



Despite having the weekend off from driving the #86 pro late model; Billy was kept busy with the team as they displayed the #86 Late Model at Vinnie's Mr. Fixit Great 2016 Pig Roast and Party before heading to Flamboro Speedway with Carson to run the #86 mini stock while Jake and Samantha headed to Sunset Speedway for a regular night of racing and Fan Appreciation Night. As the rest of the #86 team had the weekend off, Hags and his wife Shannon took the opportunity to visit another team sponsor as they made their way to the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market where they took home plenty of merchandise from the many different vendors at the very busy and popular market.

**Flamboro Speedway:** When Carson was at the shop on Thursday night to prepare the #86, he discovered that the right-front tire had been damaged and was in need of replacement. The team was unable to find a tire that was the same size so the right-rear was put on the right-front and a new right-rear was installed which changed the stagger more than they would have liked. It became apparent pretty quick that the increase in stagger had made the car extremely loose on exit as Carson spun the #86 twice during the first practice session. The right side tires were swapped from front to rear and a spring rubber was removed from the right-rear to try and tighten up the car on exit and Carson reported that the car was handling much better in the final practice sessions.

In the first of two features, Carson started 11<sup>th</sup> out of 14 cars that included Billy's brother Rich who was making his season debut in the #72. Carson made his way to 9<sup>th</sup> on lap 2 before picking up another position on the next lap to move into 8<sup>th</sup>. Rich had made his way up to 10<sup>th</sup> by lap 5 after starting at the tail-end of the field but he would spin by himself on lap 7 and with no caution, returned to the tail end of the field. At the same time Rich was going for a ride, Carson made a move on the #84 to put him into 7<sup>th</sup> before he would also spin with no caution and rejoin the tail-end of the field with the #72. On lap 15 Carson was running the same lap times as the leaders as he tried not to go a lap down but he would run out of laps before he could make any significant gains finishing 9<sup>th</sup>. Carson lined up 9<sup>th</sup> in the second feature of the night and before the field could really get going the #97 hit the wall hard in turn 2 bringing out the caution on lap 1. Restarting 7<sup>th</sup>, Carson moved past the #42 into 6<sup>th</sup> on lap 5 and by lap 10 he was digging hard on the inside of the #84 but was unable to complete the pass and get into the top-5. Over the final laps Carson would try again and again to get past the #84 but to no avail finishing in 6<sup>th</sup>. Billy had a good talk with Carson after the race and explained different tactics that Carson should be trying in order to get by a car that was basically running the same speed instead of trying the same move over and over.



**Sunset Speedway:** There was plenty of heat and sunshine up north as Jake and Samantha took to the track for practice where Jake was happy overall with the #88 with only air pressure adjustments and a spring rubber adjustment required. Samantha was not as fortunate and she and dad Randy had to make plenty of changes over the course of practice to chase the handling on the #81. It was Fan Appreciation Night and while Samantha was still getting her car worked on, Jake was the only car representing Spira Racing and their many sponsors as he made his way onto the track for the autograph session that took place right after practice. Cars from all classes took to the track and Jake handed out plenty of hero cards along with cold Icelandic Glacial and Activate Drinks to the fans that stopped by the #88.



Samantha was on track first for her heat race starting on the outside pole out of nine cars. At the drop of the green flag Samantha got stuck on the outside and by the halfway mark she had fallen back to 5<sup>th</sup> before dropping one more position to finish 6<sup>th</sup>. Jake would start on the inside of the third row in 5<sup>th</sup> out of ten cars for his heat race and after the one and only caution on lap 4 for the #95 spinning in turn 2, he restarted in the 6<sup>th</sup> position. Through the remaining laps, Jake was able to make his way back up to 5<sup>th</sup> on lap 7 and he would battle hard with the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> place cars to maintain his position and finished 5<sup>th</sup>. Both Jake and Samantha qualified for the 'Dash for Cash' as Jake started back in the 10<sup>th</sup> position with Samantha one row behind him in 11<sup>th</sup>. The race ran caution free with Jake running 9<sup>th</sup> at the halfway point while Samantha was running 11<sup>th</sup>. Jake and Samantha were both able to pick up one more position through the second half as Jake finished 8<sup>th</sup> and Samantha two cars behind him in 10<sup>th</sup>.

In the 25-lap feature, Samantha started on the outside pole in 2<sup>nd</sup> while Jake started mid-pack in 11<sup>th</sup> out of 19 cars. The first caution came on lap 7 for the #17 who spun in turn 4 just in front of Jake who had to go high to avoid contact. Samantha restarted 2<sup>nd</sup> while Jake had lost a couple of positions restarting 13<sup>th</sup>. By lap 10 Samantha had fallen back to 6<sup>th</sup> while Jake was able to pick up a position and was running 12<sup>th</sup>. The field would slow again on lap 20 for the second caution of the night and then Samantha restarted 7<sup>th</sup> as Jake was still running 12<sup>th</sup>. Samantha battled hard towards the finish to pick up a couple of positions to finish 5<sup>th</sup> while Jake just missed the top-10 finishing 11<sup>th</sup>.



Jake and Samantha both have this coming weekend off but Billy is back in the #86 pro late model for the eighth round of the APC United Late Model Series on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at Sunset Speedway. The front gates open at 1:30 PM with racing getting underway at 3:00 PM.