

# Dominating performance in SOD MAHLE/Clevite BLC @ Crystal

For the fourth time in 2016, Mother Nature came out on top in the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge at Crystal Motor Speedway Saturday night over a large field of competitors from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Ontario.

Overnight rain ended around mid-day on Saturday, and at 2:30 PM the track surface looked ready for a great night of racing.



The late afternoon prediction was for a few, scattered light showers, but when the rain returned, it returned to stay. Although there was never a heavy rain, the unending precipitation took its toll, and the infield became flooded and the pit area unusable. In spite of giving it everything they had, Crystal Motor Speedway owner/promoter Ron Flinn and his crew finally had to throw in the towel, and Flinn officially canceled the show around 5:45 PM.



Originally scheduled as the SOD season opener, the Crystal MAHLE/Clevite BLC race was rained out on April 30th, then again on May 14th. It is now scheduled to close out the five-race MAHLE/Clevite BLC and the SOD season at the Mike Olrich Memorial Race on September 3rd. The next MAHLE/Clevite BLC race will be on August 13th at Butler Speedway, followed by I-96 Speedway on August 19th.

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## **SOD MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge rolls into Crystal**



The Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge for 2016 rolls into race 3 of 5 this Saturday at Crystal Motor Speedway for five-race.

The five-race BLC mini-series tried to get started at Crystal Motor Speedway on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, but both dates were rained out. The BLC finally got the first race in at Merritt Speedway on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with Brian Smith victorious. Once again, though, rain stopped round 2 at I-96 Speedway on

Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The next night, July 9<sup>th</sup>, was a charm at Thunderbird Speedway, presenting the packed house with a very exciting second BLC win for Brian Smith. After this Saturday's Crystal show, round 4 will take place at Butler Speedway on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge finale will be at I-96 Speedway on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

The BLC offers drivers the opportunity to focus on a mini-championship with its own point fund within the full Sprints on Dirt series points chase. MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge Champion will be awarded \$1,000. Point fund monies will be paid out to the top seven finishers in the BLC. To contend for the BLC championship, a driver must display SOD & all primary sponsors' decals.

SOD points leader Brian Smith (Fremont, OH) also leads the BLC points, followed by Tom Schinderle, Dan McCarron, Steve Irwin, Brett Mann, John Gall, and Mark Aldrich. Steve Irwin won the non-BLC July 16 SOD show at Crystal.

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## **Stevie Irwin Gets 'Er Done in Engine Pro SOD by ARP Crystal Win**



*Steve & Adrianna Irwin with the SOD Big Money @ Crystal Motor Speedway  
(Photo by TW Photographics)*

Stevie Irwin (Fenton, MI) finally got the monkey off his back, and mastered rush-hour traffic to take home the exciting Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt by ARP feature win at Crystal Motor Speedway (Crystal, MI) Saturday night. Irwin started in 2<sup>nd</sup> place along SOD points leader Brian Smith on the front row, and chased Smith in the early stages of the race. While Smith ran the middle groove and higher, Irwin eventually found the bottom to his liking. As has been commonplace with SOD races having very few cautions in 2016, lapped traffic was heavy for the leaders. Both Smith and Irwin made heart-stopping, crowd pleasing passes. Initially it looked like Smith would cruise to his 4<sup>th</sup> win, but Irwin settled into his low-rider mode and started reeling in the leader, eventually catching Smith on lap 14. The capacity crowd then got their money's worth as the two traded the lead back and forth until Irwin finally took command for good. While Smith continued within striking

distance of the leader, it was clear that handling was going away on his 2+.

The race was interrupted only once, on lap 11, when Tom Schinderle, running 9<sup>th</sup>, hit the wall and came to a stop with a flat right rear tire. Jay Steinebach had nowhere to go and came to a stop to avoid Schinderle's car at the bottom of the track at the start/finish line.

Smith appeared to have a tire seal over, and while doing his best to hold onto a good finish, he bounced off the front straight wall. Although the tire didn't immediately go flat, his right rear wheel was about 3-4 inches narrower after the impact. He held on, going one lap down on the last lap to finish in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

Irwin, who splits his time racing winged and non-winged sprints, has won non-winged races this season, but has struggled, for the most part, with wings. Well aware of his issues, Irwin has focused on finding and fixing his issues. While he struggled Friday at Winston Speedway, it was clear that he found the right combination for Crystal.

Irwin finished the race with a good-sized lead, followed by Dustin Stroup in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shawn Valenti in 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dan McCarron in 4<sup>th</sup>, and Dain Naida in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Friday's winner at Winston Speedway, Stuart Brubaker, was disqualified for the remainder of the show after an on-track incident during the COMP Cams (3<sup>rd</sup>) heat race. Mark Aldrich, currently 3<sup>rd</sup> in points, lost ground to the front runners when a flat tire in the B main kept him from advancing to the feature.

The Crystal show added another gold star to the 2016 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt by ARP season under the new SOD unlimited format on the new Hoosier spec tires. Good car counts, very

competitive racing, plenty of side-by-side racing, multiple racing grooves, and very few cautions, mostly due to mechanical issues have been the hallmarks of every show without exception; SOD races have won high praise from competitors and fans alike.

### Engine Pro SOD by ARP Feature

Finish	Car #	Driver	Start	Awards	Contingencies
1	0	Steve Irwin	2		Rod End Supply
2	1M	Dustin Stroup	3		Rod End Supply
3	7	Shawn Valenti	8	Ti22 Draw Winner	Rod End Supply
4	22M	Dan McCarron	5		Racing Optics
5	17x	Dain Naida	4		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	4T	Josh Turner	10		King Racing Products
7	81	John Gall	9		
8	27	Brad Lamberson	13		
9	89	Chris Pobanz	17	KSE Hard Charger	
10	2+	Brian Smith	1		
11	10S	Jay Steinebach	16	DMI Draw Winner	
12	46	Robert Huiskin	15		
13	3A	Mike Austrauskas	11		



14	8	Justin Ward	6		
15	24	Eric Smith	14	Engine Pro Lucky Dog	
16	27x	Jared Lamberson	18		
17	91L	Lexi Adgate	19		
18	31	Tanner Austrauskas	20		
19	49T	Gregg Dalman	7		
20	41	Thomas Schinderle	12		

**Engler Machine & Tool Heat Win – Brian Smith**

2+, 7, 17x, 4t, 27, 10s, 1a, 91L

**Lane Automotive Heat Win – John Gall**

81, 1m, 8, 3a, 24, 89, 6, 31

**COMP Cams Heat Win – Gregg Dalman**

49t, 22m, 0, 41, 46, 27x, 35 (DQ)

**B MAIN Win – Jay Steinebach**

10s, 89, 27x, 91L, 31

Kistler Racing Products Contingencies – Shawn Valenti, Dan McCarron

BR Motorsports Contingency – Dain Naida

COMP Cams Contingency – Dustin Stroup

Allstar Performance Contingency – Justin Ward

Schoenfeld Headers Contingency – Steve Irwin

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## **Stuart Brubaker Impressive in Engine Pro SOD by ARP Win at Winston Speedway**



*2nd Brian Smith, winner Stuart Brubaker with daughter Grace,  
3rd Gregg Dalman  
(Trailsendcustom Photo)*

Fremont, Ohio's Stuart Brubaker charged to a crowd-pleasing Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP feature win Friday night at Winston Speedway in Rothbury, Michigan.

Gregg Dalman grabbed the lead at the start from the pole with Brett Mann looking like he may have something for the leader. Dalman started to pull away as Mann slipped high on turn 2 allowing Chris Pobanz to take 2<sup>nd</sup> and Stuart Brubaker 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dalman looked to be the class until John Gall & Jay Steinebach tangled on lap four with Gall flipping. Neither driver was able to continue.

After the red, Dalman continued to lead, but it soon became evident that the handle was going away on Dalman's car and after a back and forth battle, Brubaker got by Dalman as he slid high in turn two. Brubaker was an expert at negotiating traffic on the slick surface and easily held on for the win. After the 4<sup>th</sup> lap red, the feature went nonstop and point

leader Brian Smith was turning faster laps than the leader at the end, but it was too little, too late.

Smith (Fremont, Ohio), the current SOD point leader, started the feature in eleventh place after not making the feature nine-car draw for the top starting positions. Smith was the KSE Hard Charger Award winner. Dalman held on to finish third, and discovered that a tire pressure bleeder had stuck open causing his handling problem. Brett Mann, driving Tony Bures' #58 finished 4<sup>th</sup>, and Mark Aldrich was 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Finish	Car #	Driver	Start	Awards	Contingencies
1	35	Stuart Brubaker	3		Rod End Supply
2	2+	Brian Smith	11	KSE Hard Charger	Rod End Supply
3	49T	Gregg Dalman	1		Rod End Supply
4	58	Brett Mann	5	Ti22 Draw Winner	Racing Optics
5	1A	Mark Aldrich	8		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	89	Chris Pobanz	2	Engine Pro Lucky Dog	King Racing Products
7	46	Robert Huiskin	4		
8	7	Shawn Valenti	12		
9	0	Steve Irwin	9		
10	41	Thomas Schinderle	16		

11	71H/27	Brad Lamberson	7		
12	4T	Josh Turner	6		
13	8	Justin Ward	10		
14	27x	Jared Lamberson	14		
15	91L	Lexi Adgate	18	DMI Draw Winner	
16	1	Eric Smith	19		
17	6	Tyler Beardon	17		
18	10S	Jay Steinebach	13		
19	81	John Gall	15		

**Engler Machine & Tool Heat** Winner – Brett Mann  
58, 89, 0, 8, 10s, 41, 24

**Lane Automotive Heat** Winner – Mark Aldrich  
1a, 4t, 46, 2+, 27x, 6

**COMP Cams Heat** Winner – Gregg Dalman  
49t, 35, 27, 7, 81, 91L

Kistler Racing Products Contingencies – Chris Pobanz, Stuart Brubaker

BR Motorsports Contingency – Steve Irwin

COMP Cams Contingency – Josh Turner

Allstar Performance Contingency – Robert Huiskins

Schoenfeld Headers Contingency – Brad Lamberson

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# **Brubaker & Irwin post Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt weekend wins**

**FULL RESULTS FOR BOTH NIGHTS TO FOLLOW**

**WINSTON SPEEDWAY, FRIDAY, JULY 15**

Race Information			
Name: Motor City Racing Promotions			
Date/Time: July 16, 2016 - 09:33PM			
Class: SPEED18 ON DIRT (Signed Time: 00:36:19, Signed Class: 00:19:55)			
A/Mile / Winless / Signatures			



### PLACE - Overall

Place	Car No.	Name	MISC
1	15	Neubaker, Brent	---
2	24	Smith, Brian	-64.126-10Lap Charger
3	497	Dubman, Gregg	407.401
4	58	Mann, Brent	407.528
5	14	Aldrich, Mark	-10.459
6	89	Pobanz, Chris	-11.095
7	45	Hankin, Robert	-1 Lap
8	1	Valenti, Shawn	-1 Lap
9	8	Irwin, Steve	-1 Lap
10	41	Schindler, Tom	-1 Lap
11	27	Lamberson, Brad	-1 Lap
12	47	Turner, Jack	-1 Lap
13	8	Ward, Justin	-1 Lap
14	275	Lamberson, Jared	-1 Lap
15	811	Adgate, Lenz	-1 Lap
16	24	Smith, Eric	-2 Laps
17	5	Beardley, Tyler	-2 Laps
18	109	Schindler, Jay	DNF Accident
19	81	Gull, John	DNF Accident

CRYSTAL MOTOR SPEEDWAY< SATURDAY< JULY 16



*Stevie & Adrianna Irwin in victory lane @ Crystal Motor Speedway*

*(Photo by TW Photographics)*

Race Information

Name: Motor City Racing Promotions  
 Date/Time: July 16, 2010 - 10:28:54  
 Class: SPRINTS ON BERT (Elapsed Time: 00:21.30, Staged: Green  
 @: 12:50)  
 BOD: A-Mile



Motor City Racing Promotions

PLACE

Place	Car No	Name	Laps	Lag
1	6	Drew, Steve	25	00.000
2	66	Seeger, Dustin	25	+0.558
3	7	Valenti, Shawn	25	+7.100
4	2134	McCormac, Dan	25	+8.817
5	17X	Wade, Dale	25	+9.416
6	47	Tanner, Josh	25	+12.524
7	81	Gill, John	25	+14.086
8	27	Lamberson, Brent	25	+15.185
9	89	Fabian, Chris	25	+15.627
10	2+	Smith, Brian	24	-1 Laps
11	185	Schindler, Jay	24	-1 Laps
12	46	Woskie, Robert	24	-1 Laps
13	18	Astrucias, Mike	24	-1 Laps
14	8	Ward, Justin	24	-1 Laps
15	24	Smith, Greg	23	-2 Laps
16	27X	Lamberson, Brent	23	-2 Laps
17	811	Adams, Lami	22	-3 Laps
18	55	Astrucias, Thomas	21	-4 Laps
19	497	Dubman, Gregg	20	-5 Laps
20	41	Schindler, Tom	11	-14 Laps