

Massengill and Crider repeat as winners in Southeast Limited Late Model Series Race



Jacksonville, N.C. (October 22, 2011) - The fifth event of the Southeast Limited Late Model Series saw our first repeat winners of 2011, as Tripp Massengill the Creedmoor N.C. driver won the Southeast Limited Late Model Pro Division portion of the event and Justin Crider from Statesville N.C. won the Challenger portion of the Octoberfest 250 from Coastal Plains Raceway.

Qualifying for the Pro Division saw the field of 15 cars separated by less than three tenths of a second. Jake Morris from Fredericksburg Va. took the pole with a qualifying time of 16.521 seconds. Close behind were Clay Jones in second, Chris Chapman in third, Trevor Noles in fourth, and Arizona driver Travis Motley in fifth.

As the green flag dropped, Morris quickly jumped to the front of the pack. But before we could finish Lap 1 contact between Tripp Massengill and Travis Motley would bring out the day's first caution.

When the race restarted with Motley and Massengill at the rear it was Morris continued to be the car to beat. Lap 6 would bring out another caution flag for a spin by #23 Trey Marcham collecting Tim Allensworth the reigning Coastal Plains Limited Late Model Champion and the car of Bobby Gower. With all the debris scattered on the backstretch the track went to red flag conditions to allow the cleanup crew to make sure the track was safe to return to racing condition and ensure all laps were ran under green.

After a green flag run of 48 caution free laps Massengill and Motley methodically move back through the field and by Lap 45 Massengill had taken over the 4th position and Motley the 6th position. And at the halfway point Jake Morris was still the leader with Clay Jones right on his rear bumper followed by Chapman, Massengill and Leitner.

The 3rd caution of the evening flew when Raleigh N.C. native Tony Grady spun on the front stretch. Once back the green flag returned it did not stay out long as Travis Motley the Arizona driver went for a spin in turn 4 on Lap 56 bring out the 4th and final caution of the night. On the ensuing restart Massengill made move on Leitner for 3rd finally taking the position on Lap 59, making our running order Morris, Jones, Massengill, Leitner and Louis White first through fifth.

On lap 63 Goldsboro N.C. driver Clay Jones made a move the top spot on Jake Morris and coming back to the stripe Jones would edge Morris for the lead. Following Jones would be Massengill pulling alongside Morris as they raced wheel to wheel till Lap 66 allowing Massengill to move into 2nd place and Morris would have to settle for 3rd. While this battle for 2nd was going on Chris Chapman was on the move finally taking 4th position from Austin Leitner on Lap 69 after several exciting laps of door banging action.

Massengill wasn't through with his run for the Checkered as he took over the top spot on Lap 72 as Jones' lead would only last 9 laps. Meanwhile Louis White's car was starting to show some strength as he sailed past Leitner for 5th, it seemed as Leitner's handling had gone away as he fell to 8th for the evening. Travis Motley after spinning for a second time on Lap 56 was again on the move and would take over the 6th spot on Lap 89.

As the laps wound down Massengill had started to pull away from Jones and by Lap 92 had a 2 second lead over Jones as he headed to the finish. But the racing back in the pack was not over as Chris Chapman muscled his way to the 3rd position on Lap 94.

Massengill would hold to his quarter straight away lead over Jones to take the Checkered Flag, followed by Chapman, Morris and White to round out the Top 5.

"I just want to thank most important God without him none of this would be possible, my mom and dad and especially my Uncle Tony (Arnold) for setting this thing up. It was on a rail. I also want to apologize to the 04 we made contact on Lap 1 and it was unintentional." Massengill said in his post race interview. "I'm looking forward to the next race...it's a great series."

With his 3rd place finish Chris Chapman will retain his point lead. With the Top 5 looking like this Chris Chapman 478, Jake Morris 446, Trey Marchem 434, Louis White 430, Tim Allensworth 414 .



In the 40 Lap Challenger portion of the Southeast Limited Late Model event Statesville N.C. Justin Crider and England native Holly Jackson now residing in Timmons ville S.C. would bring the field down to the green. Crider would edge ahead on Lap 1 followed by Michael Schwietering, Melvin Langley, Andrew Grady and Jackson falling from her outside starting position would settle in line for 5th.

Lap 2 would bring out our first caution flag for the Challengers when Holly Jackson and Frankie Dominick Jr. would tangle in turn 2. Once back to green Crider would pull away to a 1 second lead as Langley would wrestle 2nd from Schwietering on Lap 11. Andrew Grady would muscle his way around Schwietering on Lap 13.

As this side by side battle continued back in the field Crider motored to a 2.3 second lead. But on Lap 21 Crider's lead would go away as Dominick would again spin bringing out the caution. This is what Langley had been hoping for as now he would

restart on the rear bumper of Crider. Coming back to green Langley would make move on Crider but would come up short allowing Crider to again pull out to a half second lead. Langley playing cool just as he did in his victory at Ace Speedway slowly cut Crider's lead and on Lap 31 would dive to the inside of Crider going in second corner but as Langley was making the pass Dominick again would go for the spin cycle for the third time regulating him to the pits for spinning 3 time during the event. Because of SELLM rules we go back to the previously completed lap, Langley would have to line up behind Crider. But even as bad as that sounded Langley had even worse news, he had lost 3rd gear almost ensuring a good restart was out the window. Once back to green Crider would pull away to a 1.2 second lead on Langley enroute to his 2nd win in the South East Limited Late Model Challenger Victory. Langley, Grady, Robinson and Schwietering would make up the top 5.

SELLM Pro Division Results

- 1. Tripp Massengill**
- 2. Clay Jones**
- 3. Chris Chapman**
- 4. Jake Morris**
- 5. Louis White**
- 6. Travis Motley**
- 7. Kenneth Mercer**
- 8. Austin Leitner**
- 9. Tony Grady**
- 10. Bobby Gower**
- 11. Taylor Howard**
- 12. Tim Allensworth**
- 13. Trevor Noles**
- 14. Ronald Brown**
- 15. Trey Marcham**

SELLM Challenger Division Results

- 1. Justin Crider**
- 2. Melvin Langley**
- 3. Andrew Grady**
- 4. Ryan Robinson**
- 5. Michael Schwietering**
- 6. Frankie Dominick**
- 7. Holly Jackson**