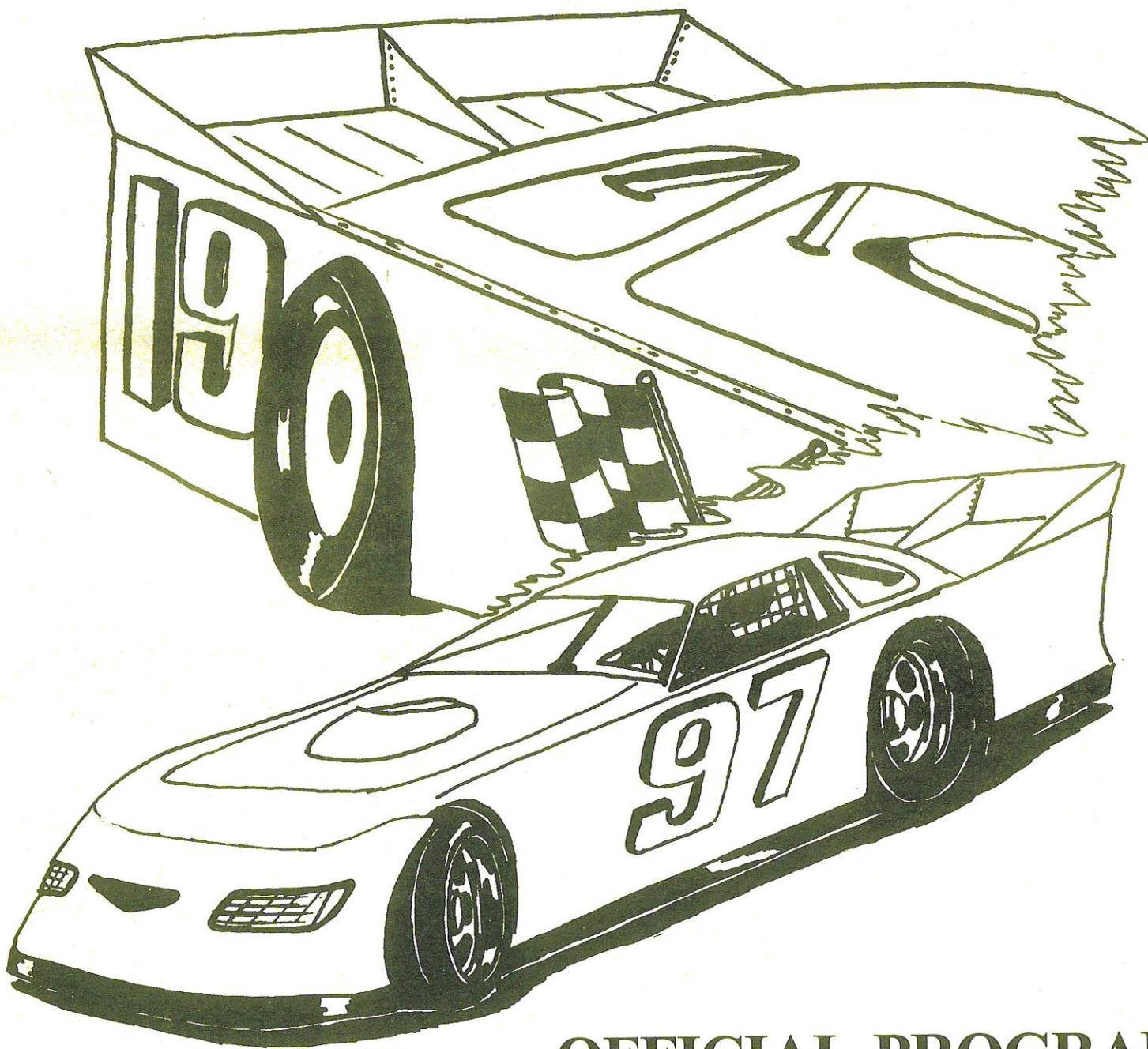


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# Riviera Raceway

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## The Whys of Riviera Raceway

*by Bob Haase*

### Why it was built:

I wanted to own my own business and Norfolk always had more race drivers and stock cars than any other towns with tracks.

### Why the name:

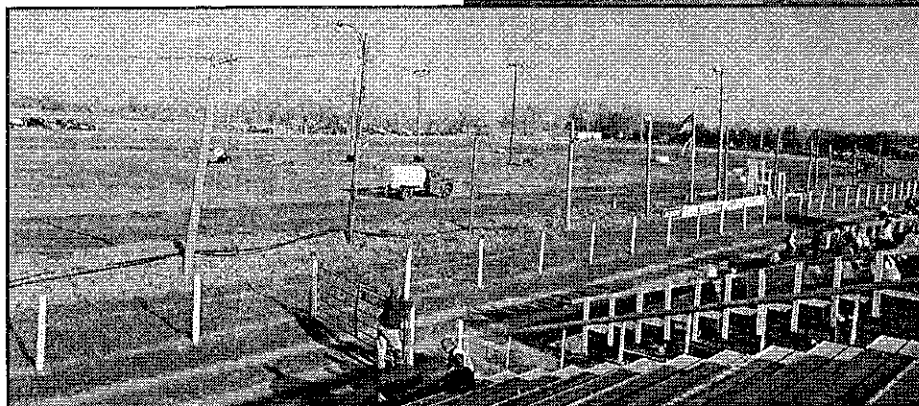
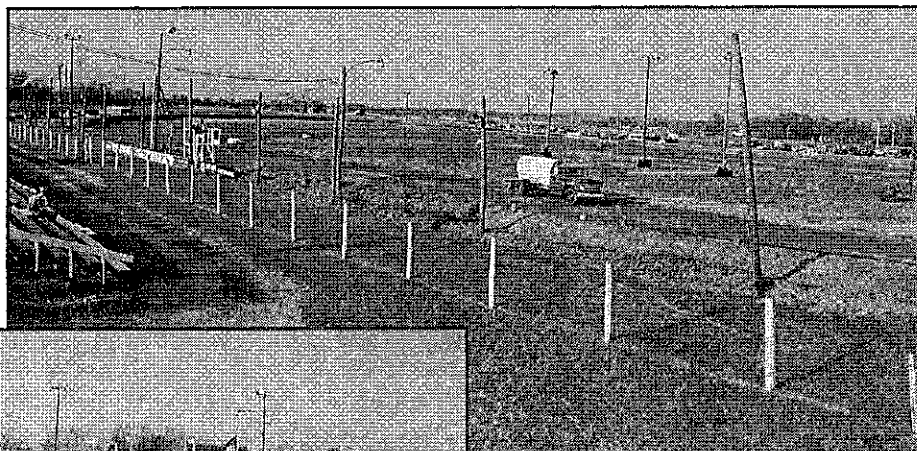
All of my family names start with the letter "R". I wanted the track to be as well.

### Why on Sunday nights:

All tracks in the state raced on Sundays in the mid 1960s.

### Why on Saturday nights:

My daughter would graduate on a Sunday night, so we tried a Saturday night. We liked it and have had races on Saturdays for the last 19 seasons.



Above, north side of the track — turns three and four. Left, south side of the track — turns one and two.

*We hope you enjoy our 33rd season of racing. Have a safe trip home.*

*See you next week,*

*The Haase Family*

• Street Stock



Shannon Buenning  
and  
T.J. Martin  
of Norfolk

Grand National



Curt Zuhlke  
and  
Kyle Prauner  
of Battle Creek

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YOUR  
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# Pettitt finds victory

## Past champion triumphs in feature

Starting well back in the pack, Street Stock driver, Ron Pettitt of Pierce was able to slipped quickly through the field and lead a majority of the 15-lap "A" feature race last Saturday night at Riviera Raceway, taking home his first feature win of the season.

According to some of the drivers, the track stayed tacky throughout the night, even though it looked dry.

Pettitt began his journey from the inside of row 10, but by the time the green flag dropped to start the race, he was already sixth in the 15-car field.

Two caution periods would delay the start. The first came when Brad Brabec of Norfolk spun, and the second yellow came on the restart, when Jim Kimmel of Norfolk got side ways collecting four other vehicles.

Dale Primrose, Jr. of Norfolk led the opening lap of the "A" feature, Jason Wilkenson of Oakdale led the second circuit before Pettitt took over.

By lap five, points leader Jim Johnson of Bloomfield, moved into second and tried

to run down Pettitt.

Following a caution for a fire on the David Hille machine on lap eight, Shannon Buenning was able to get around Wilkenson for third on the restart. Wilkenson fought back on the next lap and took it back.

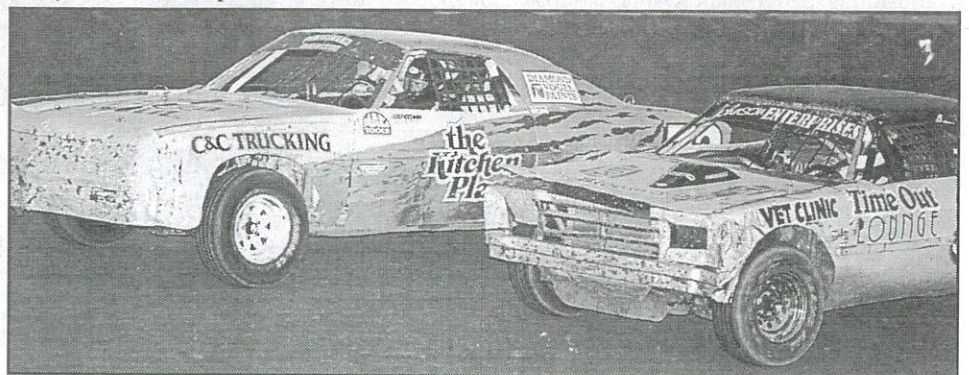
Pettitt was able to keep Johnson behind him and took the win and his fourth top five finish. Johnson was second to finish every race in the top five this season.

Wilkenson took his best finish of the year, barely beating Travis Loecker of Bloomfield to the checkered flag. Loecker was fourth, his sixth top five finish.

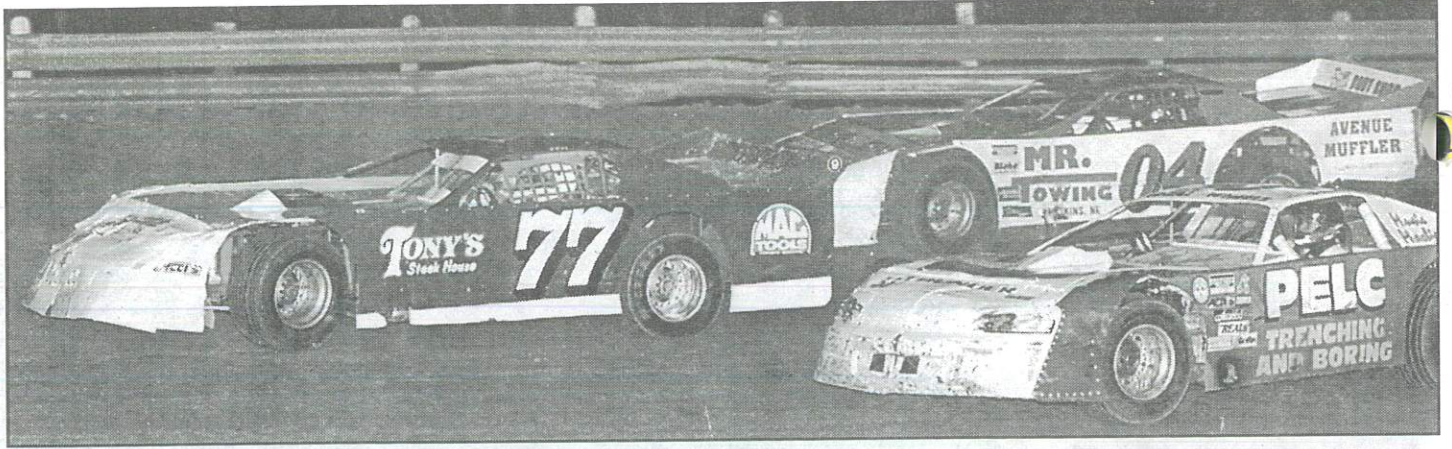
Rounding out the top five was Bill Wells of Norfolk, his fourth top five.

Brian Wagner of Norfolk, Mike Timm of Pierce and Hille came through the "B" feature to qualify for the "A." Only five

**Pettitt wins/**please see page 8



**Shannon Buenning (high side) goes head-to-head with Jim Johnson in the trophy dash. Buenning claimed his first hardware.**



# Smith glides to second win

It was just a couple weeks earlier that Grand National driver Jay Smith of Norfolk claimed his first "A" feature and last Saturday night he battled off Steve Matthies of Norfolk and Curt Zuhlke of Bancroft, Smith to get back in the winner's circle.

Smith and Matthies made it interesting, going head-to-head numerous times in the first nine laps. Smith then got the advantage and led lap 10, but he still had Matthies banging at his back door.

After a spin by Jeff Haase of Norfolk, it was Smith leading, Matthies second and Reggie Roth of Bancroft third. Points leader Robert Osborne of Norfolk got by Roth on the next lap, but only had the position for three laps before Zuhlke, who got caught up in an altercation early on, had worked his way past for third.

It only took one lap to get by Matthies and then he set sail for Smith. Smith provided to be better and claimed his second win of the season and his fourth top five.

Zuhlke finished second, Matthies third, Osborne fourth and Raymond Haase of Norfolk fifth.

Zuhlke and Osborne continue to keep the points race close. Zuhlke's second, two positions better than Osborne closes the gap back up. Osborne still leads, Zuhlke second, Roth third and Smith moves ahead of Raymond Haase and Milander to take fourth.

Jeff Haase overcame a near spin in turn two on the final lap of the "B" feature to win. Both Dean Wilkenson of Oakdale and Jeff Pendergast of Norfolk tried to get around Haase, but Wilkenson ended second and Pendergast was third.

Zuhlke sprinted to the trophy dash win, make it his second trophy of the season.

Taking home heat wins were Roth, his third, Zuhlke, his fourth and Osborne, his seventh in nine weeks of racing.



Jay Palmer of Norfolk gets a ride from Grand National driver Bob Milander. Palmer is suffering from cancer. Fans and racing crews donated more than \$500 to his cause.

# General Lee and 6-Pack take wins

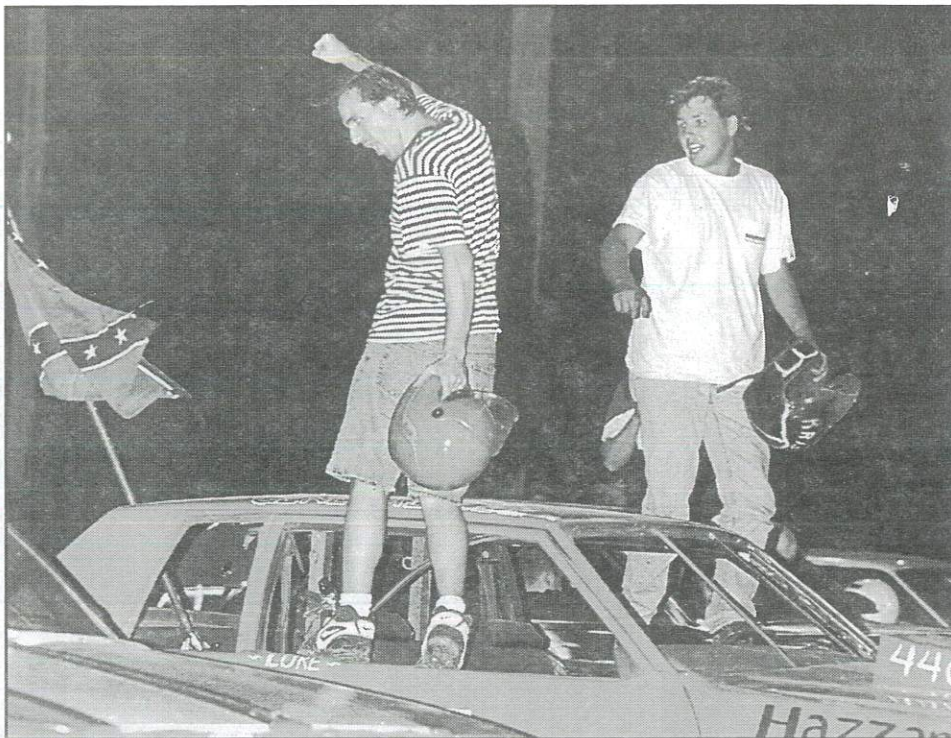
For Jeff Haase and Eric Haase, both of Norfolk, racing is a weekend deal, but after winning the first of two Cruisers races they were on fire.

They led from the drop of the green and never looked back and easily took the win over Warren Vogel and Chris Rayman, both of Platte Center. Third went to Jeff Johnson of Bloomfield and Scott Fredrickson of Carroll.

In the second race of the night, Joel Steckelberg and Chris Beltz, both of Norfolk, drove the General Lee to the checkered flag. After disposing of one car, they were able to pull a large lead. A lead which they would need as second place went to Jeremy Gnat and Brian Koch, both of Norfolk, the team that dominated in the "0" machine and are now in their second generation machine "00," which is starting to move to the front each week.

Third went to the husband-wife team of Jennie and Jeff Ronspies of Norfolk.

The Ronspies also competed earlier in the night in the husband and wife competition. The duo finished second to the team of Jeff and Jamie Johnson of Bloomfield.



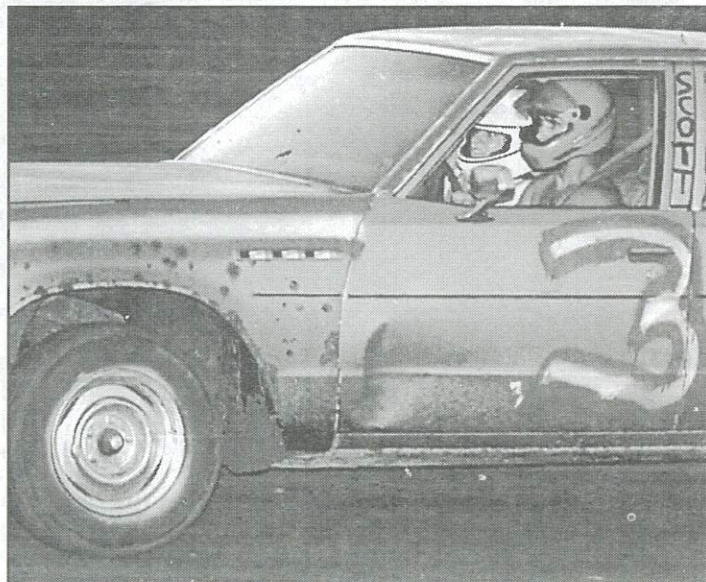
Joel Steckelberg and Chris Beltz celebrate after winning the second of two Cruiser races.



Driver Jeff Haase steers into turn four, as Eric Haase controls the pedals.



For one couple, their car was a pinball, as several cars took turns at them in turn three and four.



Driver Jeff Johnson and wife, Jamie, lead the way to victory in the husband-wife competition.

# Pettitt wins

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cars finished the race, with 10 machines starting.

A first lap crash on the front stretch ended the night for five cars. Travis Suhr of Norfolk, who sat on the pole and got sideways out of turn four on the first lap and then blew a tire causing him to loop the car in front of the field.

Dennis Martz took a wild ride bouncing off the concrete wall. Also involved was Nick Cautrell of Bloomfield, Eric Haase of Norfolk and Bernie Berck of Norfolk. All five cars did not continue.

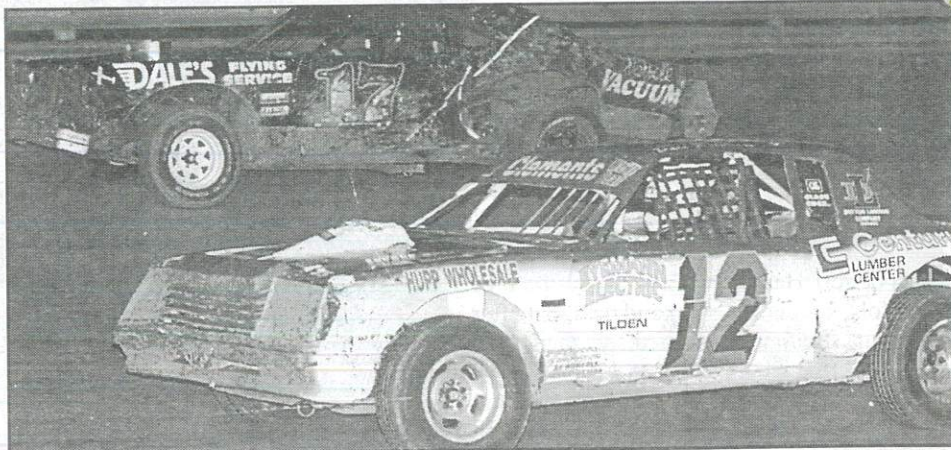
Wagner inherited the lead on the restart and would pace the field until the final lap when Hille made the pass for the win. Wagner settled for second. Timm, who won the "C" feature for the third week in a row, was third.

Outside of Timm, Cautrell qualified

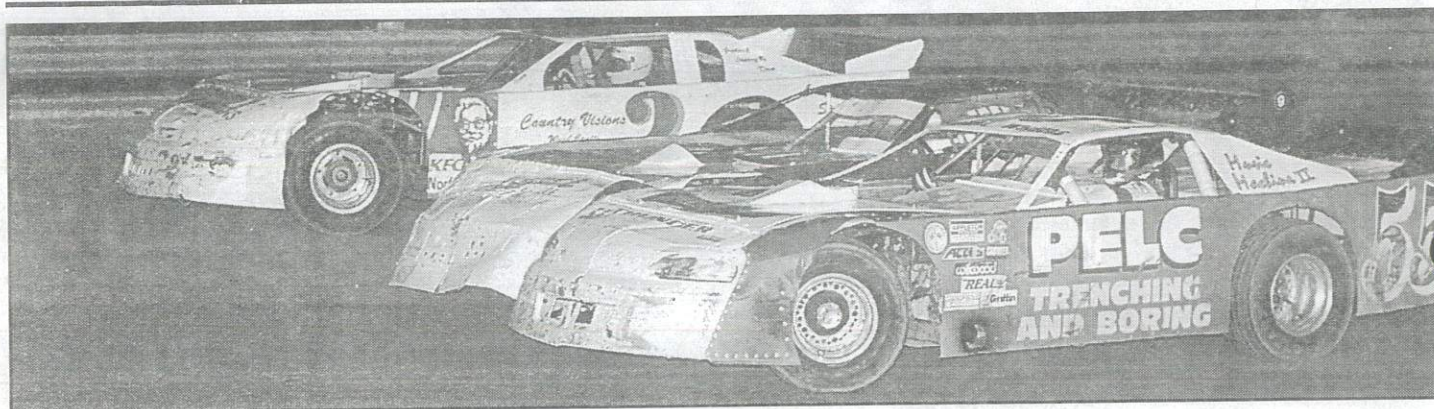
from the "C" feature to "B." Cautrell paced the field for six of the 10-laps, before Timm led the final two.

Buenning won the trophy dash leading it from the pole position.

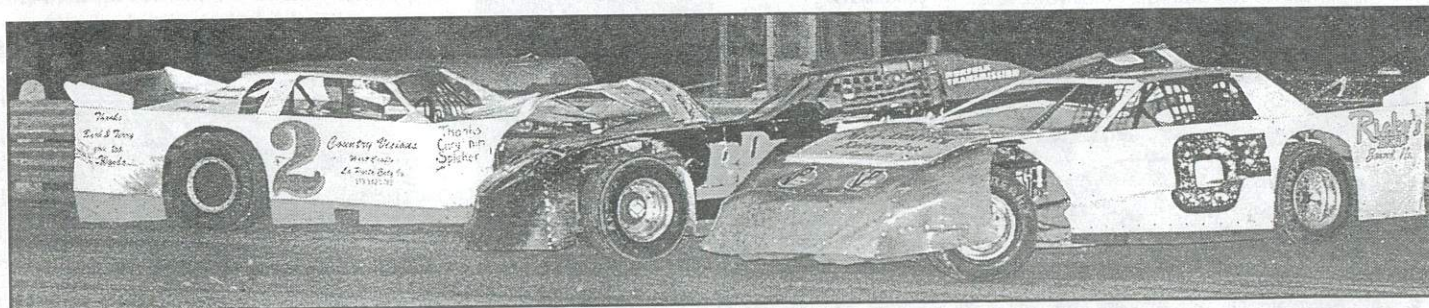
Both Joel Carlson of Winside and Brabec won their third heat races of the season. Pettitt claimed his fourth and Darrell Doerr of Plainview, his fifth.



Ron Pettitt (12) works slower traffic on his way to the "A" feature win, last Saturday night.



Above, Steve Matthies (55) gets a run on Jay Smith (center) and Vic Lovejoy (2). Below, Lovejoy is forced into the wall, as Bob Milander and Curt Zuhlke slide into Lovejoy.



## Drivers from Norfolk unless noted

**GRAND NATIONAL:** (A feature) 1. Jay Smith; 2. Curt Zuhlke, Bancroft; 3. Steve Matthies; 4. Robert Osborne; 5. Raymond Haase; 6. Bob Milander; 7. Jeff Pendergast; 8. Reggie Roth, Bancroft; 9. Dean Wilkenson, Oakdale; 10. Keith Hansen. (B feature) 1. Jeff Haase; 2. Wilkenson; 3. Pendergast. (Trophy Dash) 1. Zuhlke. (Heat 1) 1. Roth; 2. R. Haase; 3. Vic Lovejoy, Meadow Grove. (Heat 2) 1. Zuhlke; 2. Milander; 3. Matthies. (Heat 3) 1. Osborne; 2. Smith; 3. Hansen.

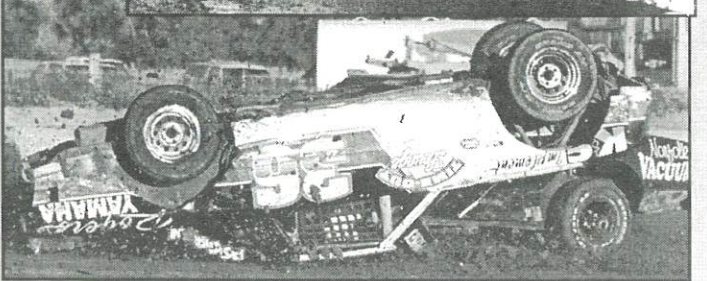
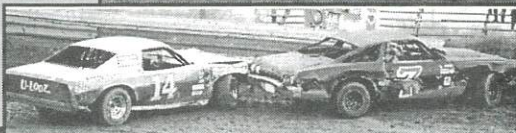
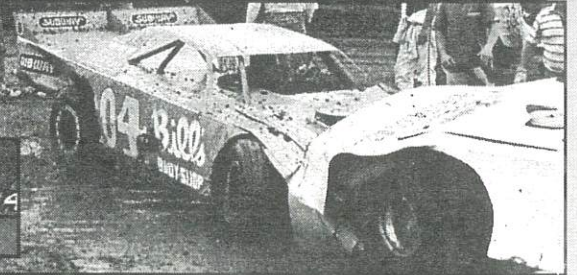
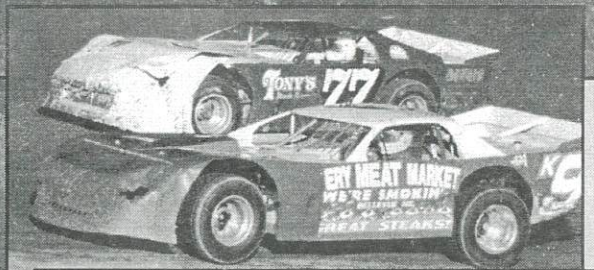
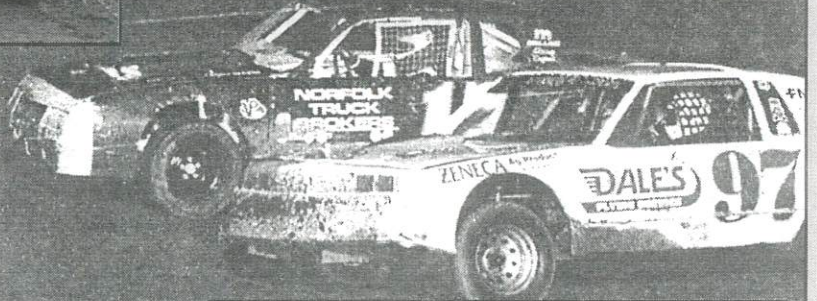
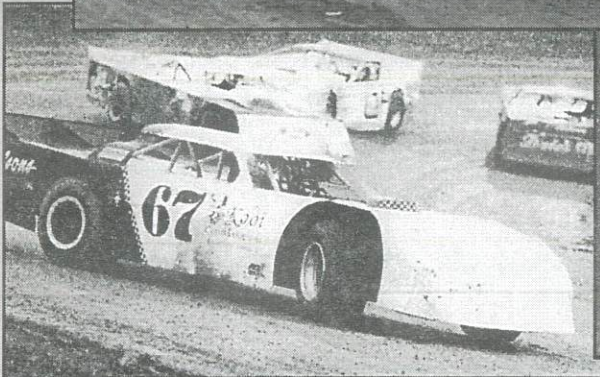
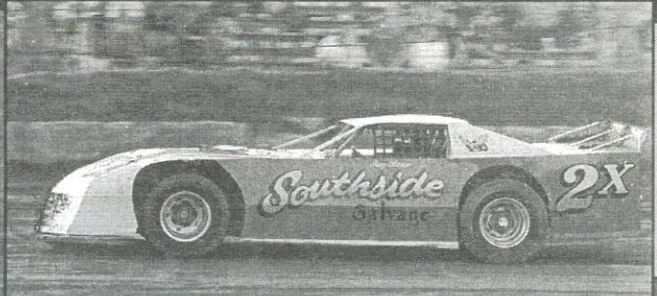
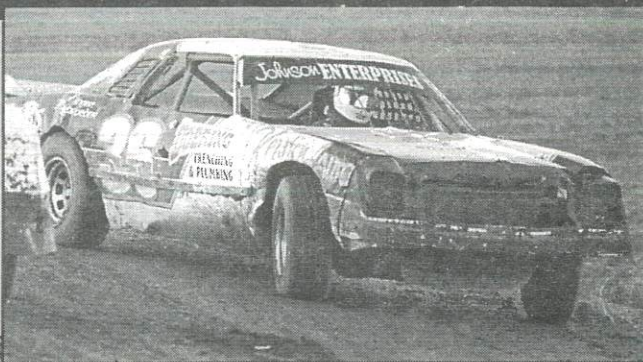
**STREET STOCK:** (A feature) 1. Ron Pettitt, Pierce; 2. Jim Johnson, Pierce; 3. Jason Wilkenson, Oakdale; 4. Travis Loecker, Bloomfield; 5. Bill Wells; 6. Mike Timm, Pierce; 7. Jon Haase, Plainview; 8. Dale Primrose, Jr.; 9. Brian Wagner, Winnetoon; 10. Brad Brabec. (B feature) 1. David Hille; 2. Wagner; 3. Timm. (C feature) 1. Timm; 2. Nick Cautrell, Bloomfield; 3. Jason Jensen, Pilger. (Trophy Dash) 1. Shannon Buenning. (Heat 1) 1. Pettitt, 2. Jim Kimmel; 3. Buenning. (Heat 2) 1. Darrell Doerr, Plainview; 2. Haase; 3. Wells.

(Heat 3) 1. Brabec; 2. Loecker; 3. Primrose. (Heat 4) 1. Joel Carlson, Winside; 2. Wilkenson; 3. Johnson.

**CRUISERS:** (Feature one, driver/co-pilot) 1. Jeff Haase / Eric Haase; 2. Warren Vogel, Platte Center / Chris Rayman, Platte Center; 3. Jeff Johnson, Bloomfield / Scott Fredrickson, Caroll. (Feature two) 1. Joel Steckelberg / Chris Beltz; 2. Jeremy Gnat / Brian Koch; 3. Jeff Ronspies / Jennie Ronspies. (Husband-Wife Competition) 1. Jeff Johnson / Jamie Johnson; 2. Jennie Ronspies / Jeff Ronspies.



# Photos from the last season



# Flag Signals

**Green**  
Start of Race

**Yellow**  
Slow Down  
Hold Position

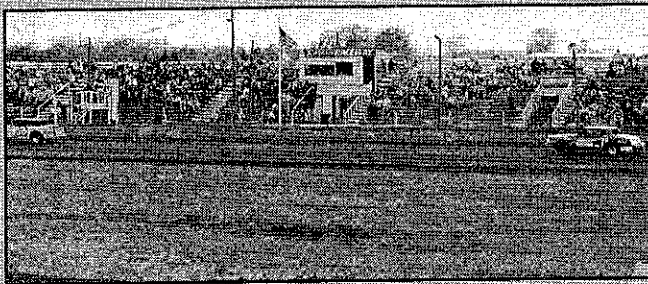
**White**  
One Lap To Go

**Black**  
Disqualified  
Leave the Track

**Red**  
Stop  
Immediately!!

**Blue**  
**Yellow stripe**  
Hold Your Line  
About To Be Lapped

**Checkered**  
Race Finished

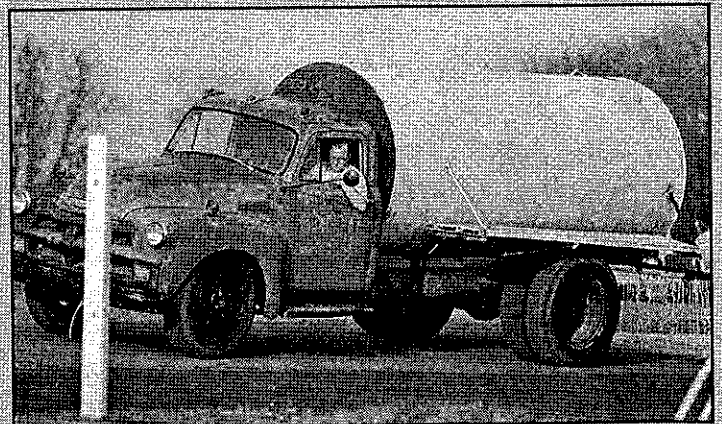


## Birthday wishes and announcements

All birthday wishes or other announcements must be turned in at the concession stand before the final trophy dash and will be read off at intermission.

### **Weather Policy**

Be sure to keep your ticket stubs. They are your rain check in case the races are cancelled before the heat races have been completed. If heat races have not been completed, stubs will serve as rain checks and will be good for admission to the next regular scheduled night of stock car racing.



# Riviera Raceway Point System

For Appearance.....20pts  
 Heat Race

1st.....20pts  
 2nd.....15pts  
 3rd.....10pts  
 4th.....5pts

**\*A - Feature**

1st.....50pts  
 2nd.....45pts  
 3rd.....40pts  
 4th.....35pts  
 5th.....30pts  
 6th.....25pts  
 7th.....20pts  
 8th.....15pts  
 9th.....10pts  
 10th.....8pts  
 11th.....6pts  
 12th.....4pts

\* 1 Point Per Lap In Grand Nationals

**B - Feature**

\*1st.....20pts  
 \*2nd.....15pts  
 \*3rd.....10pts  
 4th.....9pts  
 5th.....8pts  
 6th.....7pts  
 7th.....6pts  
 8th.....5pts  
 9th.....4pts  
 10th.....3pts

\* Moves to A-Feature

**C - Feature**

\*1st.....15pts  
 \*2nd.....10pts  
 3rd.....9pts  
 4th.....8pts  
 5th.....7pts  
 6th.....6pts  
 7th.....5pts  
 8th.....4pts  
 9th.....3pts  
 10th.....2pts

\* Moves to B-Feature

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