Sunshine and blue skies welcomed fans and drivers alike Saturday night at the UPIR 906 Raceway for Sayklly’s Candies Salute to Veterans Special Race Night. The event marked only the third night of racing action for the season, following two rain cancelations in June.

 Following the parade of flags and national anthem, racing got underway with the nights’ heat races. For the most part the heat races were relatively tame. However, a collision in the second Street Stock division heat race brought the crowd to its feet. Max Constantino and Eric Mathieson came together through turns three and four, before colliding again on the front straightaway. It was Mathieson who would draw the short stick, losing a tire and being towed back to the pits while Max Constantino would go on to win the heat.

 The first feature of the night to go green was the Riverside Auto Group Youth Micro Sprint division. The kids of UPIR 906 Raceway put on quite the show as Dayton Rein and Brennan Swanson battled side by side for the top position in the opening laps. When the checkered flag flew, it was Dayton Rein taking the victory. Brennan Swanson would follow in second, with Karl Warm finishing third.

 Up next, the Sportsman Micro Sprint division would run flag to flag with no incidents. Michael Ault would wave goodbye to the rest of the field, gapping the field by almost half a lap before crossing the finish line for the win. Ashton Shehow, with Drake Degnan following in third, would claim second place.

 The third feature to run belonged to the 600 Micro Sprint Division. With five laps to go, Logan Getzloff got loose in turn four, leaving Brock Bower with nowhere to go. Bower slammed into the side of Getzloff, flipping up and over onto his side. Both drivers were uninjured, with Getzloff continuing on to finish the race. Kyle Getchell, who grabbed the lead on a midrace restart, would hold on to win the race. Dylan Larsen and Matt Peterson, both coming of tough finishes last week, dueled for second place. It would be Larsen finishing second, with Peterson just behind him in third.

 A major crash marred the opening lap of the Vintage Modified feature. Charles Peterson tumbled down the back straightaway after the car vaulted high into the air. Peterson was able to climb out under his own power before being taken into the back of the trackside ambulance for a mandatory check up. Robbie Iverson, substituting for Bob Iverson, and Dan Lambert swapped the lead in the latter laps of the feature. Iverson held off Lambert for the win with Scott Degnan following in third.

 Incredible racing was seen in the Street Stock feature which ran next. Perfect track conditions allowed drivers to explore the different lanes of the UPIR 906 Raceway. Ron Jenshak and Max Constantino battled side by side on the top side of the track, avoiding the usual preferred inside line altogether. Jenshak held off Constantino for the win following a late race restart. Constantino would cross the line second. Paul Wagner edged out Billy Bowden and Corey DeGrave in a fierce three-way battle for third.

 The night’s great racing action continued in the Bink’s Coca-Cola Sport Modified feature. Up front, Jordan Ives and Russ Franks dueled for the point as Jamie Iverson watched from third. Ives, utilizing the high line, was able to edge Franks at the line for the lead right up until the white flag flew, signaling one lap to go. Franks was able to make the inside line work in turns one and two and snatched the win out of Ives hands. Jamie Iverson followed Franks and Ives in third place.

 The final race of the night would belong to the Island Resort and Casino Sport Compacts. As the laps ticked away, a three car pack would emerge from the field to battle for the race win. Matt Maki, Matt Adams, and Nathan Price sliced and diced back and forth for several laps throughout the middle section of the race. Adams would jump to the middle of Price and Maki, making it three wide into turn one. It was this daring move that allowed Matt Adams to win the feature, his second in a row at UPIR 906 Raceway. Matt Maki would be able to hold off Nathan Price for second when the checkered flag fell, Price finished third.

 A summer of incredible racing continues next Saturday night at UPIR 906 Raceway with Island Resort and Casino Race Night. Gates open at 4 PM EST with racing at 6 PM EST. If this week’s wild action is anything to go by, next week is an unmissable show.