

Saturday, July 17, 2010 – Canaan Fair Speedway

### FIRST FULL SIZE WIN!!!

Being only 12 years of age four days previous.

The sun was finally shining for us to go to Canaan Speedway this weekend. After the first practice, Austin said the car was “excellent”! We put on four new tires to scuff in for the second practice and the car was a little loose, but not too bad. Austin started on the outside pole for the heat race. He ran on the outside of the #29 of Jaycox for a couple of laps, but then the freight train went by on the inside, dropping Austin back to the end of the field. He was able to come back through to finish in fourth.

For the special 50 lap feature, Austin had a 6<sup>th</sup> place starting spot. The race didn’t go on the track until about 10:45 pm because the pro stock division took over an hour for their race. Austin wasn’t feeling very well before the start of the race and he is normally in bed by then, so was pretty tired too. However, this didn’t end up being too much of a problem. At the start, being on the outside didn’t prove to be a good place to be. Despite trying very hard to find a hole on the inside, Austin was not able to get in. This dropped him to the back of the pack by about lap 4 or 5. Now Austin had to try to work his way back to the front, but he had plenty of laps to get there. He picked his way back up through the pack. He started making some good moves over half way into the race. After swapping spots with the #7 of Scott MacMichael a couple of times, Austin was ahead of him and made a move on the #60 of Rich Dubeau who was running 2<sup>nd</sup> at the time. Dubeau went high into turn 3, leaving a lane open on the bottom of the track. Austin was able to fill that hole and make the pass in the middle of turn 3 and 4. Then he was able to quickly track down the #69 of Sid Laquire, who was leading the race. Austin just followed Laquire for about 15 laps biding his time, as he knew it was a long race. Then MacMichael managed to pass for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and caught right up to Austin’s rear bumper. He looked to the outside of Austin once and that is when Austin realized that it was time to make his move for the lead. One lap later, Austin got under Sid along the backstretch, and by the time they went into turn 3, he was at Laquire’s door. Laquire still tried to come down to protect the inside lane, but Austin was there and was able to pull past him in the middle of turn 3 or 4 despite the contact between the two cars. Austin took the lead with about 12 or 13 laps to go. He was then able to take off to get about a 6 car-length lead, as he was about a ½ a second faster than Laquire. However, the #7 of MacMichael got by Laquire and started to reel Austin in, due to Austin’s right front tire starting to go flat. With about 5 laps to go, MacMichael was up to Austin’s rear bumper. Austin drove a nice line and managed to hold off MacMichael’s attempts to pass him for the lead, therefore taking home his FIRST EVER FULL-SIZE CAR WIN!!! We had a celebratory cake for his birthday and subsequent win after his race, around 11:30 pm!