

PRESS RELEASE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAY PARK

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THE GRAND FINALE

NEW CHAMPIONS WERE CROWNED AS THE CHECKERED FLAG FLEW FOR THE FINAL TIME IN 2008 AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN RACEWAY PARK IN ALDERSYDE ALBERTA ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH. ALL 5 CLASSES RACED FOR THE LAST ROUND OF "THUNDER AT THE ROCK" SCHEDULED FOR 2008, AND MUCH LIKE ROUND 10 OF A CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FIGHT EVERY DRIVER CAME OUT OF THE CORNER WITH THEIR GUNS BLAZING AND READY TO BATTLE FOR THE WIN. NEW TRACK CHAMPIONS WERE CROWNED IN THE CLAIMER CARS, PART SOURCE HOBBY STOCKS, I.M.C.A. MODIFIEDS, AND SPORTSMAN SPRINT CARS. ONLY #58 HOBBY TRUCK DRIVER CALVIN FUHRIMAN DEFENDED HIS TITLE FROM 2007 AND WAS CROWNED TRACK CHAMPION FOR 2008 IN HIS CLASS.

24 DRIVERS IN THE CLAIMER CAR CLASS MADE ROUNDS IN THE MAIN EVENT RACE BATTLING FOR TRACK POINTS AS WELL AS COMPETING IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA POINT'S CHAMPIONSHIP. DESPITE ROLLING HIS #8 SATURN EARLY IN CRASH WITH #69 CAR DRIVER GINA DOHERTY AND FINISHING 2ND LAST IN THE FEATURE EVENT, DRIVER JONAS ALM WON THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA CHAMPIONSHIP BY A SINGLE POINT OVER #24 DRIVER CHRIS PAVALA. DAVE CAMERON DROVE HIS #12 CAR INTO THE LEAD AFTER STARTING IN 2ND PLACE AND HELD OFF THE OTHER 23 CARS TO TAKE HIS FIRST WIN AT THE "ROCK". CONGRATULATIONS TO #75 SEAN "THE TURTLE" PATTERSON ON "CLAIMING" HIS FIRST TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP.

7 TRUCKS TOOK THE GREEN FLAG FOR THE MAIN EVENT, 4 OF THEM SUCCUMBED TO MECHANICAL FAILURE AND DID NOT FINISH THE RACE. #3 CORY SPRINGER TOOK HIS FIRST WIN AT THE "ROCK" IN ONLY HIS SECOND VISIT. CONGRATULATIONS TO #58 CALVIN FUHRIMAN ON RETAINING HIS CHAMPIONSHIP FROM 2007 AND WINNING THE 2008 HOBBY STOCK TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE PART SOURCE HOBBY STOCK CLASS INCREASED TO 19 COMPETITORS FOR THE MAIN EVENT UNDER THE LIGHTS. AFTER 20 LAPS OF BUMPER TO BUMPER NONSTOP ACTION #50 KEVIN COLE RAN HIS CHEV NOVA TO THE FRONT, NOT ONLY TAKING HOME 1ST PLACE FOR THE EVENING BUT SECURING HIS 1ST OVERALL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP. COLE REPLACES 4 TIME CHAMPION #15 RICK THIessen.

ALTHOUGH THE I.M.C.A. MODIFIEDS CHAMPIONSHIP WAS DECIDED AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, A GROUP OF 11 CARS RACED THE "ROCK" FOR TRACK POINTS AND TO MAKE THE STANDS THUNDER BENEATH THE CROWD BEFORE STORING THEIR CARS FOR THE WINTER. TRACK OWNER #42 BRIAN "2 DOGS" MCCAUGHAN DOMINATED THE FEATURE EVENT PUTTING MANY OF THE COMPETITORS LAPS DOWN. #16 TRAVIS LAPAINIS BROUGHT HOME 3RD PLACE IN THE MAIN EVENT AND TOOK THE 2008 TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP, REPLACING 2007 CHAMPION ROGER BONNEVILLE.

THE SPORTSMAN SPRINT CARS HIGHLIGHTED THE EVENING'S EVENTS WITH HIGH SPEED WHEELED ACTION FILLED WITH FLIPS AND CRASHES THAT REDUCED THE 10 CAR FIELD DOWN TO 5 BEFORE THE CHECKERED FLAG DROPPED. #97 ROOKIE DRIVER JESSICA LAVALLE STARTED UP FRONT AND TOOK HER SECOND WIN IN THE 2008 SEASON. CONGRATULATIONS TO #397 KYLE BATES ON BECOMING THE 2008 SPORTSMAN SPRINT CHAMPION REPLACING 2007 CHAMPION #8 PIERRE GUYON.

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THE ROCK WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF ITS VOLUNTEERS AND FANS FOR MAKING 2008 A SEASON TO REMEMBER. ENJOY THE SEASONS AHEAD AND WE HOPE TO SEE THEM ALL AGAIN IN 2009.