

RACE REPORT 1977 H.O. NATIONALS.

THE 1977 NATIONALS WERE HELD IN FLORA ILLINOIS, JULY 27th THRU JULY 30th, AT THE OLD SAVINGS AND LOAN BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN FLORA ILLINOIS. THE SIZE AND SETUP OF THE BUILDING WAS ABOUT PERFECT FOR A RACE OF THIS TYPE. THE RACE TRACK ENTRIES WERE DIVIDED UP INTO SEVERAL TRACKS, SAYING THEY WERE PLANNING ON BEING THERE, SIX STATES AND CANADA REPRESENTED SOME OF THE BEST NAMES IN H.O. RACING.

THE LOCAL CLUB, JEFFERSON SPEEDWAY HAD DONE QUITE A JOB IN PREPARING FOR THE RACE. THE LOCAL LEGION HERE DONATED 14 OF THEIR 5 FOOT TABLE AND ENOUGH CHAIRS TO MATCH, FOR THE RACERS USE. THE SHERIFF OF CLAY COUNTY SET UP A COKE MACHINE FOR THE RACERS AND SPECTATORS, WNOI RADIO, AND BOTH THE FLORA NEWSPAPERS HAD RAN ARTICLES FOR TWO WEEKS UP TO RACE DAY. ALL IN ALL EVERYTHING WAS A JOY AS THE RACERS BEGAN TO ARRIVE. STEVE BROWN AND TOM HEDGECOCK FROM MICHIGAN WERE THE FIRST TO ARRIVE, JUST BEFORE THE TRACK WAS SET UP. BROWNIE WAS TO BE SURE HE WAS READY.

THE NATIONALS TRACK NEVER CLOSED FROM MON., THRU SAT, RACE DAY. PRACTICE WAS HOT AND HEAVY FOR MANY OF THE RACERS, WHO CAME AND WENT AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT.

RACE DAY WAS UPON US BEFORE WE KNEW IT, AND ALL THE RACERS WERE DOING THE LAST MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS THEY HOPED WOULD TAKE THEM TO THE MAIN. TECH INSPECTION WENT SMOOTH, WITH ALL POINTS BEING CHECKED ON ALL ENTRIES, BY HENSON SR AND PENNINGTON. JOEL HAD BROUGHT ALONG A METER TO CHECK MAGNETS AND ALL CARS WERE CHECKED INSIDE AND OUT.

CONCOURS WAS NEXT IN LINE, AND THE RULES THIS YEAR WERE NO DRIVER HAVING A CAR ENTERED IN CONCOURS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO JUDGE. ALLEN BIGGS OF S.A.C. BOBLEN WAS ASSIGNED HEAD JUDGE, AND THE CONCOURS JUDGING WENT ALONG SMOOTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CAR CLASS ON A COUPLE OF THE ENTRIES BEING A QUESTION, FINALLY SOLVING THE PROBLEM WITH ALL ENTRIES BEING SATISFIED THE JUDGING WAS COMPLETED. AFTER TOTALLING THE POINTS, MARK ROSEWINKEL FROM BUFFALO GROVE ILLINOIS WAS THE WINNER OF THE 1977 NATIONALS CONCOURS. MARKS ENTRY WAS INDGED THE FINEST, AS MARK CONTINUES TO DO OUTSTANDING WORK IN SETTING UP CONCOURS ENTRIES. SECOND WENT TO TERRY HIRNO, WITH HIS FINE BOOBIES, TERRY HAS BEEN A WELCOME SURPRISE IN H.O. RACING AND CONCOURS THIS PAST YEAR... HIS NEATNESS AND AUTHENTIC CARS ARE FINE. JAY SARRINNESS CAR GRABBED THIRD PLACE, JAY HAD DONE A GREAT AMOUNT OF WORK ON HIS ~~XXXXXX~~ ENTRY, BUT NOT QUITE ENOUGH. FOURTH PLACE WENT TO MIKE CAUDLE OF FLORA, AND FIFTH TO HENSON SR OF FLORA, WITH A HRINO PREPPED BODY.

TIME TRIALS WERE NEXT, AND AFTER A SHORT BREAK, HERB HENSON JR STARTED IT OFF BY BREAKING THE 'STANDING TRACK RECORD WITH A RUN OF 12.35. HERB HENSON SR, THEN BROKE IT AGAIN WITH A 12.40 RUN, BUT THE BEST WAS YET TO COME, AS JOEL PENNINGTON STEPPED UP A FLAT FLY TO A RECORD SHATTERING RUN OF WOULD YOU BELIEVE 1437. HIS CAR WAS A BLUR. BRUCE GARDNER HAD A GOOD RUN OF 13.35, GOOD ENOUGH FOR A STRONG SECOND IN THE TRIALS, AND BRUCE SCHMITT JUMPED IN AND TURNED A GOOD 12.41 FOR THIRD FASTEST.....

THE HEAT RACES WERE NEXT ON THE AGENDA, AND THE FOUR GRID SET UP WAS TO BE USED, WITH FOUR SIMS AND TWO SUPER SIMS, AND ONE MAIN. ONLY THE FOUR SIMS WILL BE COVERED, I HAD TO START THESE BECAUSE OF A PROBLEM WITH SPACE AND SO ON. I WISH ALL THE RACES COULD HAVE BEEN COVERED UP TO THE SIMS.

THE FIRST SIMI ON THE A SIDE MATCHED JOEL PENNINGTON, KEVIN SHEEHAN, HERB HENSON JR, AND TERRY HRENO. SHEEHAN HAD MOVED ALL THE WAY UP FROM THE FIRST HEAT OF THE DAY TO THE SIMI. JOEL MOVED OUT EARLY TO LEAD, 25 TO 24 OVER HENSON JR, AT THE END OF ONE HEAT. SHEEHAN HAD 20, AND HRENO 19. PENNINGTON AND HENSON JR BOTH BEGAN TO PULL AWAY IN THE SECOND HEAT, AND BOTH KEPT IT UP TO TAKE THE MOVEUPS. JOEL WINNING THE HEAT 101 TO 89 FOR HERB JR, KEVIN SHEEHAN THIRD WITH 74-41, AND BY THIS TIME HE HAD DONE A FULL DAYS RACING, AND HRENO HAD PROBLEMS AND ENDED WITH 62-33.....

THE B SIMI WAS KIND OF A FAMILY AFFAIR, BRUCE GARDNER, GREG GARDNER, NORMAN GARDNER, AND A YOUNG 13 YEAR OLD FROM FLORA, BOBBIE MINSON. BRUCE HAD QUALIFIED SECOND, AND NORM SIXTH, SO BOTH WERE THE FAVORITES FOR THIS RACE. BRUCE AND NORM MADE THE OODSMAKERS CORRECT BY PULLING AWAY, BOTH HAVING 22 LAPS AT THE END OF ONE. BRUCE PICKED UP 4 ON NORM IN THE SECOND HEAT WITH MINSON 11 BEHIND THE LEADER. BRUCE ADDED MORE LAPS ON NORM AT THE END, AND WON WITH 92 LAPS. NORM SECOND WITH 81, MINSON THIRD WITH 66-46, GREG FOURTH WITH 62-54.

THE C SIMI WAS A RACE FROM START TO FINISH. BRUCE SCHMITT, RANDY KEMP, JOHN SCHMIDT, AND KIM BARTHOLOMEW. FROM THE WORD GO BRUCE, RANDY AND KIM WERE FLYING, AND AT THE END OF ONE, SCHMITT HELD A LEAD WITH 23, RANDY 22, AND KIM 21. JOHN SCHMIDT HAD PROBLEMS AND COULD ONLY TURN 7 IN THE FIRST SEG. RANDY, BRUCE, AND KIM DICED BACK AND FOURTH AND AT THE END OF 2, BRUCE WAS STILL UP 46 TO 44 OVER RANDY. KIM WAS ONE BACK WITH 43. THE THIRD HEAT REALLY MADE THINGS TOUGH AS KIM MADE HIS MOVE AND TOOK OVER THE LEAD 67 TO 67 FOR KEMP, BRUCE STYED CLOSE WITH 66. THE LAST SEG, TOLD THE TALE AS KIM HIT A TOUGH LANE AND FOUGHT KIM RIGHT UP TO THE FINAL SECOND, TIED FOR SECOND. BRUCE SCHMITT HAD PULLED OUT A 2 LAP LEAD AND WON THE HEAT. BARTHOLOMEW HELD OFF KEMP, IN A CLOSE FINISH, 88 TO 87-37. JOHN SCHMIDT WHO HAD EARLY PROBLEMS FINISHED AT 55-32.

THE D SIMI WAS STEVE BROWN, HERB HENSON SR, TONY DOTY, AND AL THURMAN. THIS HEAT ALSO STARTED LIKE A BARN BURNER, AS BROWN AND HENSON AND DOTY RAN OFF AND LEFT THURMAN.. TONY DOTY LED AT ONE, 22 TO 21 OVER HENSON AND BROWN. AT THE END OF TWO DOTY HAD BEGAN TO TAKE CHARGE RUNNING A STRONG RACE, AND LED 44 TO 42 OVER HENSON. BROWN WAS THIRD WITH 41, THURMAN LAST WITH 32. BAD LUCK MADE HIS APPEARANCE AGAIN, AS GOING INTO THE THIRD HEAT DOTY'S CAR GAVE OUT, AND ALL THE EFFORTS TO GET IT GOING WAS TO NO AVAIL. BROWN HAD MOVED OUT AND GOT BY HENSON, AND AT THE END OF THREE, LED HENSON 64 TO 63. THURMAN WAS TRYING TO GET BACK INTO IT, AND HAD 54. DOTY WAS OUT OF THE RACE. IN THE FINAL SEG, HENSON CAUGHT BROWN AND MOVED OUT TO WIN 87 TO 84. THURMAN THIRD 77-48, DOTY FOURTH 44-18. INTO THE A&C SUPER SIMI, AND JOEL PENNINGTON, KIM BARTHOLOMEW, HERB HENSON JR, AND BRUCE SCHMITT WERE READY TO BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE MOVE UPS TO THE MAIN. PENNINGTON THE #1 QUALIFIER, BARTHOLOMEW 7th, HENSON JR 5th, AND SCHMITT 3rd MADE FOR A GOOD RACE. BARTHOLOMEW SMOGGED INTO THE EARLY LEAD, WITH 50 LAPS IN THE FIRST HEAT. HENSON JR AND SCHMITT TIED FOR SECOND WITH 48, PENNINGTON IN LAST AT THIS TIME WITH 46. PENNINGTON DECIDED HE BETTER GET IT TOGETHER AND DID JUST

THAT, AS HE PASSED ALL CARS AND TOOK OVER THE LEAD, WITH 99 LAPS AT THE END OF TWO SECS, SCHMITT HELD ON TO SECOND WITH 97, BARTHOLOMEW THIRD WITH 93, AND HENSON JR WITH 91. JOEL AND KIM HELD ON TO THE LEAD THRU THE THIRD SEC, JOEL WITH 148, AND BRUCE 143. KIM WAS THIRD AT 140, AND HENSON JR WITH 135. NOTHING CHANGED IN THE FINAL HEAT AS JOEL HELD ON TO WIN BY TWO OVER BRUCE, 196 TO 194. HENSON JR HAD GOT BY BARTHOLOMEW AS KIM HAD PROBLEMS AND HENSON JR FINISHED THIRD WITH 178, TO KIM 170. JOEL PENNINGTON AND BRUCE SCHMITT TO THE 1977 NATIONALS MAIN.

THE 50 SUPER SIMI WAS BRUCE GARDNER, STEVE BROWN, HERB HENSON SR, AND NORMAN GARDNER. BRUCE WAS SECOND QUALIFIER, BROWN EIGHTH, HENSON SR FOURTH, AND NORMAN SIXTH. ANOTHER GOOD MATCHUP FOR THE OTHER TWO MOVE UPS TO THE MAIN. THE FIRST HEAT STARTED FAST, AS HENSON SR MOVED OUT TO TAKE A EARLY LEAD, AS BROWNIE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS, HENSON SR LED AT THE END OF ONE, 49 TO 48 OVER NORM GARDNER, WITH BRUCE THIRD AT 36. BROWN WAS OUT OF THE RACE WITH MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THE SECOND HEAT WAS MORE OF THE FIRST, AS HENSON SR PULLED AWAY FROM GARDNER (NORM), TO LEAD BY FOUR AT THE END OF TWO SECS, 96 TO 92. BRUCE GARDNER WAS NOW WAY BACK AND ENDED HEAT TWO WITH 80 LAPS. HEAT THREE WAS A SPOKER AS NORMAN FOUND THE COMBINATION AND BEGAN TO MOVE, AND MOVE HE DID AS HE CAUGHT HENSON SR AND TOOK OVER THE LEAD 145 TO 142, AS HENSON WAS HAVING PICKUP PROBLEMS. BRUCE ENDED THREE WITH 124. THE FINAL HEAT WAS ALL GARDNER, (NORM) AS HE HELD ON TO HIS LEAD OVER HENSON SR AND WON THE SUPER SIMI 196 TO 190 FOR HENSON SR. BRUCE GARDNER THIRD WITH 184-42, AND BROWN FOURTH. NORMAN GARDNER AND HERB HENSON SR TO THE 1977 NATIONALS MAIN.

#### THE MAIN

HERE THEY WERE. THE TOP FOUR DRIVERS IN THE 1977 NATIONALS, STANDING AT THEIR POSITIONS AND READY TO GO AT IT. JOEL PENNINGTON FROM OAK PARK ILLINOIS, THE 1976 NATIONAL CHAMP, WITH MANY HONRA VICTORIES UNDER HIS BELT DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND A EXCEPTIONAL CAR BUILDER, MAYBE THE BEST ANYWHERE. IN MY 14 YEARS OF RACING I HAVE SAW NO ONE ANY BETTER AT SETTING UP A SLOT CAR, TO RACE AND TO WIN.

HERB HENSON SR, FLORA ILLINOIS, STANDING NOT REALLY BELIEVING HE WAS IN THE MAIN, IT HAD ALL HAPPENED SO FAST, AND AGAIN HAVING A CAR SET UP TO HANDLE AND FINISH PAID OFF FOR HENSON. IT HAD BEEN MANY YEARS OF RACING, MANY YEARS OF RUNNING THE LOCAL SLOT CLUB, MANY YEARS OF DRIVING HUNDREDS OF MILES TO KEEP SHARP WITH THE BEST COMPETITION, AND NOW THE BIG ONE, 14 YEARS OF RACING, AND HE WAS IN THE FINALS., OF THE NATIONALS. BRUCE SCHMITT, FROM PARK FORREST ILLINOIS, THE THIRD FASTEST QUALIFIER AT THE NATIONALS, AND RUNNING AS GOOD AS ANYONE. BRUCE HAD RAN WELL SINCE HE ARRIVED AT THE RACE, AND WAS A FAVORITE FROM THE START. BRUCE IS A GOOD COMPETITOR, AND A HARD DRIVER. ANOTHER ONE OF THE TEAM HORNI DRIVERS WHO CUTS YOU NO SLACK, BRUCE WAS READY.

NORMAN GARDNER (STORMIN NORMAN) ONE OF THE FEW GUYS AROUND TO REALLY IMPRESS ME WITH HIS OVERALL SKILL TOWARD RACING, THE ACTUAL BUILDING

PART OF IT, NORMAN DOES IT ALL, BUILDS HIS OWN CARS, WINDS HIS OWN MOTORS, AND USUALLY GOES FAST, FAST, FAST. HIS BIGGEST PROBLEM IS TEARING UP WHEN HE IS RUNNING REAL GREAT. MAYBE THIS WAS HIS DAY, HE HAS SEVERAL SOPRA WINS TO HIS CREDIT, AND ALSO HAS TO BE A FAVORITE.

KIN SHAW, RACE DIRECTOR FOR THE MAIN, SAID THE MAGIC WORDS AND THE FINALS WERE ON, WITH BRUCE SCHMITT GETTING AWAY FAST, FLAT FLYING. THE DRIVERS KIND OF SETTLED INTO A PATTERN OF THEIR OWN IN THE FIRST HEAT, EACH TRYING TO GET INTO THE GROVE, AND AT THE END OF ONE, BRUCE SCHMITT LED WITH 64, STORMIN NORMAN SECOND WITH 61, PENNINGTON THIRD AT 59, AND HENSON SR IN FOURTH WITH 57. THE SECOND SEG WAS TROUBLE AND SCHMITT BEGAN TO HAVE PROBLEMS. HE WAS LEADING AND RUNNING EXCEPTIONAL WHEN THIS HAPPENED, HE DROPPED OFF THE PAGE AND HENSON SR GOT BY HIM, AS JOEL AND NORMAN WERE RACKING UP THE LAPS AS HEAT TWO ENDED WITH JOEL AND NORM TIED AT 125 EACH. HENSON SR IN THIRD WITH 119, AND SCHMITT FOURTH AT ~~101~~ 101. IN THE THIRD HEAT, NORM RUNNING IN BLUE LANE BEGAN TO MOVE, HE AND JOEL WERE HAVING SOME REAL LAPS TOGETHER, AND HENSON WAS FALLING BACK A LITTLE. SCHMITT TRIED TO GET IT TOGETHER AND GET BACK INTO THE RACE BUT HIS CAR FAILED AND HE WAS OUT. AT THE END OF THREE HEATS, IT WAS GARDNER 196, JOEL PENNINGTON 193, AND HENSON 178.

THE FINAL HEAT OF THE RACE WAS A DANDY, AS THE CROWD CLOSED IN ON THE TRACK TO SEE THE FINISH, AS THE PLACE WAS PACKED FULL, IT WAS EVEN MORE EXCITING. JOEL WAS IN YELLOW LANE, THE INSIDE, NORM IN ORANGE LANE, THE BEST HANDLING LANE, AND HENSON IN BLACK THE OUTSIDE LANE. JOEL MADE A STRONG BID TO WIN HIS SECOND NATIONALS IN A ROW, BUT STORMIN NORMAN HELD HIM OFF AND RAN A VERY GOOD FINAL HEAT, TO WIN THE NATIONAL TITLE, BY ONE LAP 258 TO 257 FOR PENNINGTON. HENSON SR NAILED DOWN THIRD WITH 233 Laps, AND BRUCE SCHMITT FOURTH WITH 112.

THE 1977 NATIONAL CHAMPION, (STORMIN NORMAN) GARDNER.

TO LOOK BACK ON THE RACE FOR A SHORT, BRUCE SCHMITT COULD HAVE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN THE MAIN, IF HIS CAR HAD CONTINUED TO RUN LIKE IT DID AT THE START, HENSON WAS OUT HANDLED FROM THE START, ESPECIALLY IN THE TIGHT CURVES WHERE HE COULD NOT RUN WITH JOEL, AND NORMAN. THE SPEED OF THE MAIN WAS FAST, FAST.

CONGRATULATIONS TO (STORMIN NORMAN) GARDNER: HE SAVED OFF MAILMAN FROM WAUKEGAN ILLINOIS; TO JOEL PENNINGTON FOR DRIVING A REAL PRO RACE, SHOWING HE STILL IS AS GOOD AS EVER, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ENTRIES AS THEY BEHAVED AND RACED LIKE THE PROS THEY ARE.

THE NOVICE CHAMP, KEVIN SHEEHAN FROM LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY, HE DROVE A FINE RACE AND FINISHED ELEVENTH OVER ALL, AND WELL DESERVED THE TROPHY. ROBBIE KINSON SECOND IN NOVICE, HIS FIRST BIG RACE AND A GOOD ONE. THIS BOY HAS THE TOOLS TO BE A GOOD RACER. HE FINISHED TWELTH OVERALL. DON HEDGECOCK THIRD IN NOVICE, HIS FIRST BIG RACE, AND A 17TH PLACE FINISH. DON IS A GOOD INTERESTED RACER, AND I ENJOYED MEETING HIM. FELTZ ZIPPERMAN, FOURTH IN NOVICE AND A 21st PLACE FINISH. BIG Z MAY GET IT ALL TOGETHER ONE OF THESE DAYS.

DAN ROTBOLL JR, THE YOUNGEST RACER TO ENTER THE NATIONALS, AND HE RACES LIKE HE MEANS IT. HE HAS THE MAKING OF A FINE RACER, AND WAS PRESENTED A SILVER CUP FROM A.J.S FOR HIS EFFORT.

IN PUTTING THIS NATIONALS ISSUE TO BED, I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS FROM THE RACE DIRECTORS STANDPOINT, CONCERNING THE SETTING UP AND HANDLING OF THE NATIONALS. ITS A HECK OF A LOT OF WORK, HOURS OF PREPARATION, LETTERS TO SPONSORS, AND SO ON, PLUS GETTING INFO TO EVERYONE. THE SECURING OF A DECENT BUILDING TO HOUSE THE RACE, INSURANCE, RENT, AND MUCH MORE BEHIND THE SCENES WORK NOT NOTICED BY ANYONE.

THE BIGGEST LETDOWN I HAD, WAS THE MANY RACERS WHO SENT IN FORMS SAYING THEY WERE COMING AND THEN DID NOT SHOW, AND THE FEW RACERS WHO WERE HERE BUT DID NOT RACE. KIND OF A REAL BUMMER. MARK ROSENWINNIG TOLD ME WHAT TO EXPECT AND HE HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD. TO GO TO ALL THIS WORK FOR SOMETHING THIS BIG AND THEN TO HAVE TO TRY AND PLEASE EVERYONE OVER THINGS THAT IS COMMON PROCEDURE.

I SURELY ENJOYED EVERYONE WHO CAME, AND THE FRIENDS A GUY MAKES HELPS TAKE UP THE SLACK FOR THE BAD THINGS. THE GUYS FROM IOWA WHO I HAD KNOWN FOR A SHORT TIME, AND JOHN SCHMIDTS GROUP FROM OHIO, IT TAKES A LOT OF EXTRA INTEREST TO MAKE H.O. RACING KEEP GOING, AND SCHMIDTS GROUP HAS THIS. A LARGE THANKS TO THE SPONSORS LISTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS MESS, THEY CAME THRU WITH FLYING COLORS, BETTER THAN I COULD EVER HAVE DREAMED, WE HAD AT LAST COUNT OVER \$400.00 SUCKS IN PRIZES. LAST PLACE RECEIVED A PARRA THRU THROTTLE COMPLETE, NOT BAD. PLUS THE 16 TROPHIES WE HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF PRIZES.

FINALLY MY THANKS TO KIM SHAW, WHO WENT OUT OF HIS WAY SEVERAL TIMES TO HELP GET THINGS IN LINE AND TO ORDER, PICK UP AND DELIVER THE TRUNK LOAD OF DOZIES FOR ME. PLUS HIS ARTICLES ADVERTIZING THE RACE, HIS ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING THE RACES WITH ME, EXPERIENCE IN RACE DIRECTING IS PRICELESS. THANKS KIM.

SEE YA ALL AT THE 78 NATS.

Harb Henson SR

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& Typing!

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THESE  
 FINE PEOPLE WHO BACKED THE  
 1977 NATIONALS....

STATES REPRESENTED

ILLINOIS 15  
 OHIO 3  
 MICHIGAN 2  
 KENTUCKY 1  
 IOWA 1  
 INDIANA 7  
 CANADA 1

SIGNATURES USED

K&K BY KEMP 36 12  
 K&K BY KEMP 38/40 1  
 BRINO 2  
 PENNINGTON 38/40 4  
 PENNINGTON 36 3  
 STOCK AFX 1  
 AURORA SUPER11 2  
 NORM 36 2  
 HENSON 36 1  
 HENSON 37 2

SOLES

S.A.C. 1  
 PIZZA 6  
 RING 21  
 SST 2

TIRE DRESSING

DART 8  
 AJ 6  
 GOO 1  
 PARMA JUICE 8  
 BRINO 1  
 TAPE 2  
 HED 1  
 TCP 2

NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE

~~FLORIAN~~  
 FLORA DAILY NEW RECORD  
 CLAY COUNTY ADVOCATE  
 WNOI RADIO

TURNS

TCP 9  
 AJ 14  
 G PLUS 7

CONTROL LENS

PARMA 10 3  
 PARMA 15 15  
 PARMA 25 7  
 PARMA NEGRO 15 1  
 PARMA NEGRO 4

PAINT

PALMER 1  
 FLOQUIL 2  
 POLLY S 24  
 TESTORS 1  
 PARMA 2

DUE TO ENTRANTS FAILURE  
 TO LIST BODY STYLE ON  
 ENTRY BLANKS, WE ONLY POSTED  
 THE MANUFACTURES.

OIL OR GREASE

LA BELLE 2  
 TCP 7  
 CONVELINS 1  
 MIRA 6  
 BRONZE MAN 1  
 K&K 13

## QUALIFYING ORDER

	BLACK	ORANGE	BEST
1. JOEL PENNINGTON	12-26	14-37	14-37
2. BRUCE GARDNER	9-16	13-35	13-35
3. BRUCE SCHMIDT	10-44	12-41	12-41
4. HERB HENSON SR.	11-63	12-40	12-40
5. HERB HENSON JR.	12-35	11-20	<del>12-35</del>
6. NORM GARDNER	9-47	12-27	12-27
7. KIM BARTHLOMEW	11-07	12-17	12-17
8. STEVE BROWN	11-63	12-15	12-15
9. KIM SHAW	10-19	11-35	11-35
10. GREG GARDNER	9-54	11-01	11-01
11. RANDY KEMP	10-62	10-64	10-64
12. AL THURMON	9-26	10-57	10-57
13. TERRY HRENO	10-14	10-51	10-51
14. ROBBIE MINSON	8-58	10-28	10-28
15. THOM HITCHCOX	8-39	10-21	10-21
16. TONY DOTY	10-10	10-16	10-16
17. KEVIN SHEEHAN	8-63	10-15	10-15
18. MIKE CAUDLE	9-44	9-63	9-63
19. JOHN SCHMIDT	9-50	9-40	9-50
20. FRANK FELTY	7-11	9-44	9-44
21. FRITZ ZIMMERMAN	7-64	9-24	9-24
22. DAN ROTHWELL JR.	6-47	9-08	9-08
23. MARK ROSENWINKEL	8-18	8-51	8-51
24. GARY CAMPBELL	1-27	8-49	8-49
25. DAVE KOVACH	7-47	8-34	8-34
26. MIKE HENSLEY	7-35	8-29	8-29
27. MIKE CARMODY	7-47	8-05	8-05
28. ARON BUSH	6-45	7-34	7-34
29. RANDY FERGUSON	6-51	—	6-51
30. KENT WHITE	6-07	—	6-07

TOP 6 QUALIFIERS BROKE STANDING  
TRACK RECORD!

THE RACESA-BRACKET - C-CONST

	<u>1.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
DAVE KOVACH	14	28	40	49-31
RANDY FERGUSON	16	33	51	65-27
FRITZ ZIMMERMAN	20	36	55	70 *
KEVIN SHEEHAN	16	32	50	66 *

B BRACKET - C-CONST

DAN ROTHWELL JR	12	26	41	55 *
KENT WHITE	13	25	37	49-0
MIKE CAUDLE	20	37	50	65 *
MIKE HENSLEY	13	28	38	51-51

C BRACKET - C-CONST

MARK ROSENWINKEL	18	35	54	73 *
MIKE CARMODY	13	24	34	50
JOHN SCHMIDT	17	34	53	74 *

X

D BRACKET - C-CONST

AARON BUSH	14	27	40	44-62
FRANK FELTY	17	34	47	66 *
GARY CAMPBELL	18	36	53	70 *

X

A BRACKET - B-CONST

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
TERRY HRENO	20	37	58	75 *
KEVIN SHEEHAN	21	38	57	74 *
FRITZ ZIMMERMAN	18	33	50	69-17
KIM SHAW	15	35	51	72-13

B-BRACKET - B-CONST

GREG GARDNER	14	34	56	75 *
ROBBIE MINSON	19	39	59	76 *
MIKE CAUDLE	17	36	52	72-13
DAN ROTHWELL JR	11	23	37	51-54

C-BRACKET - B-CONST

MARK ROSENWINKEL	18	36	51	71-42
RANDY KEMP	20	38	56	76 *
THOM HITCHCOX	21	38	56	75-35
JOHN SCHMIDT	21	38	59	80 *

AL THURMON	21	42	64	85 *
TONY DOTY	20	40	61	80 *
FRANK FELTY	18	34	48	66-11
GARY CAMPBELL	17	31	47	63-34

\*MOVEUPS

1 - SEMI MAIN	1	2	3	4
JOEL PENNINGTON	25	49	76	101*
KEVIN SHEEHAN	20	39	56	74 <sup>-41</sup>
HERB HENSON JR	24	44	66	89*
TERRY HRENO	19	36	51	62 <sup>-33</sup>

3 - SEMI MAIN				
BRUCE GARDNER	22	46	71	92*
GREG GARDNER	09	29	48	62 <sup>-64</sup>
ROBBIE MINSON	18	35	50	66 <sup>-46</sup>
NORM GARDNER	22	42	60	81*

SEMI MAIN				
BRUCE SCHMIDT	23	46	66	90* <sup>↑</sup>
RANDY KEMP	22	44	67	87 <sup>-37</sup>
JOHN SCHMIDT	07	20	37	55 <sup>-32</sup>
KIM BARTHOLOMEW	21	43	67	88*

SEMI MAIN				
STEVE BROWN	21	41	64	84* <sup>↑</sup>
TONY DOTY	22	44	0	44 <sup>-18</sup>
HERB HENSON SR	21	42	63	87*
AL THURMON	15	32	54	77 <sup>-48</sup>

A+C - SUPER SEMI	1	2	3	4
JOEL PENNINGTON	46	99	148	196 <sup>-50</sup> *
KIM BARTHOLOMEW	50	96	140	170
HERB HENSON JR	48	93	135	178 <sup>15</sup>
BRUCE SCHMIDT	48	97	143	194 <sup>17</sup> *

B+D - SUPER SEMI				
BRUCE GARDNER	36	80	128	168 <sup>42</sup>
STEVE BROWN	0	0	0	0
HERB HENSON SR	49	96	142	190 <sup>35</sup> *
NORM GARDNER	48	92	145	196 <sup>26</sup> *

### NATIONALS MAIN

JOEL PENNINGTON	59	125	193	257
HERB HENSON SR	57	119	178	233
BRUCE SCHMIDT	64	101	112	112
NORM GARDNER	61	125	196	258

\* MOVEUPS

MAIN INFO SHEET FOR 1977 NATIONALS

	CHASSIS	ARMATURE	TIRES	Body	Controller	GOOP	OIL
1. NORMAN GARDNER	NORM AURORA	NORM 36	AJ	RINO 512 FERRARI	PARMA 15	DART	K+K
2. JOEL PENNINGTON	PENNINGTON	PENNINGTON 36	AJ	BSRT CHAPARRAL 2F	PARMA 15	DART	BRONZEMAN
3. HERB HENSON SR	HENSON AURORA	KEMP 36	G-Plus	RINO 512 FERRARI	PARMA 15	DART	K+K
4. BRUCE SCHMIDT	BRUCE AURORA	PENNINGTON	TCP AJ	RINO 935	PARMA 15	AJ	MURA
5. HERB HENSON JR	HENSON AURORA	KEMP 36	TCP	RINO 935	PARMA 15	DART	K+K
6. KIM BARTHOLOMEW	BARTHOLOMEW	PENNINGTON 38/40	TCP	PIZZA PORSCHE 917	PARMA 10	DART	BIG AIs
7. BRUCE GARDNER	BRUCE AURORA	PENNINGTON	AJ	RINO 935	PARMA 15	MCD	BIG-AIS- MURA
8. STEVE BROWN	BROWN AURORA	KEMP 36	AJ	KEMP	PARMA 15	DART	O

## FINAL RACE ORDER

	QUALIFYING	CONCOURS
1. NORMAN GARDNER	6	X
2. JOEL PENNINGTON	1	X
3. HERB HENSON SR	7	5
4. BRUCE SCHMIDT	3	X
5. HERB HENSON JR	5	X
6. KIM BARTHOLOMEW	7	X
7. BRUCE GARDNER	2	X
8. STEVE BROWN	8	3*
9. RANDY KEMP	11	X
10. AL THURMAN	12	X
11. KEVIN SHEEHAN	17	NOVICE 1 <sup>ST</sup>
12. ROBBIE MINZON	14	NOVICE 2 <sup>ND</sup>
13. GREG GARDNER	10	X
14. TERRY HRENO	13	Z
15. JOHN SCHMIDT	19	X
16. TONY DOTY	16	X
17. THOM HITCHCOX	15	NOVICE 3 <sup>RD</sup>
18. KIM SHAW	9	X
19. MIKE CAUDLE	18	4
20. MARK ROSEWINKEL	23	1
21. FRITZ ZIMMERMAN	21	NOVICE 4 <sup>TH</sup>
22. GARY CAMPBELL	24	X
23. FRANK FELTY	20	X
24. DAN ROTHWELL JR	22	X
25. RANDY FERGUSON	29	X
26. MIKE HENSLEY	26	X
27. MIKE CARMODY	27	X
28. DAVE KOVACH	25	X
29. KENT WHITE	30	X
30. AARON BUSH	28	7

\* JAY SNARIBEN OWNER

SEVERAL CONCOURS ENTRANTS DID NOT PUT THEIR NAME ON ENTRY BLANKS. FINAL RESULTS TO TOP 10 WERE IMPOSSIBLE