

Racing is under way at Daytona Speed weeks and Gene has 2 races under his belt in his new late model.

Friday night looked like it was going to be a great one for Gene with a 7th place qualifying run and (inverting the top 9 cars for the start of the feature) Gene lined up in 3rd to start the race.

It took 4 restarts to get the race under way and Gene managed to stay out of trouble bringing him up to 2nd place. During a yellow flag and while the drivers were trying to get into position for another restart, Gene was trying to get into his position, but another driver would not move. The other driver bumped Gene off the track and into the infield where his car hit a dip and cut a hole into the radiator. Gene's night was over due to this incident.

His race on Saturday night lined him up according to the finishing position the night before and he started in the 21st spot. He had nowhere to go when there was a wreck on the first lap. This put him in the back of the pack in 30th and he worked his way back up to finish the race 16th.

Many of you have asked to keep you posted on the events this week. There is a website called www.Speed51.com and you can click on "**FI Speedweeks – Trackside Now**" on their home page to get the most current information. They wrote a brief paragraph about Gene:

Sunday 2:40pm ET - The "Gorilla" is on the loose during Speedweeks. **Gene "The Gorilla" Kirila** has been racing the last few nights at New Smyrna in the Crate Late Model division, but that isn't the only track he is planning on racing during his stay in Florida. Next week Kirila is planning on running his Legends Car at Orlando Speedworld during the five-race Winternationals in the Semi-Pro division. After the afternoon races at Orlando, Kirila will drive the hour back to New Smyrna to race his Crate Late Model.

Speed51.com's sister site **LegendsNation.com** is the official site of the Legends and Bandolero Winternationals. Fans will be able to keep up to date on all the action from Orlando Speedworld February 12th through the 16th on the site.

His Legend car racing as you can read from this write up will be covered at www.legendsnation.com also.

Thanks for your ongoing support!!!

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