2-11-23: Hobe Sound Speedway

Track #174 | Hobe Sound, FL | Asphalt Oval

When my original plan to go to All-Tech got rained out a second time I decided to head to southern Florida and do another double, starting with South Florida Karting. They race at a small paved track a bit north of West Palm Beach. Given my past experience with karting, I arrived an hour after features were scheduled to begin, since no kart race I've ever been to has started on time. It's always a question as to how many classes there are going to be and what order they're going to be running in so I was hoping to not have to sit for a bunch of hours before watching something countable. Luckily, this was an exception to a lot of the rules as they were already running features when I got there, there were only 7 classes, and they had a clearly posted running order that they stuck to.

I arrived and drove right up to the track, no gates or pit pass or anything that I could see. They seemed to average about 5 karts per class.



I walked around a bit and found a posted schedule for the features which they actually followed. The racing wasn't particularly interesting but I spent most of the time sitting in my car with the air conditioning watching when cars were on track and reading a book otherwise. I could actually see most of the track from inside my car.



The champ karts took to the track and there were around 10 of them. I watched up until there was a crash exiting four where one kart went hard into the tire barrier after contact with another kart. Karts don't tend to have full containment seats or good head neck restraints so it was a pretty scary looking crash, and there was no ambulance on site. Luckily I saw him moving and getting out of the kart as I was leaving.

I decided to leave at that point and I headed down to Hendry County Motorsports Park.