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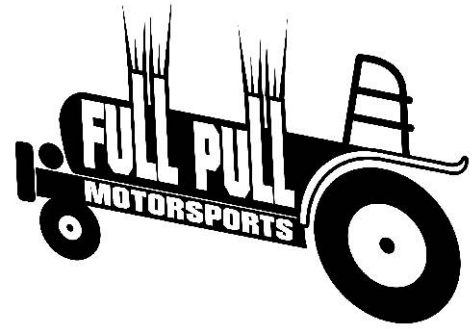
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2008 News & Events

Upcoming events in June

Lexington, AL

June 6th & 7th

7:00 PM

6, 8, SF, 2, 4, P4

The Mid-South Pullers is headed to Lexington, Alabama the first full weekend of June for the 31th annual "Heart of Dixie" championship truck and tractor pull. This June 6th and 7th the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be hosting a two-day event that will take place at 7:00 pm sharp each night at the Lexington Motor Sports Complex. Lexington is the recipient of the 2004 & 2005 2-Day Pull of the Year award. The Southern Impact sled owned and operated by Sam Swann will be there to put the stop on the competition. Pullers get there early for power & water hookups as



Hazel Green, AL

June 20th & 21st

7:00 PM

6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4



The Mid-South Pullers Association would like to invite all pullers and fans to Hazel Green, Alabama this June 20th & 21st for 2 nights of pulling action. Hazel Green promoters host their third pull, a 2-day ("A" purse), at the newly built Billy Hunter Park. The facility is located south of the TN/AL state line on HWY 231/431 (roughly 15 miles north of Huntsville). They are roughly 50 more hookups for power hookups in the pits for our pullers. I talked with Mr. Kenneth Hubert and he told me that "We would like to invite all pullers and fans out for this years pull." He also mentioned that

Springfield, TN

June 28th

7:00 PM

6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4

The Mid-South Pullers Association heads to Springfield, TN on June 28th for the annual Summer Nationals Championship Truck and Tractor pull. The fairgrounds are located at 4563 Highway 41 North in Springfield. This is the seventh stop of the 2007 season and the first of (2) Mid-South pulls at the fairgrounds. The second pull will occur during the Robertson County Fair the first Friday night in September. The fair pull is the 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006 winner of the one day pull of the year award. With that in mind this pull will be outstanding. The Springfield area is home to many pullers including Jay & Jacob Fuqua, Bob Barbee, Clint Gregory, and Andy Teasley. Just a word of warning...You will not be able to take coolers into the fairgrounds. The gates open Saturday at 5PM with the first hook beginning at 7:00PM following the National Anthem.



2008 Event Pictures



Above: Rain eventually won out in Lawrencebrug, TN as server weather moved through.

Above right: Louis Haney pours the coal to "Cujo"

Right: Justin Taylor tries his best to light a fire under "The Beast"

Below right: Tommy Williamson has "Nite Rambler" tuned up for success this season.

Below: Josh Miley made his way down to Lawrenceburg. For his efforts he came away with a second place finish.



Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

May 10th

On May 10th the Mid-South Pullers Association headed to Lawrenceburg, TN for the "Rumble on the River". The night started off nice but there was a real threat of bad weather that might turn the pull into the Rumble in the River".

The first class of the evening was the 6,000# PSFWD trucks. This was their first event of the 2008 season and since they adopted Cepek tires. The Lawrenceburg track proved to be a tough biting track using all the horsepower that their motors could dish out. The orange "Eliminator" ford driven by Brad Fowler was first hook. Brad set the mark to beat at 267.89'. Would the distance on the first hook stand? Jerry McKinney was up next in Code Blue and the big Chevy screamed down the track but came up short of Fowlers distance. Code Blue's run of 266.64' was good enough for second place. A couple of hooks later it was Jason Lee's turn to see if he could knock off the Eliminator. The Silver Bullet made a great pass but fell into third place with a distance of 265.31'.



The 6,000# super stock class was up next. This was one of the best line ups of light supers anywhere. First hook belonged to Cody Haney, making his second hook of his rookie season, and he was hoping for the same luck that Brad Fowler had on his first hook. Cody had a little trouble getting J.R. to light but once he did Cody made a good pass down the track. J.R. managed to pull the sled 256.46' that was good enough for fourth place. Next up was Larry Phillips on Insanity. The IH 1066 lit up the tires on a great wheel standing pass and ran out to the lead with a pull of 269.65'. Randy Payne put his diesel powered tractor called "Guesswork" into second place with a distance of 260.36'. Bob Barbee finished in third with a pull of 259.52' on "Stormy".



As the night drew later the advancing rain moved closer to Lawrenceburg. The officials were really starting to hustle when the 9,300# Super Farms entered into the arena. The big question of the night was whether Russell Counce could make it 3-for-3 and win in front of his home town. Russell didn't disappoint when he laid down a pass of 290.11' to the delight of the crowd. There were a couple of "Big Boys" waiting in the pack to knock Russell off this pedestal. Greg Lamb had all intentions of passing the Dixie Deere and was close on the last pull in Murray. But, the Black Viper came up a little short at 282.20 and had to settle for third. Josh Miley took his turn but the big Case IH known as High Maintenance could only manage 283.43' and a second place finish.



Unfortunately, the Rumble on the River came to an abrupt end when the Rumble was thunder and soon followed the "River" of rain. There was a great 6,200# TWD and 10,000# Pro Stock class that got rained out. Even though it rained it was a good night of pulling. Congratulations to Brad Fowler, Larry Phillips, and Russell Counce on their wins in Lawrenceburg.

Wilber's Winners... June edition

Lexington, AL

6SS

The first 2-day show of the year should draw in some great equipment. But, can the outsiders make any waves in what could be argued as the best light super class in the county? Don't look for it to happen this weekend. I see blue in the winner's circle all weekend. Starting with a blazing pass on Friday night. For Saturday night lets flip a coin. I bet it lands "Heads Up"

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Mike Wilhite & Blue Blazes

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Don Head & Heads Up

8SS

"Double, double toil and trouble" is in store for the competition this weekend. Don't look for team clean in the winner's circle. I think we'll see a double helping of "Another Nite Trouble"

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Kenneth Hale & Nite Trouble

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Kenneth Hale & Nite Trouble

SF

Will school be in session this weekend? You can expect the "BUS" (aka Dixie Deere) to be there to take everyone to school on Friday night. Saturday night not everyone gets on the bus. I might be dreamin' but I see red in the winner's circle.

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Counce/Pettus - Dixie Deere

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Darrin Hunt & Dreamin' Too

TWD

This should be an outstanding class of TWD trucks. Friday night there will be a "buy American" campaign when American Made wins the class. Saturday night, I you look in the stands, you might see Goldilocks. She'll be there to check in on Papa Bear.

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Keith Slayden & American Made

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Larry Douthit & Papa Bear

Open FWD

Home Sweet Home! The track in Lexington is not far from the home of Randy McConnell. It's hard to win at home but look for Randy to pull it off on Friday night. Saturday night zoo officials will be on hand because of a monkey on the loose. (I hear if you feed him Pop Tarts he'll calm down)

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Randy McConnell & Yellow Fever

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Jerrett Curtis & Pop Tart Monkeys

PSFWD

Home Sweet Home II! Denny Ritter calls Lexington home. Can he pull off a win in front of the home town crowd? Don't count on it Friday night when he'll be eliminated by a Ford. Saturday night the home town will cheer when DangerZONE finds paydirt.

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Brad Fowler & Eliminator

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Denny Ritter & DangerZONE

Wilber condensed...

Hazel Green, AL

6SS

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Cody Haney & J.R.

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Marty Chandler & Deeply Hooked

8SS

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Brandon Hunt & Liv'n A Dream

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Randy Head & Heads Up

10 Pro

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Michael Fanning & Bad Habit

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Ken Couch & Cotton Picken Deere

SF

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Counce/Pettus - Dixie Deere

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Kelly Keith & Plan "B"

TWD

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Larry Douthit & Papa Bear

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Will Teasley & Bad Boy

Open FWD

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Sandy Bugg & Black Magic

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Larry Douthit & Big Daddy Magic

PSFWD

Wilber's Winner (Friday): Jason Lee & Silver Bullet

Wilber's Winner (Saturday): Denny Allen & Ford F250

Springfield, TN

6SS

Wilber's Winner: Kevin Essary & Evening Thunder

8SS

Wilber's Winner: Jay Fuqua & Tennessee Tracks

10 Pro

Wilber's Winner: Brad Moss & Young Buck

SF

Wilber's Winner: Larry Dean & The Ride

TWD

Wilber's Winner: Randy Groves & White Lightening

Open FWD

Wilber's Winner: Sandy Bugg & Black Magic

PSFWD

Wilber's Winner: Thomas Cottrell & Burnin' Cash

Viola, Tennessee May 31st



The 9,300# Super Farm tractors started the night off. After a couple of resets on the sled we were ready to go. First official hook of the class went to Kelly Keith where he drove Plan "B" to a distance of 314.64'. After that run it was determined to run this class with a floating finish. Next up was rookie driver Randy Thomas, driving for his son Nicholas. This was Randy's maiden voyage and he did a great job of getting Bad Bodacious out to 310.15'. The Money Grabber, driven by Dave Gambill, pulled out into the lead with a run of 321.21'. Then, Russell Counce and the Dixie Deere took their turn. The Dixie Deere has an unblemished record coming into Viola and Russell didn't disappoint and set the new mark to beat at 326.76'.

He only had two more competitors to hold off to keep the streak alive. Jon Hancock made a great pass on Green Fiend, out to 314.64', but wasn't enough to knock off the Dixie Deere. Last competitor of the class was Cranford Jennings. With a determined look in his eyes, Cranford had the weight set just right on the Bare Bones Binder and looked like he was shot out of a cannon. When the smoke all settled he was out in front of the Dixie Deere by 4' with a distance of 330.76' putting an end to the streak.



The light supers were now ready to do business. Bob Barbee was test hook and had his eyes set on the hay bales at the end of the track. Stormy made a great run just short of the hay bales (roughly 350'+) and the sled was reset. Mike Happe was the first official hook of the class. The Red Menace International reared up and shot straight as an arrow out to 317.98'. A floating finish was in order for the 6's also. Don Head and his clean looking New Holland were up next. Head's Up lit up the tires and made a pass of 293.28' that was good enough for third. David Esteb made the trip down from Indiana with his new beautiful component JD called "Eat'n Dollars & Blowin' Smoke". The 4010 John Deere made a strong pass of 287.16' to finish in fourth. It was Bob Barbee's time to return after taking the test hook out the gate. Would Bob get passed the Red Menace? Out of the hole Stormy headed to the right and Bob had to get on the breaks. Once straightened down the track he went but fell a little short at 307.89' and settled for second.

Nine TWD trucks, including a new truck from the Brad Ferrell & Mark Ford camp, were in Viola to compete for supremacy. Keith Slayden, from Clinton, Kentucky, was the first official hook and he took the American Made two-wheeler out to a distance of 316.93. This was going to be a night of floating finishes! T.J. Wallace had Child's Play hook up but started to drift left. T.J. tried to bring the truck around but wound up out of bounds at 301.59' and was given a disqualification. A couple of hooks later Wesley Foster had the best run of the night but like T.J. was drifting, this time the right, and couldn't keep the Barbwire truck inbounds and was DQ's after going 324.59'. Brad Ferrell and Southern Rage took second with a pass of 316.11' just .82' (a little more at 9-1/2") behind Slayden. Will Teasley finished in third after he piloted Bad Boy out to 310.71'. Andy Teasley was last hook and had a chance to knock off American Made. Unfortunately HyTek found some soft dirt and only managed a distance of 299.96' leaving Keith in first.



It was time for the 8,000# super stock, the last class of the night, to put their horsepower to the track. Ray Haggard, aboard Gus's Toy, set the mark to beat when he pull 279.90'. Kenny Hale was up on Another Nite Trouble and stretched the mark out to 304.33'. Then one of the most interesting runs of the night. Monica (Gorham) Shaw was up on Beauty & the Beast. The beast lit up and started drifting to the right. Monica corrected but the right tire got into some soft dirt and the tractor took a slight right hand turn and onto the chalk line. Before she could get the beast shut down she showered the crowd in dirt. Unfortunately the run resulted in a DQ. It came down to what would be the last hook of the night. Rookie, John Orndorff driving Stormy for Bob Barbee.



John got the big New Holland rolling and finished a few feet inches of Hale with a winning distance of 304.57'

Congratulations to all winners from Viola. I hope to see everyone in Lexington on June 6th!

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Lexington, AL
June 6th 4:00-6:00 pm

Mr. Steve Zimmer is coming to Lexington, AL to inspect roll cages on June 6th from 4:00-6:00 pm. Mr. Zimmer is on a tight schedule and will be leaving promptly at 6:00 pm, he has another engagement down the road later that night. He will only be in Lexington for a short time and if you need your roll cage inspected you should plan to be there early rather than late.

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Fayetteville, Tennessee

May 17th

Results from the event

6,000# Super Stock

- 1 Kevin Essary Evening Thunder 265.834
- 2 Don Head Heads' Up 255.928
- 3 Randy Payne Guesswork 242.406
- 4 Bob Barbee Stormy 238.129
- 5 Jay Fuqua Tennessee Tracks 81.846

6,200# Open FWD Trucks

- 1 Shane Greer Super Chevy 252.617
- 2 Larry Douthit Big Daddy Magic 245.858
- 3 Randy McConnell Yellow Fever 237.096
- 4 Brian Smith Tennessee Stud 237.096
- 5 Sandy Bugg Black Magic 225.130

9,300# Super Farm

- 1 Josh Miley High Maintenance FP
Jed Pettus Dixie Deere FP
- 3 Mike Stratton Deere Lirious 279.916
- 4 Darrin Hunt Dreamin' Too 279.544
- 5 Russ Freeze Deere Traxx 279.268

6,200# TWD Trucks

- 1 Shane Greer Bluegrass Hauler 267.379
- 2 Larry Douthit Papa Bear 262.950
- 3 Jacob Fuqua Hytek 255.222
- 4 Keith Slayden American Made 254.905
- 5 Will Teasley Bad Boy 242.580

10,000# Pro Stock

- 1 Michael Fanning Bad Habit 283.021
- 2 Ken Couch Cotton Pickin Deere 278.676
- 3 Miles Stratton Young Buck 276.122
- 4 Don Masterson El Nino 271.480
- 5 Ben Gambill Procrastinator 232.993

Full results are on our website!!!

Life in the Pits...



2008 Schedule

Date	Location	Time	Classes
June			
June 6-7	Lexington, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, SF, 2, 4, P4
June 20-21	Hazel Green, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4
June 28th	Springfield, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4
July			
July 4-5	Hopkinsville, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 4, P4
July 12th	Paris, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, 2, SF
July 18th	Temple Hill, KY	7:00 CST	6, 8 (no points in 8SS), 10, SF, 4, P4
July 19th	Bardstown, KY	7:30 EST	6, 8 (no points in 8SS), 4, SF, P4, SMT* * subject to change
July 25-26	Tanner, AL	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4
August			
Aug. 1st	Clinton, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2
Aug. 2nd	Hillsboro, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4 **
Aug. 8th	Somerville, TN	7:30 PM	6, 8, 10, SF
Aug. 9th	Crockett Mills, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF
Aug. 15-17	Bowling Green, OH	Grand National NTPA pull	
Aug. 23rd	Mayfield, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF **
Aug. 29th	Springfield, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2, 4, P4
Aug. 30th	Franklin, KY	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2
September			
Sept. 5-7	Knoxville, TN TN Valley Fair	7:00 PM	Fri & Sat 6, 8, 2, 4 Sunday 6, 8, 4
Sept. 12th	Lincoln County Fair Fayetteville, TN	7:00 PM	8, 10, SF, P4
Sept. 21-22	Rock Port, GA	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF, 2 **
Sept. 27th	Manchester, TN	7:00 PM	6, 8, 10, SF

** classes are tentative

Legend

6 = 6,000# Super Stock

8 = 8,000# Super Stock

10 = 10,000# Pro Stock

SF = Super Farm

2 = TWD Trucks

4 = Open FWD Trucks

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