

2-16-23: Citrus County Speedway

I put Citrus County on my calendar for the week since it was a Winternationals for the legends and bandoleros and was surprised when I actually looked it up that it was an afternoon race. As a result, I took it off the plan for Wednesday night and instead went there this afternoon, which ended up working out quite well since my brother flew in this morning.

We got there a bit after the racing was scheduled to begin. There weren't a lot of people in the stands but this didn't seem like an event that was predicated on non-participant attendance, so we sat in the top row on the exit of turn four. The track was a low banked quarter mile with a setup for a figure-8 in the middle, very similar to Auburndale and Showtime that I'd already been to on this trip.



I did notice that they had huge embankments built up around the poles in the middle of the track, bigger than I'm used to seeing. Someone hitting those could launch quite far into the air.

The grandstands were nice metal and went all the way down into turn four. The sightlines were pretty good, with nothing to interfere in the infield. There was a decent bit of delay at one point when the ambulance was called away and they had to wait for another to show up.



It was various classes of legends and bandoleros throughout the afternoon. The younger classes tended to have fewer cars but the semi pro legends had a full 24 and the masters were close to that. The racing for the legend cars was pretty good overall, two wide frequently and lots of movement. There were a decent amount of wrecks and a long time to clean them up then wait for the cars in the work area. The show didn't move efficiently as a result, but the racing was enjoyable when it was happening. There were a couple cars that jumped wheels and had hard hits into the wall, both inside and outside walls.

We stayed until we had to leave for the next race on the agenda for today Bubba Raceway Park. It was a nice excursion for the afternoon, nothing overly special but enjoyable and good racing whenever the legends had a decent car count.