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Emo Fair packed with people having a ball



From l. Daelyn and Serena Teeple were joined by their cousins, Norah and Carmen Meeks who came in from Dryden for the fair. They were sitting in the Grandstand waiting for the parade to arrive.



Ed Kennedy, Zone 72 Commander, Vernon Thompson, Emo Legion Branch #99 President, and Brian McCallum Zone 72 Deputy Commander were ready to take the salute from the marching veterans as they entered the grand stand.



Who wouldn't buy honey from this busy little bee?



Emo Fair Queen Royalty—2014 Emo Fair Queen, Kassidy LeDrew, Mini-Queen, Reece Wiersema and Mini-King, Ben Latter.



EMX Racers sponsored by John Gavel.



Featured Family award to Tom & Shirley Morrish.



Jayla Beckett enjoyed her first-ever 'Odd Dog' at the Emo Fair. "It's awesome", said the visitor from Calgary, Alberta.



John Rafferty, Member of Parliament was at the Exhibition Hall.



"Keep Calm and Drink Tea" - Valerie Lauzon showcased the products available from Steepest Tea.



Aiden McTavish plays with a tractor at the interactive and kid-friendly Agriculture Awareness Booth.



"Purchase with a Purpose" - Kirsty Sinclair displayed ethically produced products from Morocco and Peru that she sells through a home-based business, One Earth.

By: Teresa Hazel

The Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society once again put on a great three days of fun during this year's 114th fall

fair. Many hours of volunteer work happens for many months to ensure the Emo Fair goes off without a hitch every

year. From the Emo Fair Queen pageant to stock car races and from midway rides to parades, with livestock contests, exhibition hall set-up and horse races all added in,

the fall fair has something for everyone.

Congratulations to this year's featured family, the Tom and Shirley Morrish family who grew up with the annual fair being a huge part of their lives. Their involvement with the fair took on many roles from exhibiting their livestock, garden produce and baking to becoming involved as 4-H leaders and volunteers. Their six children also participated in the fair beginning back in the 1970's and carried on the tradition of showing their 4-H calves, steers and Galloway cattle. Tom and Shirley put in countless hours every year setting up the exhibition hall at the farm progress building and help with the arduous task of clean-up after the event. Their dedication and love for kids and animals is evident and they both are committed to continuing their involvement "for as long as time allows".

Congratulations also to this year's Emo Fair royalty that saw Kassidy LeDrew crowned 2014 Emo Fair Queen. First Princess was Elizabeth Allan and Joleigh Hayes was named second princess. Mini-King was Benjamin Latter and Reece Wiersema was crowned Mini-Queen.

To those who took home red ribbons for their exhibits in the farm progress building, well done and to the 4-H members who were awarded prizes for their livestock, good job. To all the winners in the Beef and Dairy Cattle Show and the Horse Show, great effort.

There were also many inter-



"Under the B..." - Proceeds from the dabber bingo at the fair is used to support local charities and organizations.



Julianna Donaldson helped Callahan LeBlanc make a beeswax candle Agriculture Awareness booth.

esting items at the Emo Arena where over 120 exhibitors showcased their products and services.

To those who came out to play some dabber bingo or listen to The Fugitives play their brand of Old Time Music on the small stage, hope you had fun.

Whether you came out to watch the parade with its 'Go Local' theme on Saturday afternoon or headed over to the Grandstand to watch the Rea Memorial Stock Car Races, the

family-centred fair was a lot of fun. The delight in children's faces as they hopped on the rides and played games at the midway was evident, and, oh yes, there was plenty of food and refreshments - candy apples, those yummy mini donuts, sno-cones and, of course, corn dogs and fries!

So, to all of the volunteers who work hard every year to make the annual fall fair happen - thank you. Your efforts are very much appreciated by everyone!

Lots more pics on page 3 (that's our Teresa, yay!)

Photographers' showcase



Following a Monarch Habitat Workshop in Sioux Narrows, many who attended that course are now helping to save the Monarchs. This one, found as a miniscule egg (only the size of a pin head) under the leaf of a Milkweed plant, was first raised as a caterpillar, the size of this small letter 'i'. Over the past month, that caterpillar went through incredible transformations, until its emergence here, as a butterfly! Only a few seconds young, and still clinging to its chrysalis, it was born as an 'ADULT' butterfly on Aug. 7th! Fascinating! It soon was feasting on nectar flowers, to prepare for its long journey south, to overwinter in the interior of Mexico. Lightweight, and on paper-thin wings, this Monarch will soon begin a flight south, of over 2400 miles, with no adult butterfly to guide it! Females born here in 2014, should later lay hundreds of eggs in the spring of 2015, when they begin to fly north again...but only if Milkweed can be found! Milkweed is an absolute "MUST" for all Monarchs; they won't survive without it!

Photo by Karen Andrews, Sioux Narrows



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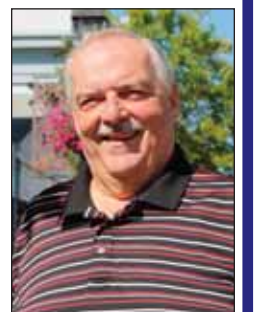


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Excellent action during Rea Memorial Fall Fair Races at Emo Speedway



Tyler Wilson took the feature win on Friday and Saturday night, claiming the Rea Memorial Championship (Photo by Alyssa Strachan)

By: Anthony Leek

The weather was beautiful for two days of the biggest racing event in Northwestern Ontario as the Borderland Racing Association hosted the Annual Rea Memorial Races at the Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society's 114th Annual Fall Fair.

WISSOTA Modifieds, WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, and Emo Street Stocks took to the track in the biggest fields of 2014 as drivers from Manitoba, Thunder Bay and the United States centred their sights on the biggest prize of the year, the two day point total of the Rea Memorial Championship. Defending Champions, Jamie Davis in the WISSOTA Modifieds, Christopher Leek in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, and Cody Wall in the Emo Street Stocks were all atten-

dance to race it out once again.

On Friday night, Davis set the tone like usual at the event by clean sweeping the night by winning the heat and feature. While the heat race was relatively easy, Davis had to make a pass on Justin Jones of Bemidji, Minnesota on the last lap and won by only a couple feet in an exciting side by side battle. In the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Brady Caul marched quickly to the front from his outside pole position to repeat his Friday win from 2013. Defending champion Leek broke the right front ball joint forcing his first DNF of the year and conceding the season points lead to Chuck Lambert for the first time in 2014. In the Street Stocks, Tyler Wilson passed five cars and held off a hard charging Kendal Gamsby to claim vic-



Paul Veert of Winnipeg, Manitoba finished third on Friday and took home the big win on Saturday to claim his first Rea Memorial Championship (Photo by Alyssa Strachan)

tory on day one. Defending Rea champion Wall was forced to retire early due to overheating issues.

On Saturday night, Davis won his heat again coming from the fifth position. Starting ninth in the feature, Davis moved up to second spot but was unable to mount a charge on Jones for back to back wins. Ward Imrie made the pass for second about halfway through the race but was unable to get to the leader in time as twenty-five laps caution free were completed. In the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Winnipeg driver Paul Veert started in the eighth position and moved up to the lead about halfway. Matt Depiero, who started fifteenth, got within a car length of Veert but ran out of time with nineteen laps of caution-free racing

to settle for second. Rea Memorial Defending champ Christopher Leek finished third and reclaimed the points lead in the season standings. In the Street Stocks Ron Westover held the high line over Tyler Wilson for the majority of the race, but Wilson did not give up and was able to squeak back to back wins at the Emo Fair.

The 2014 Rea Memorial Champions are Paul Veert in the WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds, Justin Jones in the WISSOTA Modifieds, and Tyler Wilson in the Emo Street Stocks. Congratulations! Thank you to all the great volunteers, sponsors and fans for their support and helping in a great success at the Emo Speedway! The Keith McNally Memorial and Season Championship is this weekend. Hot Laps at 7:00pm and Racing at 7:30pm.

SUMMARY
Friday August 15th

WISSOTA Modifieds

Feature – Jamie Davis, Justin Jones, Ward Imrie, Gavin Paull, Dustin Wahl, Jerome Guyot, Jeff Davis, Greg Ferris, Jake Rea, Gary Wilson, Ron Korpi, Glen Strachan, Steve Nordin, Garrett Gamsby, Eric Guyot, Brian Nelson

Heat 1 – Strachan, Wilson, Ferris, Brown, Korpi, Nelson

Heat 2 – Imrie, Jamie Davis, J. Guyot, Wahl, Gamsby, Nordin

Heat 3 – Paull, Jones, E. Guyot, Jeff Davis, Rea

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

Feature – Brady Caul, Dwayne Pihulak, Paul Veert, James Wall, Cody Ossachuk, Matt Depiero, Chuck Lambert, Jeff Davis, Don Craig, Brody Strachan, Rob Rantalo, Jake Rea, John Hettinga, Anthony Visser, Ken Perry, Brendan Veert, Kenny Perry, Christopher Leek

Heat 1 – P. Veert, Leek, Wall, Rea, Ken Perry, B. Veert

Heat 2 – Caul, Lambert, Craig, Ossachuk, Visser, Kenny Perry

Heat 3 – Depiero, Pihulak, Rantalo, Davis, Strachan, Hettinga

Emo Street Stocks

Feature – Tyler Wilson, Kendal Gamsby, Ron Westover, Don Mitchell, Libby Wilson, Kyle Godin, Chris Shine, Devin Brown, Mike Christianson, Wes Morriseau, AJ Kellar, Jeff Wickstrom, Cody Wall, Dean Kellar, Terry Henry, Andrew Trimble, Tyler Wickstrom, Darrin Rea

Heat 1 – Westover, J. Wickstrom, Shine, Henry, Morriseau, AJ Kellar

Heat 2 – T. Wilson, Gamsby, Kellar, Godin, L. Wilson, Brown

Heat 3 – Wall, Mitchell, Trimble, Christianson, T. Wickstrom, Rea

Saturday, August 16th

WISSOTA Modifieds

Feature – Justin Jones, Ward Imrie, Jamie Davis, Scott Greer, Greg Ferris, Jerome Guyot, Gavin Paull, Brian Nelson, Jake Rea, Eric Guyot, Glen Strachan, Tyler Brown, Ron Korpi, Steve Nordin, Jeff Davis, Garrett Gamsby, Gary Wilson

Heat 1 – Jones, J. Guyot, Greer, Brown, E. Guyot, Jeff Davis

Heat 2 – Jamie Davis, Ferris, Nelson, Strachan, Gamsby, Wilson

Heat 3 – Imrie, Paull, Korpi, Rea, Nordin

WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

Feature – Paul Veert, Matt Depiero, Christopher Leek, Dwayne Pihulak, Brody Strachan, John Hettinga, Chuck Lambert, Cody Ossachuk, Jeff Davis, Anthony Visser, Brady Caul, Rob Rantalo, James Wall, Jake Rea, Ken Perry, Don Craig, Glenn Godin, Brendan Veert, Kenny Perry, Jamie Smart

Heat 1 – Leek, Craig, Ken Perry, Rantalo, Godin

Heat 2 – Strachan, Ossachuk, Davis, Wall, B. Veert

Heat 3 – Lambert, P. Veert, Hettinga, Depiero, Rea

Emo Street Stocks

Feature – Tyler Wilson, Ron Westover, Kendal Gamsby, Dean Kellar, Kyle Godin, Jeff Wickstrom, James Wall, Chris Shine, Mike Christianson, Libby Wilson, AJ Kellar, Tyler Wickstrom, Don Mitchell, Andrew Trimble, Terry Henry, Darrin Rea, Devin Brown

Heat 1 – Trimble, Wall, AJ Kellar, Westover, T. Wickstrom, Henry

Heat 2 – J. Wickstrom, D. Kellar, Brown, Shine, Christianson, Rea

Heat 3 – T. Wilson, Gamsby, Godin, Mitchell, L. Wilson



Moos by Kim Jo Bliss



And another Emo Fair has come and gone! It actually makes me kind of sad. It always seems that once the Fair is over, Fall arrives rather quickly. What a great weekend we had. Despite the crazy hot day on Friday (likely our hottest day in 2014) – it was a wonderful weekend. I managed to get my cattle there, and made a few things for the exhibition hall. I hope that I make enough in prize \$ to pay my annual membership fee! I am very proud of Maddie and Marlee – they did such a great job with their calves. It is amazing how much they have improved and how much more confident they have become. Marlee's heifer knocked her down twice and I was worried she would be upset and quit but she brushed herself off and kept going. Marlee ended up 1st with her heifer and Maddie 2nd. Shane met Marlee in the barn and said "gee that is too bad your heifer wasn't behaving" – she replied "that's o.k., he liked mine best!" Charlie and Levi (the twins from Dryden) did a great job showing their calves – Charlie and Levi. Levi did give Levi a run

for his money – but he hung on tight despite his hat falling right over his eyes.

The 4-H classes went well and with the weather being a bit cooler Saturday a.m. the cattle behaved very well. We had a wonderful group of steers. History was made with sisters Morgan and Jessica Haw with Grand and Reserve Champions followed by brothers Timothy and Leroy Rempel. Morgan and Jessica were also our Grand and Reserve Champion showmen as well. A big thank you to all that helped to make our 4-H Show and Sale such a great success! Special thanks to Telford Advent for stepping in on short notice to sell our steers – we certainly appreciated this.

The Rainy River Hereford Association sold every last ticket on their \$500 beef package or \$500 cash – first time in a long time that happened. The winner was a stock car driver from Thunder Bay and I will publish the name next week. Guess the weight is always a popular event and this year our orphan steer Dudley was the candidate to guess the

weight on. Dudley is now a year and half old but still nice and quiet for people to be visiting throughout the Fair. Dudley weighed 1070 lbs and Eltjo Weirsemma was the lucky "guesser!" Dudley enjoyed his weekend.

Often we have a cattle sale the weekend following the Emo Fair but this year we don't so it looks like we will pack up our cattle and head off to the Dryden Fair. Maddie and Marlee are very excited to display their heifer calves to their Dryden Grandma and Grandpa and cousins! So the dragging isn't over yet!

My students have only 2 weeks left at the station. This makes me sad as well. Because of our late start it isn't looking good to having much of the plots combined and in this year. I have a whole lot of work ahead of me and I will likely have to find someone to help!

The next cattle sale is September 6th – get in touch with James Gibson if you have cattle or questions. James # is 807-487-2731 or 807-271-2005.

Legion Chat by Walter Wagner, Major Hughes Br. 54 president

First of all I want to acknowledge Christie and Janet for marching in the Emo Fair Parade.

I notice in many instances that Colour Parties are getting smaller and the average age looks like it is getting older. The Legion needs new blood not only in Colour Parties but also on their Executive. The only way we will succeed is if our members step forward and

join in the daily workings.

The same faces doing everything are getting burnt out.

Barb had a successful burger night last Friday so this Friday

she is having a smokie, hot dog and macaroni salad night.

The \$1000.00 Dance tickets are moving so get yours now.

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