

## 8-10-24: Bolton Fairgrounds

I went up to the Bolton Fairgrounds for their fair figure-8 race. It was less than an hour away but had the interesting situation of having no parking on site at all - everyone had to park in an external lot and take a shuttle bus to the fairgrounds. This turned out to not really be an issue, luckily. The busses were frequent and quick and made the whole thing pretty painless actually.

We bought our fair admission and wandered around while waiting for things to start. It was a county fair, not terribly large but a decent number of rides and some food options, nothing spectacular.

The motorsports arena was in the back corner and was a grass lot surrounded by k-rails and netting with temporary grandstands, free entrance with fair admission. The stands were actually entirely full and we stood along the open area on the side.



They brought out a water truck, which was just someone standing on a trailer with a pressure washer, to wet the track down.



They started a few minutes late then the promoter got on the mic and said that they try for 20+ cars for events like this but they only had 6, so they changed the format. This was very worrisome, since last time there was an announcement about a figure 8 drawing a lower than expected car count they decided to go last-man-standing demo-derby style which wasn't countable. This was the opposite however - they said that they were going to break it up into multiple heats with single car qualifying, then run a reverse race on an oval track! That was super exciting to hear - I very much did not expect to count a double.

They did the single car qualifying then ran a number of different heats, though all heats had all the same cars, they just put the winner at the back each time. The sixth race was finally the oval. They had all the cars run in reverse but that still counts as an oval track and was an exciting double, and actually only the second countable oval in the entire state of Massachusetts, which is kind of crazy when you think about just how many people live here. I'm very glad to have been able to count it, as who knows when it will ever be run again.