

By John Manzi

On May 17 Billy “Zeke” Parker, Jr. scored his 10,000<sup>th</sup> driving victory which put in a very select class of only nine drivers who have reined 10,000 or more winners in their careers. But for the 56—soon to be 57 year old driver, he hasn’t lost a thing.

Since May 17 Zeke has added another 122 wins to his total, five of which came yesterday, August 31, at Monticello Raceway.

Currently, second on the local leaderboard with 216 triumphs, Parker still trails the red-hot Bruce Aldrich, Jr. by 70 victories. But Aldrich knows he needs to keep the pedal to the metal because Zeke, who has won 14 driving titles here, can be a very formidable foe.

On Tuesday Parker didn’t get untracked until the fourth race and then proceeded to win three in a row. He won the fourth with Peter Stratton’s He’s Awfully Good in 1:59:1 and then scored a 1:57:1 victory with S&P Racing Stables’ Barchetta N. He also triumphed in the fifth when he guided Mike D’Abbraccio’s Flanagan Storm to a 1:56 victory.



Win number four on the afternoon card came in race eight when Parker and Million Dollar Baby rambled to a 1:58 victory for owners Art Green Mike Groff and Ira Lustgarten. Zeke’s final victory on the card came in race nine when he drove Jennifer Lappe’s Mick Jag N to a 1:57:4 score.

Never much on words Parker always seems to let his actions tell the story. However he did manage: “I had some live ones today and it always makes things easier when horses are in where they belong.”

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