

June 19 – June 20, 2010

### Saturday - Canaan Fair Speedway

After one final baseball playoff game, the Brehio race team headed up to Canaan Fair Speedway in the bright sunshine! Practice didn't start out well, as the car had a leak in the rear-end. The team tried to fix the problem by replacing the rear seal after the 1<sup>st</sup> practice. This didn't fix the problem. So, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> practice, they took another look and discovered a bent rear axle shaft. This was changed before the heat race. In the heat – Austin started in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position and ran on the outside of the #71 (Ed Laquire) for the first few laps. A small opening finally developed to get Austin down to the inside. While making this move, the #69 of Sid Laquire, made small contact with Austin's left rear quarter panel, spinning him in turn 3. This was really just a "racing accident". Austin ended up finishing in 6<sup>th</sup>.

He started the feature in 9<sup>th</sup> place and was patiently waiting for good opportunities to pass. While running in 8<sup>th</sup>, a caution came out for a fellow competitor. He fell back to 9<sup>th</sup> on the restart and ran there until the next caution a lap or so later. After that restart, he started to make his move coming up through the field. However, on lap 10, the rear-end blew, so Austin pulled it in to the infield. The team evaluated the situation and found a broken ring and pinion. This was a result of the earlier bent rear axle causing damage to the rear-end before it was changed. Austin ended up with a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish. ☹

Sunday, Austin ventured back into the karting scene at the new Twin State Karting Speedway. Archie Archambault supplied the Junior Champ kart and we used our old animal engine. Austin had never driven in this kart division before, but that didn't seem to phase him. He finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the heat, but ended up getting disqualified because the muffler fell off the kart during the race on the last lap. So, he started the feature in last place. He quickly made his way to second place. He then patiently waited for a good time to pass the #7 of Brad Zahensky for the lead. Once he took over the first place spot, right before half-way, he was able to hold off Brad for the remainder of the race. Another kart race - -another win! ☺ Austin noted that it "felt good to win again!" (even though it had only been since last year in the karts).