

## 15 FINALISTS IN MS MONTICELLO RACEWAY PAGEANT -2008 SET TO COMPETE FOR PRIZE MONEY ON JULY 27

MONTICELLO, NY—It was by means an easy task for the judges to choose the finalists in the 2008 Ms Monticello Raceway Beauty Pageant.



Fifty-one lovely ladies competed for the title of Ms Monticello Raceway-2008 on Sunday afternoon, July 20 in the preliminary round and though the pulchritude was outstanding it posed somewhat of a dilemma for the judges who had the unenviable task of trying to condense the field to just 15 finalists who then would be eligible to compete for the \$11,000 in prize money next Sunday, July 27.

The judges-- and they numbered six-- scored each contestant individually; first in swimsuits and then in evening gowns. After the contestants point totals from all the judges were tallied only the top 15 earned the chance to continue on.

Pageant sponsor Larry Roman again served as emcee and he along with his sidekick, Darryl Thomas, put on a show second only to the lovelies who competed.

Roman would give Thomas cash—20 dollar bills mostly, though some were \$50 and once or twice he'd hand Thomas a 100 dollar bill, and Thomas would hand out cash indiscriminately to an onlooker depending on how hard he or she, cheered.

“I love to get the crowd in to it” Roman said. “It’s great to hear them cheering for their favorites. It pumps everyone up.”

The pageant was presented between the races on the tracks stage which was positioned on the grandstand apron in such a way that the main video camera could pan the pageant in progress so that the off track facilities that carried the Monticello race signal could view the goings-on.

After the 15 finalists were selected they proceeded to the winners circle and were photographed with the winning driver in the final race on the Sunday card, who happened to be Billy Parker, Jr. and then the girls posed with Roman, Thomas and Neil Walsh, one of the six judges.