



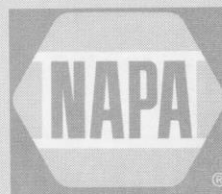
2006 Viking Speedway Annual Banquet

Friday, November 17, 2006
Broadway Ballroom, Alexandria, MN

Opening Remarks	Ron Krog, Emcee
Introduction of Board of Directors & Comments	President Phil Merten
Service Awards, Sponsored by Cowing Robards	President Phil Merten
Introduction of Sponsors	Ron Krog
Bernicks Pepsi – Dave Searcy	
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Hall of Fame Awards	Bert Pexsa
Sportsman of the Year Awards (voted on by drivers)	Ron Krog
Recognition of Top 10 in Each Division	Ron Krog
Final Comments	Ron Krog
Music by “Crank It Up DJ”	Russ Froemming
Fall Meeting – Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Broadway Ballroom, Alexandria, MN	

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2006 Rookies of the Year

Late Model
Zach Johnson
#73

Modified
Jason Cook
#79

Super Stock
Matt Miller
#13

Midwest Modified
Josh Thoennes
#52

Street Stock
Aaron Leininger
#41

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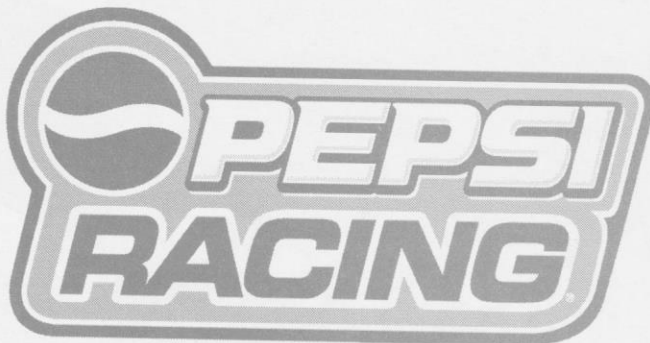
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In recognition for their contributions to the Viking Speedway, Larry Holverson and Jerry Kluver were inducted into the Viking Speedway Hall of Fame this past summer. They become the 11th and 12th members inducted into the Hall of Fame.



Members of the Viking Speedway Hall of Fame

Gerry Geris
Frankie Herzog
Dean Peterson
Butch Peterson
Jim Johnson
Florian Sprinzel
Dave Gilbertson
Walt Anderson
Roy Snyder
Dick Block
Larry Holverson
Jerry Kluver



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2006 Viking Speedway Final Standings

Street Stock

Jay Hedtke (4)	747
Scott Horn (24)	741
Jim Williams (22W)	673
Mark Blom (6X)	563
Scott Paulson (33)	562
Aaron Leininger (41)	559
Justin Vogel (10)	538
Rick Sahli (1)	526
Joe Pellman (88)	501
Ryan Buer (F7)	430
Scott Huston (21H)	377
Shawn Wageman (21)	354
Derrick Bernstien (3)	347
Alan Johnson (22J)	266
Andrew Bangsund (70)	262
Cory Tammen (71X)	246
Ryan Schroeder (18S)	195
Chuck Olson (10X)	185
James Tandeski (7)	168
Chris Winter (7W)	163
Corey Rosen (32R)	153
Brandon Jacobson (8)	140
Roger Christiansen (K12)	121
Billy Michaelson (88)	106
Dave Rohweder (13)	96
Mike Flickinger (37)	86
Ashley Donald (3D)	72
Eric Robertson (9R)	71
Rusty Kollman (2)	57
Charlie Bollman (303)	57
Duffy Fromke (21F)	51

Midwest Modified

Danny Bayer (36)	727
Brock Gronwald (2g)	719
Dallas Gulbrandson (1g)	714
Korey Krafthefer (4a)	657
Jake Wildman (99)	652
Josh Thoennes (52)	627
Brian Krog (8)	605
Jason Hoffman (07)	602
Terry Merten (14M)	589
Brett Hoium (5h)	569
Ron Saurer (42)	541
Kyle Krafthefer (37x)	497
Scott Werk (16)	481
Todd Berg (3b)	475
Kyle Reents (1R)	462
Tim Balbach (19b)	461
Dave Schroeder (18s)	437
Brady Peterson (3x)	433
Ben Johnson (2b)	409
Jason Schoep (18)	377
Scott Paulson (3a)	364
Jerry Thorstad Jr. (34jr)	351
Kyle Koehntop (1k)	349
Jamie Thorstad (34)	338
Peter Loecken (97)	321
Brooke Hellerman (2H)	259
Nick Bruder (19)	253
Scott Zimmerman (20)	242
Travis Saurer (21X)	208

Shane Sabraski (7A)	200
Jim Nystrom (5)	182
Bob Hansen (14)	161
Peewee Kuhnau (99jr)	138
Nate Barber (77b)	133
Brandon Nelson (11n)	123
Dale Kraling (7K)	122
Rich Druessdell (16s)	114
Jeremy Schmidt (32)	113
Trent Brutger (12T)	107
Jason Grimes (99g)	99
Jason Strand (9)	92
Dustin Johanneck (26J)	88
Derek Bluhm (51)	85
Nick Egge (7X)	83
Chad Koenig (3k)	79
McLean Mohrman (13)	76
Kyle Olson (K30)	57
Matt Weisman (11w)	56
Tyler Limoges (72)	51

Super Stock

Scot Danzeisen (66x)	714
Jeff Crouse (29*)	673
Todd Carter (19c)	663
Scott Bake (r9)	658
Larry Lund (54)	643
Jon Stepan (3s)	632
Jeff Kluver (19k)	631
Roger Host (50)	629
Irvin Cook (81)	603
Corky Thomas (6m)	602
Jason Blaszyk (1b)	591
Jeff Flaten (15f)	580
Gary Reents (1r)	536
Mike Peterson (1p)	472
Chuck Thieschafer (29T)	459
Matt Miller (13)	366
Ben Hellerman (02)	338
Bryan Hellerman (2h)	337
Zach Schultz (511)	251
Steve Polich (50th)	239
Kevin Robertson (11)	238
Mike Christenson (15)	235
Eric Fuchs (25)	207
Jason Tabatt (13)	138
Mike Stearns (24s)	120
Dave Shipley (72)	108
Chris Winter (31)	94
Donna Schmidt (2F)	77
Jr. Fuchs (51)	72
Paul Engelstad (96)	57
Corey Mahder (55JR)	57
Tim Johnson (1jr)	55

Modified

Zach Johnson (73)	695
Scot Danzeisen (5x)	690
Jason Thoennes (1*)	684
Dennis Bitzan (10x)	660
Jamie Lemke (17L)	616
Terry Engebretson (1x)	613
Scott Gilbertson (40)	612

Mike Storck (75)	569
Jason Cook (79)	485
Jeremy Kerzman (3k)	483
Bob Gierke (26)	463
Kyle Wieberdink (2w)	455
Shane Sabraski (7a)	442
Ryan Muzik (23)	430
Mark Esala (95)	421
Shawn Peterson (61m)	413
Dave Storck (57)	395
Ricky Kluver (6x)	374
Jay McDonald (96)	352
Mike Bruns (42)	284
Craig Christiansen (4c)	278
Shawn Nolan (79)	272
Nate Heinrichs (10H)	258
Blake Jetvig (2)	257
Trevor Saurer (21)	250
Andy Gordon (21)	246
Wayne Wieberdink (4w)	185
Kent Willms (4k)	176
Matt Anderson (8a)	176
Bryce Bjerke (B9)	143
Ryan Canon (47)	133
Jason Voigt (31)	108
Tim Thomas (6T)	103
Chad Ohnstad (1)	95
Dwayne Clarke (6x)	87
Alex Engelstad (96a)	82
Jon Stepan (57A)	77
Mark Trautne (Z28)	69
Matt Gilbertson (23)	51

Late Model

Jason Thoennes (52)	455
Jeff Wildung (50)	444
Rick Sweet (87)	433
Don Eischens (9E)	425
Zach Johnson (73)	417
Rick Nelson (12N)	406
Shaun Peterson (X32)	403
Jeff Hinkemeyer (4F)	380
Shawn Kirwin (10)	306
Tim Jodsaas (33)	277
Chris Lehn (8)	265
Steve Meyers (3X)	255
Greg Meyers (3M)	235
John Seitz (92)	204
Blake Jetvig (7)	166
Marshall Fegers (F19)	158
Scott Lehn (7)	151
Troy Olson (0)	142
Mike Johnson (84)	125
Mark Halverson (20)	108
Don Shaw (42S)	106
Brian Hendershot (1H)	105
Steve Hucovsk (i88)	103
Gary Walton (29W)	73
Mike Killian (3K)	72
Myron Tschakert (O1)	50

Only drivers with 50 or more points are listed here.

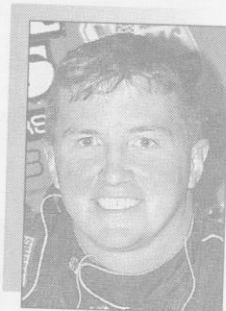
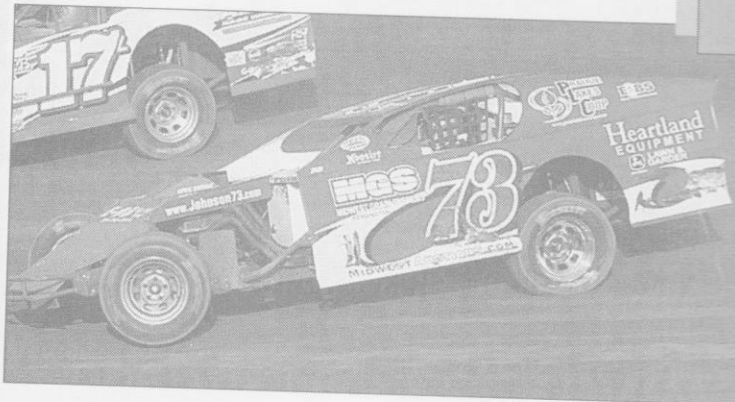
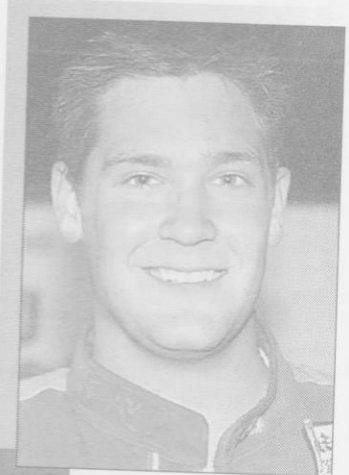
2006 VIKING SPEEDWAY

Season Champions

MODIFIED

Champion

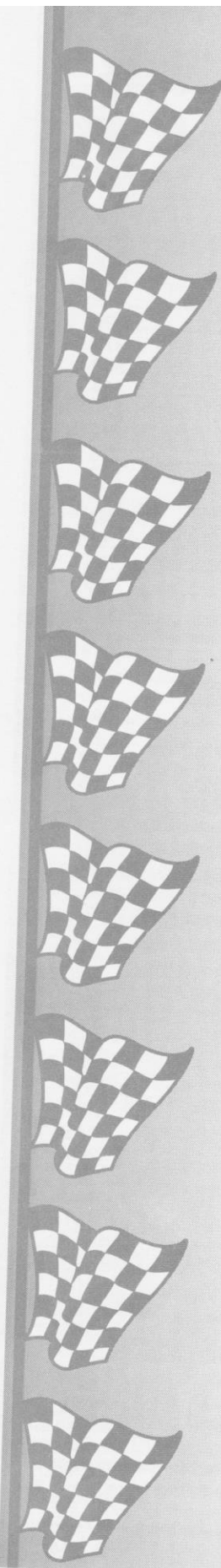
Zach Johnson #73



2nd
**Scot
Danzeisen
#5X**

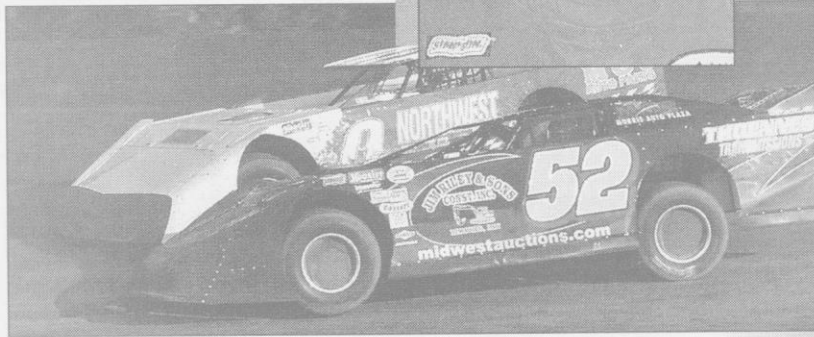
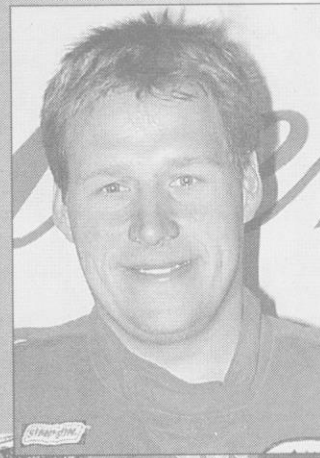


3rd
**Jason
Thoennes
#1***



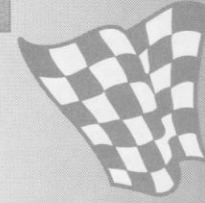
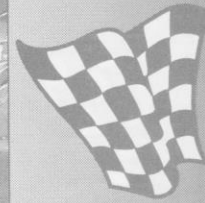
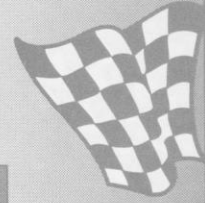
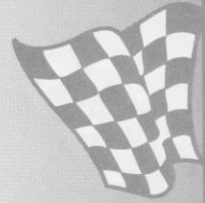
LATE MODEL

Champion
Jason Thoennes #52



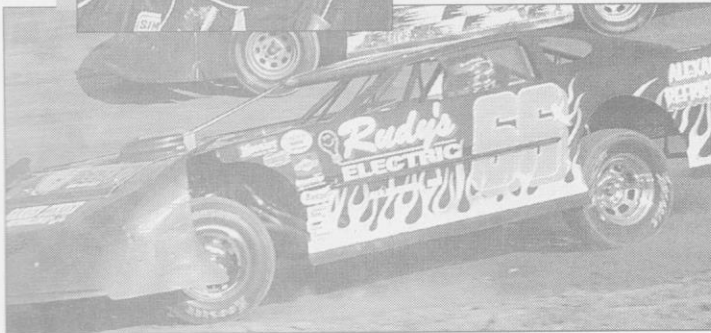
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Jeff Wildung #50

3rd
Rick Sweet #87

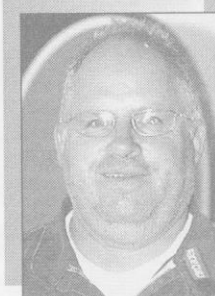


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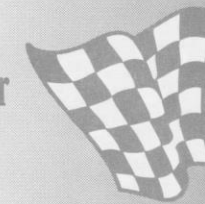
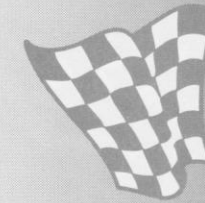
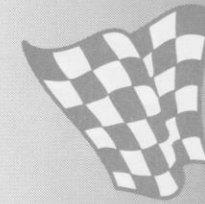
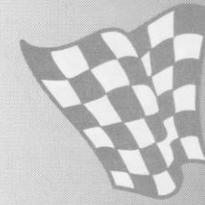
Champion
Scot Danzeisen #66X



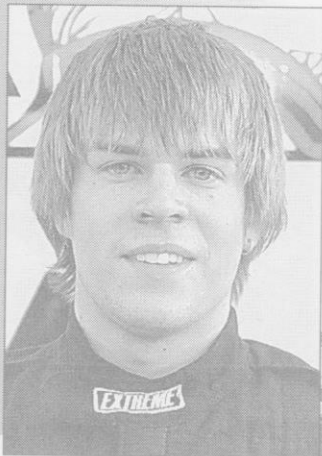
2nd
Jeff Crouse #29*



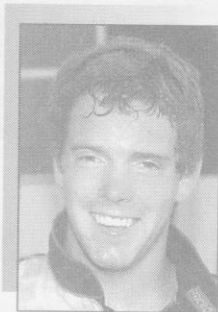
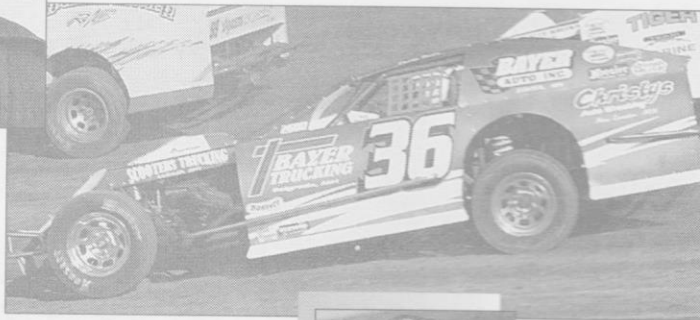
3rd
Todd Carter #19c



MIDWEST MODIFIED



Champion
Danny Bayer #36



2nd
Brock Gronwald #2G



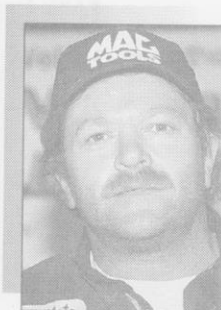
3rd
Dallas Gulbrandson #1G

STREET STOCK

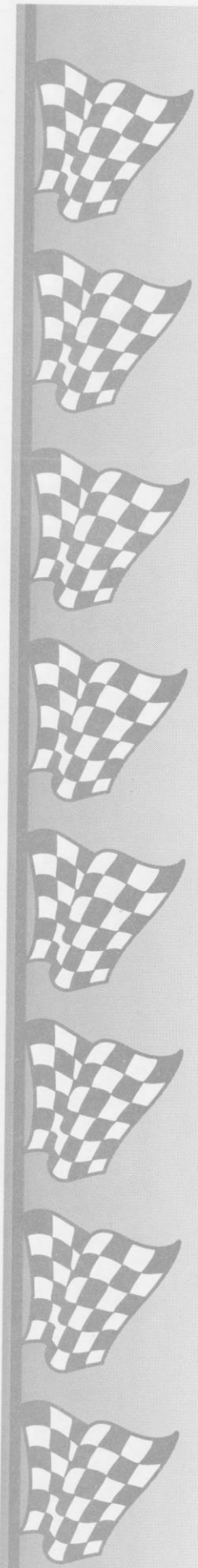
Champion
Jay Hedtke #4



2nd
Scott Horn #24



3rd
Jim Williams #22W



Past Viking Speedway Champions

LATE MODEL

1965 – Jerry Geris (1-2)
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 1969 – Jim Johnson (82)
 1970 – Jerry Wendorf (58)
 1971 – Wayne Kluver (9)
 1972 – Roy Snyder (49)
 1973 – Dave Gilbertson (40)
 1974 – Dick Block (33)
 1975 – Jerry Geris (1-2)
 1976 – Wayne Kluver (9)
 1977 – Wayne Kluver (9)
 1978 – Wayne Kluver (9)
 1979 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (13)
 1980 – Buzzy Cripe (63)
 1981 – Joe Salner (4)
 1982 – Dwaine Hanson (1)
 1983 – NO LM CLASS
 1984 – NO LM CLASS
 1985 – Steve Thorsen (82)
 1986 – Steve Thorsen (82)
 1987 – Roch Johannek (76)
 1988 – Dwayne Clarke (1)
 1989 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4F)
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 1994 – Jeff Wildung (50)
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 1996 – Jeff Wildung (50)
 1997 – Rick Thoennes (52)
 1998 – Tom Thompson (12)
 1999 – Jeff Hinkemeyer (4F)
 2000 – Rick Thoennes (52)
 2001 – Don Shaw (42)
 2002 – Don Shaw (42)
 2003 – Tom Thompson (12)
 2004 – Jeff Wildung (50)
 2005 – Jeff Wildung (50)
 2006 – Jason Thoennes (52)

MODIFIED

1985 – Tom Feierabend (11)
 1986 – Roy Snyder (49)
 1987 – Ryan Muzik (23)
 1988 – Ryan Muzik (23)
 1989 – Ryan Muzik (23)
 1990 – Dave Storck (57)
 1991 – Scott Hillig (98)
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 1994 – Dell Arneson (9)
 1995 – Dennis Bitzan (14X)
 1996 – Scot Danzeisen (5)

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 2004 – Scot Danzeisen (5X)
 2005 – Jason Thoennes (52)
 2006 – Zach Johnson (73)

STREET STOCK/ THUNDER/SPORTSMAN SUPER STOCK

1979 – Arnie Bitzan (52)
 1980 – Jerry Lorentz (36)
 1981 – Dennis Bitzan (52)
 1982 – Greg Muzik (18)
 1983 – Greg Muzik (18)
 1984 – Darwin Sibell (3)
 1985 – Greg Muzik (18)
 1986 – Jim Koranda/
 Gary Ott (89)
 1987 – Larry Crouse (29)
 1988 – Ken Bullick (15)
 1989 – Dennis Bitzan (52)
 1990 – Bob Richardson (16)
 1991 – Jerry Thorstad (34)
 1992 – Chris Riley (27)
 1993 – Joe Henkemeyer (2)
 1994 – Scott Gilbertson (40)
 1995 – J.D. Dickenson (1X)
 1996 – Larry Lund (54)
 1997 – Ron Host (50)
 1998 – Ron Host (50)
 1999 – Ron Host (50)
 2000 – Jon Stepan (3S)
 2001 – Jon Stepan (3S)
 2002 – Don Shaw (42)
 2003 – Jon Stepan (3S)
 2004 – Scot Danzeisen (66X)
 2005 – Scot Danzeisen (66X)
 2006 – Scot Danzeisen (66X)

STREET STOCK

1993 – Mark Pekarek (55)
 1994 – Jon Stepan (25)
 1995 – Jon Stepan (25)
 1996 – Gary Solid (1)
 1997 – Jon Stepan (6)
 1998 – Mark Pekarek (22)
 1999 – Mark Schloegl (00)
 2000 – Mark Schloegl (00)
 2001 – Jim Williams (22)
 2002 – Jim Williams (22)
 2003 – Gary Reents (15)
 2004 – Jim Williams (22)

2005 – Scott Horn (24)
 2006 – Jay Hedtke (4)

MIDWEST MODIFIED

1999 – Terry Engebretson (1X)
 2000 – Robert Behrens (9)
 2001 – Randy Vroman (88)
 2002 – Brian Gordon (21)
 2003 – Zach Johnson (73)
 2004 – Shane Sabraski (7)
 2005 – Jason Cook (79)
 2006 – Danny Bayer (36)

SPORTSMAN/ LIMITED LATE MODEL

1973 – Jerry Chlian (76)
 1974 – Jerry Chlian (76)
 1975 – Gary McPhail (20)
 1976 – Don Snelson (3)
 1977 – Darrel Hadler (77)
 1978 – Jerry Chlian (76)
 1979 – Jim Nieland (52)
 1980 – Richard Klug (28)
 1981 – Dave Gilbertson (33)
 1982 – Bill Peterson (32)
 1983 – Bill Peterson/
 Jerry Geris (32)
 1984 – Bill Peterson (32)

FOUR CYLINDER

1990 – Garry Servatius (1)
 1991 – Garry Servatius (1)

PRO-IV MODIFIED

1993 – Jesse Klug (28)
 1994 – Scott Nouis (3)
 1995 – Scott Atkinson (21)
 1996 – Scott Atkinson (21)
 1997 – Mike Peterson (1)
 1998 – Shaun Peterson (32)
 1999 – Justin Nieland (52)
 2000 – Corey Wendland (7W)
 2001 – Ron Sauer (42)
 2002 – Mike Peterson (1)
 2003 – Mike Peterson (1)
 2004 – Steve Stanton (5)



Remembering Florian

The Viking Speedway has lost a longtime supporter and friend – Florian Sprinzel.

The speedway celebrated “Florian Sprinzel Appreciation Night” July 22, 2006, honoring Florian for countless hours of helping the speedway stay on track.

He started watching the races in the 1950s, and then began clowning with the late Cecil Arrowsmith, a former racer. He spent nine summers at the speedway as “Tony the Clown.”

Florian served as secretary of the Viking Speedway from 1972 to 1986, working with more than 50 different board members during that time.

Among his many duties were taking care of correspondence, picking up mail, registering drivers, collecting pit insurance, making deposits, helping with fundraisers, taking care of printing needs, helping with promotions, getting trophies, and much more.

He made sure the lights were shut off when he left the track every Saturday night, and returned at 6 a.m. Sunday mornings to clean the pit area.

Florian gave up his secretary duties after mounting paperwork took the fun away from the job. He was still on hand every race night, however, and continued to do many of his previous duties.



Echo Press photo by Larry Holverson

“Nobody knows what I do until I don’t do it,” he once joked.

While he never had a desire to get behind the wheel of a race car, Florian did run in the demolition derby twice, winning one feature event.

Racing wasn’t the only thing Florian was involved in. He taught more than 2,500 kids snowmobile training free of charge, and helped with the Christmas tree recycling project.

Florian is a member of the Viking Speedway Hall of Fame.

Florian Sprinzel was presented a plaque Saturday, July 22 during Florian Sprinzel Appreciation Night at the Viking Speedway. He was recognized for all he does not only at the Speedway, but also in the community.

At the July 22 event, the WISSOTA Street Stock Florian Sprinzel traveling trophy was unveiled, and Florian was presented with a plaque that read:

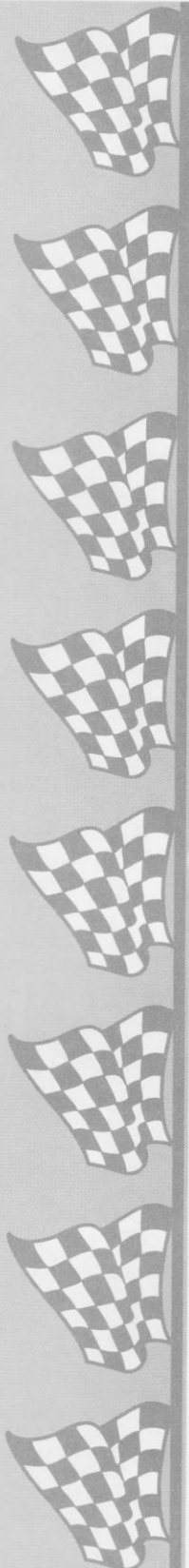
“In appreciation for your many years at Viking Speedway as a friend, employee and the glue that holds everyone together. Thank you for everything you have done for each and every one of us.”

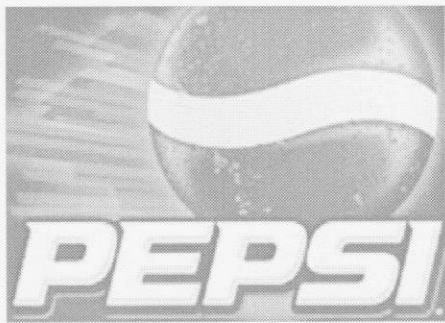
Florian A. Sprinzel

Florian Alois Sprinzel was born on September 20, 1934, the son of Alois and Arnoldena (Beckers) Florian in Belle River Township. Florian attended Liberty Country School and became a graduate in 1952 of Central High School in Alexandria. He began employment at the Dodge Garage for Al Anderson in 1951, for Cap Reuter in 1955 and for Al Saar from 1956-1959. He then went to work for Al Hartung at Oman Supply in 1959, continuing to work there until 1977, when he accepted employment for Juno Manufacturing, where he retired in 1996.

Florian’s main hobby was the Viking Speedway, where he began performing as Tony the Clown, who entertained hundreds of children. He was always doing something for the speedway, including serving as secretary/treasurer and many years as a board member. He also enjoyed coin collecting, snowmobiling, Viking Snowflyers and DATA. For many years he instructed snowmobile safety classes in Alexandria. Florian had a business in which he would sell his merchandise at flea markets. He was also a member of the Vintage Car Club.

Florian died at the St. Cloud Hospital on Sunday, October 29, 2006 after struggling with cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Alois, who died in 1955 and his mother, Arnoldena, in 1994. He is survived by several cousins. Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, November 2, 2006 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Alexandria with Rev. Al Ludwig officiating. Interment was in the St. Nicholas Catholic Cemetery in Belle River. Casket bearers included Phil Merten, Dick Block, Jon Stepan, Jerry Cline, Glenn Sirek, Bert Pexsa, Earl Anderson and Hank Domek. Everyone associated with the Viking Speedway were the honorary casket bearers.





Viking Speedway - 2005

2006 Viking Champion

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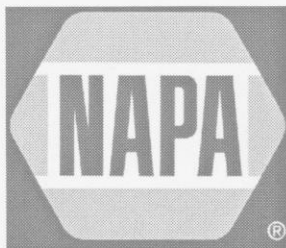
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Midwest Modified

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*In memory of
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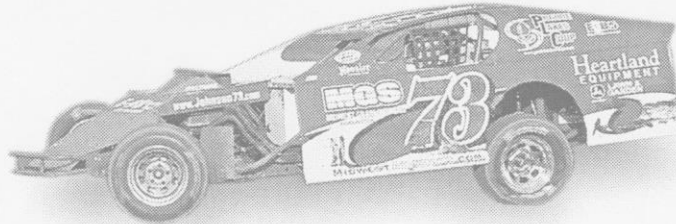
WISCONSIN Track of the Year

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this night in the
light!



Late Model Jason Thoennes #52



Modified Zach Johnson #73



Sprinzel



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