

On Saturday, June 5th, Milton CAT sponsored the Milton CAT 100 at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, NH. The 100-lap race was the Modified Racing Series 2021 season opener and qualifier for the upcoming inaugural Whitcomb 125 also presented by Milton CAT.

In the final restart, 19-year-old Jacob Perry overtook two drivers to score his first Modified Racing Series victory and secure a starting position in the Whitcomb 125. Milton CAT is proud to congratulate Perry on his success. In a celebratory Facebook post, Perry wrote, "Caterpillar machines have been a big part of my family for years as my great grandfather was a diehard CAT operator/owner and all he used at Perry Motors. Proud to put the #47 Jack Bateman modified in victory lane with the Milton Cat guys."

Perry was not the only Caterpillar enthusiast in attendance. Many of the drivers and fans were Milton CAT customers and employees as well. Director of Communications Dean Swartz explained, "The stands were packed with fans connected to Milton CAT either through construction, landscaping, or a related field and they were all showing their support by wearing Milton CAT 100 apparel."

Energy Solutions Project Manager Don Bannister brought his grandfather, Donald A. Bannister, and father, Michael Bannister, to the race. The Bannisters are longtime racing fans and Milton CAT customers. From 1990 to 2007, Donald A. Bannister's racing team, Bannister Motor Sports, raced at the Thompson Speedway in Connecticut. Their North Kingstown, RI, company, Interstate Diesel Equipment Service Inc., uses Caterpillar products. For the Bannisters and the many other families in attendance, the Milton CAT 100 was an exciting way to spend quality time together.

Organized by Jessica Bordeaux and Gregg Whitcomb, the owners of GW Promotional, the two races are tributes to Gregg's father, Bob Whitcomb, whose NASCAR team won the 1990 Daytona 500. Whitcomb always had a passion for racing and his family is delighted to return to the track that started it all. In the 1970s, Whitcomb presented the Whitcomb 100 at Monadnock Speedway. Gregg explained the "bigger and better" Whitcomb 125 will help keep the legacy of his dad alive.

Prior to shaking up the racing world, Whitcomb owned Arthur Whitcomb Inc., a concrete and stone manufacturer, and was a loyal Milton CAT customer. Milton CAT developed a strong relationship with Whitcomb as his business purchased between 6 and 10 Caterpillar machines

each year. “The years of history with my dad and family” make Milton CAT’s sponsorship all the more meaningful, Gregg added.

The Milton CAT 100 was an immersive experience for the 3,800 fans in attendance. Before the race, fans were able to meet Bob Whitcomb and get his autograph. Fans could purchase Milton CAT 100 apparel and check out the CAT machines on display. A raffle was held to determine which lucky child would be the Grand Marshall and give the starting command.

The Whitcomb 125 on August 29 will welcome about 5,000 fans. The Whitcomb Audio Experience podcast will be on site to announce the race. To learn more about the Whitcomb 125, please visit <https://gwpromotional.com/>