

Screven Motorsports Park Hosts the 16th Annual Rebel Yell

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The Screven Motorsports Park provided race fans with an exciting and fun filled day of racing and history. James "Redd" Griffin, Duane Goins and their crew put on a day to be remembered for a lifetime. The Grand Marshall of the event was Ben "Cooter" Jones of the Dukes of Hazzard TV show. "Cooter" had the "General Lee" on display plus other fans brought their "General Lee's" to display.

Confederate soldiers saluted the fans with cannon and musket firings; and the Miss "Rebel Yells" were on hand to pose with the winners.

The complex's Savannah River Dragway hosted the "Iron Man Classic" with numerous drag races classes competing; The Gamecock Speedway ran numerous classes of Karts and put on their first ever flat track motorcycle race; Larry Davis won the Heavy Box Kart Race and Chase Sconyers won the motorcycle race; and the headliner event of the day was the Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series feature event at Screven Motor Speedway.

Dennis Franklin of Gaffney, S.C. scored his eighth career Schaeffer's Oil Southern Nationals Series feature win that paid the Palmetto State driver \$5,300.

Fast qualifier and Dash winner Chris Ferguson and Ivedent Lloyd brought the field of 22 to life for the main event with Ferguson to the point. Casey Barrow spun on the opening lap in turn two and that set a complete restart for the field. Once the field took the green they went 53 laps caution free from start to finish.

By lap eleven, Gib Gibbons pulled off the track and Ferguson was in heavy traffic with Austin Smith closing in on the lead position. By the 20th circuit, Smith closes to two car lengths behind the heavy lapped traffic. On lap 25, Smith had pulled up behind Ferguson for the lead meanwhile Franklin was working his way to third spot and would complete the pass on lap 25 from Smith.

On lap 31, Franklin and Smith were side-by-side for the second spot and Franklin would grab the runner-up spot away on the next lap as Smith slipped just a bit coming off of turn four.

On lap 35, Franklin would make his

move and complete the pass on Ferguson for the top spot and shortly after, Smith would pass Ferguson and set his sights for second. In the final stages of the race, Smith could only get on the bottom within a stone's throw of Franklin but be unable to get around for the top spot and settle for second with Ross Bailes finishing in third spot, Chris Ferguson fourth and Ivedent Lloyd Jr. finishing fifth.

The top ten finishers of Southern Nationals Series 16th Annual Rebel Yell were:

1. Dennis Franklin-Gaffney, SC
2. Austin Smith-Cedartown, GA
3. Ross Bailes-Clover, SC
4. Chris Ferguson-Mount Holly, NC
5. Ivedent Lloyd Jr.-Ocala, FL
6. Anthony Sanders-Spartanburg, SC
7. Brent Dixon-Elberton, GA
8. Mark Whitener-Middleburg, FL
9. Scott Shirey-Gaston, SC
10. Kyle Van Sickle-Jacksonville, FL

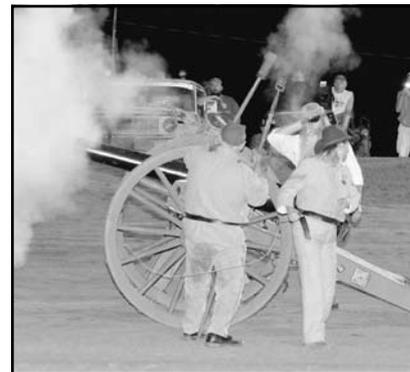
For more information on the Southern Nationals Series, please log on to www.SouthernNationalsSeries.com. Check out <http://www.screvenmotorsports.com/> for more details Screven Motorsports Park. Screven Motorsports Park should be on every race fan's bucket list.



Ben "Cooter" Jones and Fans



Savannah River Dragstrip



Confederate soldiers firing cannon to salute the crowd



Dennis "Rambo" Franklin with the Miss Rebel Yells in Victory Lane



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