

Spring has Sprung at Montgomery Motor Speedway's Spring Explosion



MONTGOMERY, Ala. April 9, 2025– Montgomery Motor Speedway hosted the Spring Explosion 100 on Saturday, April 5th. The Spring Explosion served as the season opener for local divisions, featuring a 40-lap Black Sheep Woodlands Late Model Sportsman race, a 35-lap Shelby Concrete Street Stock race, a 20-lap Crown Stock race, and a 100-lap Show Me The Money Pro Late Model race. Nearly 50 racecars entered this year's Spring Explosion event, the stands were full, the weather was beautiful, and it was a great night of racing!

The first race of the evening was the 40-lap Late Model Sportsman season opener. Hazel Green's #77 Jeff Campbell took the pole in "Bama Budweiser" Group qualifying. The starting lineup inverted the top four, so Campbell started in 4th, while the 4th place qualifier, #05 Hunter Tyus started the race from 1st. Both 2nd row cars advanced past the front two drivers on the very first lap with Campbell taking the 2nd position and Ardmore's #5 Chris Wagner coming from



3rd to take the lead. An incident between #05 Hunter Tyus and #88 Larry Hughes on lap 11 brings out the first caution of the night and ends Tyus's night early. Wagner kept the lead for the entire race and ended the night in Front Porch Grill Victory Lane for the very first time.

"We've been racing here for about 4 years now, finished 2nd, 3rd a few times, but this is my first win. I can't thank everyone enough," Wagner said.

Black Sheep Woodlands Late Model Sportsman Race Results:

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| 1. #5 Chris Wagner | 6. #05 Hunter Tyus |
| 2. #77 Jeff Campbell | 7. #12 JR Hartley DNS |
| 3. #51JD Joey Holt | 8. #16 Steven Shaw DNS |
| 4. #27 Jeremy Peoples | 9. #28 Wes Sheufer DNS |
| 5. #88 Larry Hughes | |

The second race of the night featured the 35-lap Shelby Concrete Street Stock season opener. The defending champion, #14x Tre Huff won the pole in “Bama Budweiser” Group qualifying. The starting lineup inverted the top 6, so Huff started the race in the 6th position while Wetumpka’s #16 Dawson Parker, last year’s runner-up champion, started from the pole. #10



Cody Weaver and #8s Will Smith battled for the lead for several laps before veteran driver #6

Charles Davis came from 5th to take the lead on lap 8. Lapine’s Charles Davis held on to the lead for the remainder of the race with Tre Huff nipping at his heels and parked it in Front Porch Victory Lane.

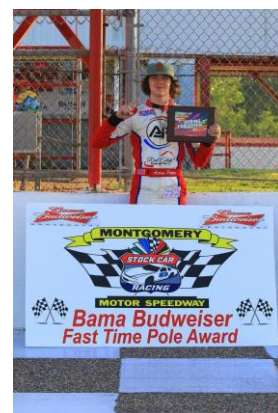


“Thank the Good Lord I’m here, I’m going to enjoy every day that I’m here,” Charles Davis told MMS announcer Bill Roth in victory lane.

Shelby Concrete Street Stocks Race Results:

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| 1. #6 Charles Davis | 5. #16 Dawson Parker |
| 2. #14X Tre Huff | 6. #8s Will Smith |
| 3. #32 Kameron Wesenberg | 7. #08 Nickey Pate |
| 4. #10 Cody Weaver | 8. #50 Bubba Deaton |

The 3rd event of the evening was the 100-lap Show Me The Money Pro Late Model race. Despite being a rookie, #68 Aidan Potter from Brentwood, TN won the Bama Budweiser Fast Time Pole Award. Aidan is new to the late model



scene, but he has extensive open-wheel racing experience in the Formula 4 and USF Juniors series. The top 6 qualifiers redrew for their starting positions, which put a couple of Show Me The Money Champions #12 Christopher Tullis and #18 Jake Finch leading the field to green from the front row while Potter started in 4th. Tullis, Finch, and #43 Augie Grill battled within the top 3 for the entire race, but behind them, #91 Jim Wall jumped up to the top 5 from 7th to trail behind Potter in 4th.

After 100 laps of green flag racing, the reigning Show Me The Money Champion #18 Jake Finch from Lynn Haven, Florida ended the night in Front Porch Victory Lane followed by two more champions. Hueytown's 5-time Alabama 200 Champion and 2-time Show Me The Money Champion, "Mr. Montgomery" #43 Augie Grill finished 2nd. The 2021 Alabama 200 Champion and 3-time Show Me The Money Champion #12 Christopher Tullis from Dacula, Georgia finished 3rd.



"I felt like we were pretty good, we were fortunate to get a good starting spot and we were pretty consistent on the long runs, so tonight was a good night," Finch said.

Show Me The Money Pro Late Model Race Results:

1. #18 Jake Finch
2. #43 Augie Grill
3. #12 Christopher Tullis
4. #68 Aidan Potter
5. #91 Jim Wall
6. #33 Dustin Smith
7. #14D Chris Davidson
8. #67K Zack Dixon
9. #84 Steven Chunn
10. #21F Jason Furrow
11. #51 Jason Furrow
12. #22 Taylor Corum
13. #6 Chris Whorton

The final race of the evening was the 20-lap Crown Stock Season Opener. Opp's #6s Chris Salter was the fastest in "Bama Budweiser" Group Qualifying followed by Mount Olive's #22m Chris



Mitchell and #5jr Jason Lang Jr. from Warner Robbins, Georgia. The top 4 qualifiers were inverted, so Tanner Bethea started the race from the pole while Salter started from 4th. By lap 5, Salter had already taken the lead followed by Mitchell and Lang Jr. There was a late race caution when James Oneal's left front tire came off of his car and rolled down the backstretch. On the restart, #12 Rock Clifford got shuffled between a few cars and had a hard hit on the backstretch wall which ended his night early. During the final 4 lap shootout, Salter, Mitchell, and Lang Jr. kept the top 3 positions guarded and all got to park on the front stretch after the race.



1. #6s Chris Salter
2. #22m Chris Mitchell
3. #5jr Jason Lang Jr.
4. #15 Marty Bean
5. #20 Tanner Bethea
6. #5m Brian Musgrove
7. #08 Hunter Sumrall
8. #5x Jason Lang
9. #19 Garrison Story

"It was a tough race, I can't thank all the BMR guys enough," Chris Salter said.

Crown Stock Race Results:

10. #27 Michael Chadwick
11. #6r Austin Reeves
12. #551 Joe Farmer
13. #5g Coty Grey
14. #32 David Thornburg
15. #512 Ronen Harris
16. #151 Sydni Bean
17. #12 Rock Clifford
18. #1 James Oneal'

This week, our **farthest traveled fan award** goes to a couple from Berlin, Germany. Emma and Leon. They are currently on a road trip across the States, and decided on a whim to stop at the racetrack when they saw we were racing. They have never been to a race before, certainly never met a race car driver. One of our staff, Liz, met them after the race, answered all

of their questions, and gave them a tour of the track. She then introduced them one of our crown stock drivers, #512 Ronen Harris, and they loved meeting him and learning about his racing career. They had the best time, and we are so glad they stopped in to watch some racing!



The Show Me The Money points standings were shaken up at this race, as the 1st place, John Bolen, and 2nd place, Carson Brown, Alabama 200 finishers were not at this race. After the Spring Explosion, #91 Jim Wall and #68 Aidan Potter are now tied for the SMTM points lead. Wall has 3rd and 5th place finishes, and Potter has a pair of 4th place finishes. With only 7 races in the Show Me The Money series this year, we have 5 more opportunities for one of these drivers to take the lead. If history repeats itself, we are sure to see an intense points battle all season long.

The next Montgomery Motor Speedway race will be on April 26, and it will serve as the first race in the Street Stock Triple Crown Series, where Street Stock drivers compete in 3 races across Montgomery Motor Speedway, 5 Flags Speedway, and Mobile International Speedway. The driver with the most points after the final race will win a Free 5-Day Cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines out of Mobile. The April 26th event will also feature a Black Sheep Woodlands Late Model Sportsman race Autograph Session and a Crown Stock race. The next Show Me The Money Pro Late Model race is the Disturbing the Peace 100 on May 17.

