

Ryan Ruhl Takes NUVU Fuels Dual On Dirt SOD Jim Coffey & Son Dirty 30



Photo by Thomas Michael

On a night when rain was a persistent threat, Ryan Ruhl drove to the win in the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing & Heating Dirty 30 portion of the NUVU Fuels Dual On Dirt. Ruhl mastered the 26 car field by being the fastest overall qualifier, dominating the Engler heat, and taking home the SOD Big Money check of \$2,000 for winning the feature.

Although rain wiped out several other Michigan race events, it didn't stop I-96 Speedway's near-capacity crowd from the rare opportunity to see two headline classes, the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP and the American Ethanol Late

Model Tour in one event. The show was a real crowd pleaser as light rain fell for hours during the program, but never enough to stop the action.

Ruhl, in his familiar blue #16, showed his strength early, being the Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Master in the Engler Machine & Tool Heat group. He then drove from his 4th place heat race starting position to an easy win. Not to be outdone, Chad Blonde showed his strength by taking the COMP Cams heat. Steve Irwin took the RockAuto.com heat from 3rd.

Eric Smith suffered mechanical woes early in the program as did Brad Lamberson and Thomas Schinderle keeping them out of competition.

Jay Steinebach overcame heat problems to take the B-Main from his 6th place starting position.

Gregg Dalman took the early lead in the feature over pole sitter Chris Jones. By lap 6, Chad Blonde was on the move taking 2nd and setting sail after Dalman. Blonde took the lead on lap 12 and looked like the car to beat. Dain Naida spun off of turn four on lap 15 just after moving into the top 5 from 10th. At half way it was Blonde, Dalman, Ruhl, Boston Mead, and Joe Swanson. Two laps later, Chris Jones race ending when he flipped off the back straight. A lap later, Ruhl, who started 9th, snatched the lead from Blonde. Brett Mann spun in turn 4 on the next lap and rookie Andrew Scheid was collected by Mann and flipped hard, ending a frustrating night for him. After refueling during the red for Scheid, Steve Irwin, who was in 4th, dropped out with engine problems. Back under green, Ruhl charged to win with Blonde staying within striking distance, but not able to mount a serious challenge.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast

qualifiers) \$50 each

| Group | Time | # | Driver |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Engler Machine & Tool Heat | 14.045 | 16 | Ryan Ruhl |
| COMP Cams Heat | 14.387 | 5b | Chad Blonde |
| RockAuto.com Heat | 14.234 | 7J | Joe Swanson |

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

| Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1 | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 16 | Ryan Ruhl | |
| 2 | 71H | Ryan Grubaugh | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 49t | Gregg Dalman | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 17X | Dain Naida | |
| 5 | 19 | Brett Mann | |
| 6 | 27X | Jared Lamberson | |
| 7 | 91L | Lexi Adgate | |
| 8 | 6 | Tyler Bearden | |
| 9 | 24 | Eric Smith (DNS) | |

| COMP Cams Heat #2 | | | |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 5b | Chad Blonde | |
| 2 | 11 | Trey Smith | |
| 3 | 10j | Chris Jones | Allstar Performance |
| 4 | 18 | DJ Lamance | Racing Optics |

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| 5 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | |
| 6 | 20A | Andy Chehowski | |
| 7 | 58 | Tony Bures | |
| 8 | 17 | Dustin Carl | |
| 9 | 27 | Brad Lamberson (DNS) | |

| RockAuto.com Heat #3 | | | |
|----------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 0 | Steve Irwin | |
| 2 | 27B | Boston Mead | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 7J | Joe Swanson | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 46 | Robert Huisken | |
| 5 | 8 | Justin Ward | |
| 6 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | |
| 7 | 10S | Jay Steinebach | |
| 8 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle (DNS) | |

B-Main

| | # | Driver |
|---|-----|----------------|
| 1 | 10S | Jay Steinebach |
| 2 | 20A | Andy Chehowski |

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------------|
| 3 | 91L | Lexi Adgate |
| 4 | 77 | Andrew Scheid |
| 5 | 17 | Dustin Carl |
| 6 | 58 | Tony Bures |
| 7 | 27X | Jared Lamberson |
| 8 | 6 | Tyler Bearden |

Feature

| | # | Driver | Awards | Contingencies |
|----|-----|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 16 | Ryan Ruhl | | Rod End Supply |
| 2 | 5b | Chad Blonde | | Rod End Supply |
| 3 | 49t | Gregg Dalman | | Rod End Supply |
| 4 | 27B | Boston Mead | | Schoenfeld Headers |
| 5 | 7J | Joe Swanson | | ATL Racing Fuel Cells |
| 6 | 17X | Dain Naida | | |
| 7 | 71H | Ryan Grubaugh | | Allstar Performance |
| 8 | 19 | Brett Mann | | |
| 9 | 10S | Jay Steinebach | | King Racing Products |
| 10 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | | |
| 11 | 18 | DJ Lamance | | Keizer Aluminum Wheels |
| 12 | 20A | Andy Chehowski | | |
| 13 | 46 | Robert Huisken | | |
| 14 | 17 | Dustin Carl | | |

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|----|-----|---------------|--|--|
| 15 | 91L | Lexi Adgate | | |
| 16 | 0 | Steve Irwin | | |
| 17 | 8 | Justin Ward | | |
| 18 | 11 | Trey Smith | | |
| 19 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | | |
| 20 | 10j | Chris Jones | | |

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Ryan Ruhl (8)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Jay Steinebach

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Andy Chehowski

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Steve Irwin

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Race Day – Friday, May 26th, 2017 – I-96 Speedway (MI)

Today (Friday, May 26th) is Race Day! The Inaugural NUVU Fuels Dual On Dirt is at I-96 Speedway in Lake Odessa, Michigan featuring the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP & American Ethanol Late Model Tour together in one gigantic show.

The Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP will be making their one and only appearance in 2017 at I-96. One season ago, Max Stambaugh, now a Rookie of the Year title contender with the Arctic Car All-Star Circuit of Champions Sprint Cars, went to victory lane. in 2015, it was Ryan Ruhl, the 2007 SOD Rookie of the Year and five-time SOD Champion, Dustin Daggett taking the checkered flags first. This event is the 86th all-time appearance by SOD at the Lake Odessa, Michigan speed plant.

Schedule of Events – Friday, May 26th, 2017 – I-96 Speedway – Lake Odessa, Michigan

2:00p.m. Pit Gates Open – SOD & AELMT Pill Draw Open
5:00p.m. Grandstands Open – SOD & AELMT Pill Draw Close
5:15p.m. SOD & AELMT Drivers Meeting
5:30p.m. SOD Engine Heat (on-track)

6:00p.m. AELMT Hot Laps
SOD Hot Laps
AELMT Qualifying
SOD Qualifying (single car by heat order)

7:55p.m. Pre-Race Ceremonies

8:00p.m. AELMT Heat Races (10)
SOD Heat Races (8)
Redraw (on front straight)
AELMT Last Chance Race(s) (12-15)
SOD Last Chance Race(s) (10)

Intermission

AELMT B-Main (20)
SOD A-Main (30)
AELMT A-Main (40)

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Quick Facts about Historic Baer Field Motorsports Park SOD Race

After being rained out Saturday, Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP headlined the first-ever race on Fort Wayne, Indiana's Baer Field Motorsports Park new dirt track on Sunday night for the first race of SOD's MAHLE/Clevite Beyond KLimits

Challenge five-race series. Numerous facts about the event make it a truly historical event for both Baer Field Motorsports Park and Sprints On Dirt.

New $\frac{1}{4}$ mile track

The track crew put out a massive effort to make sure the Sunday race could take place. Several inches of rain resulted in the track being referred to as “Baer Lake” Sunday morning, then more rain came. The infield was pumped out and against all odds, the track was prepped for racing. Promoter Dave Muzzillo could have easily thrown in the towel, but was determined to get the race in.

Andrew Scheid



Thirteen-year-old Andrew Scheid, SOD sprint car rookie of the year contender, raced a full-size sprint for the first time and drew many compliments. After qualifying seventh in his heat group, Scheid finished last in his heat. He then grabbed a fourth in the B Main to advance to the feature where he finished eighteenth, dropping out early in consideration of the fast

field. Andrew dodged a few incidents that developed in front of him. He even executed a successful 360 degree spin to avoid a car that had spun to a stop in front of him.

Scheid has extensive racing experience and numerous wins in karts and lightning sprints.

Diverse field

The SOD “beyond limits” format continues to have broad appeal for race teams from many segments of sprint car racing.

Winner Valenti and Dan McCarron are currently regulars in the 410 class at Attica Raceway Park and Fremont Speedway. Valenti has had great success in thunderstocks and dirt trucks in Ohio and Indiana.

2nd-place finisher Joe Swanson, 5th place Steve Irwin, and 6th place Brad Wyatt have had success in winged sprint pavement racing. Irwin has won pavement championships and #71H car owner Steve Smith has also won pavement championships as an owner.

3rd place Landon Simon is a successful USAC competitor who ran his first winged sprint race Sunday. Irwin and Wyatt also have extensive non-wing experience.

4th place Thomas Schinderle previously raced modifieds, then was a regular in the Attica/Fremont FAST 305 class.

Matt Prieur



SOD rookie announcer Matt Prieur got his first SOD race in Sunday. The former World of Outlaws late model announcer is also the announcer for the American Ethanol Late Model Tour, the American Ethanol Modified Tour, and occasional pavement races.

Prieur has been a hockey referee for 24 years. He has also been the color commentator for an Ontario Hockey League game.

Prieur has been announcing since 1989.

MCRP/SOD Safety Crew



SOD competitors got their first look at the MCRP safety crew. They were quick to assist in any on-track incidents.

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**Shawn Valenti Wins First
Career Sprints On Dirt
Feature At Baer Field**

Motorsports Park



Fostoria, Ohio driver, Shawn Valenti would led all 30 laps of the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge Race #1 at Baer Field Motorsports Park to score his first career SOD victory.

The first race on the Baer Field Motorsports Park new $\frac{1}{4}$ mile track was originally scheduled for Saturday. Unfortunately very heavy rains turned the track into something referred to as "Baer Lake," but promoter Dave Muzzillo didn't give up and surprisingly was able to get the track in shape for the Sunday rain date.

Mark Aldrich, Brett Mann, and Thomas Schinderle were Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters for their respective heats. Landon Simon won the Engler Machine & Tool heat after a lap one flip by Greg Wheeler that ended his night early. Brett Mann won the COMP Cams heat, and Dain Naida won the RockAuto.com heat. Dan McCarron took the win in the B-Main. 2015 SOD Champion Gregg Dalman encountered mechanical problems

and was unable to resolve them at the track.

Four laps into the feature, Mark Aldrich and Brett Mann came together between turns 1 and 2, ending their night. Due to an extended red period, the field was allowed to add fuel.

31-year-old Valenti, in his Log Cabin Tavern / Triple X Chassis entry, held off consistent challenges from former pavement sprint winner at Baer Field, Joe Swanson to take home the win. Swanson settled for 2nd as USAC Racing National Sprint Car Series regular, Landon Simon was third over RockAuto.com heat race Fast Master and series rookie of the year contender Thomas Schinderle who finished 4th, while 2001 SOD Champion, Stevie Irwin completed the top five.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast qualifiers) \$50 each

| Group | Time | # | Driver |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|-------------------|
| Engler Machine & Tool Heat | 13.784 | 1a | Mark Aldrich |
| COMP Cams Heat | 13.716 | 16B | Brett Mann |
| RockAuto.com Heat | 13.537 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle |

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

| Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1 | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|-------------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 24 | Landon Simon | |
| 2 | 7J | Joe Swanson | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 10J | Chris Jones | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | |
| 5 | 47 | Robert Bulloch | |

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| 6 | 58 | Tony Bures | |
| 7 | 20A | Andy Chehowskli | |
| 8 | 48 | Greg Wheeler | |

| COMP Cams Heat #2 | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 16B | Brett Mann | |
| 2 | 7 | Shawn Valenti | Allstar Performance |
| 3 | 0 | Steve Irwin | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 46 | Robert Huisken | |
| 5 | 21T | Troy Chehowski | |
| 6 | 10S | Jay Steinebach | |
| 7 | 6 | Tyler Bearden | |
| 8 | 57 | Tyler Fitzpatrick | |

| RockAuto.com Heat #3 | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | # | Driver | Contingency |
| 1 | 17x | Dain Naida | |
| 2 | 0W | Brad Wyatt | Kistler Racing Products |
| 3 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle | Racing Optics |
| 4 | 71H | Ryan Ruhl | |

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| 5 | 2 | Ricky Peterson | |
| 6 | 22M | Dan McCarron | |
| 7 | 19J | Linden Jones | |
| 8 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | |

B-Main

| | # | Driver |
|---|-----|-------------------|
| 1 | 22m | Dan McCarron |
| 2 | 10S | Jay Steinebach |
| 3 | 20A | Andy Chehowski |
| 4 | 77 | Andrew Scheid |
| 5 | 6 | Tyler Bearden |
| 6 | 19J | Linden Jones |
| 7 | 57 | Tyler Fitzpatrick |
| 8 | 58 | Tony Bures |

Feature

| | # | Driver | Contingencies |
|---|-----|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 7 | Shawn Valenti | Rod End Supply |
| 2 | 7J | Joe Swanson | Rod End Supply |
| 3 | 24 | Landon Simon | Rod End Supply |
| 4 | 41 | Thomas Schinderle | Schoenfeld Headers |
| 5 | 0 | Steve Irwin | ATL Racing Fuel Cells |
| 6 | 0W | Brad Wyatt | |
| 7 | 17x | Dain Naida | Allstar Performance |

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|----|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 | 10J | Chris Jones | |
| 9 | 71H | Ryan Ruhl | King Racing Products |
| 10 | 22m | Dan Mccarron | |
| 11 | 46 | Robert Huisken | Keizer Aluminum Wheels |
| 12 | 2 | Ricky Peterson | |
| 13 | 20A | Andy Chehowski | |
| 14 | 10S | Jay Steinebach | |
| 15 | 47 | Robert Bulloch | |
| 16 | 21T | Troy Chehowski | |
| 17 | 6 | Tyler Bearden | |
| 18 | 77 | Andrew Scheid | |
| 19 | 16B | Brett Mann | |
| 20 | 1a | Mark Aldrich | |

Race Information

Name: Motor City Racing Promotions
Date/Time: May 21, 2017 - 10:14PM
Class SPRINTS ON DIRT (Elapsed Time: 00:43:49,
Elapsed Green: 00:33:19)



Motor City Racing Promotions

PLACE

| Place | Car No | Name | Laps | Lag |
|-------|--------|--------------------|------|----------|
| 1 | 7 | Valenti, Shawn | 30 | 00.000 |
| 2 | 7J | Swanson, Joe | 30 | -00.322 |
| 3 | 24 | Simon, Landon | 30 | -03.872 |
| 4 | 41 | Schinderle, Thomas | 30 | -05.257 |
| 5 | 0 | Irwin, Steve | 30 | -06.449 |
| 6 | 0W | Wyatt, Brad | 30 | -07.933 |
| 7 | 17x | Naida, Dain | 30 | -09.698 |
| 8 | 10J | Jones, Chris | 30 | -10.777 |
| 9 | 71H | Ruhl, Ryan | 30 | -12.280 |
| 10 | 22M | McCarron, Dan | 30 | -12.312 |
| 11 | 46 | Huiskin, Robert | 30 | -13.904 |
| 12 | 2 | Peterson, Ricky | 29 | -1 Laps |
| 13 | 20A | Chehowski, Andy | 28 | -2 Laps |
| 14 | 10S | Steineach, Jay | 28 | -2 Laps |
| 15 | 47 | Bullock, Robert | 28 | -2 Laps |
| 16 | 21T | Chehowski, Troy | 17 | -13 Laps |
| 17 | 6 | Bearden, Tyler | 16 | -14 Laps |
| 18 | 77 | Scheid, Andrew | 5 | -25 Laps |
| 19 | 16B | Mann, Brett | 4 | -26 Laps |
| 20 | 1A | Aldrich, Mark | 5 | -25 Laps |

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Dan McCarron

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Race Day – Sunday, May 21st, 2017 – Baer Field Motorsports Park (IN)



Today (Sunday, May 21st, 2017) is Race Day. The third time is the charm for the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP as the fire breathing, winged warriors are in the Hoosier

State. The historic first ever race on the newly constructed 1/4 (0.250) mile semi-banked dirt oval of Baer Field Motorsports Park will be the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge Race #1 as the SOD Sprints highlight the highly anticipated first dirt event at the Fort Wayne, Indiana speed plant... Practice starts at 4:00p.m.

This is not the first ever appearance by SOD at the Summit City oval as back on September 10th, 1994, during the days of SOD racing on both dirt and pavement, Denny England would take the checkered flag on the tracks' 1/2 mile paved configuration.

Schedule of Events for Sunday, May 21st, 2017 – Baer Field Motorsports Park (Fort Wayne, IN)

Pit Gates Open: 2:00p.m.
Pill Draw: 2:00-3:30p.m.
Drivers Meeting: 3:30p.m.
Grandstands Open: 3:30p.m.
Engine Heat: 3:45p.m.
Practice: 4:00p.m.
Qualifying: 5:00p.m.
Racing: 6:00p.m.

Click on the link provided for more event information:

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