

# SPEEDWAY NOTES FOR JULY 13, 2023

147711 North Mountain Road Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 212-9006 www.stateparkspeedway.com 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 Public relations contact: Jana Wimmer stateparkspeedway@yahoo.com

#### This week:

## **WCAR Gifts From Heaven Night**

After a week off racing returns at State Park Speedway. Women Concerned for Auto Racing will be giving away gift cards for kids with WCAR's 11th annual Gifts From Heaven night. Super late models, pure stocks, mini mods and mini stocks all are on the racing agenda.

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

Ticket prices: Adults (13 & over): \$15 Kids 6-12: \$5 Kids 5 & under: FREE

#### **2023 State Park Speedway Driver Point Standings**

#### **Auto Select Super Late Models presented by C-Tech**

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Pos.	Car#	Name	Hometown	Points
1	52	Brock Heinrich	Wausau	350
2	76W	Jason Weinkauf	Merrill	332
3	44	Justin Mondeik	Gleason	325
4	20	Jevin Guralski	Wausau	291
5	76V	Travis Volm	Mosinee	289
6	02	Rayce Haase	Wausau	246
7	12	Mark Mackesy	Wausau	222
8	7	James Swanson	Pembine	149
9	10	Noah Gajewski	Marathon	130
10	22	M.G. Gajewski	Wausau	118
11	9	Jerry Brickner	Wausau	116
12	40	Jeremy Lepak	Wausau	107
12	56	Kolton Guralski	Wausau	57
14	5B	John Beale	Verona	55
15	93	Dillon Hammond	Grand Marsh	46
16	36	Ty Fredrickson	Webster, Minn.	45
17	27	Tucker Miller	Wausau	43
18	02C	Carter Christenson	West Salem	39
19	11	Mike Cox Jr.	Hazelhurst	34





Super Late Model Notes: Brock Heinrich joined Jason Weinkauf as two-time feature winners this year in the super late

models, winning the 50-lap feature last week. Heinrich had to hold off Justin Mondeik on a restart with three laps left, finally clearing for the lead on the final lap after two laps side-by-side... With the victory Heinrich also retook the points lead from Weinkauf, who was running third late before being sent to the back after contact with Jevin Guralski resulting in both cars spinning. It is the second time Weinkauf has had a top-3 run spoiled by a penalty for the track's contact rule, and Heinrich continues to be the only driver who has finished in the top 5 in all five feature races this year... Mondeik finished second in the feature for his second straight runner-up finish... M.G. Gajewski has feature finishes of third and fourth in his first two appearances at SPS this year. Gajewski edged Travis Volm for third last week, while Noah Gajewski also had his best feature run of the season at the track, coming in fifth.



#### **Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks**

Pos.	Car#	Name	Hometown	Points
1	74	Dave Cabelka	Wausau	359
2	19	Brett Breitenfeldt	Wausau	356
3	37	Brian Plisch	Athens	309
4	47	Jeff Spatz	Wausau	305
5	01	Kyle Kluetz	Schofield	273
6	15	Steve Schilling	Ringle	258
7	33	Kyle Check	Shantytown	218
8	13	Alex Volm	Mosinee	178
9	29	Dustin Ochodnicky	Ogema	49
10	45	Aaron Hendricks	Tomah	44



**Pure Stock Notes:** The seventh running of the Dave Lashua Memorial for the pure stocks will be a memorable one for a number of drivers for reasons good and bad. The highs included Brett Breitenfeldt (at right) winning the race for the first time and posting his second feature win at State Park this season. Breitenfeldt was mired back in the pack with eight laps left before a spin involving the cars of Dave Cabelka and Brian Plisch running second and third resulted in both going to the back. Breitenfeldt moved up to fourth for the restart, then had a golden opening when leader Alex Volm's car shut off coming to the green flag on the restart. Steve Schilling would briefly inherit the lead, but Breitenfeldt passed him on the inside on lap 19 and drive away to the win... Kyle Kluetz finished second for his best-ever finish in the class. Driving the former car of Dave Lashua and still sporting Lashua's No. 01, Kluetz also picked up his first-ever pure stocks race win, taking the first heat... Plisch also added a heat win, making it seven different drivers to post at least one race win in the class this year.



#### **Snap-On Mini Mods**

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Pos.	Car #	Name	Hometown	Points
1	27	Tim Anderson	Auburndale	268
2	31K	Joe Kuehn	Wausau	267
2 3 4	40X	Mike Meharg	Auburndale	249
4	93	Jim Lietz	Mosinee	224
5	92	John Lietz	Mosinee	203
6	40M	Brian Marquardt	Weston	165
7	6	Brad Abt	Schofield	163
8	48	Branden Sischo	Stratford	155
9	31W	Josh Willhite	Wausau	147
10	32	Phil Malouf	Manitowish Waters	121
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10	10	VEALL FEMIS	Wisconsin Rapids	



Mini Mod Notes: The mini mods offically had the night off last time out, though a number of them raced with the Midwest Dash Series. That included points leader Tim Anderson, who won the Dash series feature for his third feature win of the season at SPS... A total of 14 cars were on hand for the Dash series visit, including a number of State Park mini mods regulars. The top finisher of the regulars behind Anderson was Mike Meharg, who came in sixth. Snappy Joe Kuehn (7th), Jimmer Lietz (9th), John Lietz (10th), Kamren Hill (11th) and Brian Marquardt (13th) also ran with the series.as well as part-time SPS racers this year Phil Malouf, Anna Malouf and Tyler Muller, who won a heat race.

#### **June 29 SPS Winners**

#### **Auto Select Super Late Models pres. by C-Tech**

Fast Qualifier: 76-Jason Weinkauf, 13.702 sec.

First Heat: 52-Brock Heinrich Second Heat: 76-Travis Volm Feature: 52-Brock Heinrich

#### **Advance Auto Parts Pure Stocks**

Fast Qualifier: 74-Dave Cabelka, 15.253 sec.

First Heat: 01-Kyle Kluetz Second Heat: 37-Brian Plisch Feature: 19-Brett Breitenfeldt

#### **Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks**

Fast Qualifier: 14-Eric Breitenfeldt, 16.606 sec.

First Heat: 57-Tyler Custer

Second Heat: 14-Eric Breitenfeldt Feature: 14-Eric Breitenfeldt

#### **Snap-on Mini Mods**

Fast Qualifier: 5-George Sparkman, 15.824 sec.

First Heat: 78-Tyler Muller Second Heat: 32-Phil Malouf Feature: 27-Tim Anderson



#### Rockstar Energy Drink Mini Stocks

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Pos.	Car#	Name	Hometown	Points
1	14B	Eric Breitenfeldt	Wausau	350
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	77	Garret Strachota	Wausau	330
3	03	Ashley Schoone	Gleason	309
4	57	Tyler Custer	Stratford	275
5	12	Tom Lecher	Wausau	273
6	14R	Amanda Rowe	Mosinee	248
7	10	Brad Lecher	Wausau	239
8	47	Joey Blaschka	Wausau	225
9	7	Luke Mikula	Wausau	149
10	3	Kendra Baumann	Wausau	146
11	55	Zach Budleski	Wausau	132
12	65	Clayton Phillips	Marathon	80
13	85	Hunter Landwehr	Stratford	78
14	33	Mark Schoone	Gleason	72
15	715	Sam Sheahen	Auburndale	71
16	73	Daniel Lashua	Wausau	62
17	23	Dawson Knutson	Almond	50
18	2C	Carson Sillars	Wausau	49
19	48	Branden Sischo	Stratford	45
20	24	Heidi Cuff	Endeavor	39
21	17	Levi Wiesman	Merrill	38
22		Mike Lashua	Wausau	32
23	48	Abby Kohn	Wausau	32
24	3H	Dylan Henry	Gleason	31
25	43	Joe Schoener	Wausau	7
26	12P	Pat Literski	Wausau	1



**Mini Stock Notes:** Eric Breitenfeldt wound up with a clean sweep of the night last time out June 29th, crossing the line second in the feature but being awarded first when race winner Tyler Custer was penalized to the end of the lead lap after failing post-race inspection. Third-place finisher Luke Mikula also was sent to the back after inspection, resulting in Garret Strachota finishing second and Ashley Schoone third... When post-race penalties are tallied up, Breitenfeldt, Schoone and Tom Lecher are the leaders in the class with four top-five finishes each in five weeks. Though just seven drivers have won a race (heat or feature) in the class this year, 12 different drivers have at least one top five finish.

#### This week in State Park Speedway history

**July 13, 1972:** In a season where Dick Trickle would set a national record with 67 feature wins, the legend from Wisconsin Rapids bounced back after a rare defeat in the midseason championships the week before, wheeling his 1970 Boss Mustang to victory. Marv Marzofka finished second. Larry Sparks of Wisconsin Rapids won the late model semi-feature. Tony Milanowski swept fast time honors and racing in the hobby stock class, while Dick Nieuwenhuis won the Formula S/M class race.

**July 10, 1986:** Wausau's Perry Redeker won the Mountain Dew Mid-Season Championship after finishing sixth in the first 30-lap feature and second in the second feature. Don Marcis won the first feature and Wayne Lodholz took the second feature, while Jeff Gutknecht was winner of the semi-feature. Terry Marzofka won the hobby stock

main event with Nick Erickson taking the semi-feature.

**July 9, 1998:** Jesse Haase won his first-ever Central Wisconsin Racing Association feature and on a big night as he claimed the Larry Detjens Memorial Race title by winning the 25-lap CWRA late model feature over Jeff Weinfurter. Brandon Fraaza of Birnamwood won the bomber feature, Mike Merriam won in the pure stocks and Lyle Nowak took the legends feature.

**July 12, 2018:** Luke Fenhaus ran away from the field for his first super late model feature win in weekly points racing at State Park Speedway and his second feature win of the month, including a Wisconsin Challenge Series feature win two weeks earlier. Fenhaus checked out while Ryan Hinner and Justin Mondeik spent a full 25 laps racing side-by-side for second place, with Hinner finally winning

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Perry Redeker was a strong runner in late models at SPS in the 1980s and won the 1986 midseason championship with this car Pete Vercauteren photo

the battle on the inside to finish second while Derek Doerr came up to take third. Brock Heinrich won the limited late model feature, Brian Schramm passed Jeff Spatz on the white flag lap on his way to the pure stocks feature win, George Seliger was best in mini mods and Amanda Rowe won her third feature of the season in the mini stocks.

**One year ago this week:** Last year's Dave Lashua Memorial was contested in July, and Travis Volm won the super late model feature for his second feature win of the season at SPS. Volm held off Jason Weinkauf in a battle of No. 76 cars, with M.G. Gajewski third, Noah Gajewski fourth and Jerry Brickner fifth. Butchie Schramm won the pure stocks portion of the Lashua Memorial, passing Jeff Spatz in the final corner and edging Spatz, Mitch Stankowski and Jevin Guralski in a classic finish. Josh Willhite also won the mini mods feature and Branden Sischo claimed the mini stocks feature.

### **Driver Profile: Steve Schilling**

**Age:** 50

Hometown: Easton, Wis.

**Occupation:** I am awesome, some say I p-ss excellence (a la Ricky Bobby), and others say I am a stay-at-home dad, first and foremost. I also work part time as a mechanic and HVAC technician.

Family: my wonderful fiancee Kerri (38), and our children Maverick (8)

Mariah (6) and Dale (3)

Years racing/classes: I raced sportman cars for about four years on

dirt tracks in Missouri

**Pit crew:** I would be a one man show if it weren't for Wayne Breitenfeldt and Mary Phillips

**Sponsors:** Evergreen Lawn & Landscape, Mosinee; Reynolds Masonary, Edgerton; Chet & Emil's, Birnamwood; Hilltop Auto, Wausau; A&A Lock Service. Wausau: Stewart Optical. Wausau. and of course my kids

**How did you get your car number?** I used to race a number 15 car in my dirt track days

**When/how did you get into racing initially?** My parents Bernie and Wayne Schilling owned Beway Racing Products and sold racing parts for as long as I can remember. I grew up watching races with my Dad, and I just enjoy going fast and turning left!

What brought you back to racing after being out of it for a long time? About eight years ago I was in a horrible car accident and after numerous surgeries and physical therapy and chiropractic appointments I am finally feeling healthy enough to get back to doing things I love. Life is just too short to miss out on stuff you enjoy. It has also brought the family closer together, having my fiance and kids out in the shop working on the car with me has been a huge help and hopefully this will guide them into the awesome world of racing, just like daddy. I am grateful and thankful just to be running laps.

**Story of Steve's car:** I got the car from Dave Cabelka, four weeks prior to the start of this season. It was a scramble getting it painted and ready to go. I do believe my helmet came in three days before the first race, talk about cutting it close.

**Favorite racing memory?** I have to many to choose from, but seeing my kids smile as I race by is simply incredible.

**What do you enjoy most about State Park Speedway?** I think what I enjoy the most about State Park is chatting with the other drivers.

**Any racing goals this year or for career?** I would love to win Rookie of the Year.

**Favorite leisure activities besides racing:** I enjoy fishing, snowmobiling, and spending time with my family.

**Favorite food:** I love a good porterhouse steak **Favorite place to eat:** Chet & Emil's

# Upcoming State Park Speedway Events:

Friday-Saturday, July 21-22

43rd Larry Detjens Memorial

**Friday:** Big 8 Late Models, Legends, Bandoleros, Mini Mods, Mini Stocks

**Saturday:** ARCA Midwest Tour super late models, Bandoleros, Pure Stocks, Mini Mods, Mini Stocks

**Thursday, July 27** 

Christmas in July
Wausau Noon Optimist Youth Night
including kids bike races
Super Late Models + support divisions







## 2023 State Park Speedway Heat Win Counts

**Super Late Models:** Brock Heinrich (3 heat wins), Mark Mackesy (2), Travis Volm (2), Jerry Brickner (1), Justin Mondeik (1), Jason Weinkauf (1)

**Pure Stocks:** Brett Breitenfeldt (2), Jeff Spatz (2), Kyle Check (1), Steve Schilling (1), Dave Cabelka (1), Kyle Kluetz (1), Brian Plisch (1)

**Mini Mods:** Kamren Hill (2), Tim Anderson (2), Mike Meharg (1), Branden Sischo (1), Josh Willhite (1), Phil Malouf (1)

**Mini Stocks:** Garret Strachota (3), Joey Blaschka (2), Ashley Schoone (1), Luke Mikula (1), Brad Lecher (1), Tyler Custer (1), Eric Breitenfeldt (1)

Bandoleros: Cohen Henze (2), Paxton Benz (1), Ben Meyer (1)