

5-28-23: Wiscasset Speedway

Wiscasset Speedway is one of those tracks that's not that far away from me but I've never found a reason to check out until now. At this point I'm much more interested in dirt than asphalt and if I'm going to drive 2.5 hours for a track I'm usually going to go to Bear Ridge, but things finally aligned and I decided to make the journey out to Maine today since I had nothing else going on and it was a big race for the track. I leisurely made my way north, stopping for the best poutine I've ever had in Portland then playing a round of disc golf before going to the track.

I got there near the end of heat racing. The parking lot was quite full and I only found a spot by driving up a steep dirt mound, glad my Outback was four wheel drive and capable of managing such a thing.

Admission was \$5, which made me do a double take when I saw that for a crown jewel event for the track. They apparently take their "\$5 admission every week" mentality seriously.

It's a $\frac{3}{8}$ mile track but looks bigger, due to the wide and large radius corners. The grandstands were quite crowded but the sightlines were pretty good, with the track set back a decent bit and short straightaways. The biggest issue was the sun behind turn three that was quite bright for the entire time.



There were 11 roadrunners and they ran their feature that was pretty uneventful. The modifieds followed, there were 11 of them too and they were the PASS-style, I kind of think of them as "fake" modifieds but I know that's not entirely fair. They have thin late model tires and full windshields. I did appreciate the offer for a cash prize for anyone who drops to the back and finishes in the top five, with more for the higher they finish. The second place starter took the deal, getting back up to second.



Between features I wandered around the grounds. They had food trucks plus a concession stand as well as a merch booth that actually had a track logo pin that I really appreciated. I had set up in the stands in turn one but ultimately wandered toward turn four.



The late models ran a 200 lap feature and they did full festivities beforehand, announcing drivers outside their cars and everything. The racing was decently competitive. The pit stops were competitive as well, but you can't lose as lap as long as you come out before the green. They were allowed 2 extra tires during the race but no guaranteed cautions



I eventually migrated to the standing area that was technically outside the confines of the grandstand area since it didn't have the big glare from the sun off the grandstands. I could still see almost everything and had no problem standing there, though I didn't intend to stay for the whole 200 laps of the feature. I felt satisfied that I'd seen what the track had to offer and chose getting a nice dinner and getting home at a reasonable hour in place of seeing the finish of the race, and I was okay with that decision.