

Steve Baker and Al Atallah split UFO Twin 30's at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway; Daryl Charlier, Chuck Gebauer, Wayne Tessean, Tony White, and Mike Reft also win on Sunday, June 1, 2008.

Steve Baker of Fairmont, WV and Al Atallah of Bridgeville, PA split the Pizza Hut UFO Twin 30's. In the first 30, Lou Bradich and Ben Miley brought the field down for the green flag. Third starting Lynn Geisler grabbed the front spot on lap 1, with Bradich leading lap 2. Fourth starting Steve Baker moved in front on lap three. A restart on lap 4 put sixth starting Al Atallah right beside Baker. Atallah challenged Baker for several laps after the restart but Baker began to put a little distance between himself and Atallah. The next 24 laps were under the green, and Baker quickly began to lap cars in the large 32-car starting field. Baker began to put a little more distance between himself and Atallah, as the pair sliced and diced thru the traffic as both were using the entire track, high and low, to get thru the field. Atallah tagged the front straight wall with about five to go, allowing Baker a little more breathing room. Then with two laps to go another caution appeared, allowing Atallah one more shot at first. At this point Baker had lapped all the way up thru sixth spot, but with the restart the "lucky dog" came into effect and allowed anyone 1 lap down back on the lead lap and anyone with more than one lap down one of their laps back. Atallah made the most of it getting by Baker to lead lap 29 as the pair actually swapped the lead back several times thru the turns. Baker moved back in front in turns one and two on the last lap and led the rest of the way. Atallah had tagged the wall a bit after Baker got by, allowing Lynn Geisler to get by for second at the finish. Current PPMS point leader Jared Miley was fourth followed by Alex Ferree, Davey Johnson, John Flinner, Lou Bradich, Dave Wade, and Kyle Lukon. For Baker, it was his first win of the season and one of the biggest of his career for the WV Rim Rider. It also was his 31st career LM win at PPMS. Four heats were run for the 37 cars on hand, and the winners were Alex Ferree, Steve Baker, Al Atallah, and Lynn Geisler. Doug Drown driving B.A. Malcuit's machine won the B-Main.

In the second Pizza Hut UFO 30 there was an invert 14, so that put Keith Barbara and Jim Stephans on the front row and Steve Baker in 14th and Al Atallah in 12th at the start. Barbara led the first lap, while Mike Johnson led lap 2. On lap 2 the winner of the first 30, Steve Baker, spun coming off turn 4 and was tagged by Mike Davis. Baker sustained a flat, quickly changed that in the pits, and tagged the tail of the field. Davis wasn't so lucky and was finished for the night. Barbara was back out in front on the restart, with Mike Johnson right behind. Several yellows slowed the pace in the early going. On lap 5 Lynn Geisler spun and went to the tail. Barbara still maintained the top spot on the restart. On lap 7, fourth running Davey Johnson, who moved up from 9th, got together with fifth running Al Atallah and ended up in the front straight-wall. Johnson was none too happy with Atallah and voiced his displeasure to him under the yellow. Mike Johnson grabbed the lead on the restart, and Alex Ferree moved into second the following lap as Barbara began to fade. Johnson led until lap 12 when the worst wreck of the night occurred, as Mel Minnick, Jr. was tagged by another car and spun and hit the wall in turns one and two. Seconds later Rodney Sweitzer clipped Minnick hard, ripping the nose off Minnick's car and tearing the wheel, hub and axle off Sweitzer's machine. On the

restart Alex Ferree moved out in front with Al Atallah in second, moving Johnson back to third. Once out front Atallah pulled out to a big lead. Jared Miley moved into third and began to battle with Ferree for second. Meanwhile Steve Baker mounted a wild charge from the rear and was up to fifth by lap 15. Miley got by Ferree on lap 17 for second, while Baker ran down and moved by Mike Johnson for fourth on lap 22. Atallah added to his lead, while Miley began to put some distance between himself and Ferree. Baker ran Ferree down next and passed him for third on lap 27. At the finish Atallah had a commanding lead over Jared Miley, Baker was third, Ferree was fourth, John Flinner was fifth, followed by Mike Johnson, Lynn Geisler, Kyle Lukon, Barbara, and Brandon Burgoon. It also was Atallah's first win of the season and 15th overall LM win at PPMS.

The Brougner's Machine Shop Crate Lates were run in-between the Late Model events, and Midway, PA's Daryl Charlier picked up his second win of the season. Josh Holtgraver grabbed the lead at the start and led the first 3 laps, before 12th starting Charlier took over on lap 4. Charlier pretty much had his way with things, until a couple late race cautions tightened the field up. Daniel Angelicchio, who had moved into second on lap 13, made a couple of runs at Charlier, but Charlier was able to hold him off. At the finish it was Charlier, Angelicchio, 15th starting Tommy Schirnhofner, Bryant Hank, Steve Beatty, Holtgraver, Rocky Kugel, Russ Kolesar, Chris Angelicchio, and Craig Koteles. Heats for the 23 cars on hand went to Daryl Charlier, Daniel Angelicchio and Steve Beatty.

The Sunoco Race Fuels Cadets were also run in-between the Late Model Features, and a newcomer Chuck Gebauer from Cheswick, PA, won a career first main. Gebauer took advantage of a front row starting spot and never looked back as he led all 15 laps of the main. Craig Kamicker, last week's winner, moved up from 12th to finish second, followed by another newcomer Shawn Thorn, Pat Weldon, Pat Hanley, Jake Simmons, Wayne Carbo, Bill Robertson, Joe Anthony, and Bob Schwartzmiller. PPMS regulars, Craig Kamicker, Bill Robertson and Pat Weldon took the heats for the 24 cars on hand.

The Miley Truck Rental E-Mods were next, and Wayne Tessean of Austintown, OH, picked up his 2nd win of the season and 69th career E-Mod win at PPMS, which now ties him for 1st on the all-time win list with Larry Kugel. Tom Martineck and Kevin Miller led the early laps before 5th starting Tessean grabbed the lead on lap 4. From that point on it was all Tessean as he led the remaining distance. Daryl Charlier recovered from an earlier incident that saw him go to the tail to grab second, followed by Miller, Martineck, J.E. Stalder, who also recovered from an early incident, J.J. Bametzrieder, Bruce Dreistadt, Vince Laboon, newcomers Dennis Perigo and Jim Turley. Wayne Tessean and Daryl Charlier won the heats.

While slim on cars, the Flynn Tire and Auto Amateur Stocks were not slim in action, Davy Lee, driving the #76 car of Tony White, picked up another win of the season after a battle with former champ Robby Torrens. Early leader Brian Huchko was third followed by Curt Bish, Darren Ferguson, Dan Duseheid, and Eric Goldberg. No heats were run for the Amateurs.

The Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns saw defending champ Mike Reft of Whitehall, PA win his third main of the season. Tyler Atkinson led the first two laps before Rich Mason took over. Mason led until lap 7 when Reft took the lead, and he led until the finish. Sean Graham was second followed by Alec Broniszewski, Atkinson, Mason, Daniel White, Justin Pons, and Hannah Ramsey.

SUMMARY – June 1, 2008

Pizza Hut Late Models

Heats – Alex Ferree, Steve Baker, Al Atallah, and Lynn Geisler

Feature 1 (30 Laps) – 1. Steve Baker, 2. Lynn Geisler, 3. Al Atallah, 4. Jared Miley, 5. Alex Ferree, 6. Davey Johnson, 7. John Flinner, 8. Lou Bradich, 9. Dave Wade, 10. Kyle Lukon, 11. Brandon Burgoon, 12. Mike Johnson, 13. Jim Stephans, 14. Keith Barbara, 15. Michael Davis, 16. Ben Miley, 17. Doug Drown, 18. Gregg Satterlee, 19. Keith Rodriguez, 20. D J Miller, 21. Mel Minnick, 22. Rodney Sweitzer, 23. Jim Lepro, 24. Tony Musolino, 25. Mark Moats Sr, 26. Shawn McGarvey, 27. John Mollick, 28. Kari Gasser, 29. Brent Rhebergen, 30. Matt Dobnak, 31. Larry Marks, 32. Nick Duratz DNS - Steve Banal, C A Medved, Tommy Duratz, Ricky Armstrong, and Herman Bertolini

Feature 2 (30 Laps) – 1. Al Atallah, 2. Jared Miley, 3. Steve Baker, 4. Alex Ferree, 5. John Flinner, 6. Mike Johnson, 7. Lynn Geisler, 8. Kyle Lukon, 9. Keith Barbara, 10. Brandon Burgoon, 11. John Mollick, 12. Jim Stephans, 13. D J Miller, 14. Brent Rhebergen, 15. Gregg Satterlee, 16. Lou Bradich, 17. Kari Gasser, 18. Jim Lepro, 19. C A Medved, 20. Nick Duratz, 21. Matt Dobnak, 22. Shawn McGarvey, 23. Doug Drown, 24. Mel Minnick, 25. Rodney Sweitzer, 26. Davey Johnson, 27. Ben Miley, 28. Mark Moats Sr, 29. Steve Banal, 30. Keith Rodriguez, 31. Dave Wade, 32. Michael Davis DNS - Tony Musolino, Larry Marks, Tommy Duratz, Ricky Armstrong, and Herman Bertolini

Brougher's Machine Shop Crate Late Models

Heats – Daryl Charlier, Daniel Angelicchio and Steve Beatty

Feature (20 Laps) – 1. Daryl Charlier, 2. Daniel Angelicchio, 3. Tommy Schirnhofner, 4. Bryant Hank, 5. Steve Beatty, 6. Josh Holtgraver, 7. Rocky Kugel, 8. Russ Kolesar, 9. Chris Angelicchio, 10. Craig Koteles, 11. Mark Moats Jr, 12. Dennis Curry, 13. J R Wright, 14. Scott Schempp, 15. Terry Kerr, 16. Colton Flinner, 17. Tyler Dietz, 18. Ken Chernik, 19. Laura Lukon, 20. Tim Stefanick, 21. John Cain, 22. Justin Lamb, 23. Mike Pegher Jr

Miley Truck Rental E-Modifieds

Heats – Wayne Tessean and Daryl Charlier

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Wayne Tessean, 2. Daryl Charlier, 3. Kevin Miller, 4. Tom Martineck, 5. J E Stalder, 6. J J Bametzrieder, 7. Bruce Dreistadt, 8. Vince Laboon, 9. Dennis Perigo, 10. Jim Turley, 11. Denny Nakutis, 12. Willy Briggs, 13. Steve Haefke, DNS - Bruce Takach

Sunoco Race Fuels Pure Stocks

Heats – Craig Kamicker, Bill Robertson and Pat Weldon

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Chuck Gebauer, 2. Craig Kamicker, 3. Shawn Thorn, 4. Pat Weldon, 5. Pat Hanley, 6. Jake Simmons, 7. Wayne Cerbo, 8. Bill Robertson, 9. Joe Anthony, 10. Bob Schwartzmiller, 11. Robert Betz, 12. Jim Bendishaw, 13. Mike Duritsky, 14. Dave Slade, 15. Gary Koteles, 16. Nick Kocuba, 17. Dave McManus, 18. Joe Hackimer, 19. Josh Wetmore, 20. Mike Harris, 21. Don Bauerle, 22. Bob Nelson, 23. Bobby Heim, 24. Mike Mohn

Flynn's Tire and Auto Amateur Stocks

Feature (10 Laps) – 1. Davy Lee, 2. Robby Torrens, 3. Brian Huchko, 4. Curt Bish, 5. Darren Ferguson, 6. Dan Duseheid, 7. Eric Goldberg

Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns

Feature (8 Laps) – 1. Michael Reft, 2. Sean Graham, 3. Alec Broniszewski, 4. Tyler Atkinson, 5. Rich Mason, 6. Daniel White, 7. Justin Pons, 8. Hannah Ramsey