

Time to Hit the track

May is here - and that means it's time for racing! Auto Clearing Motor Speedway will come alive on May 14th for North Ridge Development Family Day. Four classes (Mini Stock, Street Stock, Thunder Stock and Pro Truck) will begin their quest for the championship. Racing begins at 2:00p.m.

track talk profile - Cliff Pompu

We tracked down Cliffy Pompu for this version of Track Talk. For those of you that know Cliffy, please note that parts of this story have been edited but parental supervision is still strongly advised.

TH: How did you get involved with ACMS?

CP: I got involved about 15 years ago helping out a race team from behind the scenes. I was not actually in the pits. I loved the excitement of the competition and was hooked. I keep coming back because of the people at the track.

TH: Where did you get your ummm take charge attitude?

CP: Simple, came from watching people sit on the fence and not do anything. If you want something done, you gotta roll up your sleeves and do it yourself if you want to see it carried through.

TH: Given the chance for a do over, what would a young Cliffy change?

CP: I wouldn't change one thing. I am happy with what I have accomplished and what I have brought to the organization and if people don't like it or me, they can kiss (edit) I get my enjoyment out of helping 80 people than I would to satisfy my own wants of actually driving a car, not that I really want to.

TH: Give me your most wow event, race, accident at ACMS?

CP: Wow event was definitely going through all the work for Nascar and seeing all of those fans in the stands and also seeing what the club members have built through hard work and persistence in what we call home, ACMS. Best race event was at the old track seeing 36 street stocks start a feature and not one accident happened. I actually don't get a chance to sit and watch an entire race however. Wildest accident was the Larry Cramer rollover from the super trucks flipped on his lid. They rolled it back over, peeled off the windshield and he finished 3rd or 4th of a 100 lap feature.

TH: What does the future hold for your involvement?

CP: Undecided right now or no comment. I fly by the seat of my pants so write whatever the hell you want. hahaha.

Trevor H.