

(Press Release Date) -Thursday July 18th, 2024 "68 Minutes" Fundraiser Event for the Ryan Varnes 68 Memorial Foundation Inc.

(STREET, MD) - Hi everyone! Thank you to everyone that was involved in the "68 Minutes" Event in support of the Ryan Varnes 68 Foundation for 2024!

It is awesome to have so many get together for this "fund-racing" event! Donations came from riders participating in the event, riders with lap sponsors, spectators attending the event & there was even an online challenge made to beat the total number of laps from the 2023 event! We will talk about that more a little later.

Every donation is important, every dollar matters. Due to some event cancellations we had due to weather, our final donation collections kept getting delayed. We have finally gotten all of the funds collected!

Thanks to the efforts of all of you that donated and supported the event, we are happy to present the Ryan Varnes 68 Foundation with \$6834.75

Please know that you can donate to the Ryan Varnes 68 Foundation at any time, for any reason. Their website is <u>https://www.rv68foundation.org/</u>

We now want to talk about the online challenge that was made by Steve Wilson. Steve posted a challenge; he would donate \$1 a lap to the highest lap count by a rider. He would double that donation to \$2 a lap if anyone could beat the 154 laps completed in the 68 Minutes event in 2023. It was pretty amazing to watch the lap count go higher and higher in 2024. We had TWO riders both complete 156 laps for the 2024 68 Minutes event! Two riders on the same lap after that amount of time! They even had a crash TOGETHER during the event! Plus, a third rider broke the 150 lap barrier & completed 151 laps.

That put Mr. Wilson in the hot seat! What was he to do? Without hesitation he confirmed he would donate \$312 for EACH of the two riders that beat the 154 lap count! $156 \times $2 = 312 then multiply that by 2! Six-hundred & twenty-four dollars!!! Then on top of that, he also said the rider that hit 151 laps would have \$151 donated in his name to the foundation! You can see the lap count results at this link -

<u>https://www.sandyhookspeedway.com/uploads/2/5/0/1/25011543/68_minutes_results_2024.pdf</u> Congrats to Brandon McFadden (156 laps), Will Slunt (156 laps) & Ian Hopper (151 laps) for the hard work in completing those laps!



We now will announce the Highest Amount of Donations raised by a single rider. While most of the riders that participated in the 68 Minutes Event opted to make a flat donation instead of going the route of lap sponsors, there were a few that went the lap sponsor route. The award for the largest "Fund-Racer" goes to *drum roll*....Cole Varnes!

We also want to recognize the other top fund-racers: Brett Scott comes in second place. Brandon McFadden & Will Slunt are tied in third place Crazy Mike Cleary comes in to round out the top five in funds raised!

Great job to all of you that participated in this wonderful event. We look forward to 2025 & possibly an addition or two for next year! Stay tuned!

Thank you again to everyone!

Best regards & Love, Robert & Brianna Miller Sandy Hook Speedway Phone 717-615-1820 Fax 717-354-0437