

Meet The Drivers cont.

Tim Watts-Beloit, KS

IMCA Modified #11W

Tim had never been to a dirt track race until he went to the Osborne County Fair in 1991 and thought it looked pretty cool. He bought a car the next day and has been at it ever since. It's not as easy as it looks!

His dad used to race motorcycles in the 50's and 60's. And then he quit when Tim was born but always had motorcycles around. Most 2 year olds get a bicycle for their birthday, but tim got a mini-bike with training wheels.

He has raced Motorcycles from age 9 to 10, then thumpers, late models, sportsman late model and modified.

When asked about his racing highlights his answer is, "I met my wife Laura at Elmwood Park Speedway in 1992." And one of his best racing memories is, "Winning my first late model feature at Wakeeney. My pregnant wife got so excited, we had our first child that night. How can you beat that?!"

His special racing accomplishments include 6 track championships. Three of which have been at Norton. He has won many features and qualified for the Boone Super Nationals and Race of Champions.

When asked about what his favorite track is and why, "Elmwood Park and the Speedbowl is a toss up. I have raced them both for many years and have enjoyed the family friendly environment and good clean competition."

"The track promoters, track and rescue crews do an excellent job, and I would like to thank them for giving us a great place to race."

His favorite drivers are Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Jr.

Tim's plans for 2008 are, "to run a limited schedule around the area when time permits. My kids are growing up fast and we plan to spend more time doing what they want to do. Hopefully that's a lot of racing."

"I would like to thank my in-laws Don and Sherry Calhoon, both my brothers-in-law Brian Calhoon and Nick Aiken, for all their help, my wife Laura and kids Tyler and Tayler for their support and Larry Sutton for building my race cars."

Doug Shearer-Hays, Ks

IMCA Modified #5

(Written By Doug) I began racing in 1999. Fred Teel had an old car (the first # 5) sitting beside his shop here in Hays,KS. I inquired about the car and Fred said his son, Jerry Teel, tried to drive it a few times and they were not able to make the old car work. I talked him into taking me to Norton, KS, to give it a try. Believe it or not, I finished in 10th place. Keep in mind that this was my first time driving a race car. The next night, I raced the car in Osborne, KS, and finished in 9th place. That was the only two times I drove that year.

In 2000, the Teels purchased a new car for Jerry to drive and Fred allowed me to drive the old car, trusty #5. I used it all season and then it was sold to Kenny Schmidt in Ellis, KS. I have continued racing on my own from 2002 to the present. I have managed to save some money and with the help of my sponsors each year, I have now purchased two Modifieds. I own a Tommy Rowe and a BMS. If in the event that I mangle one, I always know that I have a back-up.

Racing had always been a dream of mine since I was a small child and I knew that someday I would make that dream come true. My father used to race many years ago. As a kid, I would play in the race cars on the farm.

I have finished in the top 5 quite often, but have never won a Feature Race. I began racing Modifieds and have not attempted another class, except for the Mechanics Race in a Hobby Stock. My favorite track is the Elmwood Park Speedway. I like it because it is a big track with lots of speed! The track is always in good shape and very seldom dusty. The facility is nice, the people are good to me and I have always been treated fairly. I am originally from Alma, KS. Therefore, I am able to race in front of my home-town crowd. I hope to win my first Feature Race at the Elmwood Park Speedway! Dirt track racing gives me such an adrenaline rush that lasts like no other! I also enjoy racing because my wife and my dad are my pit crew, which provides me with more time to spend with them. I look at it this way, we are spending time together and the racing is just a bonus. Racing at the Norton track just makes it a little bit sweeter. I hope for a safe and prosperous racing season. Look for the yellow #5 and cheer me on.

Bob Rutherford-Norton, Ks

IMCA Stock car #9

Bob started racing in 1990 or 1991. "I Built a few derby cars, had a motor out of one I was going to give it to a friend who was going to build a hobby stock and he told me that if I gave him this motor that I could drive if I wanted to and the rest is history." Norman Adams and Bubba Lewis helped get him started in racing.

He has raced Hobby Stock and in 2007 started racing IMCA Stock Cars.

Some highlights include "Getting to race with and against my two Brother-in-laws Jason Davis (76) and John Annon (8). We have a pretty good time in the shop working on the cars getting ready for the next event." Other highlights include finishing in the top 10 in the 2007 Frost Fest at Norton, his first race in an IMCA Stock Car, finishing in the top 5 in track points and being rookie of the year in the IMCA Stock Class at Elmwood Park Speedway. One of his bad memories in racing was of "Jason, John and I getting into a pileup in the first lap in the first feature during the fair races last year." Bob says There's Nothing like the home town track & the great fans.

His plans for 2008 are racing at Norton and maybe going to Hays, Goodland, Minneapolis, and WaKeeney.

"I would like to thank Don and Paula Bolt for putting on the races and giving us a place to race. And the fans for going to the races, we couldn't do it without you, Thanks. Hope to see you there."

Jason Schoenberger-Russell, Ks

IMCA Modified #6

Wife- Shannon; Children- Ava & Peirce

Jason started racing in 1999 in a Cruiser. He drove a Hobby Stock for 2 years, IMCA Stock Car for 4 years and started driving an IMCA Modified in 2006. Jason's racing hero is "The King", David Murray Jr.

Jason has raced at numerous tracks some of which are: Culbertson Speedway, Dawson Co. Raceway, Beatrice Speedway, Elmwood Park Speedway, Junction Motor Speedway, Lincoln Co. Speedway, McCook Speedway, The SpeedBowl, Rooks Co. Speedway, Oberlin Speedway, Osborne Speedway, RPM Speedway, Minneapolis Raceway, WaKeeney Speedway, Boone Speedway, tracks in Texas and other states. He says Elmwood Park Speedway is his favorite.

In 2002 in IMCA Stock car He was Runner-up in Kansas State Points. Runner-up in Track Points at Osborne County Speedway and Elmwood Park Speedway. 3rd in Track Points at Rooks County Speedway.

2003 He was IMCA Stock car Track Championship at Oberlin Speedway. Runner-up at Wakeeney Speedway and Rooks County Speedway. Runner-up in Kansas State Points. IMCA Super Nationals qualifier and 12th place finisher. IMCA Race of Champions Qualifier.

For 2004 he was the IMCA Stock Car Kansas State Points Championship. Finished 7th in IMCA National Points. Track Championship at Wakeeney Speedway, Oberlin Speedway, and Elmwood Park Speedway. Runner-up at Rooks County Speedway. IMCA Super Nationals qualifier and 19th place finisher.

In 2005 his IMCA Stock car qualified for the 3rd straight year and was the 2005 IMCA Supernationals winner. He was the 1st driver from Kansas and the 1st driver from any state other than Iowa to win the IMCA Stock car Super Nationals. The same year he was the Kansas State Points runner-up, Wakeeney Speedway Track Champ, finished 8th in IMCA National Points and 5th in the Northern Region.

2006 - Jason doubled up his busy racing tasks as he raced both IMCA Stock Car & IMCA Modified. In the Stock Car, he was the Kansas State Point Champion and Wakeeney Speedway Track Champion. In a Modified, he was the IMCA Modified National Rookie Of the Year, 15th in the Nation, 4th in the Central Region, and had track Championships at Wakeeney Speedway and Elmwood Park Speedway

2007 Jason became the runner up in points at Elmwood Park Speedway, 3rd in Kansas State points, & 10th in Central Regional points

Jason's racing goals are "To some day win a Regional and National Points Championship."

Promoters Don & Paula Bolt, Jennings, KS

Don raced motorcycles when he was young. But Paula is the biggest race fan of the family. She would go with the kids anywhere to watch racing. Don recalls that one time Paula took the kids to Knoxville, IA going back and forth between home and the races for a week.

Racing is a big part of their family. The Bolt children raced go carts when they were younger.

With the threat of Elmwood Park Speedway being torn up, Don and Paula were asked to promote the track after it had been opened and closed on and off. With the help of friends and family they decided they would try. This involved the whole family and help from family and friends with the concessions, being technicians, corner workers, and the ticket booth.

Now the kids are grown and still involved in racing. The Bolt's daughter is married to a racer. Their oldest son is a crew chief for a professional race team in Missouri, and the youngest son is still in college. He still helps at the track when he can.

Don and Paula have met many wonderful people throughout the racing community and have a message to all of them. "We would like to thank all of our sponsors, all our tremendous track staff, everyone from ticket takers, concession help, corner workers, announcers, scorers, 50/50 sales, gate keepers, security, con man tech, wreckers, fire and EMS crews, photographers, push trucks, flagmen, city crews, the racers and the race fans. Words can not begin to express the gratitude of which we have for everyone that has helped us and supported us throughout the years."



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Friday, March 21 (Grandstands FREE) Practice 5:30-?

Saturday, March 22 (Frost Fest) 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28 Practice

Saturday, March 29 (Frost Fest)-If Needed 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 6 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 . . (Boy Scout Night) 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 7:00 p.m. + Modlites

Big Brother/Big Sister Night, Rural Telephone Night-Lightning Jack will be there

Saturday, May 17 7:00 p.m. + Gotra Series

Schwabie T-Shirt Night - Be sure to wear a Rick Schwab T-Shirt and get in FREE!

Saturday, May 31 . . (Girl Scout Night) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 22 (4-H Night) 7:00 p.m.

Wear your 4-H Club T-Shirt and get in FREE with a paying adult

Saturday, July 12 7:00 p.m. Show + Gotra Series

Saturday, July 26 (Fair) 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27 (Fair-Bud Shoot Out) 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 9 7:00 p.m. + Modlites

Saturday, August 16 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 23 (Championship Night) 7:00

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