

1st Annual Red Farmer Classic

Emotions were high as the legendary Red Farmer "paced" the four-wide salute to the fans before the start of the feature. As Red pulled his Super Late Model in front of the field for the parade lap ... as the drivers moved into their four-wide positions, race fans rose to their feet and a tremendous applause erupted! Fireworks began to explode in the night sky ... it was electrifying! For the race fans in attendance, we knew that we were witnessing something very special ... a moment in history ... the inaugural Red Farmer Classic!

Red Farmer, for those new to racing, is a member of the original Alabama Gang. He has been racing since 1948 and has won many awards over the years. In 1998, he was named one of the 50 Greatest Drivers in NA-SCAR history. Red is a member of five halls of fame, and when he was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame, they had to waive their 5-year retirement rule ... "they figured that he never would retire".

Red, still a regular at Talladega Short Track, won the NASCAR National Late Model Sportsman (now Nationwide) championship in 1969, 1970, and 1971. He was Davey Allison's crew chief in the Busch Series.

The Red Farmer Classic was a race held to celebrate the life of this great racing-veteran. A 97-lap event that paid \$9,700 to win ... for his #97. Several longtime friends of Red spoke during pre-race ceremonies as many drivers and fans filled out the crowd. At a point in the ceremony, TST Officials designated that the backstretch grandstands would forevermore be known as "The Red Farmer Grandstands".

Friends, there was some terrific racing on this night as well. Randy Weaver (Crossville, TN) took home the trophy for the Red Farmer Classic. Ronnie Johnson (Chattanooga, TN), Wendell Wallace (Batesville, AR), Danny Peoples (Margaret, AL), and Tim Busha (Boaz, AL) rounded out the top five.

In the Limited Sportsman class, Josh Adkins put on a clinic on how to run the top of track! It was a "spectacular rim-riding" drive as he led Logan Yates, Jason Wilson, Ronnie Johnson, and Jonathan Chapman to the checkered.

Please visit Talladega Short Track website for complete results and pictures.

Another word about Red ... no one seems to know just how old he is. The International Motorsports Hall of Fame lists his birth year as 1928 ... but other sources list his birthday as October 15, 1932. Stock Car Racing Magazine asked him, "You've been coy about your age over the years. I've read that you were born in 1928, 1929, or maybe even 1930 or 1931. What year was it?" Farmer replied, "Hey, I ain't sure. When I was born I was too young to read the birth certificate."

Hey Red ... we love ya' ... keep diggin'!

-Rocky Sinyard



Left: Rocky Sinyard with Red Farmer.



Red Farmer's grandson drove the B97 that night.



Josh Adkins put on a real show with his driving skills.



Red lead field of racers in a 4-wide parade lap prior to the \$9700 main event of the Red Farmer Classic.

RED FARMER CLASSIC OFFICIAL FINISH SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010

SUPER LATEMODELS: 1) Randy Weaver 2) Ronnie Johnson 3) Wendell Wallace 4) Danny Peoples 5) Tim Busha 6) Stacey Holmes 7) Jack Sullivan 8) Dingus Griffin 9) Terry Smith 10) Mark Mears 11) Ross Martin 12) Brandon Roberts 13) Tony Knowles 14) Randall Walker 15) Bo Shirley 16) Dillon Crim 17) Ethan Hunter 18) Tim Roszell 19) Dougie King 20) Larry Boutwell 21) Jake Knowles 22) Stacey Caldwell 23) Neil Baggett 24) Red Farmer 25) Adam Cummings

SPORTSMAN: 1) Josh Adkins 2) Logan Yates 3) Jason Wilson 4) Ronnie Johnson 5) Jonathan Chapman 6) Bubba Lackey 7) Mike Taylor 8) Michael Williams 9) Adam Cummings 10) Paul Allred 11) Dustin Stewart 12) Chris Blackburn 13) Stanley Fondren 14) Carl Hickman 15) Mike Pearl 16) Joe Noojin 17) Dale Poe 18) Buddy George 19) Jody Sewell 20) Cory Korreckt

CRATE LATEMODELS: 1) Adam Martin 2) Tim Staples 3) Adam Gauldin 4) Jimmy Elkins 5) Lee Burdett 6) Karl Parks 7) Jason Hawkins 8) Red Farmer 9) Cameron Heath 10) Mike Combs 11) Bobby Gibson 12) Mike Donahoo 13) Ryan King 14) Trent Thomas 15) Dee Hidnman 16) Jeremy Britton

IMCA MODIFIEDS: 1) David Griffin 2) Eddie Brannon 3) Jeff Helms 4) Eric Smith 5) Lavoy Rich 6) Luke Riddle 7) Destin Mince 8) Josh Trammell

THUNDERCARS: 1) Michael Blakeney 2) Ken Pate 3) Eric Smith 4) Scott Magouirk 5) Adam Magouirk 6) Tony Gray 7) Bradley Grogan 8) Phillip Runfola 9) Matt Nicholson 10) Billy Bright 11) Tony Thompson 12) Terry Graves 13) Ricky Tillery

STREET STOCKS (SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010): 1) Luke Riddle 2) Andy Davis 3) Brett Anderson 4) Brett Tompkins 5) David Davis 6) Donnie Key 7) Wayne Mizzell 8) Larry Ausborn 9) Curtis Dent

STREET STOCKS (FRIDAY MAY 14, 2010): 1) Colten Miller 2) Phillip Haynes 3) Andy Davis 4) Brett Anderson 5) Curtis Dent 6) Donnie Key 7) Brett Tompkins 8) Brian Smith 9) Larry Ausborn 10) Wayne Mizzell 11) Luke Riddle

HOT SHOTS (SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010): 1) Dustin Mullinax 2) Timmy Runfola 3) Richard Morrow 4) Nick McGuire 5) Katie Holmes 6) Tommy Price 7) Pop Tweedy 8) Corey Pressley

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