

Bart Hartman Wins the Third Annual Red Miley Memorial 53 UFO Special at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway. Tommy Schirnhofner, Pat Weldon, Dave Hess Jr., Brian Huchko, and Joe Gombach III also win on July 18, 2009.

Zanesville OH's Bart Hartman picked up the Third Annual Red Miley Memorial in the DirtCar Super Late Models. It was his first win at Pittsburgh since September 21 2007 and his 4th career win at the track. UFO point leader John Flinner and Tommy Beck brought the field down for the start. Beck grabbed the lead and led the first two laps before 5th starting Hartman took over on lap three. Hartman began to open up a lead, however was plagued by several cautions the first 14 laps of the event. On lap 14 the event was stopped to water the apron, which was causing some dust problems in the turns. Meanwhile 11th starting and defending race winner Steve Baker and 7th starting Al Atallah moved into contention and battled for second. Baker and Atallah swapped the spot several times before Baker took over for good on lap 19. Hartman maintained a 10 car length lead over Baker, as both front runners began to pull away from the rest of the field. The race was stopped again on lap 27 for a fuel stop. The race resumed with Hartman first followed by Baker, Atallah, Keith Barbara, and Gregg Satterlee in the top 5. Hartman and Baker began to pull away again and started to hit traffic. Baker's run ended on lap 36 when he broke a bolt on his rear end and broke his driveshaft. Atallah took over second at that point with Barbara, Satterlee and current PPMS point leader Brandon Burgoon now in 5th. Hartman pulled away to a comfortable lead and led the remaining laps to pick up the win. Atallah had his best run of the season to finish second, with Barbara in third, then Satterlee, Burgoon, Lynn Geisler, Beck, Ben Miley, Jim Lepro, and Jim Stephans. Al Atallah, Lance Elson, Bart Hartman picked up the heat wins while Mike Johnson won the B-Main. Al Atallah is now the UFO point leader. Thirty-one Late Models were in the pits. It was another win for an "open" motor with the "open" motors now leading the "spec" motors 7 to 5. Hartman led 48 laps and picked up over \$8,000 for the win. The win gave Hartman wins in all three of PPMS major races, which also include a Penn National win as well as a Pittsburgher win.

Dormont PA's Tommy Schirnhofner won his second feature of the season in the Brougher's Machine Shop ProLate Models. Schirnhofner grabbed the lead at the start of the event from his outside front row starting spot and led the entire distance. While Schirnhofner dominated the event, the real battle was between current point leader Rocky Kugel and top winner Kyle Lukon. The pair battled throughout the event with Lukon just nipping Kugel at the finish. Dennis Curry ran a solid race to finish fourth followed by Mark Moats Jr., Beau Glemba, Josh Holtgraver, Laura Lukon, Pete Rech (subbing for Mike Reft), and Dave Wade. Pete Rech and Dennis Curry won the heats. Dan "The Greek" Karalagas actually won the second heat but was disqualified for running gas shocks, and ended up running with the Super Late Models.

Monongahela PA's Pat Weldon won his second feature of the season in the Sunoco Race Fuels UMP Sportsman class. Adam Kostelnick led the first three laps before Bobby Heim took over. Heim was looking strong, but 11th starting Weldon moved into first on lap 8 after a restart. Jake Simmons moved into second on lap 10, and gave chase, but could not catch the fleet Weldon. Bobby Heim's strong run ended with two to go when he pitted

with a flat. Nick Kocuba was third followed by Craig Koteles, Joe Koteles, Wayne Carbo, Kostelnick, Bob Schwartzmiller, Davy Lee (in the Betz #81), and Josh Langer (who was in the Robertson #1B). Wayne Carbo and Pat Weldon picked up the heats.

Waterford PA's Dave Hess Jr., made his first start of the season a winning one in the Miley Truck Rental UMP Modifieds. In one of the best races of the season, Hess worked his way up from 6th to pass leader J.E. Stalder, who was having his best run of the season with two laps to go to pick up the win. It was Hess' third career PPMS win. Kevin Miller was the early leader leading the first three laps before Stalder took over. Miller continued to battle Stalder until lap 8 when Hess moved into second. Hess began a wheel to wheel battle with Stalder until he took over on lap 14. Following the front running pair was Kari Gasser, point leader Daryl Charlier, J.J. Bametzrieder, defending point champ Wayne Tessean making his first start of the season, Tom Martineck, Clayton Kennedy, and Brad Westover. Dave Hess Jr. and Daryl Charlier grabbed the heats.

Brian Huchko, McDonald PA won his second Flynn's Tire and Auto Factory Stock feature of the season. Huchko led the entire distance from his 4th starting spot. Tony White was second followed by Rich Mason, Gary Koteles, Jason Herniak, Curt Bish, Edward Wiser, Jennifer Barker, Garrett O'Patchen and Robby Torrens.

Newcomer Joe Gombach III Latrobe PA made his first appearance at PPMS a memorable one picking up the feature in Imperial Heights Garage Sport Compacts. Gombach, whose father won in the old Street Stock class the very first season the track was open in 1979, took the lead off top winner and early leader Rick Steigerwald on lap 4 and led the rest of the way. Steigerwald was second followed by Daniel White, Tyler Atkinson, Hannah Ramsey, Adam Carson, Brittney Davis, Justin Pons, and Nico DaBecco.

SUMMARY – JULY 18, 2009

UFO DirtCar Super Late Models

Heats – Al Atallah, Lance Elson and Bart Hartman

B-Main – Mike Johnson, Brandon Wearing, Mike Basich, Mel Minnick

Feature (53 Laps) – 1. Bart Hartman, 2. Al Atallah, 3. Keith Barbara, 4. Gregg Satterlee, 5. Brandon Burgoon, 6. Lynn Geisler, 7. Tommy Beck, 8. Ben Miley, 9. Jim Lepro, 10. Jim Stephans, 11. John Mollick, 12. Brandon Wearing, 13. Daryl Charlier, 14. Kyle Lukon, 15. Mike Basich, 16. Michael Davis, 17. Herman Bertolini, 18. Steve Baker, 19. Dave Hess, 20. Tony Musolino, 21. Mike Johnson, 22. Alex Ferree, 23. Mel Minnick, 24. Mark Moats Sr, 25. Chuck Medved, 26. Larry Marks, 27. Lance Elson, 28. John Flinner, 29. Dan Karalagas DNS - Bobby Marietta, Lou Bradich

Brougher's Machine Shop Pro Late Models

Heats – Pete Rech and Dennis Curry

Feature (20 Laps) – 1. Tommy Schirnhofner, 2. Kyle Lukon, 3. Rocky Kugel, 4. Dennis Curry, 5. Mark Moats Jr, 6. Beau Glemba, 7. Josh Holtgraver, 8. Laura Lukon, 9. Pete Rech, 10. Dave Wade, 11. Darrell Dow, 12. Colton Flinner, 13. Justin Lamb, 14. Jason Rider, 15. Jeremy Kleemock, 16. Terry Kerr, 17. John Cain DNS - Scott Schempp

Miley Truck Rental UMP Modifieds

Heats – Dave Hess and Daryl Charlier

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Dave Hess, 2. J E Stalder, 3. Kari Gasser, 4. Daryl Charlier, 5. J J Bametzrieder, 6. Wayne Tessean, 7. Tom Martineck, 8. Clayton Kennedy, 9. Brad Westover, 10. Denny Nakutis, 11. Jared Domhoff, 12. Chris Basich, 13. Kevin Miller, 14. Shawn Domhoff, 15. Sean Graham, 16. Jim Petrelle

Sunoco Race Fuels UMP Sportsman

Heats – Wayne Carbo and Pat Weldon

Feature (15 Laps) – 1. Pat Weldon, 2. Jake Simmons, 3. Nick Kocuba, 4. Craig Koteles, 5. Joe Koteles, 6. Wayne Carbo, 7. Adam Kostelnick, 8. Bob Schwartzmiller, 9. Davy Lee, 10. Josh Langer, 11. Mike Mohn, 12. Dave Slade, 13. Tyler Fox, 14. Brandon Johnston, 15. Todd Janas, 16. Bobby Heim, 17. Vincent Kamicker

Flynn's Tire and Auto Factory Stocks

Feature (10 Laps) – 1. Brian Huchko, 2. Tony White, 3. Rich Mason, 4. Gary Koteles, 5. Jason Herniak, 6. Curt Bish, 7. Edward Wiser, 8. Jennifer Barker, 9. Garrett O'Patchen
DNS - Robby Torrens

Imperial Heights Garage Young Guns Sport Compacts

Feature (8 Laps) – 1. Joe Gombach III, 2. Ricky Steigerwald, 3. Daniel White, 4. Tyler Atkinson, 5. Hannah Ramsey, 6. Adam Carson, 7. Brittney Davis, 8. Justin Pons, 9. Nico Dabecco