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51 CARS COMPETE FOR \$1,000 TO-WIN HOMAK PENN OHIO PRO STOCK CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES EVENT AT SHARON SPEEDWAY WITH 26 CARS RETURNING FOR MAKE-UP APPLEFEST RACE!

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July 30, 2017 (Sandy Lake, PA) Fifty-one cars were on hand to compete for the \$1,000 to-win Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series event at Sharon Speedway, with 26 drivers returning for the 2016 make-up race paying \$2,000 to the winner. An unfortunate night for Series' member Andrew Gordon #25 had him in victory lane after an impressive battle with fellow Series' member Chris McGuire #63 only to be disqualified in the post-race tech for illegal suspension. As a result, McGuire was granted the \$1,000 victory in his Bob Swanson's Garage, X-treme Graphics, Treiger Race Engines, Welder's Supply, Beacon Lubricants, H & K Donuts, Tobber Racing sponsored machine.

Six heat races had the 51 drivers battling for the top three spots in each heat to advance to the A Main. Winners included Bobby Whiting 7W, Rusty Moore 17M, Gordon 25, Marlon "Fuzzy" Fields 28, Rusty Martz 16M, and McGuire 63. An invert six had heat race winners taking the top six spots in the A Main.

Three B Mains gave drivers another chance to race their way to the feature event with the top two in each B Main advancing. B Main winners were Curtis Bish 29, substitute driver Shaun Hooks in Jackson Humanic's #17, and Bill Hurrelbrink c8. Advancing as provisionals to make a 26 car field were Andy Thompson 5 for the track and Brian Rhed 69R for Penn Ohio.

McGuire and Martz led the field to the green for the 25-lap \$1,000 to-win event. Fourth-starter Gordon quickly made his way to second passing Martz on lap three. On lap four, Gordon closed in on McGuire and the two began to pull away as the battle out front, as well as throughout the pack, provided the fans with exciting racing action. The leaders would encounter lap traffic on lap 10 with caution-free racing until lap 14. Four cautions would occur before lap 15 could be completed.

Once green flag racing resumed, McGuire and Gordon were door-to-door continuing to battle for the top spot from lap 16-20 with Gordon being scored as the leader on lap 18. The yellow flag would slow racing action on lap 21 for Tim Deutsch's #20. Under the caution Chris Schneider #55 who made his way from the 12th spot to third exited to the pits with a flat tire. Two additional cautions would bunch up the field for the remaining laps. At the checkers, Gordon was

ahead of McGuire by 1.619 seconds before the post-race disqualification. Whitling advanced to the runner-up spot, Paul Davis' #3 from 15th to third making him the recipient of the Shaffer's Auto & Exhaust \$50 Hard Charger Award, Jason Fosnaught 73 to fourth, Martz 16M finished an impressive fifth after spinning on lap 14 and restarting at the tail. Rounding out the top 10 were Jamie Scharba 11S, Mike Miller T6, Bobby Heim 92, Rusty Moore 17M, and 22nd-starter Steve D'Apolito 84.

Fans were treated to an exciting 25-lap, caution-free race in the 2016 Homak Penn Ohio make-up "Apple Festival Nationals" feature finding Chris Schneider's #55 on top. Schneider made an impressive charge from the 11th starting spot to capture the lead from Andy Buckley on lap 19 and park the SS Chassis in victory lane for the first time in 2017 claiming the \$2,000 prize.

"This was impressive; I have to thank these guys for such a nice race track, the guys for racing clean- that was beautiful I wish we could always do that," stated the 38-year-old Lower Burrell, Pa. driver. "I have a lot of experience on this red clay. It's very similar to what Lernerville (Speedway) has. It's tricky. You have to learn where to go, where the grip is, and where it's not. It can be slippery as can be and really bitey, and as you can see I have mud on the front of my car. It's been a rough year. I rolled a car here, we had a motor issue, and there's been a lot of rain outs. I feel bad for these tracks- they have such good facilities and the weather just hasn't cooperated, but this was the one I wanted to win."

Leading the way to the green were track regulars Brian Carothers 02c and Andy Buckley 965. Carothers held onto the lead for one lap before Buckley took command on lap two. Randy Wyant 11T started in fourth and took the runner up spot from Carothers on lap four. Rusty Moore 17M passed Carothers for third from the 7th starting spot on lap five. Wyant closed the gap on Buckley and was on his bumper by lap 10. The leaders would battle through lap traffic on lap 12.

Schneider found a fast line on the outside and made his presence known on lap 15 when he took over third from Moore. Lap 17 found a four-car race between Buckley, Wyant, Schneider and Moore. Wyant would drop to third on lap 18 giving Schneider an opportunity to take the top spot from Buckley on lap 19. On lap 21 Wyant recaptured second over Buckley.

Schneider would be uncontested in the remaining laps crossing the finish line with a .813 of a second over Wyant. Tenth-starter Paul Davis #3 used the high line to finish in third, Moore finished in fourth, while Steve D'Apolito 84 captured fifth after starting 12th. Jackson Humanic 17 came home in sixth, followed by Buckley in seventh, Bobby Whitling 7W in eighth, hard-charger Chris McGuire's #63 from 26th in ninth and Curtis Bish 29 rounding out the top 10.

Contingency prizes awarded went to: Chris McGuire #63c, American Racer Tire from Lias Tire; Bobby Whitling #7W, Hoosier Tire from Precise Racing & Hoosier Tire Mid-Atlantic; Paul Davis #3 advancing 12 positions in the first feature, \$50 Hard Charger from Shaffer's Auto & Exhaust; Chris McGuire #63 advancing 17 spots in the make-up feature, \$75 Hard Charger from May's Towing & Westhill Automotive; Bobby Whitling #7W, \$25 Certificate from Big Daddy's Speed Center; Jamie Maxwell, \$25 Certificate from Big Daddy's Speed Center; Fuzzy Fields #28, racing rim from SS Chassis; Hunter Exley #23HJR, \$100 certificate Close Racing Products; Bill Hurrelbrink #c8, case of oil from Les Frickshun; Brian Rhed #69R, \$75 certificate Genesis Shocks; Rod Laskey #1R, \$75 certificate Genesis Shocks; Tim Bish #1B, \$50 certificate from Schoenfeld Headers; Brian Carothers, \$50 certificate from Schoenfeld Headers; Wayne Carbo #54, \$25 certificate from ARbodies; Russ Byler, \$25 certificate from ARbodies; Mike Miller #T6, \$25 certificate from Big Daddy's; Ryan Newman #12, \$25 certificate from Big Daddy's; Rusty Martz #16M, \$25 certificate from Wedge Motorsports; Curt Bish #00, \$25 certificate from Wedge Motorsports; Chris Schneider #55, \$25 gift card from Precise Racing Products; Rusty Moore #17M, air cleaner filter from Precise Racing Products; Mike Hudzik #31H, hood scoop from Dirt Defender; Jacob Billyk #4, Homak Handcarry Toolbox from Martz Racing.

The next Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Championship Series event is this upcoming Saturday, August 5th. The event is the Wee Willie White Memorial.

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Homak Penn Ohio Pro Stock Series, Sharon Speedway, July 29, 2017, finishing order: (1) *Chris McGuire #63; (2) *Bobby Whitling #7W ; (3) *Paul Davis #3; (4) Jason Fosnaught #73; (5) *Rusty Martz #16M; (6) Jamie Scharba #11S; (7) *Mike Miller #T6; (8) *Bobby Heim #92; (9) *Rusty Moore #17M; (10) Steve D'Apolito #84 ; (11) *Fuzzy Fields #28; (12) Shaun Hooks #17 for *Jackson Humanic; (13) *Rob Shook #64; (14) Andy Thompson #5; (15) *Leigh Wheeler #717; (16) *Bob Schwartzmiller #28S; (17) *Bill Hurrelbrink #c8; (18) *Curtis Bish #29; (19) Brett McDonald #25; (20) *Chris Schneider #55; (21) *Tim Deutsch #20; (22) *Nick Kocuba #10; (23) *Randy Wyant #11T; (24) *Mike Clark #7; (25) *Brian Rhed #69R; DQ-Andrew Gordon #25; DNQ-*Tim Bish #1B; Noah Brunell #31; Bobby Robinson #34R; *Ryan Newman #12; *Rod Laskey #1R; *Mike Hudzik #31H; Garrett Calvert #77; Mark Hopkins #69H; Jamie Duncan #67J; *Hunter Exley #23HJR; *Jacob Billyk #4; Jim Fosnaught #20J; *Joe Stajnrjrh #04; Bob Sloss #44S; *Steve Allison #1Bad; Jamie Maxwell #6; *Andy Buckley #965; *Pat Fielding #23; *Wayne Carbo #54; Jarod Larson #47; *Russ Byler #06R; *Curt Bish #00; Dan Fedorchak #67; Mike Kerr #25K; *Brian Carothers #02c.

Homak Penn-Ohio Pro Stock Series 9/17/16 "Apple Festival Nationals" make-up, Sharon Speedway, July 29, 2017, finishing order: 1. CHRIS SCHNEIDER (55) 2. Randy Wyant (11T) 3. Paul Davis (3) 4. Rusty Moore (17M) 5. Steve D'Apolito (84) 6. Jackson Humanic (17) 7. Andy Buckley (965) 8. Bobby Whitling (7W) 9. Chris McGuire (63) 10. Curt J. Bish (Tarr 29) 11. Brian Carothers (02c) 12. William Hurrelbrink (c8) 13. Garrett Calvert (77) 14. Jamie Duncan (67J) 15. Rob Shook (Keihl 64) 16. Rod Laskey (1R) 17. Joe Stajnrjajh, Jr. (04) 18. Jacob Billyk (4) 19. Mike Clark (7) 20. Brian Rhed (69R) 21. Dan Fedorchak (Bruno 67) 22. Jamie Scharba (11s) 23. Mike Miller (T6) 24. Bob Schwartzmiller (28s) 25. Ryan Newman (12) 26. Brett McDonald (25) 27. Shaun Fawcett (224)-DNS 28. Bob McCann (Fornataro USA1)-DNS 29. Tyler Dietz (35)-DNS 30. Todd Weldon (45)-DNS. DNQ: Rob Bates (99B), Butch Lambert (Neely 27), Troy Norman (Gower 19N), Bobby Heim (92), Jesse Brock (22B), Troy DeZarn (21), Mike Kerr (25K), Steve Allison (1BAD), Tim Bish (1B), Gary Robinson (44R), Tony Bruno (97), Rusty Martz (16M), Brent Coleman (01).