

Grudge match winner, Hallville's Lawrence Holt on the skids

Engines were roaring and the dust was flying this past Saturday evening at the South Mountain Fairgrounds. The occasion was a demolition derby sponsored jointly by the Mountain Township Agricultural Society, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Mountain Township and District Lions Club.

## Making the dirt fly

Although only fourteen entrants competed in the event, there was still plenty of excitement for the more than 500 enthusiastic spectators who passed through the fairground gates. This does not include the additional spectators watching from the roofs of buildings in proximity to the grounds and from across the road.

The winners of each heat took home \$100.00 plus a trophy. The big winner of the evening was the Heart Institute. Derby Organizer, Lion Roy Sherrer reports the evening's proceeds were a record high for the event.

**Demo Derby** 

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SOUTH MOUNTAIN- It was a frustrated auto owner's revenge fantasy. Fifteen cars were driven into hunks of banged-up rusty metal at the Demolition Derby in South Mountain last Saturday night.

The derby, held by the Mountain Township and District Lions Club, raised over \$1,500 for the Ottawa Civic Cars Hospital's Heart Institute,

Cars were prepped for action with spray-painted slogans and designs. In order to meet the Derby's safety requirements, drivers wired or welded shut doors, hoods and trunks, as well as removing all glass from the vehicle. Gas tanks were replaced with cans in the cars' backseats, said Roy Sherrer, a derby organizer. Holes were also cut into the hoods in

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case of an engine fire.

Most cars are destroyed by the end of the Derby, he said. However, a few lasted a little longer.