

NATIONAL RACING REPORT

There was a six-week gap between the Memorial Day double National at Memphis and the annual Firecracker Grand Prix at Hallett. In the meantime there was a number of drivers who journeyed to Out-Of-Division races at locales from Miller Motorsports Park in Utah to BeaveRun in Pennsylvania, and of course a sizeable contingent made it to the June Sprints. In addition, reports from several OOD races that had been run in May finally arrived. And then Hallett happened, so in many cases the standings have taken on a whole new look.

FORMULA

• **FA** ~ Defending national champion **Hans Peter** (KC) moved into the points lead taking both ends of a double National in Tooele, Utah, and then as if to slam down the gauntlet even harder, won again at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis even though the two Utah wins were the maximum he could count. **David Grant** (MidS), not to be intimidated, replied with a June Sprints victory and is now tied with Peter. Just three points back is Hallett winner **David Wilcox** (Wich). • **FB** ~ **Michael Stephens** (NeOk) won at Hallett to move into the class lead over **Scott Dick** (StL) and **Richard Stephens** (NeOk) who each also has one win. • **FC** ~ **Mark Patton** (NeOk) took the Hallett checkers to move within 2 points of class leader **John McMurray** (StL). • **FE** ~ **Lee Walther** (Okla) was the Hallett winner over three Southwest Division drivers, so now there's a 3-way 12-point tie with **Craig Chandler** (OzMt) and **Michael Fling** (Okla). • **FM** ~ **Roger Addison** (Okla) scored his second win of the season at Hallett to tie **Ken DeNault** (DMV) for the points lead. • **FF** ~ Hallett was a fourth victory for **Gerald Barrett** (Okla), who now has an 18-point lead. • **FV** ~ **Lisa Noble** (Kan) was a Hallett DNF but **Don Schanche** (StL) didn't do the race so he's still 11 back, and now with just a 3-point margin over Hallett winner **Stephen Dreizler** (OzMt). • **F500** ~ These guys have been doing a lot of OOD racing but none went to Hallett. Five went to the June Sprints but only **Kenny Price** (StL) could score a point and he still trails **Jack Walbran** (StL) by 22.

SPORTSRACING

• **CSR** ~ **Mike McGinley** (KC) got his second win at Hallett to lead the class. • **DSR** ~ Nobody's raced since Memphis so **Charlie Smith** (KC) still leads **Tom Bootz** (KC) by 4 points. • **S2000** ~ **Rob Sherwood** (StL) got a 3rd at the June Sprints and leads Hallett winner **Jack Donnellan** (Okla) and **Bob Henson** (KC) by 13. • **SRF** ~ **Ken Tripkos** (Kan) was the top MiDiv driver at Hallett in 2nd place, pulling within 9 points of leader **Ken Sellenriek** (StL).

GRAND TOURING

• **GT1** ~ **Bill Gray** got his fourth victory at the Firecracker GP for a 20-point lead. • **GT2** ~ **Bill Allman** (Kan) and **Barry Schonberger** (StL) remain tied at 33 points. • **GT3** ~ **Jim Duea** (Okla) was victorious at Hallett and pulled within one point of leader **Milton Grant** (MidS), who's been off doing some Grand-Am GT racing lately. • **GTL** ~ **Peter Zekert** (StL) got victory number 4 at Hallett and has double the points total of **Loren Moore** (OzMt) in 2nd place. National Champ **Chris Bovis** (Kan) got a June Sprints win.

TOURING

• **T1** ~ **Jim Lynch** (StL) hasn't missed a race yet and has three wins, three 2nds. • **T2** ~ **Andy Wolverton** (Neb) and **Tommy Joe Martins** (MidS) were tied going into Hallett; Martins won at BeaveRun but Wolverton led their 1-2 finish in Oklahoma. • **T3** ~ **Dwight Faitz** (StL) has three wins.

PREPARED

• **BP** ~ **Jeff Demetri** (Neb) still has the only score in the class. • **DP** ~ **Ron Pawley** (NeOk) has three wins.

PRODUCTION

• **EP** ~ **Charlie Clark** and **Chuck Clark** (KC) did a father-son 1-2 at Hallett, where Charlie reclaimed the class lead over June Sprints winner **Jon Brakke** (DMV). • **FP** ~ **Rick Harris** took the Hallett checkers and the points lead by 5 points over **Eric Prill** (Kan). • **HP** ~ Same story, the Hallett winner takes over the points lead; this time it was **Loren Moore** (OzMt) moving past the absent **Chris Albin** (Sill).

STREET TIRES

• **AS** ~ **Shawn Gray** (MidS) got the win but 2nd place was enough to boost **Jim Wheeler** (KC) to a 21-point lead over **Chris Brannon** (OzMt). • **SSB** ~ **Dennis AuBuchon** has 24 points in his new Solstice. • **SSC** ~ **John Saucier** (Okla) got in his fourth win of the year and easily leads the points. • **SM** ~ **Charlie James** (NeOk) and **Sam Henry** (OzMt) finished 1-2 at Hallett; neither has missed a MiDiv race this year and also neither has raced Out-Of-Division. **Jim Drago** (MidS) has, including a Road Atlanta victory and second at the June Sprints but didn't race Hallett and fell to 3rd in points.

The Midwest Division I.T. Tour

After Memphis, it was stated in this space that three races remained. Now after Hallett four remain because Kaw Valley Race Group decided to add a pair of I.T. Tour races to their Double National program on the Labor Day weekend. Now drivers will score their best 6 of 10 races. The Improved Touring cars will race Saturday (the feature race on what otherwise is a practice day) and Sunday.

• **ITR** ~ **Don Melvin** (StL) got his first win of the year at Hallett to move within 8 points of **Ralph Woodard** (Neb). • **ITS** ~ After three earlier runner-up finishes, **Robert Herman** (Neb) finally got to take that victory lap and pulled 15 points clear of **Mark Andrews** (StL). • **ITA** ~ None of the top contenders made it to Hallett. Despite it still being the biggest IT class, it was still the first outing for six of the seven drivers. **Chuck Grauel** (DMV) won but it left **Mac Spikes** (MidS) still on top of the standings by 5 points over **Oren Tucker** (Ark) and 6 over **Ed Mabry** (Ark). • **ITB** ~ **Kevin Barry** (Wich) was the Firecracker race winner but the standings still show **Chris Albin** (Sill) leading **Gary Learned** (Okla) by 6 points. • **ITC** ~ **Curt Weilandich** (StL) got in his second win of the season and took over the points lead by 9 over **Craig Smith** (Miss). • **ITE** ~ Nobody's raced since April. **John Waldbaum** (Neb) still leads. • **IT7** ~ **Charles Casteel** (KC) got the Hallett win but **Trey Scott** (StL) holds a 20-point edge over **Lynn Lamb** (Okla).

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