEDWAY NOTES
FOR JULY 29, 2021

1/4-mile asphalt stock car racing oval located in Wausau
in the Town of Rib Mountain
Racing primarily on Thursday nights with selected Friday or Saturday specials
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This week:
Wausau Noon Optimists Kids Night
Christmas in July

Weekly racing returns to State Park Speedway with Kids Night hosted by the Wausau Noon Optimists, with free admission for kids 12 & under, plus bike races for kids at intermission. It is also Christmas in July, with Christmas-themed fun for the night. Super late models, pure stocks, mini mods and mini stocks all are on the schedule to race.

Pit gates open: 3 p.m.
Fan gates: 4:30 p.m.
Fred Mueller Qualifying: 6 p.m.
Racing begins: 7 p.m.

Ticket prices:
Adults (13 & over): $12
Kids 6-12: $5
Kids 5 & under: FREE

2021 State Park Speedway Driver Point Standings

Auto Select Super Late Models presented by C-Tech

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	44M	Justin Mondeik	Gleason	416
2	76W	Jason Weinkauf	Merrill	351
3	52	Brock Heinrich	Wausau	340
4	76V	Travis Volm	Mosinee	325
5	12	Mark Mackesy	Wausau	307
6	02	Rayce Haase	Wausau	304
7	93D	Dillon Mackesy	Athens	294
8	10	Noah Gajewski	Marathon	199
9	8	Nathan Steif	Wausau	113
10	40L	Jeremy Lepak	Wausau	110
11	15	Gabe Sommers	Plover	102
12	23	Levon Van Der Geest	Merrill	83
13	86	A.J. Kreager	Wausau	81
14	22	M.G. Gajewski	Wausau	66
15	5B	John Beale	Verona	63
16	25	Wyatt Brooks	Amherst	51
17	4	Luke Fenhaus	Wausau	48
18	11	Michael (Buddy) Kofoid	Penngrove, Calif.	45
19	36	Louis Goss	Green Bay	39
20	44W	Justin Woller	Kimberly	33

Super Late Model Notes: State Park Speedway's weekly super late models were off last week with the ARCA Midwest Tour super late models headlining the Larry Detjens Memorial, but a number of SPS regulars entered and raced with the ARCA Midwest cars. Justin Mondeik fared the best, leading 58 laps and finishing second, while others competing included Rayce Haase (14th), Brock Heinrich (15th), Jeremy Lepak (16th), Mark Mackesy (19th) and Travis Volm (20th)... Mondeik continued to roll in the most recent weekly show on July 15th with his fourth straight feature win this season, holding command the second half of the race and outlasting M.G. Gajewski on a late restart... Mondeik completed a clean sweep of the night, also taking fast time honors and winning the second heat.

Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	13	Alex Volm	Mosinee	408
2	19	Mitch Stankowski	Wausau	403
3	25	Brian (Butchie) Schramm	Wausau	389
4	47	Jeff Spatz	Wausau	381
5	37	Brian Plisch	Athens	341
6	14	Brett Breitenfeldt	Wausau	315
7	2	Dave Trute	New Lisbon	143
8	27K	Brandon Knoblock	Wausau	141
9	01	Brian Lashua	Nekoosa	125
10	53	Kyle Finke	Dorchester	79
11	75	Mark Kalata	Almond	63
12	74	Dave Cabelka	Wausau	48
13	93	Todd Kuehl	Wisconsin Rapids	47
14	20	Jevin Guralski	Wausau	45
15	39	Ken Scott	Rio	42
16	27A	Sierra Alexander	Schofield	9

Pure Stock Notes: The Larry Detjens Memorial brought a first-time feature winner in the pure stocks, as visiting driver Dave Trute won his first-ever feature in the class at State Park Speedway, dominating the 25-lap main. Trute made the nearly two-hour drive to Wausau from New Lisbon in Juneau County, and he showed well again after winning a heat race and finishing third in the feature his first time racing this season. Trute also won the second heat last week... Jeff Spatz finished second in the feature and continued his mastery of the first heat, winning it for the third straight week... Points leader Alex Volm struggled to a sixth-place feature finish and saw Mitch Stankowski (fast qualifier, third in the feature) close to within five points of him in the standings.

Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	14B	Eric Breitenfeldt	Wausau	573
2	77	Garret Strachota	Wausau	525
3	2	Chris Boykins	Wausau	448
4	12L	Tom Lecher	Wausau	416
5	03	Ashley Schoone	Gleason	411
6	85	Hunter Landwehr	Stratford	390
7	55	Zach Budleski	Wausau	368
8	33C	Kyle Check	Shantytown	367
9	10B	Brad Lecher	Wausau	316
10	6	Brad Abt	Schofield	304
11	48	Branden Sischo	Stratford	284
12	3	Kendra Baumann	Wausau	239
13	14R	Amanda Rowe	Mosinee	232
14	22	Wayne Gauger	Kronenwetter	225
15	65	Clayton Phillips	Marathon	224
16	47	Joey Blaschka	Wausau	219
17	9	Josh Dublin	Weston	215
18	7L	Luke Mikula	Wausau	200
19	10T	Travis Lang	Wausau	163
20	06	Dave Lembke	Germantown	119
21	76	Jake Halterman	Stanley	98
22	7M	Max Manowski	Wausau	96
23	89	Makayla Last	Wausau	88
24	78	Tyler Muller	Sun Prairie	69
25	33S	Mark Schoone	Gleason	42
26	04	Gunner Colbert	Mosinee	33
27	13	Jenny Wegner	Wausau	33
28	12K	Steve Koepke	Edgar	32
29	07	Kyle Haase	Wausau	28
30	10G	Noah Gajewski	Marathon	24
31	35	Jen Richard	Weston	5
32	14S	Jim Schara	Hamburg	1
33	I8U2	Jeremy Wanta	Mosinee	1

Mini Stock Notes: The mini stocks saw some new blood in the feature-winning ranks as Hunter Landwehr and Ashley Schoone won features in the Detjens Memorial. Landwehr won his first-ever feature at State Park on Friday night by getting by Schoone in the final laps. Schoone won Saturday night's 25-lap feature, holding off five-time 2021 feature winner Eric Breitenfeldt to become the fourth different feature winner in the class this year... The 2020 class champion Garret Strachota continued to knock on the door of a feature win, setting fast time Friday and finishing second in the feature Friday and third on Saturday... Branden Sischo has become the kind of the second heat, winning it three straight times now in July. Sischo also won his second semi-feature of the season on Saturday and has six race wins in his rookie season at SPS... Clayton Phillips also was a double-winner on Friday, taking the first heat and the semi-feature... Among drivers making their first appearances of the season at the Detjens were Mosinee dirt racer Gunner Colbert, 2020 SPS rookie Steve Koepke and Mark Schoone, father of Ashley and a regular on the dirt in Tomahawk.

Snap-On Mini Mods

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	06S	George Seliger	Wausau	507
2	31	Joe Kuehn	Wausau	468
3	43	Chad Ferge	Weston	398
4	5	Kevin Tessmer	Wausau	387
5	93	Jim Lietz	Mosinee	379
6	17	Keagen Benz	Wausau	285
7	32F	Kole Ferge	Schofield	272
8	92	John Lietz	Mosinee	253
9	55	Gary Garand	Weston	227
10	40	Brian Marquardt	Weston	204
11	9	Dale Louze	Mosinee	198
12	7	Evan Call	Aniwa	163
13	06L	Dave Lembke	Germantown	160
14	22	Greg Blount	Marathon	130
15	24	Shawn Kemnetz	Hancock	109
16	88	Mike Jaeger	Kronenwetter	78
17	32M	Phil Malouf	Manitowish Waters	64
18	28	Mike Heidmann	Edgar	36

Mini Mod Notes: George Seliger's feature winning streak in the mini mods was finally stopped on Saturday, as Kevin Tessmer held off Evan Call and a stout group of cars right behind both of them to win the 25-lap feature on the second night of the Larry Detjens Memorial. Tessmer won his first feature of the season and became just the third feature winner in the class this year, and he stopped Seliger's string of five straight feature victories that included the first night of the Detjens Memorial... Two-time defending class champion Greg Blount made his return to the mini mods, racing for the first time this season. Blount chased Seliger on Friday and finished second in the feature, and he added a fast time plus a top five in Saturday's feature... Shawn Kemnetz made his first appearances of the season at State Park and had a fast car both nights, including a third-place finish in Saturday's feature... Former class champions Phil Malouf and Mike Heidmann also both made their first appearances of the season at the track. Malouf, who races regularly on the Midwest Dash Series circuit, won a heat race on Friday and finished third in the feature. Heidmann also made his return on Friday but was involved in a practice incident and had trouble getting on track all night after that, finishing 14th in the feature.

E.H. Wolf & Sons Bandoleros

Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	901	Alex Hartwig	Portage	237
2	88	Cohen Henze	Juda	216
3	64	Anna Malouf	Rhinelander	182
4	52	Avery Linnerud	Milton	163
5	5B	Paxton Benz	Wausau	160
6	12	Ayrton Brockhouse	Shakopee, Minn.	106
7	9	Collin Murphy	Janesville	105
8	76	Oliver Weinkauf	Merrill	103
9	13	Ayden Brockhouse	Shakopee, Minn.	98
10	5S	Penn Sauter	DeForest	92
11	4	Lexi Stargardt	Neillsville	91
12	22	Bentley Thompson	West Salem	89
13	70	Mason Oleson	Mosinee	85
14	19	Brennen Lensing	Rockton, Ill.	83
15	29	Axel Oldenhoff	Lake Mills	83
16	8	Jayden Johnson	Oconomowoc	75
17	7	Harley Johnson	Oconomowoc	49
18	07	Jackson Kottschade	Ramsey, Minn.	43
19	44	Markus Obermeyer	Union Grove	37
20	93	Mason Obermeyer	Union Grove	15

Bandolero Notes: The Bandoleros raced the Larry Detjens Memorial for their second and third dates of five at State Park Speedway this season. Alex Hartwig won both features to extend his streak of feature wins in the class at State Park to eight consecutive feature wins. He also added a clean sweep on Saturday, setting fast time and winning the third heat race... Cohen Henze continued to be Hartwig's closest competition, finishing second in both features... Avery Linnerud earned a heat win Saturday and also finished third in the feature, his best-ever feature finish in a Bandolero... Laci Stargardt picked up her first-ever win in a Bandolero, winning the first heat on Friday... A number of competitors made their first-ever visits to State Park, resulting in more first-time winners at the track, including Bentley Thompson in the semi-feature Friday, Brennen Lensing in a heat race Saturday and Harley Johnson in Saturday's semi-feature... The Bandos will race two more times this season at SPS, coming back Aug. 12 and Aug. 19.

Upcoming State Park Speedway Events:

Saturday, August 7
TUNDRA super late model series
+ TUNDRA support divisions

Thursday, August 12
Corn Night + Kids Backpack Night

July 23 SPS Winners

Big 8 Late Models
Fast Qualifier: 14-Grant Brown, 14.532 sec.
First Heat: 14-Grant Brown
Second Heat: X-Jon Reynolds Jr.
Feature: X-Jon Reynolds Jr.

Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks
Fast Qualifier: 77-Garret Strachota, 16.591 sec.
First Heat: 65-Clayton Phillips
Second Heat: 48-Branden Sischo
Third Heat: 85-Hunter Landwehr
Semi-Feature: 65-Clayton Phillips
Feature: 85-Hunter Landwehr

July 24 SPS Winners

ARCA Midwest Tour Super Late Models
Fast Qualifier: 91-Ty Majeski, 13.500 sec.
Qualifier: 02-Rayce Haase
Odd Dash: 7-Paul Shafer Jr.
Even Dash: 45-Rich Bickle Jr.
Feature: 91-Ty Majeski

Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks
Fast Qualifier: 19-Mitch Stankowski, 15.562 sec.
First Heat: 47-Jeff Spatz
Second Heat: 2-Dave Trute
Feature: 2-Dave Trute

Snap-on MIni Mods
Fast Qualifier: 22-Greg Blount, 15.915 sec.
First Heat: 7-Evan Call
Second Heat: 06-George Seliger
Feature: 5-Kevin Tessmer

Snap-on MIni Mods
Fast Qualifier: 43-Chad Ferge, 15.689 sec.
First Heat: 7-Evan Call
Second Heat: 32-Phil Malouf
Feature: 06-George Seliger

E.H. Wolf & Sons Bandoleros
Fast Qualifier: 901-Alex Hartwig, 16.142 sec.
First Heat: 69-Laci Stargardt
Second Heat: 64-Anna Malouf
Third Heat: 88-Cohen Henze
Semi-Feature: 22-Bentley Thompson
Feature: 901-Alex Hartwig

Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks
Fast Qualifier: 12-Tom Lecher, 16.590 sec.
First Heat: 3-Kendra Baumann
Second Heat: 48-Branden Sischo
Third Heat: 10-Brad Lecher
Semi-Feature: 48-Branden Sischo
Feature: 03-Ashley Schoone

E.H. Wolf & Sons Bandoleros
Fast Qualifier: 901-Alex Hartwig, 16.213 sec.
First Heat: 19-Brennen Lensing
Second Heat: 52-Avery Linnerud
Third Heat: 901-Alex Hartwig
Semi-Feature: 8-Harley Johnson
Feature: 901-Alex Hartwig

2021 State Park Speedway Weekly Racing Class Heat Win Counts

Super Late Models: Jason Weinkauf (2 heat wins), Mark Mackesy (2), Dillon Mackesy (1), Rayce Haase (1), Travis Volm (1), Nathan Steif (1), Michael Kofoid (1), Justin Mondeik (1)
Pure Stocks: Jeff Spatz (4), Dave Trute (2), Alex Volm (1), Brett Breitenfeldt (1), Mitch Stankowski (1), Dave Cabelka (1)
Mini Mods: George Seliger (3), Jim Lietz (2), Kevin Tessmer (2), Evan Call (2), Dave Lembke (1), Joe Kuehn (1), Gary Garand (1), Dale Louze (1), Phil Malouf (1)
Mini Stocks: Branden Sischo (4), Chris Boykins (2), Kendra Baumann (2), Makayla Last (1), Amanda Rowe (1), Dave Lembke (1), Tom Lecher (1), Joey Blaschka (1), Brad Abt (1), Ashley Schoone (1), Garret Strachota (1), Luke Mikula (1), Eric Breitenfeldt (1), Clayton Phillips (1), Hunter Landwehr (1), Brad Lecher (1)
Bandoleros: Anna Malouf (2), Jackson Kottschade (1), Laci Stargardt (1), Cohen Henze (1), Brennen Lensing (1), Avery LInnerud (1), Alex Hartwig (1)

This week in State Park Speedway history:

July 30, 1970: Tom Reffner won the feature at State Park Speedway, finishing ahead of Dick Trickle with Marlin Walbeck coming in third. Trickle set fast time with a lap of 14.80 seconds, Reffner also won a heat race with Willie Rienwein and Jim Back adding heat wins. Bob Mackesy also won the semi-feature and Bob Bartz of Wausau won the hobby stock race.

July 30, 1981: Larry Detjens won his fourth feature of the season in what would turn out to be his last appearance at State Park, coming two days before his death in a race at Wisconsin International Raceway. Detjens outlasted Dick Trickle in a tough battle throughout 50 laps. Bob Mackesy won the semi-feature and the second heat, with Sonny Immerfall and Tom Reffner adding heat wins. Dean Skidmore won the go kart feature, Dave Tushoski and Larry Lepak won pack-style spectator races and Perry Redeker was best in one-on-one spectator racing.

Bob Mackesy in the early 80s at Wis. International Raceway in Kaukauna. Mackesy was a frequent semi-feature winner in the 70s and 80s and eventually picked up his first SPS feature win in 1985.

August 1, 1991: Bobby Weiss of Montello won the 42-lap late model feature on Mello Yello/Kyle Petty Night, holding off Bryan Reffner for the victory. Other winners included Tim Sauter in the semi-feature, Dean Nieuwenhuis, Wayne Lodholz and Bobby Stolze in heat races and Roy Bohm in the trophy dash. Neil Knoblock outran Keith Witt for the sportman feature win.

One year ago: Brock Heinrich won his first-ever super late model feature, getting past Justin Mondeik after the two swapped paint for two laps after a late restart and winning the 50-lap feature. Dillon Mackesy also would sneak by Mondeik to finish third. Butchie Schramm also scored his first feature win of the season in the pure stocks, holding off a late charge by Mitch Stankowski. Greg Blount won his fourth straight feature in the mini mods, and Tyler Custer won the mini stocks feature.

Driver Profile: Wayne Gauger (a.k.a. Junior, a.k.a. Choo Choo)

Name: Wayne Gauger

Age: 40, as of July 14

Hometown: Grew up in Clintonville, living in Kronenwetter

Occupation: Remote Database Administrator

Years racing/classes: 2nd year. Nine years ago I ran dirt for one year at Shawano in a mini stock. Currently first full year in the asphalt mini stock.

Pit crew: My Cousin Jeremy Wanta, Lecher Racing, Conrad Lemmer, Rick & Brad Abt

Sponsors: My Dad Wayne "Senior"; A&A Lock Service - Wausau; Richards Resturant & Bar - Wausau; Kim's BS Sauce; Doyle's Moon Saloon - Mosinee; Doug's Sports Pub - Plover; Rookies Sports Pub - Stevens Point

How did you get your car number-and the Choo Choo moniker too? I used to call and attend different bar bingo events and I used to bring a train whistle with me. Everytime I-22 was called I would sound the whistle and it just stuck with me!

When/how did you get into racing? I attended Shawano Speedway and loved the "Mighty 4's" class. Also my cousin Dan Wanta drove hobby stock so he helped me get a car!

Favorite racing memories: Getting my first secnd place in a heat race and doing air fist bumps and bringing tears to my dad's eyes.

What do you enjoy most about State Park Speedway? I like how there isn't a lot of banking and the track itself being different on each end.

Career racing goals: Getting a heat win and making it into the A-main

Relatives who raced before you: My cousin Dan Wanta in a dirt hobby stock, my cousin Jeremy Wanta demo derby champ in Portage County

Favorite leisure activities besides racing: When I'm not racing I attend bar bingo; shooting darts; traveling to Las Vegas is my best leisure activity during the offseason.

Favorite food: Chinese

Favorite places to eat: King Buffet & Chop Stix