

57th Annual

# DU QUOIN STATE FAIR



**100 MILE LATE MODEL STOCK CARS**

**Saturday, August 25th**

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# Driver Autographs



Fans are permitted trackside after the race  
to view the cars and meet the drivers.



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# Pancho Carter's 1978 Du Quoin Win Assure Him Of National Dirt Crown

(Reprinted from Midwest Racing News)

Du Quoin, Ill., Aug. 27—Pancho Carter scored a wire-to-wire victory in Sunday afternoon's Ted Horn 100 for USAC Championship Dirt cars at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The victory virtually assured Carter of the division's 1978 driving title.

By virtue of his win Sunday and an earlier victory at Syracuse, N.Y. last July 1, Carter has compiled 520 points in the season standings to 364 for runnerup Gary Bettenhausen and 360 for third place Jim McElreath. Only Bettenhausen and McElreath retain mathematical chances of over-hauling Carter in the standings since only one contest, a 100 miler at the Indiana (Indianapolis) State Fairgrounds on Sept. 9, remains on the schedule.

Following Carter's fourth-place finish in the Tony Bettenhausen Memorial 100 at Springfield last weekend, a new engine was installed in his Golden Greek Machine and adjustments were made to the car's chassis. Both changes benefited Carter Sunday.

Larry Rice started the program by setting fast time in qualifications with a 34.631-second lap around the mile oval to earn the pole starting position for the event. Carter timed in second fastest at 34.883 seconds to nail down the other front row starting berth.

At the drop of the green to open the race, Carter forged into the lead and never relinquished the top spot despite constant pressure from Rice throughout the first 90 miles.

Rice's strongest bids for the lead came on restarts following the event's four caution periods, but Carter successfully defended the number one position each time.

The first yellow came on lap eight when Arnie Knepper spun and smacked the

third turn fence, putting the event under caution through lap 12.

A shredded tire on Dana Carter's Siebert Olds racer on the 29th circuit necessitated a four-lap show-down on lap 29.

The third caution encompassed laps 43 through 46 to tow Kramer Williamson's disabled car from the fourth turn.

Bettenhausen, who was leading the point standings prior to Sunday's event, necessitated the final yellow from lap 52 through lap 56 when he crashed into the outside wall in the second turn. Bettenhausen, who had started 14th, was running among the top 10 at the time of his mishap.

Rice's slim hopes of overtaking Carter ended past the 90-mile mark, when his engine began to malfunction and he slipped at the way to ninth place at the finish.

With Rice out of contention, Carter cruised to a 10-second win over Bill Vukovich, who placed second in the Ben's Tire Clinic Chevrolet. George Snider placed third with Larry Dickson fourth, Billy Cassella fifth and McElreath sixth.

Carter averaged 91.417 mph for the 100-mile grind. Eight other cars finished on the same lap as the winner and 14 of the 24 vehicles which started the race were still running when the checkered flag waved.

Two cars were eliminated for the day as a result of separate time trial accidents. Both Tom Bigelow, in the Armstrong Mould racer, and Bill Burks socked the third turn wall hard enough to sideline their cars for the duration of the day.

Bigelow, however, then jumped into the Thermo King machine and qualified fourth fastest. He went on to place 20th in the race, completing 46 miles before overheating trouble forced his withdrawal.

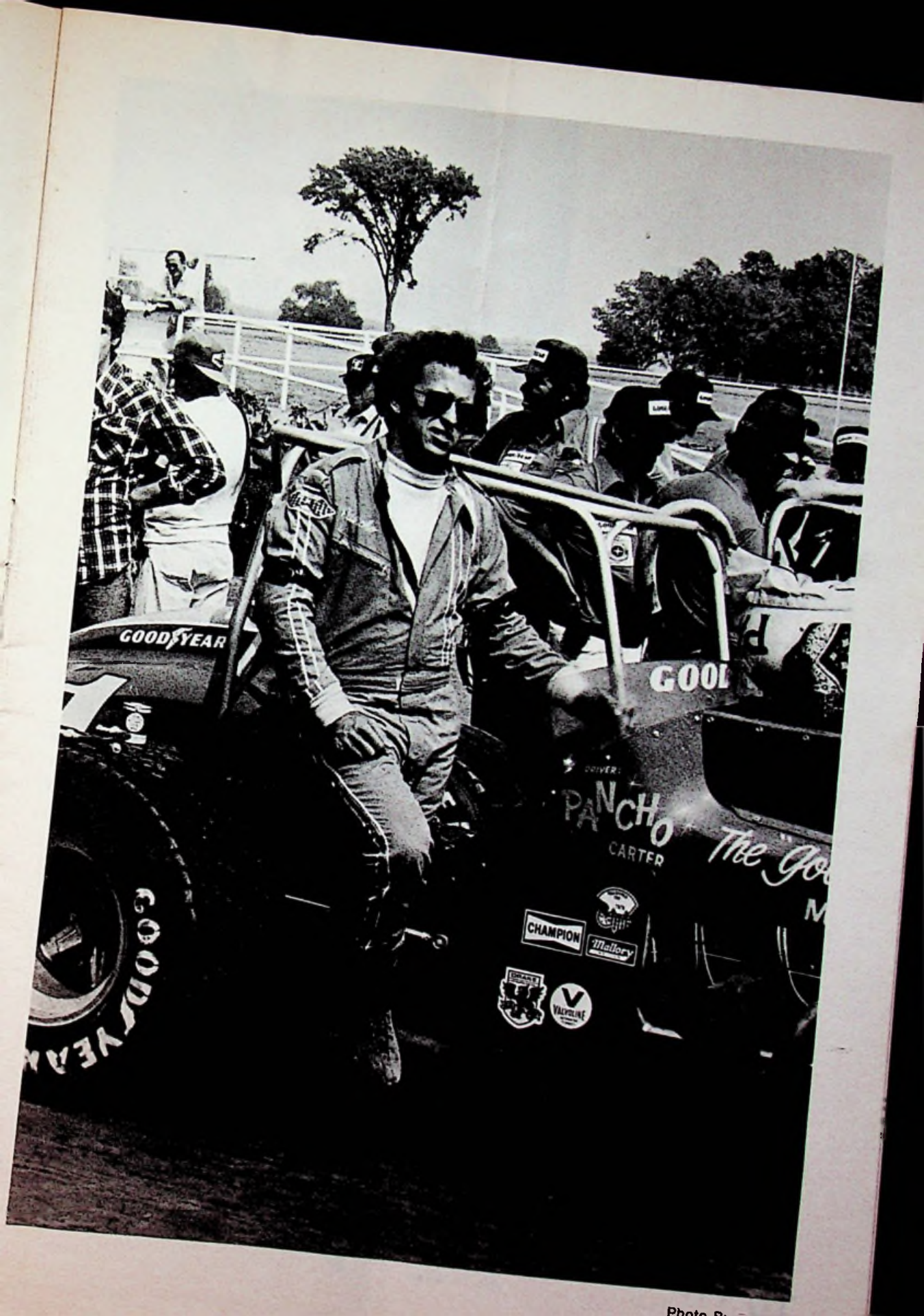


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USAC was founded late in 1956 when AAA decided to divorce itself from the sport of automobile racing - 1956 was the first season of operation for USAC which is composed of car owners, drivers, mechanics, race organizers, officials and fans.

USAC sanctions automobile racing in the following divisions: Championship, Stock car, Sprint, and Midget.

A non-profit organization, the destinies of USAC are guided by a 20-man board of directors who represent the various groups which make up the club. The board members are elected to office and have a voice in the goal of the organization; to provide qualified leadership and officiating at major automotive competitions, and to see that these competitions are conducted on the highest and safest plane.

The sanctioning of major automobile races such as the Indianapolis 500 is only one phase of the operation of USAC. USAC sanctions all Land speed record attempts at Bonneville, the Pikes Peak Hill Climb and through its Properties Division, certifies tests of various automotive products, and offers the USAC seal to bonafide advertising and promotional campaigns.

In short, USAC extends every effort to assist the automotive industry in building better and safer cars for the American motoring public, and to assure fans and competitors that the tradition of upholding the sport of automobile racing as a major league entity, will continue.

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# The Flags . . . from the driver's seat



**THE GREEN FLAG**.....Here we go again. This is the starting gun, the opening whistle—the race is on! The green flag tells us that the race is officially started, and during the long events, keeps us informed that the track is clear ahead — hang on! Here comes that first turn!



**THE RED FLAG**..... As always, this is the danger flag. Just like the red in a stop sign, it means STOP—and right now! There may have been a bad spill —perhaps someone has been hurt, or the track is completely blocked—when we see this one, we get stopped as quickly as we can. The race will probably be restarted, but let's find out what happened first.



**THE CROSSED FLAGS**..... Half way! Crossed flags tell us that the race is half over. It makes no difference which ones the starter uses. He holds the cloth of the flags along the handle so we don't confuse his meaning . . . if it's a 50-lapper, this signal means that there are only 25 to go . . . can't back off yet!



**THE BLACK FLAG**.....This is the "Consultation flag," telling me to pull into the pits on the next lap . . . it is often called the disqualification flag, but it doesn't necessarily mean that I have done something wrong . . . I may be throwing oil or losing a part of my car. Can't ignore these signals; if I get it more than twice, I'll be disqualified!



**THE BLUE FLAG WITH DIAGONAL STRIPE**.....This is the "passing flag." It indicates that a faster car is about to lap me . . . he has already passed me, and he now has a complete lap on me. This flag tells me to "hold my groove" or position on the track until I am passed. There he goes . . . but I'm not worried . . . he may not last long at that pace. If the flag isn't handy Bruce and Bud will use hand signals.



**THE WHITE FLAG**.....This one means simply "one more lap" . . . we've been a little too busy to count them, and this lets us know that we are starting on that last long lap. We're always glad to see this one, but the one we really wait for is:

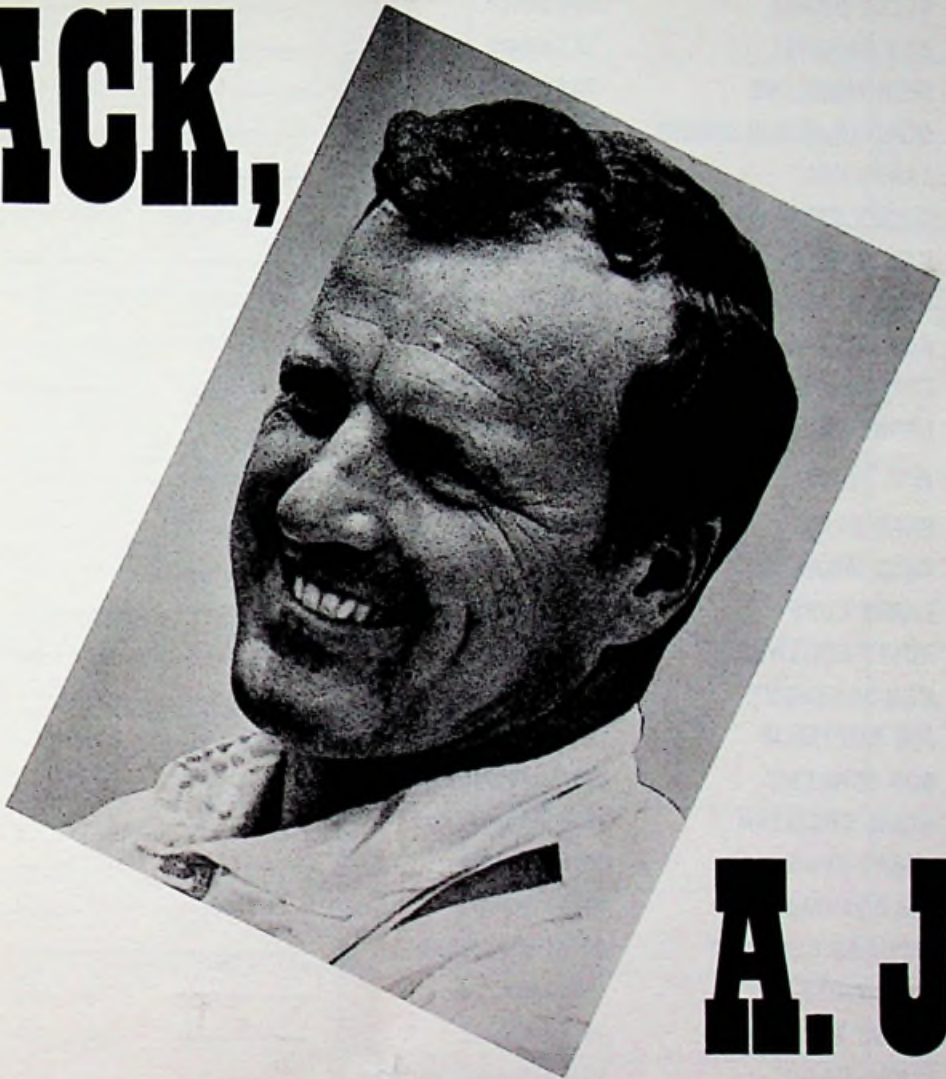


**THE YELLOW FLAG**.....This is the "caution flag." It tells us to slow down; to hold our position until the green flag is thrown again. The yellow flag indicates that there has been an accident on the track, or that the track has been partially blocked by a stalled car or a thrown wheel or other object. The yellow flag will remain out until the officials have determined that no one is injured seriously or that the track is not completely blocked.



**THE CHECKERED FLAG**.....This is the big one, the one we've been waiting for . . . it means it's all over but the shouting. We all want to get under this one first, but of course we can't all do it. We keep trying though, and I guess that's why you keep coming back. Thanks for the ride? Don't mention it . . . come again. And remember, when you drive your own car, although there are no flag signals, keep your eye on those traffic signs and obey them . . . they're the "flag signals of the highway."

# WELCOME BACK,



# A. J.

A. J. Foyt won his first career USAC victory here at Du Quoin in 1960. Since then, of course, he has become a household word in American auto racing. He is the only four-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and has taken many national USAC driving titles. He was USAC national champion in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1967, and 1975. He is USAC's all-time winningest Championship driver and the all-time Championship point leader.

He has scored six of his many career victories over the mile oval here at Du Quoin. He won the 100-mile stock car race here in 1969 and has championship dirt car victories here in 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1967 and 1972.

This is A.J.'s first visit to Du Quoin since 1974.

**WELCOME BACK, A.J.**

# ★ USAC Stock Car Entries

Car No.	Driver	Car	Qual. Time	Start Pos.	Finish
00	BUTCH HARTMAN	1978 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
8	SAL TOVELLA	1979 Dodge	_____	_____	_____
9	STEVE DRAKE	1979 Dodge	_____	_____	_____
12	BAY DARNELL	'78 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
15	RICH SUNDLING	'76 Chevelle	_____	_____	_____
17	GORDON BLANKENSHIP	'79 Dodge Magnum	_____	_____	_____
19	LARRY NAU	'78 Dodge Magnum	_____	_____	_____
23	BUDDY STEWART	'78 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
27	KEN ROWLEY	1977 Plymouth Volare	_____	_____	_____
33	DALE R. KOEHLER	1977 Chev. Monte Carlo	_____	_____	_____
34	BOB BREVAK	'78 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
44	TOM HELFRICK	1977 Chevrolet Chevelle	_____	_____	_____
50	LARRY PHILLIPS	1979 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
51	A. J. FOYT	1979 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
53	FRED ZACK	1978 Plymouth Volare	_____	_____	_____
57	RICCI WARE SR.	'79 Chev. Camaro	_____	_____	_____
59	LARRY COPE	1979 Mercury Monarch	_____	_____	_____
66	RUSTY WALLACE	'79 Firebird	_____	_____	_____
68	KEN SCHRADER	'79 Ford Granada ESS	_____	_____	_____
70	JOE RUTTMAN	'77 Pontiac Phoenix	_____	_____	_____
75	BOB SCHACHT	Pontiac-Ventura	_____	_____	_____
77	ARNIE CHRISTEN	1979 Dodge Aspen	_____	_____	_____
81	TERRY RYAN	'79 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
91	JIM CUSHMAN	1978 Plymouth	_____	_____	_____
92	RICHARD CLEMENT	1977 Dodge Aspen	_____	_____	_____
93	DON WHITE	'79 Aspen	_____	_____	_____
96	KENNY SIMPSON	1977 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
96	CLYDE DAGIT	1978 Plymouth Volare	_____	_____	_____
97	DEAN ROPER	1978 Charger Magnum	_____	_____	_____
98	TOM MEINBERG	1976 Chev. Chevelle Laguna S-3	_____	_____	_____
	BILL VENTURINI	1978 Plymouth Volare	_____	_____	_____
	RANDY OGDEN	1979 Camaro	_____	_____	_____
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# TODAY'S LINEUP USAC STOCK CAR LINEUP

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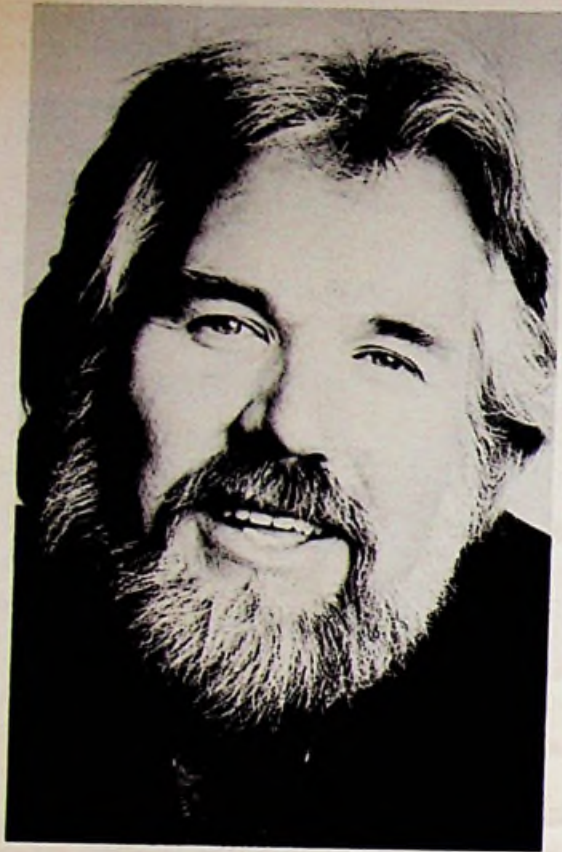
# ★ USAC Dirt Car Entries

Car Driver No.	Car	Qual. Time	Start Pos.	Finish
1 PANCHO CARTER	McCord Auto Supply Spl.	33.05 (32.99)		
2 GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Delrose-Holt Racing A., Inc.	32.99 (33.53)		
29 <del>BILL CASSELLA</del>	Seymour Enterprises	33.47 (33.57)		
6 BILL VUKOVICH	Ben's Tire Clinic	33.20 (32.70)		
10 STEVE CANNON	Double A Racing	33.99 (33.83)		
12 DANA CARTER	Nicolson Racing Team			
15 STEVE CHASSEY	Kurtz-DiGeronimo Bro. Rac.	33.11 (32.76)		
17 <del>JOHNNY PARSONS</del> P. PITZER	Smith Speed Shop Special	33.81 (33.47)		
19 <del>BOB EAST</del> <del>BOB SIEBERT</del>	Siebert Olds	33.70		
20 GEORGE SNYDER	Jack L. Rhoads Aircraft Sales			
21 <del>J. SANDRA</del>		34.17 (33.36)		
22 ROGER RAGEH	Dales Goodyear Spl.			
23 JIM McELREATH	McElreath Spl.			
24 BILL PUTERBAUGH	Industrial Services Spl.	34.30 (33.53)		
25 ART BISCH, JR.	Davis Cars, (Assoc.) Miller			
28 BILLY EAGLEHARDT	Weaver Special	34.30 (33.91)		
30 BOBBY OLIVERO	Hubler Chevrolet Special	34.17 (33.80)		
34 KRAMER WILLIAMSON	Amerling Special			
37 BILL BURKS	Harris Racing	34.42 (35.45)		
42 GARY IRVIN	McCord Auto Supply			
44 GREG LEFFLER	Union City Mold, Inc.	34.32 (34.38)		
47 <del>JERRY WEEKS</del>	<del>CoSWORTH</del>	34.90 (35.54)		
48 CHUCK GURNEY	Dealers Engine Sales Inc.	33.91 (33.53)		
49 BUBBY JONES	Siebert Olds.	33.64 (33.46)		
53 RICH VOGLER	Elder Cadillac Belleville, IL.	33.62 (33.65)		
55 <del>JIM McELREATH</del> S. TRIPP	Pizza Hut Spl.	35.42 (35.19)		
56 SHELDON KINSER	Genesse Beer	33.76 (33.28)		
59 LARRY RICE	LeFevre Automotive	34.99 (35.30)		
71 BUTCH WILKERSON	Stenger Ford			
78 MACK McCLELLAN	Dale's Goodyear Service Centers, Inc.	35.29 (34.55)		
84 GARY C. GRAY	Gapco, Inc.			
92 _____	Delrose-Holt R. Assoc., Inc.			
68 JERRY MILLER		34.67 (33.57)		
18 ROBERT SMITH		34.29 (34.33)		
81 CHRIS J. CUMBERWORTH		34.75		
____ DUKE COOK				
43 TOM BIGELOW	Armstrong Mould, Inc.	33.78 (33.80)		
10 35 D. CARTER		34.06 (33.80)		
67 PARKINSON		34.49 (34.30)		

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Row No.	Car No.	Driver	Finish	Car No.	Driver	Finish
1	6	VOKOVICH		15	CHASSEY	
2	1	CARTER		2	BETT	
3	59	RICE		56	KINSEK	
4	21	SALDANA		49	JOWES	
5	17	PITZER		29	CASSELLA	
6	24	PETERDAUCH		48	GURNEY	
7	53	VOGLER		68	J MILLER	
8	19	B. EAST		51	ATKINS	
9	43	BIGELOW		35	D. CARTER	
10	8	DICKSON		30	OLIVERO	
11	10	CANWON		28	EWGELHART	
12	18	SMITH		67	PARKINSON	
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16 M ALDERSON 35.03      51 B ATKINS 34.01 **33.73**  
 8 L DICKSON 34.13 **33.80**      32 C BUSSON 36.15  
 59 L ... 33.13 **33.20**



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# 1978 Du Quoin Results

## USAC STOCK CAR BOX SCORE

FIN. POS.	ST. POS.	DRIVER	CAR NAME/#	PTS. WON	MONEY WON**	LAPS COMP.	RUNNING/ REASON Out
1	6	Don White	Aspen (93)	250	\$2,815	100	Running
2	2	Bay Darnell	Camaro (12)	210	\$1,952	100	Running
3	4	Terry Ryan	Chevelle (81)	180	\$1,282	100	Running
4	21	Tom Bigelow	Magnum (43)	160	\$ 876	100	Running
5	10	Sal Tovella	Dodge (8)	150	\$ 784	100	Running
6	8	Ken Simpson	Camaro (96)	140	\$ 712	100	Running
7	7	Ken Rowley	Volare (27)	130	\$ 641	100	Running
8	3	Joe Ruttman	Ventura (70)	120	\$ 570	99*	Running
9	9	Gordon Blankenship	Dodge (17)	110	\$ 499	99	Running
10	12	Larry Nau	Volare (5)	100	\$ 427	98	Running
11	5	Gary Bowsher	Torino (21)	90	\$ 392	98	Running
12	13	Bob Brevak	Magnum (34)	80	\$ 356	98	Running
13	11	Bill Venturini	Volare (25)	70	\$ 321	96	Running
14	16	Tom Meinberg	Monte Carlo (98)	60	\$ 285	97	Running
15	24	Rich Sundling	Chevelle (15)	50	\$ 256	96	Running
16	19	Dale Koehler	Monte Carlo (33)	40	\$ 242	94	Running
17	28*	Danny Frye Jr.	Camaro (95)	30	\$ 228	92	Running
18	17	Terry Pearson	Chevelle (66)	20	\$ 214	92	Running
19	26	Jack Meinberg	Chevelle (78)	15	\$ 207	92	Running
20	18	Rick O'Brien	Monte Carlo (94)	15	\$ 199	76	Clutch
21	1	Ramo Stott	Volare (7)	15	\$ 192	40	Accident
22	15	Randy Ogden	Camaro (84)	15	\$ 185	35	Rear End
23	22	Dave Decker	Magnum (32)	15	\$ 178	33	Accident
24	20	Jim Hurlbert	Dodge (57)	15	\$ 171	28	Blk. Flag
25	23	Steve Drake	Dodge (9)	15	\$ 164	20	Oil Press.
26	14	Tom Helfrich	Chevelle (44)	15	\$ 157	5	Ignition
27	27	Francis Kelly	Ford (152)	15	\$ 150	4	Accident
28	25	C. C. Corbin	Chevelle (28)	15	\$ 142	0	Transmission

TOTAL PURSE: \$22,538

ATTENDANCE: 13,317

\*Car # 70 penalized one lap for passing on the yellow flag.

\*\*Prize figures for drivers based on basic purse.

FAST QUALIFIER: Ramo Stott (No. 7) - 37.24 seconds - 96.670 mph.

LAP LEADER: Laps 1-29 Stott, Laps 30-33 Ruttman, Laps 34-42 Tovella, Laps 43-46 Darnell, Laps 47-100 White

## USAC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIRT RACE--BOX SCORE

FIN. POS.	ST. POS.	DRIVER/HOMETOWN	CAR #	PTS.	LAPS	RUNNING/ REASON OUT
1	2	Pancho Carter	21	200	100	Running
2	11	Bill Vukovich	2	160	100	Running
3	3	George Snider	20	140	100	Running
4	12	Larry Dickson	5	100		Running
5	16	Billy Cassella	29	100	100	Running
6	5	Jim McElreath	56	80	100	Running
7	20	Bubby Jones	51	60	100	Running
8	9	Steve Cannon	66	50	100	Running
9	1	Larry Rice	1	40	100	Running
10	6	Chuck Gurney	83	30	99	Running
11	22	Robert Smith	18	20	97	Running
12	24	Ronnie Shuman	49	10	97	Running
13	18	Lynn Paxton	78	5	96	Running
14	10	Mark Alderson	25	5	95	Running
15	17	Dana Carter	19	5	69	Engine
16	23	Duke Cook	65	5	64	Oil Pressure
17*	21	Mike Johnson	85	4	58	Bearing Seized
18	8	Sheldon Kinser	3	4	54	Overheating
19	14	Gary Bettenhausen	98	4	51	Accident
20	4	Tom Bigelow	7	4	46	Overheating
21	15	Kramer Williamson	34	3	37	Engine
22	7	Junior Parkinson	67	3	15	Engine
23	13	Arnie Knepper	35	3	7	Accident
24	19	Bill Engelhart	28	3	7	Engine

LAP LEADERS: Poncho Carter 1-100 Purse: \$30,000

Attendance: 9,781

TIME: 1:05:38.00 Average Speed: 91,417 mph

FAST QUALIFIER: Larry Rice (1) 34.631

# DU QUOIN TRACK RECORDS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Speed</u>
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b>					
1 lap	8-29-76	Tom Bigelow	Leader Card	32.594	110.450
100 Miles	8-28-77	Tom Bigelow	Leader Card/Lodester Special	59:30.8	100.818
<b>STOCK CARS</b>					
1 lap	9-3-72	Jack Bowsher	1971 Ford	:36.41	98.874
100 miles	9-3-72	Jack Bowsher	1971 Ford	1:02:52.34	95.432
<b>MIDGETS</b>					
1 lap	7-2-72	Larry Dickson	Tyler Special	:34.87	103.241
50 miles	9-2-72	Tom Bigelow	Elder Cadillac Co. Spl.	29:21.35	102.194
100 miles	9-4-60	Jack Turner	Flatow Offy	1:05:14.29	91.970
<b>SPRINT CARS</b>					
1 lap	9-2-61	Elmer George	Tony's Special	:34.38	104.712
10 laps	9-2-61	Jim Hurtubise	Barnett Brothers Special	6:00.37	98.983
12 laps	9-2-61	Bob Mathouser	The Rebel Special	7:44.75	92.953
25 laps	9-2-61	Elmer George	500 Platolene Special	15:13.00	98.574

## TIME-SPEED CONVERSION TABLE FOR ONE MILE DIRT TRACK

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SPEED</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SPEED</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>SPEED</b>
33.00	109.091	35.00	102.857	37.00	097.297
33.10	108.761	35.10	102.564	37.10	097.035
33.20	108.434	35.20	102.273	37.20	096.774
33.30	108.108	35.30	101.983	37.30	096.515
33.40	107.784	35.40	101.695	37.40	096.257
33.50	107.463	35.50	101.408	37.50	096.000
33.60	107.143	35.60	101.124	37.60	095.745
33.70	106.825	35.70	100.840	37.70	095.491
33.80	106.509	35.80	100.559	37.80	095.238
33.90	106.195	35.90	100.279	37.90	094.987
34.00	105.882	36.00	100.000	38.00	094.737
34.10	105.572	36.10	099.723	38.10	094.488
34.20	105.263	36.20	099.448	38.20	094.241
34.30	104.956	36.30	099.174	38.30	093.995
34.40	104.651	36.40	098.901	38.40	093.750
34.50	104.348	36.50	098.630	38.50	093.506
34.60	104.046	36.60	098.361	38.60	093.264
34.70	103.746	36.70	098.093	38.70	093.023
34.80	103.448	36.80	097.826	38.80	092.784
34.90	103.152	36.90	097.561	38.90	092.545

# USAC Stars Entered Here



**PANCHO CARTER**  
1978 Dirt Car Champion  
2-Time Sprint Car Champion



**TOM BIGELOW**  
1978 Sprint Car Champion



**GARY BETTENHAUSEN**  
2-Time Sprint Car Champion  
1978 Dirt Car Runnerup



**SAL TOVELLA**



**BAY DARNELL**



**BUBBY JONES**



**BILLY CASSELLA**  
1976 Dirt Car Champion



**BILL ENGELHART**  
1978 Hoosier Hundred Winner

# DOLLY!

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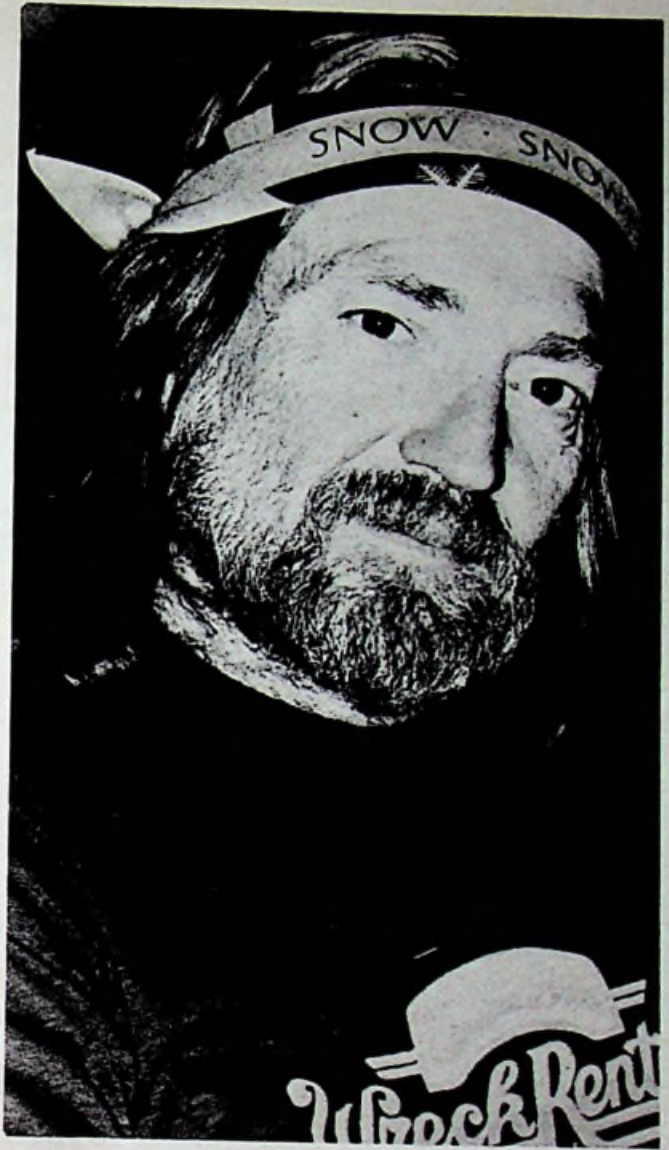


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# Willie Nelson

Sunday, Sept. 2  
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# CLASSIC TAILS.

## HAMBLETONIAN

The Du Quoin State Fair proudly presents the country's premier gathering of 3-year-old trotters. Competing for the richest trotting purse in the world: The \$300,000 1979 Hambletonian Trotting Classic. Post time: Noon. Saturday, September 1.

The 54th Edition of the Hambletonian  
Du Quoin State Fair

