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Warmup Crash Can't Keep Team From Third Straight At Petit Le Mans

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TRIPLE THREAT: Allan McNish, Dindo Capello and Emanuele Pirro drove their Audi R10 to victory in Saturday's American Le Mans Series Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., by 4.512 seconds ahead of Peugeot's Nicolas Minassian, Stephane Sarrazin and Christian Klien. It was the third-straight Petit Le Mans triumph for McNish and Capello.

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Castroneves Pleads Not Guilty To Tax Evasion

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DOG FIGHT: Tony Stewart (20) and Regan Smith fight for the win on the last lap of Sunday's AMP Energy 500 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

Null And Void

Smith's Out-Of-Bounds Move No Good; Stewart Finally Notches Talladega Score

BY BRUCE MARTIN
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Tony Stewart can finally celebrate a victory after winning Sunday's AMP Energy 500 at Talladega Superspeedway while Jimmie Johnson has moved one step closer to taking control of this year's Chase for the Championship.

Stewart won one of the wackier races of the season, even though he was the second car across the finish line.

That's because Regan Smith dropped below the yellow line and passed Stewart heading to the checkered flag, which led to a controversy regarding NASCAR's yellow-line rule.

At restrictor-plate tracks such as Talladega, drivers are told they are not allowed to drive below the yellow line that separates the apron of the track from the racing groove in an effort to improve their position.

So, when Smith was forced below the yellow line on the final lap of the race, he stayed in that position heading to the checkered flag where his Chevrolet finished ahead of Stewart's Toyota. Smith was operating on the premise that on the final lap of a race "anything goes" and NASCAR itself has set a precedent for that in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

In a truck race at Daytona in February 2007, Johnny Benson went below the yellow line and passed

Travis Kvapil for second in a three-wide finish with winner Jack Sprague. Ramsey Poston, NASCAR's managing director for communications, appeared on "The Morning Drive" on Sirius NASCAR Radio after that race and said the yellow-line rule includes a "caveat."

"When the drivers can see the checkered flag, you can get all you can get," Poston told show host Marty Snider and David Poole on that 2007 radio show.

Smith is a rookie for Dale Earnhardt, Inc. and had remembered that "caveat" when he made what he thought was the race-winning pass on the last lap.

For a brief time, Smith thought he was the race winner, but NASCAR called the order "20 to victory lane," meaning Stewart had won the race. Smith thought he would be awarded second place, but instead NASCAR nailed him with a pass through penalty. Because the race was over, he could not pass through the pits, so Smith was placed at the end of the lead lap for an 18th-place finish.

Jim Hunter, NASCAR's vice president of corporate communications, explained NASCAR's decision after the race and it was contrary to what Poston had said in 2007.

"You cannot improve your position any time you go below the yellow line," Hunter said. "In our judgment, he (Regan Smith) improved his position and the penalty for that is a pass through, so he was moved back to the

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THE COST OF RACING

Tough Economic Times Affecting How Racers Compete

Dirt late-model driver Kevin Nelson, Jr. steered his half-ton pickup through the crowded Crystal (Mich.) Motor Speedway pit area. Behind the pickup, on an open trailer, sat Nelson's familiar black-and-orange No. 0 car. Although far from junk, the car had looked better. Tire marks and beaten-out dents were visible on both its sides.

Driver and crew, sans any kind of fancy uniforms or other useless glitter, exited the pick-up and began preparing for another night of racing.

Crystal Speedway and Nelson fit each other like a hand in glove: A

across the country have gone from progressing their careers to just trying to survive.

It hasn't been easy for most of them. A 26-year-old Muskegon, Mich., resident, Nelson has been racing late models for six years. He's popular in Michigan and has talent behind the wheel. But this year has about taken its toll.

The price to travel for a weekend of racing, even at tracks in his area, has gone up about \$100 since last year, Nelson said.

For most working-class folks, \$100 extra per week can

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BY PAUL FLETCHER

INSIDE LOOK

working-class driver competing at a working-class track. Every weekend, scenes like this are played out at dirt tracks all across America. Grassroots USA.

Nelson and hundreds of others like him are the foundation and the future of the dirt late-model world. But with high gas prices and a sluggish economy for most of this year, limited-budget drivers

JOE SECKA/JMS PRO PHOTO

Doug Drown at Pennsylvania's Lernerville Speedway



NSSN RACING LINE

The Week In Motorsports For October 8, 2008

Allgaier's Racing Résumé Now Includes 'Dega Victory

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Justin Allgaier, in the family-owned Hoosier Tire Midwest-AG Tech Dodge, surfaced just in time to wrestle the lead away from Joey Logano Friday afternoon at Talladega Superspeedway and win the ARCA RE/MAX 250 at the 2.66-mile superspeedway.

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ARCA PHOTO

Schatz Wires Princeton Field As TSR Completes The Sweep

PRINCETON, Minn. — Donny Schatz dominated Saturday's PolyDome Princeton Nationals at Princeton Speedway, giving him his 15th Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series triumph of the season.

He earned \$10,000 for leading all 40 laps for his second-consecutive victory at the track and 85th of his career.

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TO THE INSIDE: Cole Whitt (71) noses to the inside of Shane Cottle during Saturday's 57th Hut Hundred at the Terre Haute (Ind.) Action Track. Whitt went on to score the victory in the USAC-sanctioned midget race.

Winning Whitt

By **MIKE O'LEARY**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Cole Whitt scored the biggest win of his career in Saturday's 57th Hut Hundred at the Terre Haute Action Track.

Although Whitt qualified second and led 67 laps of the USAC Mopar National Midget Championship event, he took advantage of a late-race red flag to pass Shane Cottle for the victory. Brad Sweet finished third, followed by Tracy Hines and Bobby East.

"This is one of the ones that you put a star next to on your schedule for sure," the elated Whitt said. "It's a pretty cool deal to be the winner of the Hut Hundred, there's so much prestige. It's just tough every time you come back here, there's just more and more competition every time."

Darren Hagen dived underneath polesitter Sweet to grab the lead in the first turn from third, but behind him, Cottle spun in turn two, collecting six other cars. One of those taken out was Jason Leffler, who noted, "A 100-lap race and they pile in there on the first lap. I thought we could do better than that. But I guess not."

Whitt led the first 45 circuits handily in the Red Bull Bullet/Esslinger Ford midget, but while Sweet and Hagen battled for second, an angry Cottle was ripping through the pack. In 30 laps, he was fourth, and just seven circuits later he took second. He later explained, "My teammate ran over



Cole Whitt

me. I don't know which one it was, but one of them did."

Cottle, in a third Chevy Spike from Tony Stewart's shop, took the lead on a lap-46 restart, passing Whitt on the outside of turn four. His Chevy engine had been popping since the first green flag, and while it still had plenty of power, the miss may have kept the tires from spinning coming off the turns.

Hagen spun on lap 63 and noted, "I just hit a hole and biked it up a little bit; it landed and snapped from underneath me."

USAC imposed a red flag on lap 76 to allow teams to refuel. Tires couldn't be changed, but after Stewart's team fixed Cottle's engine problem, he lost some of his advantage and Whitt stayed on his tail.

Two laps after the restart, Whitt nosed to the inside of four and outran Cottle off the turn.

Coons caught Cottle, and was sizing him up for a pass, but Bacon dived inside of him in turn one and Coons spun. Bacon took second on the restart and challenged Whitt for the lead on lap 90, but slowed suddenly with a flat right front two circuits later. Cottle passed Whitt in turn three on lap 94, but Whitt battled back into the lead in the next turn. At the finish, he led by more than a second.

It was the fourth Hut 100 victory for car owner Keith Kunz, and Whitt explained that they tightened the car slightly under the red flag.

"I don't know really what he did," Whitt said. "We were real good on side bite getting in and through the center of the corner, but we had to stop so much to get it to drive off real straight. I knew that if we could get it to drive off straight, then we were going to be dialed in and Keith knew exactly what to do and got it set in perfect."

The summary:
Qualifications: 1. Brad Sweet, Kahne 49, 22.389; 2. Cole Whitt, Kunz 71, 22.563; 3. Darren Hagen, Nine Racing 9, 22.755; 4. Shane Cottle, Stewart 20s, 22.758; 5. Tracy Hines, Stewart 21, 22.771; 6. Bobby East, Klatt 4, 22.951; 7. Cole Carter, Carter 7, 22.992; 8. Brady Bacon, Kahne 99, 23.023; 9. Levi Jones, Stewart 20, 23.140; 10. Jerry Coons, Jr., Wilke-Pak 11, 23.263; 11. Jason Leffler, RFMS 32, 23.518; 12. Chad Boat, Boat 30, 23.572; 13. Brad Loyet, Loyet 05s, 23.591; 14. Dakota Armstrong, C & A 7a, 23.691; 15. Brad Kuhn, Mentgen 07, 23.772; 16. Dustin Morgan, Kunz 67, 23.876; 17. Davey Ray, Sandy 16, 23.989; 18. Joe Liguori, Owen 28, 23.990; 19. Chase Barber, Barber 90, 24.097; 20. Ricky Ehrgott, Rev 1 8, 24.127; 21. Kody Swanson, Nine Racing 19, 24.217; 22. Justin Grosz, Grosz 39, no time.

Feature (100 laps): Whitt, Cottle, Sweet, Hines, East, Morgan, Hagen, Coons, Barber, Swanson, Ehrgott, Ray, Armstrong, Bacon, Kuhn, Liguori, Jones, Loyet, Carter, Boat, Leffler, Grosz.

Two-Time Indy 500 Winner Castroneves Hit With Tax Evasion

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Helio Castroneves's penchant for climbing fences could come in handy in the future.

Castroneves pled "not guilty" to charges of tax evasion in a federal courthouse in Miami on Friday and it has tarnished one of the true stars of Indy car racing. The two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, along with his sister, Katiucia (aka Kate), and attorney/agent Alan Miller were all indicted on a tax evasion scheme which placed \$5 million in a bank account in the Netherlands.

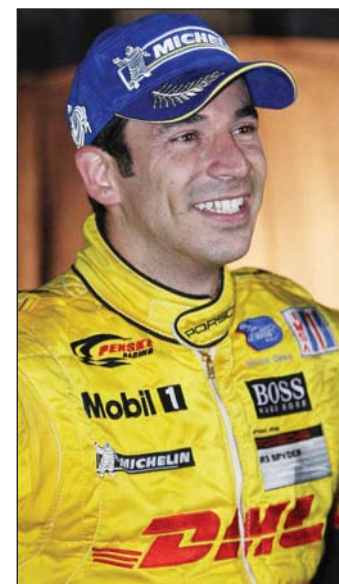
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Castroneves was brought into the courthouse in handcuffs and shackles, and was in tears when he pled to the charges. He was released on \$10 million bond, which he posted from funds in that bank account.

"We're gathering information, the indictment has been issued and it is unfortunate and disappointing," said Bud Denker, executive vice president of Penske Racing. "Helio has to deal with it now and he is taking care of the issues. He will be back to Atlanta on Friday night and be in the race car Saturday morning ready to go for the Petit Le Mans. It will be business as usual from that standpoint."

"We don't know any more than that because we can't speculate on the timing because we don't know yet."

Beyond this weekend's race, however, and Castroneves's future as a race car driver is unknown. He is scheduled to compete in his No. 3 IndyCar for Team Penske at Surfers Paradise, Australia, Oct. 26, but a federal judge has ordered that the Brazilian driver is not allowed to leave the United States. Castroneves had to turn in his passport



Helio Castroneves

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Bailout To Aid Race Tracks

HARRISBURG, N.C. — Race tracks will be among the beneficiaries of the \$700-billion bailout package approved by Congress Friday.

INDUSTRY

One of the many provisions to the revised bill was the extension for two years of a tax policy, which had expired in December 2007, which classifies motor-sports facilities as amusement parks.

Thus, the classification allows race tracks to write off capital investments during a seven-year period, reducing a track's tax bill in the years immediately following major investments in the facilities.

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EXCLUSIVE

Marcus Smith Ready To Lead Speedway, SMI Into Future

If Lowe's Motor Speedway President and General Manager Marcus Smith were still in grade school writing a report about how he spent his summer, it would be a lengthy and intriguing read.

MR. SMITH & SMI PAGES 20-21

The 34-year-old heir to all things Bruton Smith, including Lowe's Motor Speedway parent company Speedway Motorsports, Inc., was appointed to his new positions in late May.

WINNER'S LIST

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UMP DIRTcar	Dennis Erb, Jr.	Rosburg, Ohio	8
Lucas Oil LM	Shannon Babb	Woodstock, Ga.	8
USAC-CRA	Tony Jones	Perris, Calif.	10
ROC Mods	Jan Leaty	Lancaster, N.Y.	17
NASCAR S. Mods	Andy Seuss	Asheboro, N.C.	26
Craftsman Truck	Todd Bodine	Talladega, Ala.	26
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THE FINISH

"I was worried about the idiots when you come here and I was the guy that caused that one."

CARL EDWARDS
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PUBLIC FORUM

Let your voice be heard

Yeley Fan Reacts

It's not the driver. "Sliced Bread" is not the answer. The 96 (Hall of Fame Racing) team is toast.

Neil Bell
Scottsdale, Ariz.

NHRA, Stay Accessible

In the Sept. 10 issue of *NSSN* was a really nice column by Sheena Baker about the new zMax Dragway built by Bruton Smith. It's a marvelous facility. Everyone loved it — racers, fans and sponsors.

It shouldn't surprise anyone. All of his properties are first class. The only negative I heard all weekend was that when the Top Fuel cars go back to running the quarter-mile, it needs a longer shut-down area. Also, getting out of the parking lot was a pain.

NHRA's best advertising and selling point is that every ticket is a pit pass, and everyone has access to all of the drivers. That was really true six-eight years ago. However, now virtually all of the Top Fuel teams and some of the pro-stock teams have roped off hospitality areas that are accessible only to those who have been invited. . . The drivers are hiding out in the hospitality area, talking to the media or doing interviews. Once in a while, you get a wave from a driver because he's seen you at 10 events all over the country.

The more they hide, the more they are becoming like NASCAR drivers. Have you noticed the increase in empty seats at NASCAR races? I switched over to the NHRA many years ago. NASCAR was fun in the 60s, 70s and 80s, but rapidly went down hill.

So, you, NHRA, better stay accessible if you want the sport to keep growing and eventually be paying more.

Bob Clevinger
Maryville, Tenn.

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More Nighttime Grands Prix?

Formula One Racing After Dark Poses Difficult Questions

MIDLAND PARK, N.J.

Now that the world's first Formula One race in artificial light is history, aficionados the world over are trying to decide if more should be held. Singapore's F-1 circuit, constructed by that city-state, is likely the most expensive F-1 raceway ever built. Back in 1950, when the Commission Sportive Internationale — predecessor of the FIA — created an F-1 points system (9-6-4-3-2-1) to determine a World Driving Champion, every F-1 venue in the world, except those in England, were street circuits (Britain having long banned auto racing on its public roads). Today, more than a half-century later, the only public roadways hosting F-1 Grand Prix races are Monaco (Monte Carlo) and Spa (Belgium), all others being having been specially constructed — or radically altered for — F-1 racing. Italy's Monza circuit started life as a winding roadway through a park, but with change after change — including its now-abandoned super high-banked concrete turn — it is now exclusively a raceway. Will we see more night races? Ye Ed doubts it, due to the extreme cost of installing high-intensity lighting systems over one to three

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CHRIS ECONOMAKI

miles for one race a year.

We thought for sure the announcers on the Singapore F-1 race telecast would tell the engaging story of a tiger (or was it a leopard?) leaping out from under a billiard table in the game room of Singapore's celebrated Raffles Hotel. Years ago Ye Ed and wife chose the original Raffles Hotel as our Singapore hostelry because of that story, and that of Raffles himself, a classy, socially acceptable and dashing handsome con-man.

Big gas bills at Talladega. When **Tony Stewart** took the checkered flag as winner of Sunday's Sprint Cup contest at Alabama's Talladega Super Speedway, his gasoline bill would have been \$540 had Sunoco not provided free fuel to all entrants. This figure is based on practice, qualifying and six fuel stops of 19 gallons each during the race itself. Our total is based on Alabama's recent gasoline price of \$3.61 per gallon. With gas in Charlotte going for \$4.19 per gallon, a 135-gallon 500 miler there would have cost each finishing team an extra \$78 were they paying! Our thanks to the Red Bull folk for the gasoline data.

A 1,000-word (long by any measure) release tells of plans to build yet another "country-club-style" road course, this one in



STEVE ETHERINGTON PHOTO

F-1 AT NIGHT: Formula One raced for the first time under the lights in Singapore recently. Chris Economaki writes about the possibility of more night races for the world's most popular racing series.

the Atlanta suburb of Dawsonville, Ga. It is offering the elaborate facilities promised by other such projects, including private homes. Atlanta Motorsports Park will be like a golf country club, says its builder **Jeremy Porter** of Cumming. Based on membership fees asked by other such clubs, AMP will be bargain priced at \$35,000 for families joining during construction, \$50,000 thereafter. Daily use fee is planned at \$30. Ground-breaking for this 200-acre project is planned for spring 2009. More from www.AtlantaMotorsportsPark.net or (603) 644-3200.

This country's search for alternative fuels — for our automobiles — has come up with a newcomer, compressed natural gas! A recent release from Sunday Group Management on behalf of chassis builder Riley Technologies of Mooresville, N.C., details a run by the unique Riley-built streamlined car fitted with a compressed natural-gas powerplant built for driver **Roger Lessman**. He recorded a speed of 311 miles per hour on a five-mile course laid out on Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats. Because the mandatory second pass, in the opposite direction, was not made as per Utah Salt Flats Ass'n rules due to a burned piston, no record was established during the early-September run.

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Nights At Gas City Won't Be The Same Without Jiggs

GAS CITY, IND.

The golf cart slows as it approaches, the small tires rumbling on the gravel drive. As it stops, a man in an orange shirt bounds from the seat, racing around the front of the cart with a beaming, welcoming smile and an extended hand.

Jiggs Thomason is on duty at Gas City I-69 Speedway, rushing around, meeting and greeting, making sure the racing program is running smoothly. For more than a dozen years, this has been his Friday night routine, steadily building this track into one of the best in the country.

Tonight is his final night at the helm, if things go as planned. He and wife Nona have announced their retirement and are helping track owner Jack Himelick either sell the track or locate another party to handle the operation in 2009 and beyond.

"I'll be the easiest guy here to replace," he laughs. He is wrong, of course; no matter what happens, it's going to be difficult to replace he and Nona's personable, smooth style and the way they make you feel right at home the moment you walk through these gates.

AMERICAN SCENE



DAVE ARGABRIGHT

can't understand why you won't let him in free.

This is where most of us struggle; after all, you can only take so much complaining before you begin to push back. But Jiggs always had the ability to listen patiently, nodding his head, and even if you didn't get what you wanted, he made you feel like you were treated with dignity and respect.

From the beginning, that was the way he ran this track: with respect. The place ran in 1987 and '88 before going dark for several years, and Thomason raced a stock car here. Ironically

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With The Heat On, Helio Took To The Race Track

BRASELTON, GA.

A day before Helio Castroneves drove to an LMP2 class victory Saturday at Petit Le Mans, he found himself maneuvering through the American justice system, an unwelcome chicane in a career full of smiles, Indy 500 triumphs and unexpected stardom.

And with all of that has come riches — the kind most dream about, the kind some try to hide in offshore bank accounts, away from the prying eyes and sticky fingers of the Internal Revenue Service.

Castroneves pled not guilty in federal court Friday. It will be up to the courts to decide how much complicity Castroneves had in alleged questionable financial transactions that has resulted in charges on income-tax evasion to the tune of some \$5 million — and the accompanying tune could be “Jailhouse Rock.”

It's difficult for anyone who has met Castroneves to believe that greed is a driving force in his existence. He seems to be so much a guy who could find a way to be happy with \$5 in his pocket, much less an extra \$5 million sitting someplace in an island bank account.

Even so, the power of temptation can never be underestimated. The conclusion the courts must eventually

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JOHN CLAYTON

come to is just who succumbed to that temptation — was it Castroneves pulling the strings on the alleged financial funny business or was he an unwitting, 200-mph ATM who turned over all the decisions to people he trusted — his sister and business manager, Katiucia, and lawyer Alan R. Miller:

The consequences of a conviction, which could include sizable fines as a best-case scenario or 35 years in prison in the worst case, were things Castroneves understandably wanted to leave behind him as he arrived at Road Atlanta to drive one of the Team Penske Porsche RS Spyderys along with IndyCar Series teammate Ryan Briscoe.

He admitted it was difficult at first, but then he settled in and did what he does.

“That’s what I wanted. The team gave me the choice (of whether to compete),” Castroneves said. “Without the help of the fans and my friends, who kept pushing and keep sending incredible messages, I don’t know.”

“I knew the best place for me to be was to be here. There was no cell phone and no TV or nothing, you know? That’s where I feel more comfortable. It’s my comfort zone.”

History shows desperate or stupid athletes doing desperate and stupid things — former Dolphins running back Mercury Morris being convicted of selling cocaine; 31-game winner Denny McLain of the Detroit Tigers selling drugs and then being involved in a pension-grabbing scam for which he served eight years in federal prison; Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick, who threw away millions and is in prison over racketeering charges stemming from a dog-fighting ring.

Those are just three examples of bad decisions made by the athletes who were rightly made to be culpable.

But history also shows a long, long string of professional athletes who have seen their fortunes depleted by unscrupulous agents and financial managers, or by trusted “friends” and advisers who are out for themselves instead of the best interests of the athlete, who proves himself to be naive away from the arena in which he performs.

Johnny Unitas, the Hall-of-Fame quarterback of the Baltimore Colts, lost everything on ill-advised business deals as did Oakland A’s pitching great Rollie Fingers. J.R. Reid, whose Major League pitching career was cut short by injury, ended up sleeping under a bridge in Houston due to mental illness and the people who fed off his MLB contracts before turning their backs on him.

It’s just not difficult to believe that Castroneves is the latter, a race-car driver who knows his job and does it well, one whose knowledge of numbers has more to do with a speedometer and a gearbox than paychecks.

Patterson Provided Big Moments For Michigan Fans

GAYLORD, MICH.

Kris Patterson developed an interest in racing at a very early age: “My dad (Bob Patterson) was involved in it years ago. He had a modified and Jimmy Nelson used to drive for him back in the early ‘60s at Berlin.”

The man who is most recognized for his achievements behind the wheel of the yellow No. 0 dirt late model started his career in go-karts at age 5. By age 19, he was a multi-time local and state champion in soapbox derby, motocross and snowmobiles.

In 1979, he got his dad back in the role of car owner, with Kris driving a sprint car and supermodified.

Patterson made the transition to stock cars in the early ‘80s first in sportsman and then late models in 1983.

“Over the years, it has been a family business. My mom and dad, Bob and Rosie, are still with me,” Patterson said. “It takes everybody, and there is not enough thanks in the world for the people who have helped me in the sport.”

Even though 2008 marks the conclusion of the St. Johns, Mich., native’s full-time racing career, the Patterson racing legacy will continue.

In recent years, Kris has pulled double duty, not only competing but also fulfilling the role of car owner for various up-and-coming drivers, including his son Kris, Jr., who

PIT SIDE



DARCIE FUZI

spent his summer behind the wheel testing the No. 0 machine.

During the past three decades, this 2000 Michigan Motorsports Hall of Fame inductee has amassed an amazing number of victories and has more than 20 championships to his credit, including seven MSPA Series championships, six American Late Model Series championships, five Eldora Speedway titles, more than a few Oakshade Raceway championships and a number of UMP state titles.

When it comes to favorite tracks, Ohio’s Oakshade Raceway ranks high on Patterson’s list. He has a huge fan following at the Northern Ohio speedplant and enjoys the fast action the track provides.

“It has good Saturday night racing and when it comes to the Barney Olfield Memorial, well, I have won it three times, but the problem is I have four kids. And I have been trying, but keep coming in second in an attempt to win a fourth one,” he explained. “They give a nice sterling-silver cup for winning and I always told the kids of all the trophies we have at home, they could each have one of those cups. I’m still missing one though. The girls (Elissa, 26; Samantha and Ashley, both 23) say that they already have theirs picked out and Kris, Jr. has to go earn his own.”

Patterson has always respected the fans for their unending dedication to the “Hero Zero.”

From the late ‘70s until today, he has been able to win the hearts of fans young and old.

Whether he is relaxing at a small northern Michigan track or gearing up for the World 100, you will usually find Patterson leaning against his hauler chatting about past memories or car specs with an old friend or a new acquaintance.

“There have been so many touching things over the years,” he said. “During the week, I will get anywhere from six to a dozen fans calling just to see where I am going to be racing that weekend.”

One of the moments Kris will most miss in his departure from full-time competition is “when you are down at Eldora and you come down for the first lap for the World 100 and you look up and you see just a ton of people wall to wall, and everybody is cheering you on that whole first lap. It’s pretty touching to make that race and be able to experience that.”

With becoming the primary owners and operators of Bob’s Auto Body in St. Johns, Kris and his wife Cathy keep a very busy schedule. Even though Kris plans to retire from full-time competition, he has not ruled out the possibility of racing a few special events in 2009.

Thank you for the memories, Kris. You have provided fans with many.

Remembering A Day At The Dirt Track With Paul

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

My cell phone rang on a mid-week day back in April 2002. The caller was Lee Merkel, one of the owners of PowerCom Park (Beaver Dam, Wis.), renamed Charter Raceway in 2007.

“Paul Newman is coming tomorrow to the track to drive the Grave Digger monster truck and a 360 sprint car. Don’t tell anyone. They don’t want an audience, but I thought you might be interested in coming,” said Merkel.

After hanging up, I thought “That’s nice,” but wasn’t planning on it. I’ve seen Newman in the paddock at races before. Big deal!

Later that evening, I wondered if he was as humble as people had said and if he really had such great driving skills. Thus, I decided to find out the following day.

Newman was in the Chicago area filming scenes for the movie “Road to Perdition.” A crowd of about 20 were in the pit

area. Shortly after arrival, Newman and Joanne Woodward’s personal assistant introduced herself. “Please don’t send any pictures out to the media or ask for autographs. Paul’s here to relax.” She handed me her business card, it said: Darcie Wirth.

At the same time, I spotted 1986 CRA sprint-car champion

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BRYAN GAPINSKI

Eddie Wirth and stopped Darcie, “Asking are you Eddie’s wife?” She was surprised to know that I knew her husband.

During my employment at National Halibrand Racing, Wirth used many of our products and many times I repaired his quick-change rear ends.

Newman drove the Grave Digger monster truck around the pit area a bit. Afterward, it was time to hot lap a 360 winged sprint car owned by Wisconsin’s Randy Sippel. Wirth hot lapped it first. Then it was Newman’s turn.

Newman, 77 years old at the time, was more frail than when I last saw him in the paddock at a CART event in the mid-90s. Wearing a Newman/Haas Texaco Havoline suit and a blue helmet with the initial’s PLN on the side, he eased his way into the sprint car.

He ran about six laps at decent speed in the middle of the track, which was prepared well for his practice runs. Newman returned to the pits, and a quick adjustment was made while he stayed in the car, asking Wirth and Sippel a few questions.

When Newman returned to the track, I thought Steve Kinser was in the car. Newman was on throttle hard, running the car just a few inches from the wall. Then, it was fast laps around the bottom of the track, then back to the cushion.

Stopwatches showed he was about a half-second off normal fast time for the series at the track. Each lap Newman became smoother. It looked like a normal sprint car going through the corner squatting on the left side, lifting the front end on the straightaways. I knew Newman could drive a race car.

After a few sessions totaling about 50 laps, Newman was finished. Wirth introduced me to Newman afterwards, and the three of us struck up a conversation. Subjects covered dirt-track racing and Newman’s appreciation of the drivers and cars.

It was his first time in a winged sprint car. “They’re a lot easier to drive than the non-winged cars,” Newman said that day. Newman had previously hot lapped non-winged sprints and midgets at tracks on the West Coast.

During our conversation, I mentioned, “Don’t forget to call Cory Kruseman. Your most recent session to drive at his school was rained out and he was wondering when you were going to reschedule.”

Earlier in the day, I had a conversation with Kruseman about unrelated things and he mentioned Newman’s session as rained out.

“That’s one of the things I like about the sport; so many of us from different walks and facets are still linked by our connection with the sport,” Newman said, and my original question was answered. Newman was just a “racer” stuck in a Hollywood actor’s body.

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ENDURANCE: The Peugeot (07) driven by Nicolas Minassian, Stephane Sarazin and Christian Klien leads the field to the start of the 11th annual Petit Le Mans endurance race at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., Saturday.

Audi Still Streaking At Atlanta

By BILL OURSLER

BRASELTON, Ga. — “When the going gets tough, the tough get going” is a well worn cliché, but an appropriate one to describe the 11th annual Petit Le Mans that took place Saturday at the twisting and hilly Road Atlanta circuit.

The 1,000-mile or 10-hour American Le Mans Series affair was filled with full course cautions and saw Audi and its turbocharged diesel R10 brigade continue its unbeaten streak in a comeback performance few thought possible at the beginning of the race.

Audi was facing its strongest challenge since Sebring in the form of Peugeot’s 908 turbo diesel, a car that since its debut in 2007 in the European-based Le Mans Series, has been quicker if less reliable than its German opposition.

Unlike the Sebring 12-Hour, which Peugeot used to dip its feet in the waters of the ALMS for the first time, and where the aged airport facility took its toll, leaving the French LMP1 coupe well behind at the finish, Peugeot was serious about humbling the Audi camp in North Georgia.

Having lost Le Mans and the 2008 Le Mans Series championship to Audi, Peugeot was determined to salvage something by winning at Road Atlanta. The seriousness of that attack was measured by the pole position the Nicolas Minassian, Stephane Sarazin, Christian Klien prototype achieved in qualifying. Unfortunately for the French manufacturer, they had to face Scotsman Allan McNish, co-driving with Emanuele Pirro and Rinaldo Capello in the Audisport North America R10.

Although, McNish didn’t grab the number one grid slot, he was starting on the outside of the front row, just a couple of hundredths of a second off the Peugeot’s clocking. At least, that was where he was supposed to start.

In reality, when the green flag came out shortly after 11 a.m., McNish’s Audi was still being remanufactured

by its crew in the paddock after McNish had slammed it into a guardrail on his warm up lap, leaving it heavily damaged. Acknowledging he had made a mistake, McNish told the crew, “If you fix it, I will win with it.”

And that’s exactly what he did against all the odds.

Instead of fighting for the lead, the Scotsman found himself trying to catch up from a seemingly impossible two-lap deficit, staying in the car for a triple stint that would have left others exhausted. Playing the never-ending full-course yellows perfectly, McNish, Pirro and Capello got back their laps to join the Audi-Peugeot battle being fought by their R10 teammates, Marco Werner and Lucas Luhr, who kept exchanging the lead with Minassian, Sarrazin and Klien on an on-going basis throughout.

However, despite that appearance of parity, the French coupe was able to use its slight performance advantage to move into the lead almost at will, a trend which continued until the final stages, when McNish got back in the German spyder.

At that point, the Scotsman was a man on a mission, blowing by Werner and chasing down Klien as he used his softer compound Michelin tires to their best advantage. Within a period of minutes, he had caught and passed Klien and took over the lead for the final time despite challenges from his rival. McNish had kept his promise, as he crossed the finish just more than four seconds ahead of the Peugeot as Werner and Luhr, who had already clinched the LMP1 title honors, came home a close third.

More importantly, his efforts and those of Capello and Pirro gave Audi a clean sweep on the international endurance scene with Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans all going to the German car maker despite pre-season predictions that if there were sweeping to be done, it would be the Peugeot camp doing so.

Meanwhile, behind the Audis and the Peugeot, there was a Porsche parade in LMP2 as the Acura ARX-01b contingent had a horrible outing that began earlier in practice when the best-positioned Acura, the Patron Highcroft Racing example, was

crashed by Scott Sharp in practice, forcing the crew to assemble a new car to put him, Dario Franchitti and David Brabham back in the action.

Unfortunately, the newly reconstituted Acura didn’t last long, its day ending when Sharp again crashed, this time due to an apparent mechanical issue.

Out front in a third Penske DHL Porsche RS Spyder were “guest” drivers Helio Castroneves and Ryan Briscoe, who were brought in following Acura’s charge to the front in manufacturer points at Detroit. Even though the pair exchanged the number one spot in LMP2 with the other two Penske RS Spyderys, they generally held the advantage, taking fourth overall, with Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas playing a more conservative game to come home fifth overall and second in LMP2. That was good enough to give them the driver’s championship for the second-straight season.

Third in LMP2 went to the Penske RS Spyder of Patrick Long and Sascha Maassen.

Unfortunately, the LMP2 results will remain unofficial until the protest of Highcroft’s principal, Duncan Dayton, concerning the fuel used by the Porsche is heard by officials of the International Motor Sports Ass’n later this month.

Meanwhile, in GT2 there was joy for Ferrari and Porsche, the Risi Ferrari 330GT entry of Mika Salo and Jaime Melo winning honors, with the Flying Lizard Porsche of Wolf Hinzler and Jorg Bergmeister crossing the line in second. That latter effort was more than enough to give the two Porsche men the drivers title as their main opposition, the Tafel Racing Ferrari of Dirk Mueller and Dominik Farnbacher, was able to do no better than third in class.

Also wrapping things up in GT1, where it has been a two-car Corvette team contest, were Johnny O’Connell and Jan Magnussen, who took the championship with the help of Ron Fellows over Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin, who had Max Papis in their cockpit. They again wound up second in the race and second in the standings.

Morning Practice Leaves Audi Team Scrambling

By JOHN CLAYTON
STAFF WRITER

BRASELTON, Ga. — For a while Saturday morning, it looked as if Audi’s top team wouldn’t make it to the starting grid for Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta, much less find its way to the top of the podium for the third-straight year.

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Allan McNish drove the No. 1 Audi AG R10 diesel around the Peugeot 908 of Christian Klien in turn six, using a slower car as a pick and taking the overall lead with just under an hour remaining in the 10-hour endurance race around the 2.54-mile hilly road course.

McNish crashed the Audi during morning warmups, doing significant damage to the R10 and forcing the crew to pull off a minor miracle, minutes before the race began.

“I thought the race was gone,” McNish said, acknowledging the efforts of both Audi crews working together to save the race for the No. 1 Audi team. “But the championship crew basically put this car back together in 45 minutes.”

McNish, driving with Rinaldo Capello and Emanuele Pirro, got a boost from a pit strategy and fuel

mileage that helped the Audi rally from two laps down after it began the race in the pits. From there, the Audi trio of drivers put together a steady drive and had worked their way behind the strong Peugeot with a little more than an hour remaining.

From there, McNish shook off any doubts the morning session may have created, making aggressive moves and finally overtaking Klien, who was making his first appearance at Road Atlanta, with a brilliant pass and going on to a 4.512-second victory over the Peugeot.

Audi also captured the final spot on the podium with drivers Lucas Luhr and Marco Werner finishing third overall.

McNish battled his way into the overall lead to deliver Audi’s ninth-straight Petit Le Mans victory and the manufacturer’s 11th-straight overall victory at Road Atlanta.

“Nobody on our team comes here to do the work and finish second,” said McNish. “It was the least I could do as a driver, to give 110 percent of my capabilities and effort to get us to the top step. I think that’s just desserts for the guys back there in the pit lane because of all the work they did back there. They deserved it more than any of us three up here.”

Niemela Completes Trifecta; Wins Race, Title & Rookie Honors

By JOHN CLAYTON
STAFF WRITER

BRASELTON, Ga. — As championship contenders literally fell around him due to dumb moves and others due to dumb luck, Finnish rookie Markus Niemela took Friday’s Atlantic Championship finale at Road Atlanta and with it, the series title and rookie-of-the-year honors.

Niemela completed the trifecta under caution after his closest challengers left in the championship race made banzai moves on a lap-33 restart, none of them turning out well.

“It’s the first time I’ve ever seen every one of the top-five cars try to make moves on one another like that,” said driver James Hinchcliffe, who watched the mayhem unfold in front of him after the restart.

Hinchcliffe was lifted to the podium with a third-place finish behind countryman Kevin Lacroix.

But Dane Cameron, who had led the first 32 laps of the race, had positioned himself for a race win, while Jonathan Summerton led the championship by a single point over Niemela when the first caution of the race came on lap 32.

Niemela shot to the inside of Cameron to take the lead as the field dove into turn one for the restart. Lacroix followed suit to take third from Summerton. Cameron fell to third behind Lacroix a few seconds

later, pushing Summerton to make an ill-advised move in an attempt to preserve his title hopes. Summerton made contact with Cameron, damaging both cars, and handing the race and the championship to Niemela.

The victory completed a late-season charge for Niemela, who won for the second-straight time and finished on the podium for the third-straight race.

“I’ve been racing for 19 years, and I’m 24 years old now, and I’ve been kind of looking for one race where I don’t have to explain anything,” Niemela said. “I can just go after the race and say, ‘I won the race and I won the championship.’ I don’t have to make any excuses or explain anything I did. This is just sweet and simple, really. I think the car was good, I was good, and everything just fell in the right place.”

Niemela is the first Fin to win the Atlantic Championship title in the 35-year history of the series and the first rookie since Simon Pagenaud in 2006.

Jonathan Bomarito came into Road Atlanta with a seven-point lead in the championship, but fell out of the race with mechanical problems 10 laps into the race, finishing last in the 17-car field. He ended up second in the standings, 17 points behind Niemela.

Simona De Silvestro finished fourth, with Greg Mansell fifth.

The finish:
Markus Niemela, Kevin Lacroix, James Hinchcliffe, Simona De Silvestro, Greg Mansell, David Garza, Luis Schiavo, Junior Strous, Frankie Muniz, Tom Sutherland, Leon Mansell, Dominick Muermans, Dane Cameron, Jonathan Summerton, J.R. Hildebrand, Douglas Soares, Jonathan Bomarito.

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Dixie Delight

Shannon Babb Wins Third Shootout

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — Shannon Babb drove to his third-career Dixie Shootout win on Saturday night at Dixie Speedway.

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The 34-year-old driver banked \$15,000 for winning the race, which was the finale for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series.

Babb took over the lead on lap 47 when the top two cars of Scott Bloomquist and Jimmy Owens got together in turn two. Bart Hartman finished second, followed by Dan Schlieper, Justin Rattliff and Billy Drake.

Bloomquist led from the start of the 50-lap event and with three yellows slowing the pace early, the field remained bunched together.

Owens steadily made his way through the field, taking second on lap 32. Babb moved into the fight four laps later, making it a three-car tussle for the lead.

With five laps to go, the crowd was

up cheering as Owens was seriously threatening to take the lead from Bloomquist. At the start-finish line for lap 46, the two were dead even for the lead and heading into turn one they remained that way, but in turn two there was contact between the two teammates, with Owens spinning and Bloomquist slowing. Officials ruled he stopped on the track and sent him to the rear of the field.

From there, Babb held off Hartman for the victory.

"This is the first time we have come here in a Rocket, our two other wins here were in a Rayburn," Babb said. "We had a good race with Scott (Bloomquist) and Jimmy (Owens). They both were real good and I thought that if Owens got the lead, he would be gone."

The finish:

Shannon Babb, Bart Hartman, Dan Schlieper, Justin Rattliff, Billy Drake, Josh McGuire, Steve Casebolt, Tony Knowles, Billy Ogle, Freddy Smith, Don O'Neal, Earl Pearson, Jr., Ray Cook, Jimmy Owens, Billy Moyer, Brian Shirley, Chris Madden, Travis Pennington, Dale McDowell, Shane Clanton, Scott James, Skip Arp, Terry Casey, Scott Bloomquist.

Georgia Rome Rumble To Earl Pearson, Jr.

ROME, Ga. — Earl Pearson, Jr. won his fourth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event of 2008 Friday night at Rome Speedway as he captured the \$10,000-to-win Rome Rumble.

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Pearson, driving for NASCAR driver Bobby Labonte grabbed the lead for good on lap eight as he went on to a convincing victory. Dale McDowell, who started seventh, climbed to second at the finish, followed by Jimmy Owens, 16th-starting Clint Smith and 24th-starting Justin Rattliff.

Pearson, who has clinched the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Championship for the fourth-consecutive season, started third. Chris Madden led the first four laps, but Madden and Pearson went door to door for two laps for the lead as Pearson led laps five and six. Madden

led lap seven and Pearson took control on the eighth tour of the half-mile dirt track.

Pearson worked lapped traffic to perfection during the middle stages of the race, keeping McDowell behind him to the checkered flag.

"The car was just tremendous tonight," Pearson said. "I can't thank my crew enough, Randall, Matt, Keith and Devine, for the job they are doing getting this car ready to race each and every time, the track was excellent tonight, you could run anywhere on it and I want to thank Bobby Labonte for all of his help. I'm sure he will be happy with results here tonight."

The finish:

Earl Pearson, Jr., Dale McDowell, Jimmy Owens, Clint Smith, Justin Rattliff, Billy Moyer, Brian Shirley, Shannon Babb, Billy Drake, Eric Jacobsen, Casey Roberts, Scott James, Aaron Ridley, Chris Madden, Steve Casebolt, Billy Ogle, Bart Hartman, Scott Bloomquist, Travis Pennington, Tommy Kerr, Josh McGuire, Wayne Chinn, Wendell Wallace, Shane Clanton.

Richards Big Kahuna At Allegany

CUMBERLAND, Md. — Josh Richards set the pace throughout the 50-lap Big Kahuna VIII, charging to the victory Saturday night at Allegany County Speedway.

MACS LM

The first two turns presented the only drama for Richards at the front of the field. When the dust settled, the pole-sitter and defending race co-champion, Ricky Elliott, was angrily left to wonder what might have been.

Richards and Elliott touched in turn two on the opening lap, sending Elliott into a spin. He careened off of Tim McCreadie. Elliott and McCreadie fin-

ished 22nd and 24th, respectively.

After the race, Richards was apologetic for the incident with Elliott, but he showed little mercy on the rest of the field while behind the wheel. He led by as much as seven seconds.

Jason Covert clinched his third-straight Mid-Atlantic Championship Series (MACS) title with a second-place finish. Steve Francis finished third and Rick Eckert took fourth. Boom Briggs completed the top five.

The finish:

Josh Richards, Jason Covert, Steve Francis, Rick Eckert, Boom Briggs, Jeremy Miller, Gary Stuhler, Doug Horton, Davey Johnson, Jared Miley, Matt Lux, Mike Balzano, Jim Yoder, Jack Pencil, Coleby Frye, Devin Friese, Chuck Clise, Keith Barbara, Brian Booze, Randy Burkholder, Tyler Armstrong, Ricky Elliott, D.J. Troutman, Tim McCreadie.



RICK SHERER PHOTO

UNDERNEATH: Dennis Erb, Jr. (28) races under Ben Adkins during Saturday's super-late-model portion of the UMP DIRTcar Nationals at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

Erb & Harrison Kings At DIRTcar Nationals

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Dennis Erb, Jr. (super late models) and Mike

UMP

Harrison (modifieds) turned back late-race challenges to triumph in Saturday night's Moser Engineering UMP DIRTcar Nationals at Eldora Speedway.

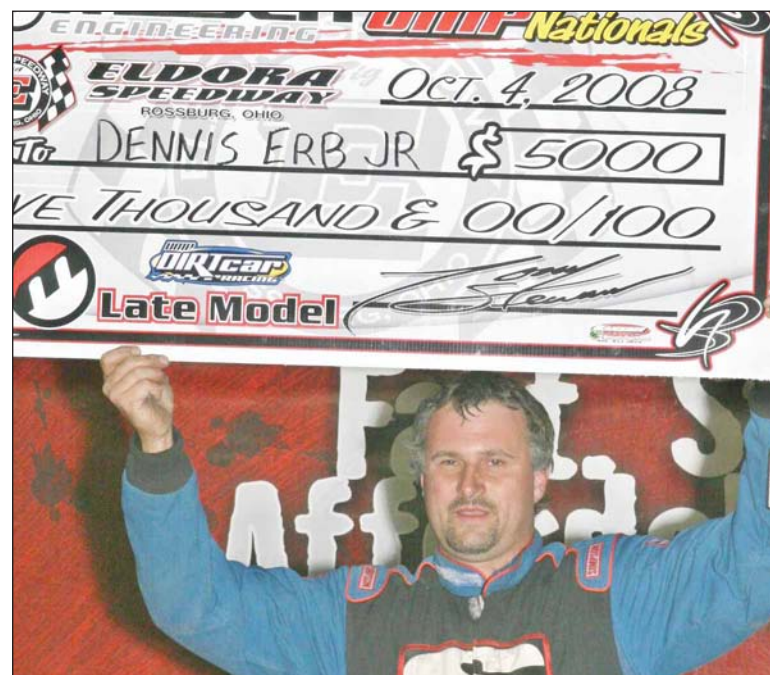
Erb, who turns 36 on Oct. 12, ended his second-consecutive UMP DIRTcar national championship season with a \$5,000 flourish in the 40-lap super-late-model event. He grabbed the lead from Richie Hedrick on lap four and made all the right moves in lapped traffic during the final circuits to hold off Matt Miller and Jeep VanWormer for his first career win at the famed half-mile oval.

"To stand up here after winning this thing really caps off the year," said Erb, who has 15 overall victories this season. "Going out and repeating both championships (the UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals and nationals points race) and winning the Nationals here is just a great thing."

It was also the coveted first Eldora feature win for Erb, who had gotten a taste of success at the track by capturing the previous night's 12-lap, 11-car Race of Champions event.

"It means a lot to win here," said Erb. "I've been coming here a long time. We've made the World 100 and the Dream and run good in them and we've finished second and third here in this (UMP DIRTcar Nationals), but getting a win is tough."

Harrison, meanwhile, led the caution-free 25-lap open-wheel modified feature from flag-to-flag, but he worked hard for every cent of his



RICK SHERER PHOTO

BIIG CHECK: Dennis Erb, Jr. collects the \$5,000 check for winning the super-late-model race at Eldora Speedway's UMP DIRTcar Nationals.

\$3,000 top prize. He spent many hours repairing the damage his car sustained in an unusual accident after his heat-race victory on Friday night and repelled heavy pressure from Jacob Hawkins and Steve Arpin during the late stages of the event.

"I thought our weekend was over," said Harrison, who had to replace the car's busted rearend and an assortment of bolt-on components. "We pieced it back together the best we could and it worked out."

"We were up until about 2:30 this

morning working on the car, and then we got back up this morning about 9 and started again and finished about 1."

The finishes:

Late Models: Dennis Erb, Jr., Matt Miller, Jeep VanWormer, Billy Faust, Jason Feger, Aaron Scott, Chris Ross, Richie Hedrick, Michael Kloos, Brian Ruhlman, Rick DeLong, Curt Spalding, Ben Adkins, Jon Henry, Jerry Bowersock, Rusty Shlenk, Andrew Reaume, Ronnie Perrine, Jr., Dan Walden, Jared Hawkins, Jeff Beyers, Randy Korte, Mike Shult, Scott Orr, Duane Chamberlain, Shawn Toczek, Wes Steidinger, Dusty Moore.

Modified: Mike Harrison, Jacob Hawkins, Steve Arpin, Kent Robinson, Scott Orr, Doug Adkins, Matt Bex, Chad Kinder, Clayton Miller, Lance Dehm, Chris Stotts, Chad Ruhlman, Mike Spatola, Keith Berner, Kenny Johnson, Clint Shotts, Jess Hartman, Brian Ruhlman, Ed Roley, Jeff Harris, Todd Sherman, John DeMoss, Jeff Babcock, Jeff Leka, Michael Asberry, Curt Spalding, Danny Schwartz, Randle Sweeney.

Erb & Spatola Lead Qualifying For UMP DIRTcar Nationals

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Dennis Erb, Jr.'s coronation as the 2008 UMP DIRTcar Super Late Model champion began in fine fashion Friday night at Eldora Speedway.

Racing without points pressure after clinching his second-consecutive national title several weeks ago, the Carpentersville, Ill., native rolled to a \$1,000 victory in the 12-lap Race of Champions event that closed the opening night of the Moser UMP

DIRTcar Nationals.

Erb also was the fastest qualifier in one of the six group time-trial sessions for the 69-car super-late-model field, giving him a fourth-place starting spot in the sixth heat race on Saturday night.

"A win would be a great way to top (the season) off," said Erb, who will earn \$20,000 for his UMP DIRTcar national crown. "Winning both UMP championships (he also captured the Summer Nationals title) and the season finale would be a pretty big

accomplishment for us."

Erb crossed the finish line a half-straightaway ahead of Jeep VanWormer, who started ninth, in the Race of Champions. Jason Feger, Michael Kloos and Brian Ruhlman filled the top five.

A huge field of 123 UMP DIRTcar open-wheel modifieds was signed in for the division's portion of the program, which included group time trials and eight 10-lap heat races.

Mike Spatola was the fastest modified qualifier.



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Indoor midget racing will come to Kansas City's Kemper Arena for the first time Dec. 19-20.

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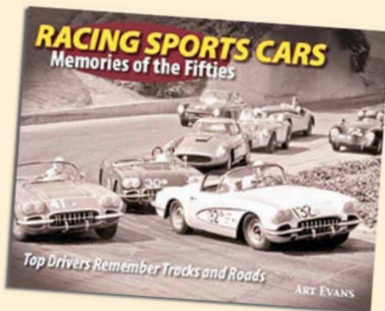
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"Too few guys are junkyard dogs, willing to take big risks and hang it out. The entire (NASCAR Sprint Cup) series has become about points racing, and points racing is not much fun. Points racing gets inside your brain and greatly affects your right foot, because you become logical. You conclude that a steady, quiet top-20 finish is much better than a wrecked car and a 38th-place finish. That's all well and good for team owners, sponsors, crews, etc., but it isn't much good for the paying customers sitting in the grandstands."

— Dave Argabright, October

Ballou Gets L-Burg Loot, Again

By **DAVE ARGABRIGHT**
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind. — Robert Ballou survived a thrilling challenge by Jon Stanbrough to capture his second consecutive \$10,000-to-win MSCS City of Lawrenceburg Fall Nationals at Lawrenceburg Speedway Saturday night.

Ballou started on the pole and trailed Ricky Williams, Jr. through much of the early going. Some impressive charges through the field were taking place behind the leaders, most notable being Stanbrough's drive from 17th to 3rd before the mid-way point.

Stanbrough took the lead on a lap 33 restart with a brilliant move in the bottom groove. He and Ballou waged a torrid battle over the next few laps until Stanbrough appeared to slip slightly in turn four on lap 37, allowing Ballou to get past and hold the lead for the final two laps.

"We lost our brakes about 15 laps in, it seems like that always happens in these big races," Ballou said. "Stanbrough ran me clean, it was a great race. I almost ran into the back of him there at one time, without my brakes it was tricky."

"Jimmy Jones gave me a perfect race car tonight because to win without the brakes, the car had to be perfect. It's really nice to win this one."



HEIN BROTHERS PHOTO

OUT FRONT: Ricky Williams (11w) races inside Robert Ballou as the two battle for the lead Saturday during the Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Fall Nationals.

Stanbrough held on for second, trailed by Dave Darland, Daron Clayton (from 13th) and Joss Moffat (from 16th). The second five consisted of Williams, Chris Windom (from 18th), Damion Gardner (from 15th), Jeff Bland, Jr. and J.J. Yeley.

A total of 57 cars were on hand for the event. Heats were won by Bland, Williams, Hunter Schuereberg, Darland, Yeley and Ballou. Casey Shuman was unhurt in the night's most serious crash in which Shuman made hard contact with the turn

three wall and flipped Paul Hazen's sprinter.

The event was the Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series season finale, and Kyle Cummins was crowned series champion for the second-consecutive year. Williams was named series rookie of the year.

The finish:

Robert Ballou, Jon Stanbrough, Dave Darland, Daron Clayton, Joss Moffat, Ricky Williams, Jr., Chris Windom, Damion Gardner, Jeff Bland, Jr., J.J. Yeley, Lance Grimes, Logan Hupp, Ryan Pace, Critter Malone, John Memmer, Dickie Gaines, Bobby Stines, Kyle Cummins, Kurt Gross, Kevin Thomas, Jr., Hunter Schuereberg, Brett Burdette, Kyle Robbins, Joshua Clemens.

Nobody Is Keeping Up With Jones

PERRIS, Calif. — Tony Jones continued his late-season hot streak in the Lucas Oil USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series Saturday night.

The defending series champion earned his third-consecutive victory and fifth of the season, leading all 30 laps at Perris Auto Speedway.

Jones had the Alexander No. 4 out front throughout, but had to hold off fast-qualifier Blake Miller, who challenged during the second half of the event.

"These young guys keep working my butt off and it's getting harder to get up and down that damn fence," Jones laughed after climbing the frontstretch fence following the victory. "It was a little easier starting outside front row tonight, but it wasn't a cake walk either. (Nic) Faas and Blake (Miller) gave me a run for my money and it was a hard fought battle."

Rookie sensation Nic Faas finished third, ahead of Danny Sheridan and Matt Mitchell.

The summary:

Qualifications: 1. Blake Miller, Gardner 93, 16.716; 2. Matt Mitchell, Mitchell 87, 16.772; 3. Mike Spencer, Chaffin 50, 16.850; 4. Rickie Gaunt, Gardner 93j, 16.857; 5. Alan Ballard, Stansberry 75, 16.888; 6. J. Hicks, Miller 66, 16.954; 7. Nic Faas, Faas 117, 16.959; 8. Cory Kruseman, Kruseman 21k, 16.977; 9. Peter Murphy, Tarlton 21t, 16.987; 10. Tony Jones, Alexander 4, 17.098; 11. David Cardy, Crossno 38, 17.123; 12. Greg Bragg, Sertich 92, 17.138; 13. Josh Ford, Ford 73, 17.157; 14. Danny Sheridan, Kittle 18, 17.157; 15. Tyler Brown, Gardner 96, 17.164; 16. Rodney Argo, Argo 19, 17.185; 17. Jordan Hermansader, Rase 32, 17.259; 18. Henry Clarke, Kruseman 41k, 17.329; 19. Rusty Carlile, Carlile 51x, 17.330; 20. Danny Faria, Jr., Faria 17v, 17.386; 21. Austin Mero, Kruseman 71k, 17.528; 22. Brandon Thomson, Thomson 19t, 17.693; 23. Cody Williams, Jory 3, 17.730; 24. Ludvig Solberg IV, Persall 84, 17.746; 25. Brian Camarillo, Camland 22c, 17.821; 26. Andrew Reinbold, Reinbold 19x, 18.029; 27. Nadine Gardner Gardner 16, 18.124; 28. Brein Kinney, Persall 85, 18.126; 29. John Aden, Blair 12, 18.158; 30. Tony Everhart, Everhart 55, 18.334; 31. Royal Adderson, Adderson 40, 18.380; 32. Matt Stewart, Everhart 55m, 18.537; 33. Mike Collins, Perkins 04, 18.654; 34. Bobby Ferro, Ferro 91, 19.127; 35. John Butler, Butler 54, 20.583; 36. Kenny Perkins, Perkins 0k, no time; 37. Brent Camarillo, Camland 51, no time.

First Heat (10 laps): Ford, Miller, Ballard, Mero, Brian Camarillo, Aden, Murphy, Collins, Hermansader.

Second Heat (10 laps): Jones, Clarke, Reinbold, Sheridan, Hicks, Mitchell, Everhart, Ferro, Thomson.

Third Heat (10 laps): Cardy, Spencer, Faas, Williams, Brown, Gardner, Carlile, Adderson, Butler.

Fourth Heat (10 laps): Faria, Gaunt, Bragg, Kruseman, Argo, Solberg, Perkins, Brent Camarillo, Stewart.

Semi (12 laps): Hicks, Mitchell, Hermansader, Murphy, Argo, Brown, Carlile, Solberg, Adderson, Stewart, Thomson, Brent Camarillo, Everhart, Collins, Perkins, Ferro, Butler, Brian Camarillo, Aden.

Feature (30 laps): Jones, Miller, Faas, Sheridan, Mitchell, Cardy, Murphy, Argo, Ford, Williams, Hicks, Hermansader, Clarke, Reinbold, Ballard, Kruseman, Faria, Brown, Gaunt, Spencer, Bragg, Mero.



DOUG ALLEN PHOTO

STREAKER: Tony Jones celebrates after his victory Saturday at Perris (Calif.) Auto Speedway.

Wily Sprint Veteran Steele Derails DeCaire

SAMSULA, Fla. — Once again, former TBARA sprint-car champion David Steele put his many years of experience to good use to outrun current point-leader Troy DeCaire to the checkers in the 30-lap feature event Saturday night at New Smyrna

TBARA

Speedway. After a yellow flag waved for a slowed car at the halfway point, Steele, who had started 10th in the field and worked his way to second, quickly dispatched early leader Bobby Rose on the restart and led the rest of the way.

DeCaire recovered to finish second

after his car lost a radiator hose on lap 20 and watered down the third turn, bringing out the red flag with 10 laps to go. Larry Brazil, Rose and Shane Butler followed to the stripe.

The finish:

David Steele, Troy DeCaire, Larry Brazil, Bobby Rose, Shane Butler, Tommy Nichols, Mickey Kempgens, Mark Gimmier, Steve Heitsler, Sonny Hartley, Dakotah Stephens, David Redtzlaif, Blaze Martin, D.J. Hoelzle, Ben Fritz.

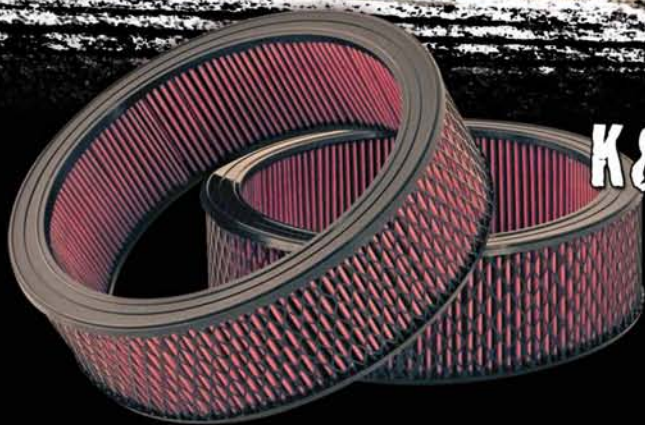
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What's making news in motorsports

POWER RANKINGS

NSSN ranks the top 10 drivers from all forms of motorsports.

Tony Schumacher

U.S. Army Dragster, NHRA Top Fuel
Tony Schumacher will resume his record-breaking season at this weekend's Virginia NHRA Nationals at Dinwiddie, Va. Along with the U.S. Army team, Schumacher will attempt to extend his record for single-season victories with his 14th of 2008.

NO. 1



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REST OF THE BEST

2. Scott Dixon

No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Dallara-Honda, IndyCar Series
Dixon gave Petit Le Mans a try this past weekend, co-driving the De Ferran Racing Acura to a seventh-place finish at Road Atlanta.

3. Jimmie Johnson

No. 48 Chevrolet, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Johnson survived the late-race carnage to finish ninth at Talladega, extending his Chase lead to 72 points over Carl Edwards.

4. Donny Schatz

No. 15 J&J Sprint Car, World of Outlaws
Schatz was dominant in a victory at Princeton, Minn., the 85th of his WoO career and his 15th of the season.

5. Kyle Busch

No. 18/51 Toyotas, NASCAR Sprint Cup/Truck Series
Busch's awful luck in The Chase took a small turn for the better with a 15th at Talladega. He also finished third in the NCTS race there.

6. Carl Edwards

Nos. 99/60 Fords, NASCAR Sprint Cup/Nationwide Series
Edwards's aggressive driving caused a multi-car crash late in Sunday's race at Talladega. He's second in both Cup and Nationwide standings.

7. Benny Gordon

No. 66 Ford, USAR Hooters Pro Cup
The only thing that has slowed down Gordon is a break in the series' four-race championship series. He's won five of his last six USAR races.

8. Jason Meyers

No. 14 KPC Sprint Car, World of Outlaws
Meyers collected fifth- and eighth-place finishes and lost ground to Donny Schatz in the race for the WoO title.

9. Tim Wilkerson

Levi, Ray & Shoup Chevrolet Funny Car, NHRA
Wilkerson's point lead stands at 72 markers as the series heads to Dinwiddie, Va., this weekend for the Virginia NHRA Nationals.

10. Justin Allgaier

No. 16 Dodge, ARCA RE/MAX Series
One week after winning on a road course, the Penske Racing development driver triumphed at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

Honorable Mention

POWRi Midget driver Brett Anderson battled back from cancer to win the series title...Johnny Herrera swept the American Sprint Car Series Southwest Region events at Tucson, Ariz.

Last Week

Carl Edwards dropped a spot from last week while Donny Schatz moves up to No. 4. Tim Wilkerson moved up one spot to No. 9. Justin Allgaier moves into the rankings for the first time.

Eldora Sets Its Major Race Dates

Prelude To The Dream Starts
Major-Race Slate June 3

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Eldora Speedway officials have released the dates for four of the track's 2009 major-race meets.

The Prelude to the Dream, scheduled for June 3, kicks off the major-event schedule.

On June 5-6, Eldora hosts the 15th-annual Dirt Late Model Dream, complete with a \$100,000 paycheck for the 100-lap event winner. Winged-sprint cars are on the menu for the 26th-annual Kings Royal July 17-18. The winner will again earn \$50,000.

Eldora's longest-standing tradition, the World 100 for dirt late models, will be run for the 39th time Sept. 11-12, with \$42,000 earmarked for the winner.

Tickets for all but the Prelude to the Dream will go on sale Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. and can be purchased at www.eldoraspeedway.com or by calling the ticket office at (937) 338-3815. The ticket campaign for the Prelude to the Dream will be launched at a later date.

Dan Davis Lands Miller COO Job

TOOELE, Utah — Dan Davis, the former director of racing for Ford Motor Company, has been named president and chief operations officer of Miller Motorsports Park.

Davis replaces Alan Wilson, the track's designer and original general manager. Wilson left the company to pursue his interest in a new race track-building company, Wilson Sahara Motorsports.

Davis, 59, comes to Miller Motorsports Park after a 32-year career at Ford Motor Company.

"I am thrilled to have been asked to become a part of the team at America's finest motorsports facility," said Davis. "I appreciate the confidence shown in me by the Miller family, and I look forward to helping Miller Motorsports Park achieve its vast potential in the years to come."

Record Point Funds For USAC Racers

INDIANAPOLIS — The annual USAC National Champions awards banquet has been scheduled for Jan. 9 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.

Record point funds are scheduled to be distributed to the top-10 competitors in the USAC Mopar National Midget Series, USAC National Sprint Car Series and K & N Filters Silver Crown Series. The event will also be streamed live on the Internet at usacracing.com.

Driver and car-owner participants in USAC's three national racing series are competing for more than \$300,000 in year-end point fund bonuses. The funds reflect, for the first time in history, identical funds paying \$75,000 to the winning teams in each national series.

The K & N Filters Silver Crown funds represent the largest per-race postings,



JIM MORRISON PHOTO

THE WORLD: Late models navigate through the Eldora Speedway pit area during the 2008 World 100 weekend. The 2009 event has been scheduled for Sept. 11-12.

based on the nine scheduled events.

The \$75,000 payout for the Mopar National Midget Series nearly doubles the 2007 funds paid from USAC. Additionally, Toyota will pay \$25,000 to the top 10 in points, with a \$100-per-race contribution to the car owner, making the midget fund more than \$100,000, marking the first time the series has offered a six-figure payoff.

Rumble Series Puts Out A Points Plan

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — Car owners fielding midgets for this year's five-race indoor Rumble Series will be competing for a \$7,020 championship point fund.

The fund will be sponsored by Classic Motorsports President Tony Barhorst and two-time Rumble In Fort Wayne winner Tony Elliott, president of Elliott's Trailer Sales of Warsaw, Ind.

The Rumble Series, with its traditional Rumble in Fort Wayne during the Christmas holiday, has expanded with events at the Columbus (Ohio) Expo Center Coliseum Nov. 1 and the Toledo SeaGate Centre Dec. 19-20, in addition to the 11th-annual race at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum Expo Center in Fort Wayne Dec. 26-27.

National Open Sprint Event Rescheduled

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — The Morgan Hughes National Open presented by Cleveland Brothers has been rescheduled for Saturday night (Oct. 11).

The race, which has been sanctioned by the World of Outlaws since 1989, will not be sanctioned by the traveling series, and no Outlaw drivers are expected to compete due to scheduling conflicts.

The winner of the 40-lap feature will earn \$12,000. The National Open was rained out Sept. 26-27.

Dick Bahre, 76, Former Car Owner

STATESVILLE, N.C. — Former NASCAR car owner Richard "Dick" Bahre died Sept. 27. He was 76.

Bahre, the brother of New Hampshire Motor Speedway founder Bob Bahre, was involved in racing for more than 50 years, beginning in midget racing and later owning stock cars driven by the likes of Geoffrey Bodine, Sterling Marlin and Morgan Shepherd.

He also served as track manager at Oxford Plains Speedway during Bob

Bahre's tenure as owner of the track.

October LMS Paydays Will Set Records

CONCORD, N.C. — Drivers will battle for a share of the record \$6.6 million purse during the Bank of America 500 week at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

The \$5,291,863 in awards for Saturday's Bank of America 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race is \$106,767 more than last year's purse and \$3,362,232 more than competitors raced for in the 500-mile event 10 years ago.

The purse for Friday's Nationwide Series Dollar General 300 will be \$1,302,794, an increase of \$34,603 from last year.

The Oct. 8 World of Outlaws Late Model Series event carries a \$64,760 purse.

Figure 8 Tour Scheduled To Start Racing In 2009

INDIANAPOLIS — Officials at the Indianapolis Speedrome have formed the World Figure 8 Racing Tour, which will begin competition in 2009.

"As many people as possible should see the incredible skill and excitement of our brand of figure-8 racing," said Indianapolis Speedrome Promoter Joel Cohen. "This tour will bring national exposure to our sport."

The tour's first event is the inaugural Florida Figure 8 Championship, a four-day series scheduled for Feb. 12-15 at Auburndale Speedway in Winterhaven, Fla. Additional information can be found at www.worldfigure8tour.com.

Daly, Newgarden Earn Scholarships

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — Teenagers Conor Daly and Josef Newgarden have been awarded the Team U.S.A. Scholarships for 2008.

The award allows the two to compete in the Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch, England, Oct. 18-19 and the Walter Hayes Trophy Formula Ford event at Silverstone, England, Nov. 1-2 in identical Ray chassis prepared by Cliff Dempsey Racing.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Tim Boeve, 55, has been named volunteer coordinator at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. Boeve will oversee the venue's Track Ambassador program. . . **Scott R. Smith** has been promoted to senior communications manager at O'Reilly Raceway Park. Smith joined the NHRA's corporate communications team at the track in 2002. . . The annual **Risilone URC Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Showroom of the Lancaster (Pa.) Host. For more information, visit www.urcsprints.com or call Donna Miller at (443) 513-4456. . . **Rick Rollins** has been named executive vice president of sales for Martinsville, Va.-based Arrington Engines. Rollins was formerly vice president of sales/marketing for Superchips. . . The **Dayton (Ohio) Auto Racing Fan Club** is in need of racing-related items for its upcoming Wally Scherer/DARF Injured Drivers Auction, which will be held Oct. 28 in Dayton. For information, contact Bobby Sparks at (937) 335-1730. . . The 45th-annual **Winchester 200** at Winchester (Va.) Speedway has been rescheduled for Oct. 24-25. . . The **Pro All Star Series Super Late Models** will headline the Mason Dixon 500 Oct. 24-25 at South Boston (Va.) Speedway. The 250-lap event will pay \$10,000 to the winner. . . Longtime sports-car racing enthusiast and official **Joe Pendergast** died Sept. 14 at age 69. . . International asset-protection and crime-reduction company, Sky Detective, Inc., has announced the election of five-time NHRA Top Fuel champion and investor **Tony Schumacher** to its board of directors.

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COUNTRY MUSIC LABEL OF THE YEAR



Richard Petty's Curb/STP Pontiac
Winner at Daytona



Dale Jarrett with his Curb/Busch Grand National Car
Top 5/Busch Grand National Championship



Dale Earnhardt with his Curb Records Winston Cup Championship Car



Alex Barron - Beck/Curb/Agajanian Indy Car
Entered in 2008 Indianapolis 500
2007 - Top 15 Indianapolis 500



Joey Saldana - 12 Victories
2007 Runner-up World of Outlaws Championship



Brad Coleman
2008 Baker/Curb Nationwide Series



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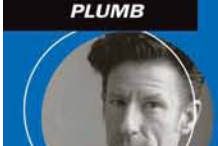
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Sprint Cup

1. Jimmie Johnson	5,718
2. Carl Edwards	5,646
3. Greg Biffle	5,641
4. Jeff Burton	5,619
5. Clint Bowyer	5,566
6. Kevin Harvick	5,547
7. Tony Stewart	5,515
8. Jeff Gordon	5,486
9. Matt Kenseth	5,473
10. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	5,469
11. Kyle Busch	5,387
12. Denny Hamlin	5,383
13. David Ragan	5,339
14. Kasey Kahne	5,422
15. Ryan Newman	3,181
16. Brian Vickers	3,168
17. Martin Truex, Jr.	3,151
18. Kurt Busch	3,011
19. Bobby Labonte	2,983
20. Jamie McMurray	2,949

Nationwide

1. Clint Bowyer	4,392
2. Carl Edwards	4,196
3. Brad Keselowski	4,124
4. Mike Bliss	3,906
5. David Ragan	3,886
6. David Reutimann	3,791
7. Kyle Busch	3,736
8. Mike Wallace	3,499
9. Jason Leffler	3,490
10. Marcos Ambrose	3,456

Craftsman Truck

1. Ron Hornaday, Jr.	3,027
2. Johnny Benson	2,988
3. Matt Crafton	2,809
4. Todd Bodine	2,791
5. Erik Darnell	2,771
6. Mike Skinner	2,769
7. Rick Crawford	2,691
8. Jack Sprague	2,538
9. Dennis Setzer	2,524
10. Terry Cook	2,460

IndyCar Series

1. Scott Dixon (champion)	646
2. Helio Castroneves	629
3. Tony Kanaan	513
4. Dan Wheldon	492
5. Ryan Briscoe	447
6. Danica Patrick	379
7. Marco Andretti	363
8. Ryan Hunter-Reay	360
9. Oriol Servia	358
10. Hideki Mutoh	346

Indy Lights

1. Raphael Matos (champion)	510
2. Richard Antinucci	478
3. Ana Beatriz	449
4. Arie Luyendyk, Jr.	428
5. J.R. Hildebrand	409
6. Dillon Battistini	385
7. Pablo Donoso	360
8. Logan Gomez	358

Formula One

1. Lewis Hamilton	84
2. Felipe Massa	77
3. Robert Kubica	64
4. Kimi Raikkonen	57
5. Nick Heidfeld	56
6. Heikki Kovalainen	51
7. Fernando Alonso	38
8. Sebastian Vettel	27
9. Jarno Trulli	26
10. Timo Glock and Mark Webber	20

WoO Sprints

1. Donny Schatz	8,177
2. Jason Meyers	8,054
3. Joey Saldana	7,750
4. Steve Kinser	7,742
5. Craig Dollansky	7,592
6. Jac Haudenschild	7,559
7. Kerry Madsen	7,359
8. Chad Kemenah	7,347
9. Terry McCarl	7,263
10. Daryn Pittman	7,178

WoO Late Models

1. Darrell Lanigan	5,399
2. Steve Francis	5,273
3. Shane Clanton	5,225
4. Josh Richards	5,201
5. Chub Frank	5,143
6. Rick Eckert	5,079
7. Shannon Babb	5,075
8. Clint Smith	5,043
9. Tim Fuller	4,896
10. Vic Coffey	4,185

NHRA Top Fuel

1. Tony Schumacher	2,409
2. Cory McClenathan	2,243
3. Antron Brown	2,230
4. Larry Dixon	2,219
5. Hillary Will	2,218
6. Brandon Bernstein	2,208
7. Doug Herbert	2,169
8. Rod Fuller	2,146
9. Doug Kalitta	2,111
10. Dave Grubnic	2,058

NHRA Funny Car

1. Tim Wilkerson	2,332
2. Jack Beckman	2,260
3. Robert Hight	2,258
4. Tony Pedregon	2,256
5. Ashley Force	2,240
6. Cruz Pedregon	2,217
7. John Force	2,139
8. Gary Densham	2,125
9. Mike Neff	2,118
10. Ron Capps	2,106

NHRA Pro Stock

1. Jeg Coughlin	2,277
2. Kurt Johnson	2,245
3. Jason Line	2,222

USAC National Midget

1. Tracy Hines	1,113
2. Cole Whitt	1,047
3. Brad Sweet	982
4. Bobby East	947
5. Brady Bacon	936
6. Levi Jones	935
7. Darren Hagen	875
8. Jerry Coons, Jr.	749
9. Dave Darland	717
10. Brad Kuhn	688

NHRA Motorcycle

1. Matt Smith	2,319
2. Eddie Krawiec	2,277
3. Chris Rivas	2,240
4. Angelle Sampey	2,217
5. Steve Johnson	2,200
6. Andrew Hines	2,187
7. Chip Ellis	2,176
8. Craig Treble	2,167
9. Matt Guidera	2,114
10. Karen Stoffer	2,080

ARCA RE/MAX

1. Scott Speed	4,885
2. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr.	4,800
3. Justin Allgaier	4,780
4. Frank Kimmel	4,740
5. Matt Carter	4,700
6. Patrick Sheltra	4,120
7. John Wes Townley	4,090
8. Tom Hessert	4,005
9. Taylor Malsam	3,970
10. Dexter Bean	3,900

USAC Silver Crown Series

1. Jerry Coons, Jr.	392
2. Dave Darland	372
3. Brian Tyler	335
4. Shane Cottle	303
5. Levi Jones	292
6. Tracy Hines	280
7. A.J. Fike	245
8. Shane Hollingsworth	242
9. Mat Neely	224
10. Bud Kaeding	199

URC Sprint

1. Curt Michael	2,200
2. Dave Ely	1,945
3. J.J. Grasso	1,871
4. Chris Coyle	1,850
5. Ed Aikin	1,655
6. Robbie Stillwagon	1,619
7. Becca Anderson	1,616
8. Davey Sammons	1,585
9. Mark Bitner	1,544
10. Jason Claus	1,455

National Midget Driver Of The Year

1. Tracy Hines	1,243
2. Brad Loyet	1,095
3. Bobby East	1,048
4. Brad Kuhn	1,039
5. Cole Whitt	1,029
6. Jerry Coons, Jr.	995
7. Brad Sweet	977

USAC W. Sprint

9. Travis Knighton	1,910
10. Michael McNeil	1,761
1. Tanner Swanson	812
2. Jolo Helberg	680
3. Eric Humphries	673
4. Porter Smith	669
5. Nick Rescino, Jr.	654
6. Tony Hunt	456
7. Tim Skoglund	400
8. Brian McClish	357
9. Snake Livernash	352
10. Greg Anderson	326

SCCA Pro GT

1. Randy Pobst (champion)	983
2. Andy Pilgrim	907
3. Brandon Davis	831
4. James Sofronas	750
5. Michael Galati	733
6. Jason Daskalos	629
7. Michael McCann	620
8. Jeff Courtney	618
9. Tony Gaples	580
10. Eric Curran	554

SCCA Touring Car

1. Peter Cunningham (champion)	939
2. Pierre Kleinubing	934
3. Kuno Wittmer	930
4. Chip Herr	885
5. Jason Saini	770
6. Michael Galati	711
7. Seth Thomas	693
8. Charles Espenlaub	685
9. James Clay	626
10. Charlie Putman	559

POWRi Midget

1. Brett Anderson (champion)	3,360
2. Brad Loyet	2,380
3. Derek King	2,345
4. Zach Daum	2,285
5. Daniel Robinson	2,025
6. Tim Siner	1,910
7. Mike Hess	1,840
8. Nick Knepper	1,690
9. Austin Brown	1,640
10. Rich Camfield	1,400

USAC-CRA Sprint

1. Mike Spencer	1,251
2. Blake Miller	1,188
3. Danny Sheridan	1,154
4. Garrett Hansen	1,039
5. Levi Jones	927
6. Cory Kruseman	884
7. Tyler Brown	874
8. David Carley	790
9. Josh Ford	690
10. Nic Faas	531

Lucas Oil LM

1. Earl Pearson, Jr. (champion)	7,240
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Whelen Southern Modified

1. Brian Loftin (champion)	1,780
2. Tim Brown	1,750
3. L.W. Miller	1,698
4. Andy Seuss	1,617
5. Jason Myers	1,562
6. Frank Fleming	1,552
7. George Brunnhoelzl	1,540
8. John Smith	1,398
9. Burt Myers	1,355
10. Rich Kuiken, Jr.	1,256

Whelen Modified

1. Ted Christopher	2,111
2. Matt Hirschman	2,056
3. Todd Szegedy	1,958
4. Chuck Hossfeld	1,916
5. Ronnie Silk	1,875
6. Mike Stefanik	1,831
7. Eric Beers	1,826
8. Ryan Preece	1,748
9. Rowan Pennink	1,743
10. Jimmy Blewett	1,727

USAC W. Midget

1. Nic Faas	895
2. Scott Pierovich	745
3. Robby Josett	644
4. C.J. Sama	576
5. Ernie Bartley III	471
6. Shannon McQueen	470
7. Randi Pankratz	408
8. Paul Zimmerly	328
9. Daniel Bedford	284
10. Josh Ford	280

ASCS Rebel

1. Kenny Adams	2,040
2. Matt Tiffany	1,972
3. Bryn Gohn	1,938
4. Samantha Taylor	1,880
5. Gavin Thomas	1,752
6. Red Stauffer	1,598
7. Michael Miller	1,492
8. Tyler Godwin	1,332
9. Danny Martin, Jr.	862
10. Matt Kurtz	857

ASCS Gulf South

1. Brandon Berryman (champion)	2,668
2. Greg Rilat	2,659
3. Gary Watson	2,650
4. Tommy Bryant	2,552
5. Travis Elliott	2,477
6. Channin Tankersley	2,369
7. Brandon Corn	2,170
7. Chris Sweeney	2,170

ASCS Canyon

1. Jeremy Sherman	3,070
2. Charles Davis, Jr.	2,942
3. Mike Martin	2,834
4. R.J. Johnson	2,804
5. Nathan High	2,788
6. Andrew Reinbold	2,717
7. Mike Leslie	2,694
8. Josh Pelkey	2,556
9. Justin Fisher	2,129
10. Thomas Ogle	2,097

USAC National Sprint

1. Jerry Coons, Jr.	1,114
2. Levi Jones	1,112
3. Cole Whitt	1,051
4. Tracy Hines	1,005
5. Shane Cottle	915
6. Dave Darland	886
7. Brady Bacon	875
8. Darren Hagen	874
9. Brad Sweet	817
10. Damion Gardner	784

ASCS Sooner

1. Brian McClelland	2,251
2. Kolt Walker	2,244
3. Joe Wood, Jr.	2,182
4. Matt Covington	2,112
5. Justin Melton	1,820
6. Michael Brown	1,818
7. Gary Taylor	1,782
8. Sherman Davis	1

Clark Claims Title With 2nd

NAPLES, Maine — Adam Bates edged by Cassius Clark to take his second PASS North super-late-model victory this season Saturday night at

PASS NORTH

Wiscasset Raceway, while Clark settled for second and took home his third

PASS North championship.

Clark entered the Ray Haskell Ford Fall Brawl 150 tied for the title with Ben Rowe, but Rowe struggled and lost the title with a 10th-place finish. Bates, meanwhile, worked his way through the field from his 12th-starting spot and was fourth by halfway.

Bates took the point at lap 99 and was never headed en route to the checkers, followed to the line by Clark and Travis Benjamin. D.J. Shaw took fourth and Johnny Clark settled for fifth.

The finish:

Adam Bates, Cassius Clark, Travis Benjamin, D.J. Shaw, Johnny Clark, Bill Whorff, Jr., Derek Ramstrom, John Flemming, Scott Chubbuck, Ben Rowe, Joe Decker, Donnie Whitten, Jay Sands, Kelly Moore, Travis Kittleson, Rick Morse, Kirk Thibeau, Scott King, Nick Ribbe, Chuck Colby, Katie Hagar, Corey Williams, Brent Dragon, Gary Smith, Aaron Ricker, Tony Ricci, Charlie Colby, Alan Wilson.

Lucas Collects Championship

NAPLES, Maine — Mark Lucas and Andy Shaw entered the PASS Mod

PASS MODS

Championship finale at Wiscasset Raceway tied for the lead Saturday night,

and fought for the point throughout the event with Lucas taking the win and the championship by only two points over Shaw in the runner-up spot.

Lucas and Shaw started at the back of the field and Shaw battled to the front first, taking the lead from Troy Morse at lap 16 of the 40-lap event. Lucas followed and by lap 22 was challenging Shaw through several restarts until edging by on the bottom and taking the lead.

Shaw tried to get back by on three restarts, but was unsuccessful and settled for second while Lucas took his second PASS Mod Championship title and the victory. Morse held on for third with Chubby Howe and Glen Bradbury filling the top five.

The finish:

Mark Lucas, Andy Shaw, Troy Morse, Chubby Howe, Glen Bradbury, William Dixon, Ronald Gooden, Jr., Tom Oliver, Sulo Burbank, Scott McDaniel, Ron Henry, Greg Ellis.

Wilder Takes GAS Go

By BRANDON REED

JEFFERSON, Ga. — Dennis Wilder passed long-time race leader Kyle Fowler with two laps remaining in

GAS

Saturday night's Hedmahn Husler Heders 100 at Peach State

Speedway and held on to become the 10th-different winner in the Georgia Asphalt Series this season.

Russell Fleeman finished fifth to capture his second-straight GAS title. Fowler settled for second behind Wilder, while T.J. Reaid was third and Allen Gordon took fourth.

The finish:

Dennis Wilder, Kyle Fowler, T.J. Reaid, Allen Gordon, Russell Fleeman, Beau Slocumb, Bobby East, Max Gresham, Bubba Pollard, Ralph Carnes, Nick Potts, James Nealis, Thomas Stokes, Randy Porter, Ryan Crane, Shane Sawyer, Ryan Sieg, Paul Kelley, Ronnie Sanders.



ARCA PHOTO

DRAFTING: Joey Logano (15) leads Justin Allgaier (16) and Patrick Sheltra with one lap remaining in the ARCA RE/MAX 250 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway Friday afternoon. Allgaier won the race.

Justin Allgaier Cuts 'Dega 'Sliced Bread'

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Justin Allgaier, in the family-owned Hoosier Tire Midwest-AG Tech Dodge, surfaced just in time to wrestle the lead away from Joey Logano Friday afternoon at Talladega Superspeedway and win the ARCA RE/MAX 250 at the 2.66-mile super-speedway.

Allgaier, with no drafting help, drove to the outside of Logano down the backstretch on the last lap, bounced off the former leader and sailed away to earn the biggest victory of his career. Allgaier, who had been stuck in the back most of the afternoon, led just one lap.

"Penske gave me an engine for this race; this is the first time I've ever been in a Dodge," said Allgaier, who just signed with Penske Racing to race in the NASCAR Nationwide Series. "We fought hard today. Brian Scott blew a tire and when that happened something went through the radiator. I was a little nervous because at some point we didn't have any water pressure. My crew chief, Jim Pohlman, talked me through it. You come to a place like Talladega and the chances of winning are kind of up to what everyone else does, so we put it in God's hands."

Allgaier battled from the tail all day after making several stops on pit road to repair front-end damage caused from a multi-car wreck in turns one and two, one of several pile-ups that left several machines badly damaged or destroyed. There were no injuries.

With darkness falling, Allgaier maneuvered his way from 10th to first inside of 10 laps from the finish to earn his seventh-career victory. Allgaier, who started 25th, also earned the Casite Hard Charger award.

Logano, who has been nicknamed "Sliced Bread" because of the large amount of hype surrounding him, led 15 laps in the Interstate Batteries-Venturini Motorsports Chevrolet, but finished second.

"I don't know, I did everything I could do; I just got beat," said Logano. "He just schooled me. I learned a lot and I will do things different next time. That was a lot of hard work and a lot of hard hours by all those guys. I'm just mad that I didn't live up to it for them."

Bobby Gerhart, in his own Lucas Oil Chevrolet, battled back from several unscheduled pit stops to cure his ill-handling car to finish third.

"It was certainly pretty wild," said Gerhart. "I honestly don't remember much of it except for the last corner. I don't think the car that was leading the race was as fast as the cars running second through fifth and whenever that happens, you're going to have a little bit of excitement. We got pushed down into the wall and ended up third, so that's just the way it goes."

Jeremy Clements finished fourth in the Boudreaux's Butt Paste Chevrolet with Patrick Sheltra trailing in fifth in the Quality Turf-Casite Chevrolet.

In addition to the typical Talladega multi-car wrecks, the race also had major championship implications for point leader Scott Speed and runner-up driver Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., both of whom were involved in separate wrecks. Both, after spending several laps behind the wall in repair, returned to competition several laps down. Speed was ultimately credited with the 23rd-finishing position while Stenhouse was 28th.

The finish:

Showing driver, car and laps completed: 1. Justin Allgaier, Dodge, 94; 2. Joey Logano, Chevrolet, 94; 3. Bobby Gerhart, Chevrolet, 94; 4. Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 94; 5. Patrick Sheltra, Chevrolet, 94; 6. Frank Kimmel, Ford, 94; 7. John Wes Townley, Ford, 94; 8. Mark Thompson, Ford, 94; 9. Chrissy Wallace, Toyota, 94; 10. Matt Carter, Ford, 94; 11. Max Dumarey, Ford, 94; 12. Ben Stancill, Chevrolet, 94; 13. Eddie Mercer, Chevrolet, 94; 14. Donny Kelley, Chevrolet, 94; 15. Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 94; 16. Justin Lofton, Toyota, 94; 17. Darrell Basham, Chevrolet, 94; 18. Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 94; 19. Tim Mitchell, Ford, 94; 20. Tim George, Jr., Chevrolet, 93; 21. Terry Jones, Dodge, 93; 22. Steve Blackburn, Dodge, 90; 23. Scott Speed, Toyota, 82; 24. Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, 80; 25. John Jackson, Chevrolet, 76; 26. Bill Baird, Dodge, 76; 27. Tom Hesser III, Ford, 76; 28. Ricky Stenhouse, Jr., Ford, 75; 29. Michael Phelps, Dodge, 67; 30. Ricky Carmichael, Chevrolet, 49; 31. James Buescher, Toyota, 35; 32. Justin Marks, Toyota, 29; 33. Gabi DiCarlo, Toyota, 12; 34. Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 11; 35. Dominick Casola, Ford, 11; 36. Ken Butler III, Toyota, 11; 37. Taylor Malsam, Dodge, 11; 38. A.J. Henriksen, Toyota, 11; 39. Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 11; 40. Marc Davis, Toyota, 11; 41. Alli Owens, Chevrolet, 11; 42. Larry Hollenbeck, Chevrolet, 11; 43. Bryan Silas, Ford, 9.

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NORM DEWITT PHOTO

FROM THE COVER: Even the artwork on the program cover for the 1967 Rex Mays 300 pointed to a fantastic race.

Rex Mays Riverside 300 Was One Amazing Auto Race

By NORM DEWITT

It had been 31 years since Indianapolis cars had competed in the Los Angeles area when the Rex Mays Riverside 300 was held at Riverside Raceway in 1967.

The race, the USAC championship-car season finale, was a 300-mile event on the historic road course and Indy-car racing's two biggest names — A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti — were locked in a battle for the championship.

Andretti challenged for his third-consecutive title, while Foyt was looking for his fifth championship at the wheel of his Indianapolis-winning Coyote.

Both had won that year with the Ford Mk. 4: Andretti at the 12 Hours of Sebring and Foyt in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Belgian Grand Prix and Le Mans winner Dan Gurney in his stock-block Indy Eagle challenged the dominant four-cam Fords. Bobby Unser's Eagle showed the form that was to win the Indy 500 and USAC Championship the following season.

Two legendary drivers that had won the final three Grands Prix of 1967 were entered. Jim Clark was to drive a Vollstedt-Ford best described as insufficient and John Surtees drove the Lola for his only Indy-car start. Past and future racing legends Johnny Rutherford, Gordon Johncock, Joe Leonard, Jim Hurtubise and Al Unser were also entered.

It was the strongest field seen outside of Indianapolis.

Gurney threw down the gauntlet in qualifying, turning untouchable lap times at his home track. Shocking all, Jim Clark pushed Rolla Vollstedt's creation well beyond its limits to take second. Rows two and three were occupied by Bobby Unser, Surtees, Foyt and Andretti.


Clark took the lead, with Gurney spinning the Eagle in turn six. An exhibition of his incredible skill, sadly it was Clark's final race in America. Leading until smoke began to wisp from the exhaust, it is hard to overstate the impression Clark left upon those present. Gurney led handily from that point until a punctured tire required an additional pit stop. Andretti made a pit stop for fuel with three laps remaining, moving Bobby Unser into the lead, and A.J. Foyt into the championship. Gurney was closing fast on Unser, and the crowd was electric, wildly cheering their local legend.

Heading to the white flag, Gurney passed Unser in turn nine to take the lead, which he held to the finish. Andretti, in third, narrowly lost the title to Foyt in fifth. With three different leaders in the last four laps and the title swinging to Foyt, it was the stuff of legends.


Gurney's first win in the Indy Eagle, at his home circuit, was a race he described as "having a Hollywood ending"...on that magical day in 1967 when the best drivers in the world put on a race for the ages.

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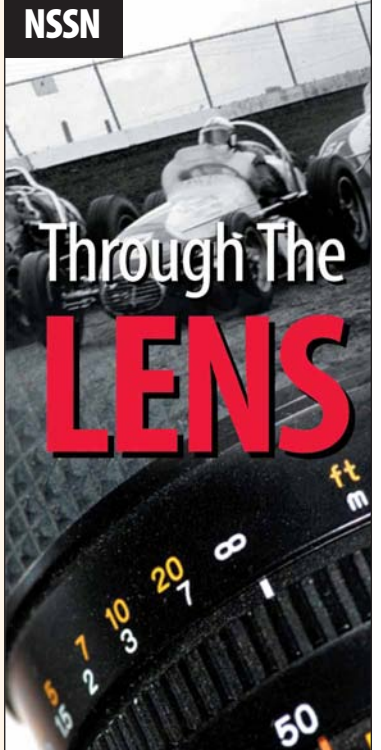


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DICK TOBIAS

▶ One of dirt-track racing's most popular and successful racers, Dick "Toby" Tobias, was far more than a racing driver. He was a car builder, father and part-time promoter. Tobias was equally adept racing a modified or a sprint car. He won countless races in both divisions, but many of his biggest victories came in modifieds at the New York State Fairgrounds and Reading (Pa.) Speedway.

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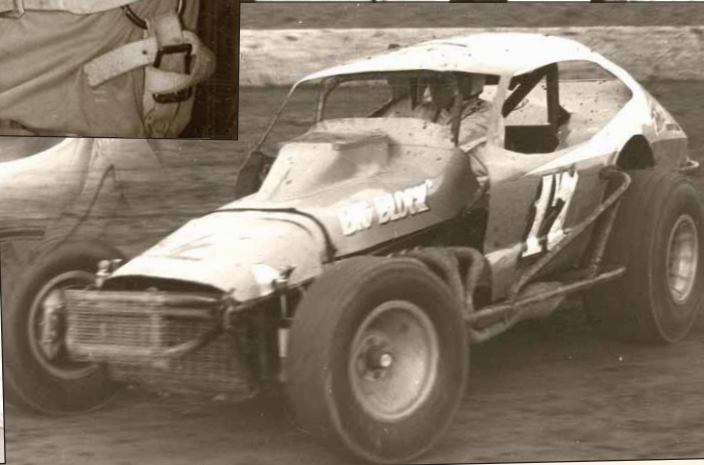
Among his many track championships were titles at Port Royal, Selinsgrove, Williams Grove and Reading speedways.

He won sprint-car races with URC and USAC and dabbled in stock-car racing, competing in a handful of USAC and NASCAR stock-car events.

Tobias died in a sprint-car crash at New Jersey's Flemington Speedway on June 23, 1978. He was 46 years old.

Tobias was inducted into the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in 1997 and is also a member of the DIRT Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Featured here (clockwise from top left): Talking to Larry Dickson (left); With wife Mary and the Jackie Evans Memorial trophy; In victory lane after the Schaeffer qualifier at Reading; Behind the wheel; Celebrating his win in the 1976 Schmidt's 200 at Reading; During post-race inspection at Penn National Speedway in July 1977; As a young racer. — NSSN Archives



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Thursday

- "NASCAR Now," 12 a.m., ESPN2
- NHRA O'Reilly Mid-South Nationals (taped), 3 a.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Sprint Cup AMP Energy 500 (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
- Classic NASCAR: 1983 Carolina 500, 1 p.m., ESPN Classic
- "Motorsport Hour," 5 p.m., Vs.
- "NASCAR Now," 5:30 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger On Track for the Cure 250 practice, 6 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Bank of America 500 qualifying, 7 p.m., ESPN

Friday

- "Inside Grand Prix," 12:30 a.m., Speed
- F-1 Japanese Grand Prix practice, 1 a.m., Speed
- NASCAR Whelen Modified Series Made In American 300 (taped), 12 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Live," 2:30 p.m., Speed
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger On Track for the Cure 250 qualifying, 3 p.m., ESPN2
- "NASCAR Now," 5 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Bank of America 500 practice, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
- "NASCAR Countdown," 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger On Track for the Cure 250, 8 p.m., ESPN2
- "Trackside," 10 p.m., Speed

Saturday

- "Formula One Debrief," 12 a.m., Speed
- F-1 Japanese Grand Prix qualifying, 1 a.m., Speed
- NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger On Track for the Cure 250 (taped), 2 a.m., ESPN2
- "Inside Grand Prix," 2:30 a.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Now," 10 a.m., ESPN2
- "Trackside," 11 a.m., Speed

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The Virginia NHRA Nationals Sunday night at 7:30 on ESPN2.

- "NASCAR Confidential," 2:30 p.m., Speed
- "Tradin' Paint," 3:30 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Performance," 4 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR in a Hurry," 4:30 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR RaceDay," 5 p.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Countdown," 7 p.m., ABC
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Bank of America 500, 7:25 p.m., ABC
- Lucas Oil Knoxville Late Model Nationals (taped), 8 p.m., Speed
- "Inside Grand Prix," 10 p.m., Speed
- F-1 Japanese Grand Prix qualifying (taped), 10:30 p.m., Speed
- Virginia NHRA Nationals qualifying (taped), 11:30 p.m., ESPN2

Sunday

- F-1 Japanese Grand Prix, 12 a.m., Speed
- "NASCAR Now," 12:30 a.m., ESPN2
- NASCAR Sprint Cup Bank of America 500 (taped), 10 a.m., ESPN Classic
- "NHRA Race Day," 11 a.m., ESPN2
- KONI Challenge Series from Tooele, Utah (taped), 11 a.m., Speed
- Star Mazda Series from Millville, N.J. (taped), 1 p.m., Speed
- ARCA RE/MAX Series Hantz Group 200 from Toledo Speedway, 2 p.m., Speed
- "Inside Grand Prix," 4 p.m., Speed
- F-1 Japanese Grand Prix (taped), 4:30 p.m., Speed
- "Speed Report," 7 p.m., Speed
- Virginia NHRA Nationals, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2
- "NASCAR Victory Lane," 8 p.m., Speed
- "Wind Tunnel with Dave Despain," 9 p.m., Speed

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MOTORSPORTS CALENDAR

- Oct. 6-12 Sports Car Club Of America
Heartland Park Topeka, Topeka, Kan., Sports Cars
- Oct. 8 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C., Late Models
- Oct. 9-11 USAC Mopar Midget Championship
Tri-City Speedway, Granite City, Ill., Midget Cars
- Oct. 10 NASCAR Nationwide Series
Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C., Stock Cars
- Oct. 10-11 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour
Cowtown Speedway, Kennedale, Texas, Sprint Cars
- Oct. 10-12 National Hot Rod Ass'n
Virginia Motorsports Park, Dinwiddie, Va., Dragsters
- Oct. 11 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C., Stock Cars
- Oct. 11 ARCA Lincoln Welders Truck Series
Toledo Speedway, Toledo, Ohio, Stock Cars
- Oct. 11 ASCS Sprints on Dirt
Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio, Sprint Cars
- Oct. 11 ASCS Coastal Region
Pike County Speedway, Magnolia, Miss., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 11 United Racing Company, Empire Super Sprints
Rolling Wheels Raceway Park, Elbridge, N.Y., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 11 Morgan Hughes National Open
Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 11-12 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Hollywood Hills Speedway, San Felipe Pueblo, N.M., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 11-12 Northeastern Midget Ass'n
Seekonk Speedway, Seekonk, Mass., Midgets
- Oct. 12 Formula One World Championship
Fuji Speedway, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, Formula Cars
- Oct. 12 ARCA RE/MAX Series
Toledo Speedway, Toledo, Ohio, Stock Cars
- Oct. 12 Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series
New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, N.Y., Modifieds
- Oct. 17 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Ocean Speedway, Watsonville, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 17-18 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour
Devil's Bowl Speedway, Mesquite, Texas, Sprint Cars
- Oct. 17-19 International Hot Rod Ass'n
Rockingham Dragway, Rockingham, N.C., Dragsters
- Oct. 18 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Va., Stock Cars
- Oct. 18 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Thunderbowl Speedway, Tulare, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18 American Le Mans Series
Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, Calif., Sports Cars
- Oct. 18 USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series
Perris Auto Speedway, Perris, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18 NASCAR Camping World West Series
Kern County Speedway, Bakersfield, Calif., Stock Cars
- Oct. 18 Hooters Pro Cup Series
Southern National Raceway Park, Kenly, N.C., Stock Cars
- Oct. 18 ASCS Canyon Region
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18 ASCS Southwest Region
USA Race Park, Tucson, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18 United Racing Company
Grandview Speedway, Bechtelsville, Pa., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18 Empire Super Sprints
Brockville Ontario Speedway, Brockville, Ontario, Sprint Cars
- Oct. 18-19 Northeastern Midget Ass'n
Thompson Int'l Speedway, Thompson, Conn., Midgets
- Oct. 18-19 International SuperModified Ass'n
Thompson Int'l Speedway, Thompson, Conn., Modifieds
- Oct. 18-19 Bay Cities Area Racing Ass'n
Lakeport Speedway, Lakeport, Calif., Midget Cars
- Oct. 19 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Va., Stock Cars
- Oct. 19 Formula One World Championship
Shanghai Int'l Circuit, Shanghai, China, Formula Cars



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CASHING IN: The "Moweaqua Missile" Shannon Babb picked up \$18,225 for his win in last season's World of Outlaws Late Model Showdown.

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- Oct. 19 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour
Thompson Int'l Speedway, Thompson, Conn., Modifieds
- Oct. 19 Advance Auto Parts Super DIRTcar Series
Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown, N.Y., Modifieds
- Oct. 23-25 O'Reilly American Sprint Cars on Tour
I-30 Speedway, Little Rock, Ark., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 25 NASCAR Nationwide Series
Memphis Motorsports Park, Memphis, Tenn., Stock Cars
- Oct. 25 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga., Stock Cars
- Oct. 25 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
Heartland Park Topeka, Topeka, Kan., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 25 USAC-CRA Sprint Car Series
Ventura Raceway, Ventura, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 25 USAC Western Sprint Car Series
All American Speedway, Roseville, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 25 ASCS Canyon Region
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 25 Tampa Bay Area Racing Ass'n
DeSoto Super Speedway, Bradenton, Fla., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 26 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga., Stock Cars
- Oct. 26 IRL IndyCar Series
Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia, Indy Cars
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws
The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1 World of Outlaws Late Model Series
The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C., Late Models
- Oct. 30-Nov. 1 USAC-CRA, Sprint Car Series
Perris Auto Speedway, Perris, Calif., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 30-Nov. 2 National Hot Rod Ass'n
The Strip @ Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, Nev., Dragsters
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series
Greenville Speedway, Greenville, Miss., Sprint Cars
- Oct. 31 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas, Stock Cars
- Nov. 1 NASCAR Nationwide Series
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas, Stock Cars
- Nov. 1 USAC Western Sprint Car, Midget Series
Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, Nev., Sprint and Midget Cars
- Nov. 1 Hooters Pro Cup Series
Rockingham Speedway, Rockingham, N.C., Stock Cars
- Nov. 1 Rumble Racing Series
Ohio State Fair Expo Center Coliseum, Columbus, Ohio, Midgets
- Nov. 2 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas, Stock Cars
- Nov. 2 Formula One World Championship
Autodromo Carlos Pace, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Formula Cars
- Nov. 6 USAC Silver Crown, Midget, Western Midgets
Phoenix Int'l Raceway, Avondale, Ariz., Midget Cars
- Nov. 6-8 ASCS Canyon Region
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Nov. 7 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
Phoenix Int'l Raceway, Avondale, Ariz., Stock Cars
- Nov. 7-8 USAC-CRA, Sprint Car Series
Manzanita Speedway, Phoenix, Ariz., Sprint Cars
- Nov. 7-8 O'Reilly United Sprint Car Series
Columbus Speedway, Columbus, Miss., Sprint Cars
- Nov. 8 NASCAR Nationwide Series
Phoenix Int'l Raceway, Avondale, Ariz., Stock Cars
- Nov. 8 International SuperModified Ass'n
Concord Motorsports Park, Concord, N.C., Supermodifieds

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LEADER: Matt Hirschman (59) leads the NASCAR Whelen Modified race at Chemung (N.Y.) Speedrome Saturday.

Hirschman Sweeps Up Competition At Chemung

By AL ROBINSON

CHEMUNG, N.Y. — As Matt Hirschman climbed from his car in victory lane Saturday night at Chemung Speedrome, a crewmember handed him a room, which he waved in triumph.

It was a fitting trophy for Hirschman, who scored a clean sweep of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event by setting fast time, winning his heat from the pole and leading every lap of the feature.

Combined with the seventh-place finish by point-leader Ted Christopher, Hirschman moved to within 55 points of the lead with two races remaining.

Todd Szegedy finished second after starting eighth, while Mike Stefanik completed his run from 10th on the grid to third by passing Eric Beers on lap 103 of the scheduled 120. Beers dropped from contention with three laps to go when he spun following contact from Ronnie Silk. Chuck Hossfeld, who won the second heat to earn the outside of the front row, slipped by Silk for fourth as the green-white-checkers finish was attempted

but negated by the 11th caution flag of the race after Hirschman had taken the white.

Erick Rudolph, Christopher, Bobby Grigas, Rowan Pennink and Woody Pitkat completed the top 10 as 22 of 25 starters finished despite a multitude of spins and minor tangles.

Christopher's day started with a mid-pack time trial and got worse when he was shuffled to the back of his heat, leaving him 22nd in the feature lineup. He worked up to ninth by lap 43 when he spun after contact with Eddie Flemke. Going right back to his starting position, he advanced into the top 10 once more and benefited from the last-lap skirmish in front of him to gain seventh, his highest position of the day. He still lost 34 points of his lead to Hirschman.

Track champion Tony Hanbury scored an easy win in the non-point track modified feature. Don Adams withstood two charges from the back by Lou Cicconi, Jr. to score the ATQMRA midget victory.

The finish:

Matt Hirschman, Todd Szegedy, Mike Stefanik, Chuck Hossfeld, Ronnie Silk, Erick Rudolph, Ted Christopher, Bobby Grigas III, Rowan Pennink, Woody Pitkat, Kevin Goodale, Jamie Tomaino, Ed Flemke, Jr., Ken Heagy, Joe Hartmann, Eric Beers, Glenn Tyler, Ryan Preece, Billy Pauch, Jr., Tom Abele, Jr., Jimmy Blewett, Wade Cole, Danny Sammons, Glen Reen, Jake Marosz.

Leaty Uses Late Pit Stop To Capture 20th Annual U.S. Open

By AL ROBINSON

LANCASTER, N.Y. — Jan Leaty reached deep into his 25 years of modified racing experience to

win the 20th-annual U.S. Open, the 2008 Sunoco Race of Champions Asphalt Modified Series finale Sunday afternoon

at Dunn Tire Raceway Park.

Leaty made his tire stop late in the 100-lap feature and repeatedly used the low road through turn four to slice through the field. He finally passed leader Matt Hirschman with only five laps remaining.

"I pulled that one out of my bag of tricks," Leaty said. "That's the same move I used to pass Mike McLaughlin to

win the first U.S. Open in 1989."

The bottom shot through the wide turn that flattens out as it joins the front-straight drag strip was the key that carried him past Erick Rudolph for fourth on lap 83, past Pete Brittain for three laps later and past Sege Fidanza for second on the 93rd circuit before dispatching Hirschman.

While he lost the battle, Hirschman won the war as his second place wrapped up the Sunoco Race of Champions title for 2008. It marked his second RoC title in four years despite missing two of the 14 races due to NASCAR Whelen Modified commitments.

Fidanza finished third ahead of Daren Scherer in fourth and Mike Leaty in fifth.

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Hurley Takes Inaugural Championship

BRASELTON, Ga. — Liam Kenney notched the victory in Saturday's Jetta TDI Cup season finale at Road Atlanta, but it was Josh Hurley who came home big, clinching the inaugural series title by five points with a second-place finish.

JETTA TDI CUP

Kenney took the top spot on lap 12 of the 30-minute sprint that saw several lead changes and was the first series event completed without any cautions.

Mark Pombo, Chris Holman and Michael DeNino followed Kenney and Hurley across the finish line.

The finish:

Liam Kenney, Josh Hurley, Mark Pombo, Chris Holman, Michael DeNino, Caleb Kenney, Juan Pablo Sierra Lendle, David Jurca, Andy Lee, Nick Mancuso, Taylor Broekemeier, Chris Castagna, Gary Williams, Jr., Evan Pfluck, Adam Crepin, Andrew Cordeiro, Adam Love, Chris Kuenning, David Richert, Wyatt Dallenbach, Adam Kretschmer, Noah Arundel, Chad Brassfield, Ryan Buetzer, David Heinz, Timmy Megenbier, Jake Dallenbach, Jimmy Underhill, Derek Jones.

Edwards Evades Troubles On His Way To Victory

BRASELTON, Ga. — American driver John Edwards survived several cautions and spinning cars to capture his fourth victory of the season in round 11 of the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Friday at Road Atlanta.

STAR MAZDA

Polesitter Joel Miller finished second ahead of Rick Rosin, Kyle Marcelli and Scott Rettich.

With his victory, Edwards regained the series point lead by nine points over Miller with one race remaining.

The finish:

John Edwards, Joel Miller, Rick Rosin, Kyle Marcelli, Scott Rettich, Caio Lara, Billy Goshen, Tom Gladdis, Court Vernon, T. Hacquard, Gerry Kraut, Chuck Hulse, Rusty Mitchell, J. W. Roberts, Chris Hundley, Kristy Kester, C. Cumming, Alex Ardoin, Peter Dempsey, J.C. Kester, Valle Makela, Charles Hall.

Goring Takes Two In IMSA Lites Double

BRASELTON, Ga. — Jonathon Goring swept both rounds of the IMSA Lites series at Road Atlanta.

IMSA LITES

Goring won the opener on Thursday afternoon, beating Matt Downs by nine seconds and then outlasted Jonathan Gore to win again on Friday afternoon.

Tom Drewer was a double winner in the Lites 2 classification, while Chris Doyle swept action in the Lites 3 category.



TED ROSSINO, JR. PHOTO

ON YOUR MARK: The SCCA Pro Racing Speed World Challenge GT field takes the green flag Friday at Road Atlanta.

Davis, Pobst Rule GT Day

BRASELTON, Ga. — Brandon Davis got the holeshot from his second starting position and never wavered en route to his second SCCA Pro Racing Speed World Challenge GT victory in Friday's season finale at Road Atlanta.

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Tommy Milner and Andy Pilgrim completed the podium. Randy Pobst clinched his second-consecutive drivers' championship with a fifth-place finish.

Polesitter Milner spun the tires on the standing start in his No. 21 Rahal Letterman Racing Aston Martin DB9 and it was just enough for Davis to take the advantage heading into turn one. From there, the 22 year old was able to steadily pull away in a race slowed by two cautions to pilot his No. 10 Ford Mustang Cobra to a 4.093-second triumph, averaging 84.003 miles per hour.

"Well, I had a front-row seat to Tommy's burnout," Davis said. "From there, I just wanted to keep the car up there and run hard every lap. Obviously, in qualifying we weren't sure if we could run that pace every lap of the race, so we made some sig-

nificant changes to the handling and the car was just hooked up."

Pobst needed to finish better than 26th in order to clinch his second-straight class championship and he brought his No. 1 Porsche 911 GT3 home fifth.

"The last (championship) is always the best one, whether it is race wins or championships. Back in 1996, I remember winning the Super Touring Car Championship. I was 39 years old and thought, 'This might be the pinnacle of my career,' but here we are 12 years later winning another championship."

Gunter Schaldach clinched rookie-of-the-year honors and Porsche won the manufacturer's crown.

The finish:

Showing driver, car and laps completed: 1. Brandon Davis, Ford Mustang Cobra, 28; 2. Tommy Milner, Aston Martin DB9, 28; 3. Andy Pilgrim, Cadillac CTS-V, 28; 4. Eric Curran, Chevrolet Corvette, 28; 5. Randy Pobst, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 6. Jason Daskalos, Dodge Viper, 28; 7. James Sofronas, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 8. Tim McKenzie, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 9. Cindi Lux, Dodge Viper, 28; 10. Tomy Drissi, Chevrolet Corvette, 28; 11. Ritch Marziale, Dodge Viper, 28; 12. Robert Foster, Chevrolet Corvette, 28; 13. Tony Gapes, Chevrolet Corvette, 28; 14. Michael Galati, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 15. Dino Crescentini, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 16. Jeff Altenburg, Lexus IS, 28; 17. Gunter Schaldach, Dodge Viper, 28; 18. Mike Davis, Ford Mustang Cobra, 28; 19. Joey Scario, Pontiac GTO, 28; 20. Scott Tucker, Porsche 911 GT3, 28; 21. Vesko Kozarov, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX, 27; 22. Michael McCann, Cadillac CTS-V, 27; 23. Sonny Whelen, Chevrolet Corvette, 23; 24. Jeff Courtney, Dodge Viper, 8; 25. Jason Foster, Dodge Viper, 8; 26. Nick Esajian, Saleen SR, 5; 27. Claudio Burtin, Porsche 911 GT3, 0.

Herr, Cunningham Celebrate

BRASELTON, Ga. — While Chip Herr led every lap of the SCCA Pro Racing Speed Touring Car finale Friday at Road Atlanta, attention was focused on the battles for third

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through fifth where the race for the championship was unfolding.

Michael Galati and Pierre Kleinubing completed the podium here, but Peter Cunningham, crossed the finish line in fourth, to take his fifth World Challenge championship.

Starting from pole in the No. 97 Mazda 6, Herr took the lead and led throughout.

With Kleinubing racing second and Cunningham fourth, the two were tied for the championship, but that changed when Galati moved into second, allowing Cunningham to claim the title. Kleinubing was five points behind and fifth-place finisher Kuno

Wittmer an additional four points back.

Leading all 27 laps of the 68.58-mile race to take his second Speed Touring Car victory of 2008, Herr secured fourth in the 2008 Drivers' Championship.

"This was the first year for me with Tindol Motorsports and the Mazda 6 with a sequential gearbox, so there was a lot for me to learn," Herr said. "I picked it up pretty quickly—I had a pole at VIR, but the first race at Sebring was really a learning experience and a challenge."

The finish:

Showing driver, car and laps completed: 1. Chip Herr, Mazda 6, 27; 2. Michael Galati, Mazda 6, 27; 3. Pierre Kleinubing, Acura TSX, 27; 4. Peter Cunningham, Acura TSX, 27; 5. Kuno Wittmer, Acura TSX, 27; 6. Nick Esajian, BMW 325i, 27; 7. Eric Curran, Acura RSX, 27; 8. Charles Espenlaub, Mazda 6, 27; 9. Jim Daniels, Mazda 6, 27; 10. Martin Ohlin, Mazda 6, 27; 11. Charlie Putman, Mazda 6, 27; 12. Byron Smith, BMW 330i, 26; 13. Jim Osborn, Volkswagen Jetta TDI, 25; 14. Seth Thomas, BMW 325i, 23; 15. James Clay, BMW 325i, 17; 16. Jason Saini, Mazda 6, 15; 17. Carl Hober, Acura TSX, 2; 18. Patrick Lindsey, Mazda 6, 1; 19. Glenn Bocchino, Acura TSX, 1.

Nightfall Brings Petrifying Crash

Atlantics Pay Tribute To Paul Newman

By JOHN CLAYTON
STAFF WRITER

BRASELTON, Ga. — The worst accident of the weekend occurred just after darkness fell Saturday at 7:41 p.m., moments after a restart. **Georges Forgeois**, driving the LMP1 Intersport Racing Lola Judd, spun and stopped off the course in the middle of the hill after turn 11, facing traffic with his headlights off. **Patrick Pilet**, driving the Flying Lizard Porsche 911 came over the hill and drove straight into the stopped prototype, sending debris from both cars flying across the track. **Franck Montagny**, driving the Andretti Green Racing LMP2 Acura, drove through the debris, which included a wayward tire, and severely damaged the left suspension of the Acura. Forgeois was taken to the medical center, but was able to walk in under his own power.

"It was a big, big crash," said Pilet. "I was a little inside the Risi car on the right. After the hill, I saw a car completely stopped with its lights off. I had no chance to avoid it."

Prior to the beginning of Saturday's Petit Le Mans, the No. 9 Patron Highcroft Racing LMP2 team filed a protest against the all three Team Penske LMP2 Porsche RS Spyderys and the two Dyson Racing Porsche RS Spyderys — the Nos. 16 and 20 LMP2s, alleging illegal fuel was being used. Fuel samples were drawn from the cars in question and were sent to a testing lab for analysis. According to stewards, the race results will remain provisional until the fuel analysis is completed.

The No. 9 Acura, driven by **Scott Sharp**, **David Brabham** and **Dario Franchitti**, finished last due to a lap-17 accident in which Sharp hit a tire barrier. One of the cars under protest — the No. 20 — was co-driven by Franchitti's brother, **Marino**.

Atlantic Championship teams paid tribute to series team owner **Paul Newman**, who died Sept. 26 after a long battle with cancer. Each car in the series sported a decal with the actor/owner's initials, "PLN," with the message, "Always In Our Hearts." Newman, an Oscar-winning actor whose passion for motorsports led him to both drive and become a team owner, has fielded two Atlantic cars under the Newman Wachs banner since 2006.

Atlantic Championship driver **James Hinchcliffe**, who finished third in Friday's season finale, will work as an analyst on worldwide A1GP broadcasts. He got his first broadcasting experience on Champ Car World Series broadcasts last year. Hinchcliffe will be in the broadcast booth because Team Canada will not

field an entry for 2009 in A1GP, which pits race teams driving for their respective countries against one another for a championship.

"It's really a side of the business I want to explore and learn more about after my driving career is over," said Hinchcliffe. "Hopefully, a long time from now."

Helio Castroneves was one of several IndyCar Series regulars to drive in this year's Petit Le Mans, including teammate **Ryan Briscoe**, **Scott Dixon**, **Dario Franchitti**, **Tony Kanaan** and **Marco Andretti**. Castroneves said he could see more IRL competitors challenging Road Atlanta in the future — and that he would be back.

"I think so," he said of more IRL drivers testing themselves in the sports-car endurance race. "The cars are very similar to the IndyCars, maybe a little quicker in the corners because there's less power. I'd love to try it again, for sure. I'd get more familiar with the car. Thankfully, we were able to do some tests. Now, at least I know the track, so it would be fun to come back."

The American Le Mans Series has extended its international television contract with MotorsTV, ensuring that the series maintains its position on Europe's leading motorsports network.

The agreement extends American Le Mans Series coverage on MotorsTV for two more seasons.

Genoa Racing, currently a top Atlantic Championship team and also one of the most successful teams in Firestone Indy Lights history, plans to expand its operations to include a two-car Firestone Indy Lights team in 2009. The Firestone Indy Lights team will do business as Genoa Indy Lights.

In his annual "State of the ALMS Union" address at Road Atlanta Friday, series boss **Scott Atherton** stressed not only growth, but the championship's leadership position in terms of the environmental issues facing not only the motor-sport community, but the automotive industry as a whole. As Atherton put it, "We want to be the leading and most recognized sports and entertainment property for relevant environmental concerns, ideas and practices."

One such initiative was the ALMS "Green Challenge" that debuted at Saturday's Petit Le Mans event. Essentially, the new contest is a battle to see which car has the smallest carbon footprint in the race, there being a winner for both the combined prototype and the combined GT2 divisions. Winning in the sports-racing side of the equation was Penske Spyder, while the GT honors went to the GT1 Corvette camp.

—Bill Oursler contributed to this report.

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Chip Off The Old Block

New Front Man Smith Ready To Lead SMI, Lowe's Motor Speedway Into Future

If Lowe's Motor Speedway President and General Manager Marcus Smith were still in grade school writing a report about how he spent his summer, it would be a lengthy and intriguing read.

The 34-year-old heir to all things Bruton Smith, including Lowe's Motor Speedway parent company Speedway Motorsports, Inc., of which the younger Smith is also president and chief operating officer, has taken over the big office of racing icon H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, ushered in the inaugural NHRA Carolinas Nationals to much applause and attempted to steer the SMI ship through treacherous economic waters.

Marcus Smith was appointed to his new positions in late May. Here's what he had to say about his first few months on the job during an interview with NSSN's John Clayton.

Q The first major event under your watch at Lowe's Motor Speedway has been held with the inaugural NHRA Carolinas Nationals. Did it go as you expected?

A No. It actually went better. We had a fantastic crowd. I didn't realize that we'd be doing this, but we actually broke all the records for NHRA (Tony Schumacher broke Joe Amato's record for most victories with 53 and won for a record seventh time this season), so I was really, really happy about that and really excited for my team. I was just really excited that my dad's vision panned out in such a big way.

Q Did you learn anything that you can take with you into the NASCAR race this month and beyond?

A We did. I think the accessibility of the NHRA teams is unprecedented. Any ticket holder can get into the pits and into the garage, so to speak. It's really fantastic, and it's really half the show.

The NHRA ticket holder gets to watch the cars on the track and then go into the garage itself. So, we put into place immediately that for testing that fans can get into testing and be in the pits. We set up some small grandstands right in front of victory circle. Anybody with a Bank of America 500 ticket can come in, watch testing, get autographs and walk around the pits and victory-circle area.

We're going to do more than that. I want to do everything I can to have a virtual garage pass at Lowe's Motor Speedway.



Q What have been the challenges of replacing an icon in the business like Humpy Wheeler?

A I really haven't considered that I am replacing Humpy. As I've always said, he'll always have a great spot in the history of Lowe's Motor Speedway and that of NASCAR, so I just have taken over the reins and have enjoyed every day.

I think every day has been exciting and a challenge. I haven't been able to point out any particular trouble that we've had.

Q What can you do to help the fans identify with you the way they did with Humpy, or is that something you feel you need to do?

A You know, I just want to have the world's greatest speedway at Lowe's Motor Speedway and all our properties, so I am interested in helping the fans have a great time. I am not concerned about trying to fill anybody's shoes. My job is to try and make sure everybody has a fantastic time.

Q Three months or so into the job, what have been the biggest challenges? How have you met them so far?

A Just managing the hours in the day. There's so many opportunities and so many things to do, I'd love to do it all in one day. But eventually people have to sleep, and I've got to be mindful of that for myself and for the team around me. Everybody has been fantastic. We'd all work 24 hours if we didn't need sleep. Everybody is just really enjoying it.

Q If you could give yourself a grade — sort of a midterm — over the past few months, what would it be?

A I don't think we've gotten to that point yet. But if you did it on the NHRA event, then I'd say having the biggest event in the history of the NHRA, I'd say that's an A+. But that's not grading me; that's grading the whole crew here at Lowe's Motor Speedway and zMax Dragway. We'll see what happens when we finish the Bank of America 500.

Q One of the challenges everyone has right now is the economy, including SMI and Lowe's Motor Speedway. What are those challenges and what can you do?

A Our challenge is no different than anybody out there. We're all involved in the same economy. Our job is to provide the best possible product, meet our fans at a place where they can enjoy these races like they have for the last 50 years, and we'll keep doing that. We'll let whatever else work itself out.

Q There's been a lot of criticism of NASCAR about the quality of racing in its top division. What is your opinion on the quality of that product?

A I think that lately I've really enjoyed seeing the guys race for the win. I think that when Carl Edwards gets out and runs fifth and says, 'Man, fifth place stinks, I'd like to win,' that's the kind of racing that I like to see from a driver. As a race fan, I like to see a winner. I like to watch the race to see who's going to win — not points racing.

I like these guys going for the win. I've noticed that extra edge in a number of them lately, and I appreciate their hard-charging attitudes. I think that's what I want to see as a fan, and I think that's what the fans in the stands want to see.

Q The 1.5-mile "cookie-cutter" tracks have come under fire along with the CoT as a reason behind some of Cup's criticisms. Are there any plans to make changes to any of SMI's tracks to make them more competitive?

A I don't think there's any lack of competitiveness at our speedways. Charlotte has been Charlotte for 50 years. Atlanta is a fantastic facility with great racing. Texas has its own characteristics.

Twenty years ago, people thought we were done with short tracks. Nobody wanted to go to them. Now, people want them.

There's a natural ebb and flow as far as what people want to see. We'll see how the cars work on these tracks. But you can't just come up and spend the millions and millions of dollars it takes on a yearly or every-other-year basis just to meet the needs of the car. The tracks are the tracks. The racing will continue to be competitive as it has for the last many decades.

Q Is SMI rethinking its strategy on the dirt tracks at LMS, Texas and Las Vegas?

A I'm not rethinking it. We've got races here in Charlotte coming up in a couple of weeks and in November as well. Other than that, I've not had time to think anything other than the drag strip and the Bank of America 500.

Q So, no possibility they could drop out of the plan at some point?



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FAMILY MEN: O. Bruton Smith (left) and Marcus Smith take in the newly constructed zMAX Dragway @ Concord (N.C.) in August.

A I didn't say that. You asked if I'd been thinking about it, and I've been too busy to really even make those plans. But we've got some events, and we've had some very successful events. I don't see a reason why we'd drop something that's been good for us so far.

Q You've said yourself that you, your dad and SMI are buyers. Your dad talks about buying the NHRA — is this feasible and why would SMI want to own a sanctioning body?

A It's feasible at the right number. If we bought it, we would want to own it so we could make it better and grow it. We'd want to do some things that are going to be exciting for the race fan out there.

Q Is there a timetable out there or is it just when the number becomes right?

A It really just depends on that investment level. It's got to be a good investment for both parties in order to make a deal happen.

Q What's your management philosophy, and how have you put it in play over the past few months?

A We have a couple of little sayings — one of them is, "Inspect what you expect." My dad has practiced that for many, many years. When it comes down to the details, you make sure the details are right. That's important to us on a day-by-day basis.

From a macro sense, our business philosophy is to be the best at what we do and have fun doing it.

Q Has everyone been receptive to that philosophy?

A We have a fantastic working culture at Speedway Motorsports and all of our properties. That's evident with people staying with us for 10-15 years-plus. We seldom have turnover, and I think that's a credit to our managers and ultimately to my dad and his business philosophy. We like to have great people on board and let them do their jobs.

Everybody seems to really enjoy that. That's the name of the game — have fun and be the best at what you do.

RACE REWIND

Race 30 of 36: AMP Energy 500, Sunday, Oct. 5
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FINAL RESULTS



Tony Stewart

Paul Menard

David Ragan

Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	34	20	Tony Stewart	Subway/Home Depot Toyota	190	\$270,136	Running
2	5	15	Paul Menard	Menards/Johns Manville Chevrolet	190	177,400	Running
3	16	6	David Ragan	AAA Travel Ford	190	149,200	Running
4	17	31	Jeff Burton	AT&T Mobility Chevrolet	190	162,983	Running
5	35	07	Clint Bowyer	Jack Daniel's Chevrolet	190	125,525	Running
6	32	43	Bobby Labonte	Cheerios/Betty Crocker Dodge	190	139,211	Running
7	11	66	Scott Riggs	Hunt Brothers Pizza Chevrolet	190	117,083	Running
8	42	7	Robby Gordon	Mapei/Menards Dodge	190	123,808	Running
9	20	48	Jimmie Johnson	Lowe's/Kobalt Tools Chevrolet	190	137,661	Running
10	40	19	Elliott Sadler	McDonald's Dodge	190	116,370	Running
11	7	78	Joe Nemechek	Furniture Row Chevrolet	190	81,875	Running
12	14	00	Kenny Wallace	Champion Mortgage Toyota	190	97,758	Running
13	3	8	Aric Almirola	U.S. ARMY Chevrolet	190	117,783	Running
14	2	5	Casey Mears	Pop-Tarts/CARQUEST Chevrolet	190	95,725	Running
15	37	18	Kyle Busch	Pedigree Toyota	190	95,250	Running
16	43	96	Ken Schrader	DLP HDTV Toyota	190	88,300	Running
17	23	45	Terry Labonte	Marathon Motor Oil Dodge	190	90,858	Running
18	4	01	Regan Smith	DEI/Principal Financial Chevrolet	190	88,650	Running
19	25	55	Michael Waltrip	NAPA Toyota	187	88,072	Running
20	39	29	Kevin Harvick	Shell/Peñzoil Chevrolet	179	129,486	Running
21	33	2	Kurt Busch	Miller Lite Dodge	177	78,275	Running
22	29	22	Dave Blaney	Caterpillar Toyota	176	77,475	Engine
23	30	41	Reed Sorenson	Memorex Dodge	175	105,264	Running
24	22	16	Greg Biffle	3M Ford	174	85,075	Accident
25	13	42	Juan Pablo Montoya	Texaco/Havoline Dodge	173	104,708	Accident
26	31	17	Matt Kenseth	DeWalt Ford	173	121,091	Accident
27	1	28	Travis Kvapil	Academy Sports & Outdoors Ford	173	109,664	Accident
28	15	88	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	AMP Ride With Jr. Chevrolet	173	83,300	Accident
29	12	99	Carl Edwards	Office Depot Ford	173	120,075	Accident
30	6	33	Mike Wallace	Realtree Chevrolet	169	72,475	Running
31	21	84	Mike Skinner	Red Bull Toyota	160	72,325	Running
32	28	26	Jamie McMurray	Benzromatic Ford	159	80,650	Running
33	27	21	Jon Wood	Motorcraft Ford	154	91,295	Running
34	8	70	Tony Raines	iQ Drive Chevrolet	148	71,825	Accident
35	9	83	Brian Vickers	Red Bull Toyota	134	79,650	Running
36	38	9	Kasey Kahne	Budweiser Dodge	112	101,491	Accident
37	19	44	David Reutimann	UPS Toyota	110	71,375	Engine
38	26	24	Jeff Gordon	DuPont Chevrolet	104	120,186	Engine
39	36	11	Denny Hamlin	FedEx Express Toyota	98	106,116	Accident
40	41	38	David Gilliland	Ford Drive One Ford	68	70,985	Accident
41	10	1	Martin Truex, Jr.	Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet	68	101,868	Accident
42	18	09	Sterling Marlin	Miccosukee Resorts Chevrolet	68	70,705	Engine
43	24	12	Ryan Newman	alltel/Samsung HDTV Dodge	48	112,653	Engine

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 3 hours, 36 minutes, 10 seconds

Average speed: 140.281 miles per hour

Victory margin: .052 second

Caution flags: 10 for 41 laps

Lead changes: 64 among 28 drivers

Lap leaders: Travis Kvapil 1-8; Carl Edwards 9; Brian

Vickers 10-13; Aric Almirola 14-16; David Ragan 17-25;

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. 26-29; Kvapil 30-31; Earnhardt 32-34;

Edwards 35; Jeff Gordon 36-38; Jeff Burton 39; Matt

Kenseth 40-42; Vickers 43; Elliott Sadler 44; Casey Mears

45-46; Kevin Harvick 47; Sadler 48-50; Kyle Busch 51;

Kurt Busch 52-53; Jamie McMurray 54; Vickers 55-59;

Denny Hamlin 60; Kasey Kahne 61; Reed Sorenson 62-

63; McMurray 64-65; Martin Truex, Jr. 66; Harvick 67;

Earnhardt 68-69; Scott Riggs 70; Earnhardt 71-73;

Hamlin 74-75; Jimmie Johnson 76; Earnhardt 77;

Johnson 78-79; Tony Stewart 80; Juan Pablo Montoya 81;

Greg Biffle 82; Ky. Busch 83-89; Hamlin 90; Earnhardt 91;

Hamlin 92; Kenseth 93; Hamlin 94-95; Kenseth 96;

Hamlin 97-98; Ky. Busch 99; Kenny Wallace 100-101;

Riggs 102-104; Paul Menard 105-106; Stewart 107;

Menard 108-111; Stewart 112-116; Burton 117-119;

Harvick 120-139; Wallace 140; Biffle 141; Joe Nemechek

142; Ky. Busch 143-153; Earnhardt 154-155; Burton 156-

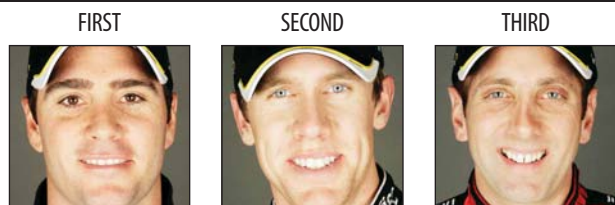
159; Ragan 160-161; Earnhardt 162-164; Michael

Waltrip 165; Montoya 166-173; Stewart 174-190.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Travis Kvapil earned the pole with a lap of 187.364 miles per hour.

STANDINGS



Jimmie Johnson

Carl Edwards

Greg Biffle

Top 12

1. Jimmie Johnson	5,718	7. Tony Stewart	5,515
2. Carl Edwards	5,646	8. Jeff Gordon	5,486
3. Greg Biffle	5,641	9. Matt Kenseth	5,473
4. Jeff Burton	5,619	10. Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	5,469
5. Clint Bowyer	5,566	11. Kyle Busch	5,387
6. Kevin Harvick	5,547	12. Denny Hamlin	5,383

Drivers Fall Victim To Tire Woes

By BRUCE MARTIN
NSSN CORRESPONDENT

TALLADEGA, Ala. — There were more tire issues at Talladega throughout the weekend, which once again baffled Goodyear tire engineers.

Among the top names who were taken out with tire problems were Denny Hamlin, who crashed hard into the second-turn wall while leading the race on lap 100, and Jeff Gordon, who slammed into the wall after David Reutimann's tire blew up and crashed into Gordon on lap 55.

Hamlin's crash was so hard he had to be helped from the car and was placed on a backboard and put into an ambulance. He was examined in the infield care center, but was transferred to the University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham where he was held overnight for further observation and released Monday.

"It was quite a shot — kind of hurt his ankle a little bit, but that should be OK," said J.D. Gibbs, president of Joe Gibbs Racing. "He's got a little headache, so they're just going to watch him. They will probably take him into Birmingham just to keep an eye on him. He is alert and doing well."

Gordon was an innocent victim of another driver's tire trouble.

"I was all the way in the back and the No. 44 (Reutimann), it looked like to me like he just cut a tire," Gordon said. "He just turned left out of nowhere. I tried to avoid him and

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Smith Believes Talladega Score Is His

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tail end of the longest line or 18th position.

"At the drivers meeting, we clearly state that you cannot improve your position by going below the yellow line. We do not feel he was forced below the yellow line. Any time you get into a situation like this, there are going to be two different opinions. We respect Regan's view, but we made the call. We think it is the right call and the finish is final.

"NASCAR has to maintain some kind of control and that is the reason we say you cannot advance your position by going below the yellow line. If he had not improved his position, he probably would have been awarded second place."

After surviving a crash-filled race at the end, Smith's great drive was ruined by NASCAR's decision.

"They always tell us in the drivers meeting if you get forced to the inside then you can go for it, especially on the last lap," Smith said. "I really feel like we won this race. I saw the replay when I was pulling in here (to pit road) and I felt like we won that race. I could have caused a big pileup and you don't want to do that either."

"The rule is, that number one on the last lap, anything goes. They always



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EARLY EXIT: Brian Vickers's No. 83 Toyota is hauled to the garage after his right-front tire exploded during Sunday's AMP Energy 500.

when I did, the car turned to the right and just lost control and went into the wall. It's pretty much going to end our day.

"We had a great car and we had great pit stops and everything was going the way we wanted it to go. Unfortunately, we got shuffled back there. But that's part of Talladega."

On lap 69, a tire blew up on Brian Vickers's Toyota and that triggered an eight-car crash on the frontstretch that took out, among others, Martin Truex, Jr.

"The No. 83 (Vickers) was right there inside of me and his right front tire exploded," Truex said. "I heard 'BAM!' like a shotgun going off. Just along for the ride from there. It is unfortunate. I am going to have a bit of a headache tonight, I think."

Vickers placed the blame on

Goodyear.

"Usually they are driver induced, but this one was tire induced," Vickers said. "Unfortunately, we've had several of those this weekend where a tire just comes apart. We were the car that led the start of the crash, but it really wasn't our fault. When a tire comes apart, there's really not much you can do about that. It is a typical Talladega wreck in the fact that typically you blow a tire at most race tracks you just take yourself out or maybe one other."

"Here, you blow a tire out in the middle of the pack and you take out 10-plus cars just like we saw in practice the other day. For a company that has been involved in racing as long as Goodyear, it would seem that tire issues shouldn't happen this often."

tell us that in the drivers meeting. They always say, 'Well on the last lap, it is NASCAR's discretion. I guess that was NASCAR's discretion, but I felt like I got forced down there.

"I wanted to win really badly. I knew if I made my move too early that the whole field would get an opportunity to make a run on us and didn't really want to do that. The move worked out just how I wanted it to, so I don't know what else I could have done different. I'm really happy because we haven't had a good year and this is an incredible finish for us, but I'm disappointed, too, because I really feel like we won that race.

"I was pumping my fists like we won it because I thought we did. I still do think that we did."

The victory was the 33rd of Stewart's career, but could be his last at Joe Gibbs Racing. Stewart leaves the team at the end of this season to become co-owner/driver of Stewart Haas Racing.

"It's one thing to get back to victory lane, but to do it at Talladega..." Stewart said. "This is one of about four places I haven't won a Cup race at and talk about one to win. I've wanted to win here for so long. I have so many friends down here — Red Farmer and Donnie Allison and all these fans. People haven't always liked me here, but this one is for those guys in the stands today."

The fact Stewart made it to victory lane was miraculous in itself considering how the field was decimated by blown Goodyear tires that took out

some of the top contenders in The Chase.

While there were a NASCAR record 28 different leaders and 64 lead changes, Stewart led the most laps with just 24. There were 10 cautions for 41 laps and two red flags following major crashes.

And while Jimmie Johnson dropped off the lead lap on lap 25, he was able to get the Lucky Dog 25 laps later. While the other Chase contenders were all swallowed up in crashes and other misfortune, including Carl Edwards and Greg Biffle crashing into each other (see separate story) to start a major wreck in turn three, Johnson was able to finish ninth.

That increased Johnson's lead from 10 points over Edwards to 72 after just four races in The Chase.

"There is a lot of racing between now and Homestead," Johnson said. "This track was a track I feared the most. To come out of here with a top 10 with guys that were real close to me having some problems today was a good day — a really, really good day in the big picture.

"I still don't have a big enough margin to lighten up between now and Homestead. We just need to go out there and race smart and still outperform these guys. They are in striking distance. I still have to keep focused."

Stewart was credited with defeating Paul Menard — not Smith — by .052 second. David Ragan's Ford was third, followed by Richard Childress Racing drivers Jeff Burton and Clint Bowyer in Chevrolets.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP RACE REWIND



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UNHAPPY: Kevin Harvick steers his damaged No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet down pit road Sunday at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway. Harvick was involved in the 12-car pileup on lap 175.

Hard Times Hit 'Dega Crowds

By **BRUCE MARTIN**
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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Just a month or so removed from a pair of hurricanes, which ravaged the Gulf Coast and left the Southeastern United States in a gasoline shortage, combined with a bad economy in the United States, it has become very evident that it is taking a toll on NASCAR attendance.

NASCAR NOTES

A trip to Talladega Superspeedway was always a highlight of the season as much to see the denizens of rabid — if not highly intoxicated — fans as it is to see the unique form of racing that is terrifying at times. In past years, the track would be jam packed for both of its race dates and fans would line up on the sides of Speedway Boulevard and turn it into a “Red Neck Mardis Gras” where practically anything goes.

But on the drive over from Atlanta on Thursday afternoon, it became quite apparent that this weekend would be different. The huge campground off Interstate 20 was sparsely populated compared to past years.

The real shock came Sunday when traffic was not a problem on race day. Pulling into the infield was the biggest shock of all — virtually empty grandstands off turn four and off turn one with the backstretch grandstands no more than half-full.

In the past, crowds at Talladega exceeded 160,000, but on Sunday it was probably two-thirds capacity.

Make no mistake about it; a crowd of 100,000 fans for any sporting event is a huge crowd. And this isn't a shot at NASCAR's popularity because on a weekly basis, it is motorsports version of the NFL.

What it does indicate, however, is how a bad economy and fuel shortage is impacting NASCAR and could be an indication that other profes-

sional sports will start to take a hit soon.

■ **Dale Earnhardt, Jr.** was once again the fan favorite at Talladega as the now green-clad Earnhardt fans rose to their feet every time he raced his way to the front.

But when he was involved in the big crash near the end of the race, it sent them heading to the exits early. Earnhardt finished 28th and is now 249 points out of the lead.

“We were running up front there whenever we could trying, to get those fans on their feet because they bought a lot of tickets here,” Earnhardt said. “We didn't have the luck today. There wasn't much I could have done to try to avoid that. I want to thank my team for working really hard this weekend. We tore up an awful lot of stuff.”

“It was just tough, man. I thought we would have had a better day than that.”

■ Among those drivers involved in the big crash triggered by **Carl Edwards** was **Kevin Harvick**, who took a sarcastic swipe at his rival.

“Yeah, like I told everybody else, maybe he should have raced the rest of the day. I know that his fans won't be very proud of him sitting back there riding around like a pansy. But when he got up there and decided to start racing, it caused a big wreck.”

■ While some drivers, such as teammate **Jimmie Johnson**, would like to see Talladega taken out of The Chase, **Jeff Gordon** believes otherwise. “Of course it should be (in The Chase),” Gordon said. “It's the most exciting race we have in the whole season. They'd be crazy not to put this race in The Chase. Just because crazy things happen out there and take a bunch of cars out, stuff like this can happen any race weekend. I don't see any reason why this one should be taken off.”

But Gordon admitted he is not a fan of some of the tactics that have to be

used at Talladega and Daytona.

“Guys were idiots driving into one another,” Gordon said. “That's the way you have to race anymore. I include myself in that statement when I say it because that's the kind of racing we have out there. You've got to beat the rear bumper off the guy in front of you in order to get ahead, to make a move. And you're stacked up there three-wide, several rows deep, and it's like bumper cars at 190 mph. It's crazy. It's great when you come to the checkered flag and you see it and you're in one piece. It's awesome. But it's getting there that's tough.”

■ **Jimmie Johnson** admitted he would have done the same thing that **Regan Smith** did by diving below the yellow line if he were in that same position.

“Without a doubt, especially with the rumors floating around this morning before the race,” Johnson said. “And as late as he made the move, it appeared to me that he did what he was supposed to. I'm curious where they placed him. They put him back in second? Eighteenth? Shoot, that moves me up to ninth. I'm going to shut up.”

■ **Robert “Bootie” Barker** will take his tool box to **Michael Waltrip** Racing next season, as crew chief on the No. 55 Toyota wheeled by team owner Michael Waltrip.

As well, MWR has signed a strategic alliance with JTG-Daugherty Racing, which will be a first-year participant in the Sprint Cup Series next season. **Frank Kerr** will be crew chief on the JTG-Daugherty No. 47 wheeled by **Marcos Ambrose**.

■ Only days after officially announcing he and his sponsor Menard's will be leaving **Dale Earnhardt, Inc.** at the end of the season for Yates Racing, **Paul Menard** turned in the best finish of his career, taking second Sunday at Talladega.

Departing Stewart Gives Gibbs Crew One More Victory

TALLADEGA, ALA.

Tony Stewart's victory at Talladega could signal “the end of an era.”

When Stewart announced he was leaving Joe Gibbs Racing at the end of this season to become co-owner/driver of Stewart Haas Racing, many thought he was taking a big step backwards in terms of competitiveness on a team that has never won a race as Haas CNC Racing.

And sadly, it appeared at times that the once formidable combination of Stewart, crew chief Greg Zipadelli, team president J.D. Gibbs and team owner Joe Gibbs was coming apart at the seams, just like the end of a relationship or a marriage.

That is what makes Stewart's victory in the AMP Energy 500 at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday so important.

It's like the Green Bay Packers winning a playoff game with Brett Favre as the quarterback in 2007, but knowing he would be playing for the New York Jets in 2008.

With six races to go in The Chase there is plenty of time for Stewart to win another race or two at JGR. But if that doesn't happen, Sunday's win will stand as the final time this combination goes to victory lane together, ending an incredible 10-year run that produced 33 Cup victories and two titles in 2002 and 2005.

“Zippy and Tony and all of us together at Home Depot, there have been 33 wins and that's awesome when you think about it,” Joe Gibbs said. “But it took us a long time to get this one. Zippy has gone through a lot this year with all that has happened with the race team.”

It's the end of an era — one of the most successful and colorful eras in NASCAR history because there is never a dull moment with Tony Stewart.

He can be the greatest guy in the garage or the most miserable person possible. He could give you a good-natured tweak of the ear or level you with a below-the-belt comment that is so out of bounds, it leaves one shaking his head in amazement.

Stewart can piss you off one week

LAST WORD



BRUCE MARTIN

and make you laugh the next.

It hasn't always been an easy ride with Stewart, but it has certainly been entertaining and memorable for those who work closely with the driver.

And it was his first victory at Talladega, where he finished second an astounding nine times, but hadn't won a Cup race at the massive, 2.66-mile superspeedway.

Stewart and Zipadelli had their moments, such as the June Cup race at Michigan when a demanding Stewart screamed orders on the radio to the crew chief, only to be told off. Or when Stewart ripped his crew over the radio after finishing second at Richmond in the final race of the regular season.

“It's all been good,” Zipadelli said. “There have been a few off days, but for the most part, it's good. If I had my choice, I wish he was staying where he was at and we were going to continue on. But things are changing. I'm proud of everybody, that we got a win here, know that we're not going to go winless for a season, all those little things that wear on you. The longer you go, the more you wonder about it.”

“You wonder, ‘Can we do this? Will we do this?’”

Stewart was able to answer that with a win Sunday in a race that was unusual, even by Talladega standards. There was even doubt at the end of the race whether rookie Regan Smith had won the race with a last-lap move where he dived below the yellow line to beat Stewart at the checkered flag.

But when Stewart was declared the winner, it meant he would give his team one more chance to celebrate together.

“For me, I really focused on the fact of keeping everybody together for 10 years, particularly in this sport, any sport,” Joe Gibbs said. “We kept Zippy, Tony, the whole team, Home Depot, they re-upped with us. To keep everybody together for 10 years, it's been an awesome deal.”

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Concord, N.C.

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'Dega Demolition Puts Hurt On RFR

By **BRUCE MARTIN**
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TALLADEGA, Ala. — When Carl Edwards ran into the back of Greg Biffle, triggering a multi-car crash in the closing stages of Sunday's AMP Energy 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, it became the nightmare scenario for Roush Fenway Racing.

On a day when Edwards spun himself out on pit lane and made several extra pit stops during caution periods, he was still in pretty good shape as the race was nearing its conclusion.

But in an attempt to bump draft teammate Biffle's Ford to move the line of cars to the front, it lifted the rear wheels of Biffle's Ford off the ground and triggered a 12-car pileup on lap 175 of the scheduled 188-lap race.

Biffle, Edwards and Matt Kenseth were all Roush Fenway Racing drivers involved in the incident. David Ragan finished third for the team, but the crash dramatically impacted the team's chances in The Chase.

"It came right down to the final judgment of people deciding how aggressive they could be and, of course, Carl wound up pushing harder on Greg than he could stand," team owner Jack Roush said. "NASCAR had set that up by allowing people to push all



PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

THE BIG ONE: When Carl Edwards (99) tried to bump draft Roush Fenway Racing teammate Greg Biffle (16) late in Sunday's AMP Energy 500 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, it set off a 12-car pileup that also collected RFR and fellow Chase contender Matt Kenseth (17).

day. All day long people pushed in the corners and pushed in the tri-oval and pushed in the straightaway and pushed all the way around the race track. It was real clear to me and I think it was clear to everybody, including Carl, that if you weren't

willing to push the car in front of you, then you couldn't advance as well as somebody else would that was doing the pushing.

"But he pushed too hard and, of course, the worst possible result occurred."

Edwards finished 29th and dropped to 72 points behind the leader, Jimmie Johnson, in The Chase.

"I was worried about the idiots when you come here and I was the guy that caused that one," Edwards said. "I was just pushing Greg as hard as I

could. It's my fault, and I apologize to everybody caught up in that wreck. We had been pushing each other a lot, and it had been going really well. We just got in exactly the wrong spot there going into three and he got real loose, and that was just the way it went. It's my fault. I feel bad that I took my teammates out.

"I know Matt's mad, and I'm sure Greg's mad, but you just do the best you can and hope for the best. It just didn't work out today. Sometimes things like this happen."

Biffle's 24th-place finish dropped him 77 points out of the lead. He let his teammate off the hook and blamed the incident on the nature of racing at Talladega.

"You can't blame Carl," Biffle said. "He was trying to help us, and he pushed us all the way to the front down the backstretch. We talked about it last night. We talked about it today as far as what we were gonna do and that was our deal — to get teamed up and shove each other all the way to the front. We had been able to push around the corner all day, and I don't know if I was moving down or he was moving up, but maybe when he came to push a little bit it just instantly slid.

"I had my foot in the gas, and it just spun the tires and went around and that's all she wrote."

CHASE REWIND



FIRST

Jimmie Johnson

Car: No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
5,718 Ninth
Points: +0

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	1	1	3	4



SECOND

Carl Edwards

Car: No. 99 Office Depot Ford

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-72 29th
Points: +0

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	3	3



THIRD

Greg Biffle

Car: No. 16 3M Ford

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-77 24th
Points: +0

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	2	3	3



FOURTH

Jeff Burton

Car: No. 31 AT&T Chevrolet

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-99 Fourth
Points: +0

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	2	4



FIFTH

Clint Bowyer

Car: No. 07 Jack Daniel's Chevy

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-152 Fifth
Points: +2

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	1	2



SIXTH

Kevin Harvick

Car: No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevy

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-171 10th
Points: -1

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	0	3



SEVENTH

Tony Stewart

Car: No. 20 Subway Toyota

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-203 First
Points: +4

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	1	1	2



EIGHTH

Jeff Gordon

Car: No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-232 38th
Points: -2

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	1	0	1	2



NINTH

Matt Kenseth

Car: No. 17 DeWalt Ford

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-245 26th
Points: +0

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	2	2



10TH

Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

Car: No. 88 AMP Energy Chevy

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-249 28th
Points: -2

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	1	1



11TH

Kyle Busch

Car: No. 18 Pedigree Toyota

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-331 15th
Points: +1

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	0	0



12TH

Denny Hamlin

Car: No. 11 FedEx Express Toyota

POINTS **Sunday's finish:**
-335 39th
Points: -1

Chase Stats

Starts	Poles	Wins	Top 5	Top 10
4	0	0	0	1

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- May 23 World of Outlaws • The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway • Concord, NC
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- June 4 Prelude to the Dream • Eldora Speedway • New Weston, OH
- June 6-7 14th Annual Late Model Dream • Eldora Speedway • New Weston, OH
- June 20 USAC Midgets • Knoxville Raceway • Knoxville, IA
- June 22 Iowa Corn Indy 250 • Iowa Speedway • Newton, IA
- June 24 All Star Circuit of Champions • Hilltop Speedway • Millersburg, OH
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- July 9 Brad Doty Classic • Limaland Motorsports Park • Lima, OH
- July 11 Knight Before the Kings Royal • Eldora Speedway • New Weston, OH
- July 12 Kings Royal • Eldora Speedway • New Weston, OH
- July 18 Lucas Oil Late Models • Tri-City Speedway • Pontoon Beach, IL
- July 19 NNS Missouri - Illinois Dodge Dealers 250 • Gateway International Raceway • Madison, IL
- July 19 NASCAR Camping World Series 150 • Music City Motorplex • Nashville, TN*
- July 24-26 Kroger Speedfest • O'Reilly Raceway Park • Indianapolis, IN
- Aug. 3 Brodix 360 Tournament of Champions • Knoxville Raceway, Knoxville, IA
- Aug. 4 Musco Lighting Front Row Challenge • Southern Iowa Speedway • Oskaloosa, IA
- Aug. 5 Ultimate Challenge • Southern Iowa Speedway • Oskaloosa, IA
- Aug. 6-9 Knoxville Nationals • Knoxville Raceway • Knoxville, IA
- Aug. 15-16 Ron Shuman Classic* • Lakeside • Kansas City, KS
- Aug. 20 Craftsman Truck • Bristol Motor Speedway • Bristol, TN
- Aug. 21 WoO Late Model Fifth Annual Scorchers • Volunteer Speedway, Bulls Gap, TN
- Aug. 22-23 NASCAR • Bristol Motor Speedway • Bristol, TN
- Aug. 29-30 WoO • Skagit Speedway • Alger, WA
- Oct. 8 Southern Showdown • The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway • Concord, NC
- Oct. 9-11 NASCAR Sprint Cup • Lowe's Motor Speedway • Concord, NC
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- Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Outlaw World Finals • The Dirt Track @ Lowe's Motor Speedway • Concord, NC
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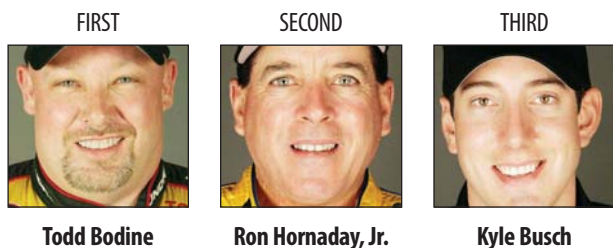
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RACE REWIND

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Race 20 of 25: Mountain Dew 250, Saturday, Oct. 4
Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

FINAL RESULTS



Fin.	St.	No.	Driver	Car	Laps	Money	Status
1	5	30	Todd Bodine	Lumber Liquidators Toyota	94	\$78,700	Running
2	7	33	Ron Hornaday, Jr.	Camping World Chevrolet	94	51,475	Running
3	13	51	Kyle Busch	Miccokuskee Resorts/NOS Toyota	94	36,170	Running
4	3	6	Colin Braun	Con-way Freight Ford	94	28,010	Running
5	10	9	Mike Wallace	Geico/Germain Racing Toyota	94	17,710	Running
6	25	81	Landon Cassill	National Guard Chevrolet	94	16,110	Running
7	23	16	Brian Scott	Albertsons Toyota	94	17,810	Running
8	24	7	T.J. Bell, Jr.	Heathcliff's Chevrolet	94	17,310	Running
9	9	5	Mike Skinner	Toyota Tundra Toyota	94	17,210	Running
10	21	8	Chad McCumbee	Malcolmson Construction Chevrolet	94	19,160	Running
11	17	23	Johnny Benson	Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Toyota	94	17,010	Running
12	1	99	Erik Darnell	Northern Tool + Equipment Ford	94	19,035	Running
13	8	18	Dennis Setzer	Bessemer City Dodge Dodge	94	18,635	Running
14	18	15	John Andretti	Hyprene Ergon Toyota	94	16,635	Running
15	16	22	Scott Speed	Red Bull Toyota	94	17,685	Running
16	12	88	Matt Crafton	Menards/Super Clean Chevrolet	94	16,435	Running
17	14	13	Shelby Howard	FarmPaint.com Chevrolet	94	16,335	Running
18	2	09	John Wes Townley	Zaxby's Ford	94	16,435	Running
19	26	11	David Starr	Zachry Toyota	94	16,110	Running
20	20	10	Brendan Gaughan	Int'l MAXXFORCE Diesel Ford	94	16,710	Running
21	28	40	Jeff Green	Key Motorsports Chevrolet	94	15,910	Running
22	4	21	Jon Wood	Air Force Ford	94	14,560	Running
23	15	60	Terry Cook	Wylers.com Toyota	93	14,460	Running
24	30	28	Wayne Edwards	Eagle Valley Construction Chevrolet	93	13,360	Running
25	31	48	Bryan Silas	D.R. Horton Chevrolet	90	13,260	Running
26	6	59	Joey Logano	Team ASE/Raybestos/HT Toyota	89	13,160	Running
27	19	2	Jack Sprague	American Commercial Line Chevrolet	65	13,060	Accident
28	11	14	Rick Crawford	Powerstroke Diesel Ford	52	12,960	Radiator
29	27	08	Jason White	GunBroker.com Dodge	50	12,860	Clutch
30	22	07	Sean Murphy	ASI Limited Chevrolet	48	12,760	Rear End
31	33	89	Richard Johns	Lafferty Performance Chevrolet	7	12,635	Engine
32	29	0	Norm Benning	ASI Limited Chevrolet	5	12,535	Overheating
33	32	53	Justin Hobgood	Georgia Beef Board Chevrolet	1	12,435	Engine

RACE STATISTICS

Race time: 1 hour, 43 minutes, 6 seconds
Average speed: 145.513 miles per hour
Victory margin: .074 second
Caution flags: Four for 17 laps
Lead changes: 16 among eight drivers

Lap leaders: Erik Darnell 1-32; Todd Bodine 33; Darnell 34-49; Brendan Gaughan 50-51; Kyle Busch 52; Dennis Setzer 53; John Andretti 54-56; Setzer 57-58; Bodine 59-66; Colin Braun 67; Setzer 68-76; Braun 77-78; Busch 79; Brian Scott 80; Busch 81-92; Braun 93; Bodine 94.

TALK OF TIME TRIALS

Erik Darnell claimed the pole during Friday afternoon's qualifying session, turning a lap of 181.753 miles per hour in his Roush Fenway Racing Ford. It was his second pole of the season. He shared the front row with teammate John Wes Townley.



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STANDINGS



Top 10

1. Ron Hornaday, Jr.	3,027	6. Mike Skinner	2,769
2. Johnny Benson	2,988	7. Rick Crawford	2,691
3. Matt Crafton	2,809	8. Jack Sprague	2,538
4. Todd Bodine	2,791	9. Dennis Setzer	2,524
5. Erik Darnell	2,771	10. Terry Cook	2,460



PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

PITTING: Several NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series teams head toward pit road as the rest of the field flies by at Talladega Superspeedway Saturday afternoon during the Mountain Dew 250.

Truck Regulars Team Up On Busch

TALLADEGA, Ala. — With a brilliant last-lap move through the trioval at Talladega Superspeedway, Todd Bodine won Saturday's Mountain Dew 250 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race with a much-needed assist from new point-leader Ron Hornaday, Jr.

Bodine was pushing Kyle Busch through the final corner, but contact from Bodine's No. 30 Toyota loosened Busch's No. 51 Tundra enough for Bodine to dodge to the outside and pick up a push from Hornaday, who crossed the finish line second, .075 second behind the race winner.

Busch came home third, followed by rookie Colin Braun and Mike Wallace. Landon Cassill, Brian Scott, T.J. Bell, Mike Skinner and Chad McCumbee completed the top 10.

"I knew if we could get ourselves positioned at the right spot at the end of the race, we'd have a chance," said Bodine, who picked up his second victory of the season, the 14th of his career and his third straight on a restrictor-plate speedway, dating to the Talladega event last October.

"I went with Kyle (on the last lap), and at that point, I'd conceded the win, and I was going to push him... But I knocked him sideways and went on to the win. That's not what I was trying to do. It's a good thing he's a great driver because he was able to save it."

"It's always what Talladega brings about," Busch said. "I wouldn't have been in this position if it wasn't for Todd (Bodine) anyway. I have to thank him for pushing us there in the beginning and getting us up to that point and being able to get us there to finish third."



RUSTY JARRETT/GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

CELEBRATION: Todd Bodine celebrates his victory in Saturday's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

Hornaday recovered from a pit road speeding penalty he incurred after a stop on lap 20. The runner-up finish propelled the driver of the No. 33 Chevrolet to a 39-point lead over 11th-place finisher Johnny Benson in the standings.

Hornaday had a ringside seat for Bodine's last-lap heroics.

"It looked like Todd had him, (Busch) picked up a bit coming off of (turn) four," Hornaday said. "I was just trying to get out of the wreck because it looked like they were going to wreck. Then Todd got straightened out and got in front of me somehow — I don't how he did it."

In his truck series debut, Joey Logano lost four laps while his crew

replaced the passenger-side window (a requirement at restrictor-plate tracks) on his No. 59 Toyota. Logano finished 26th, five laps down.

Polesitter Erik Darnell led 48 of the first 49 laps, but had little drafting help in the closing stages of the race and came home 12th.

Just .093 second covered the first, second and third-place finishers in a replay of last year's blanket finish.

Busch's third-place finish kept alive the NASCAR Craftsman Truck owner championship. He elevated Billy Ballew's No. 51 Toyota to third in the standings, 218 points behind Hornaday's Kevin Harvick, Inc. No. 33. Benson's Bill Davis Racing No. 23 holds down the No. 2 position.

Seuss Wins Season Finale; Loftin Crowned

ASHEBORO, N.C. — Brian Loftin's early season success allowed him to cruise to the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship Saturday night at Caraway Speedway.

Loftin finished third in the Whelen 150, the final race of the season, to clinch his first NASCAR title. Loftin, who had collected a tour-high four wins, needed only to finish seventh or better to hold off challengers Tim Brown and L.W. Miller.

"This is awesome even though it hasn't sunk in yet," Loftin said. "This

is all kind of surreal right now. I kind of doubted if we could seal the deal and pull this championship off. So many thoughts ran through my head all week even I tried not to think about it. This is awesome and the biggest night of my racing career. I just have to thank all the guys on my team because they're the ones that made this all happen."

Andy Seuss won the race for his second career victory. Brown finished second and Miller sixth.

"It seems like it's been a long time since I won one of these Whelen Southern Modified Tour races,"

Seuss said. "It's been a long time since Riggs Racing has won a race so I'm just happy to win for them. They earned their money today because they worked hard from the start of the race all through qualifying. It was kind of like throwing calculated darts at the board."

Loftin won the title by 30 points over Brown and 82 over defending champion Miller.

The finish:
Andy Seuss, Tim Brown, Brian Loftin, Jason Myers, George Brunnhoelzl, L.W. Miller, Frank Fleming, John Smith, Gene Pack, Jay Mize, Junior Miller, Jamie Tomaino, Jr., Rich Kuiken, Jr., Brandon Ward, Zach Brewer, Buddy Emory, Thomas Stinson, Bobby Hutchens, Jason Trinchere, Mike Herman, Jr., Dean Ward, Jay Foley.

Allard Rules Fall Nationals

CHICO, Calif. — Jonathan Allard's 34th-career victory at Silver Dollar Speedway was a big one, earning him the Fall Nationals title as well as the \$6,000 winner's purse. After the feature got started, Allard passed early leader Brad Furr on lap 31

and held on over the final nine laps for the victory. Furr settled for second ahead of Roger Crockett, Tyler Walker and Kyle Larson. The finish: Jonathan Allard, Brad Furr, Roger Crockett, Tyler Walker, Kyle Larson, Brent Kaeding, Andy Forsberg, Kyle Hirst, Shane Stewart, John Michael Bunch, James Sweeney, Christian Stover, Mike Henry, Alissa Geving, Colby Wiesz, Matt Sargent, Willie Croft, Chad Groves, Wayne Johnson, Chad Compton, Johnny Gray, Sean Becker, Myles Bishop, Colby Copeland.

Coyle Springs To NES Victory

NEW EGYPT, N.J. — Chris Coyle scored his first victory of the season and his eighth career Rislone United Racing Company Sprint Car Series triumph Saturday night at New Egypt Speedway. Coyle took the lead on lap 15 after a hard-fought battle with Dave Ely and went on to pocket the \$2,200 first-prize payoff in the 25-lap event on the three-eighths-mile dirt track. Charging off of turn four on

lap 15, Chris Coyle powered into the lead with Ely dropping to second in a race plagued by yellow flags. But a two-lap shootout at the end couldn't keep Coyle from victory lane, with Trevor Lewis taking second. Ely, Kramer Williamson and Ed Aikin rounded out the top five. The finish: Chris Coyle, Trevor Lewis, Dave Ely, Kramer Williamson, Ed Aikin, Jeff VanDusan, Michael Carber, Curt Michael, Kyle Purks, Kevin Welsh, Robbie Stillwaggon, Kevin Nagy, Danny Massey, Randy West, David Gravel, Rory Janney, Becca Anderson, Chuck Palmucci, Joey Biasi, Davey Sammons, Jason Clauss, Gary Gollub, J.J. Grasso, Kevin Darling.

Bowers Goes Topless Again

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Mike Bowers won last year's GRT Race Cars Topless Modified Nationals and picked up where he left off, taking the victory on opening night of the 10th annual running of the event at I-30 Speedway Friday night. Two-time winner Tim Crawley took the pole position for the main event, pacing the initial 14 laps before running into mechanical trouble and

ceding the point to Bowers, who led the final 11 laps and took home \$2,000 for the victory. Morgan Bagley followed Bowers to the stripe in second while Jack Sullivan took third. Kelly Shryock raced from the 11th-starting spot to finish fourth ahead of fifth-place Dereck Ramirez. The finish: Mike Bowers, Morgan Bagley, Jack Sullivan, Kelly Shryock, Dereck Ramirez, Steve Whiteaker, Jr., Jared Landers, Zack VanderBeek, Steve Holzkemper, Chris Shown, Tim Crawley, Timothy Culp, Jon Tesch, Paul White, Shane Hebert, Jason Hughes, Chuck Sanders, Tommy Weder, Jr., Corey Dripps, Casey Findley, Rodney Sanders, Larry Hull.

Herrera Sweeps 'Zona

Friday
TUCSON, Ariz. — Johnny Herrera kicked off the USA Fall Classic at United Sports Arizona Race Park by racing to victory lane in Friday night's American Sprint Car Series Southwest Region event. Herrera worked forward from eighth-starting position to nab his first ASCS Southwest Region win of the season and eighth overall, including seven previous scores in Rocky Mountain Region action. Herrera was chased to the line by early leader Rick Ziehl, with Shawn Sander, Kyle McCutcheon and Jessica Van Dyke rounding out the top five. The finish: Johnny Herrera, Rick Ziehl, Shawn Sander, Kyle McCutcheon, Jr., Jessica Van Dyke, Joshua Williams, Rick Boughan, Mike Rux, Jr., Cody Cambensy, Derrik Ortega, Ronnie Clark, Steve Lohn, John Gaston, Davey Johnson, T.K. Lindahl, Bobby Collister, Brian O'Donnell, Ben Gregg, Steve Stone, Dennis Riley, Jerry Williams, Dennis Krob.

Saturday
TUCSON, Ariz. — New Mexico's Johnny Herrera completed a sweep of the weekend's American Sprint Car Series Southwest Region action at United Sports Arizona Race Park by racing to victory lane in Saturday night's USA Fall Classic championship feature. Herrera wrestled the lead away from Rick Ziehl a dozen laps into the event en route to his ninth ASCS Regional victory of the season in as many starts. Ben Gregg trailed Herrera to the checkered flag in second, while Ziehl raced back up to third after a cut right-rear tire with eight laps to go put him at the tail of the field. The finish: Johnny Herrera, Ben Gregg, Rick Ziehl, Shawn Sander, Jessica Van Dyke, John Gaston, Rick Boughan, Cody Cambensy, Joshua Williams, Kyle McCutcheon, Jr., Steve Lohn, Davey Johnson, Derrik Ortega, Dennis Riley, Brian O'Donnell, Ronnie Clark, Alex Pettas, Bobby Collister.

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FINAL RESULTS

WINNER



Kraig Kinser

Friday

Oct. 3, North Central Speedway, Brainerd, Minn.

Qualifications: 1. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 12.820; 2. Danny Lasoski, Lasoski 33, 12.854; 3. Kerry Madsen, Vermeer 55, 12.856; 4. Chad Blonde, Blonde 5b, 12.865; 5. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 12.902; 6. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 12.987; 7. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 12.990; 8. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 13.019; 9. Lucas Wolfe, Allebach 5w, 13.054; 10. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 13.066; 11. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 13.068; 12. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 13.079; 13. Jac Haudenschild, Camahan r19, 13.105; 14. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 13.125; 15. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 13.249; 16. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 13.278; 17. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 13.330; 18. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 13.330; 19. Davey Heskin, Heskin 56, 13.364; 20. Brooke Tatnell, Woodward 2, 13.390; 21. Bill Balog, Balog 17b, 13.446; 22. Scott Winters, Winters 23w, 13.631; 23. Troy Manteufel, Manteufel k9, 13.963; 24. Leigh Thomas, Thomas 29, 14.149; 25. Tony Kaus, Kaus 3tk, 14.913; 26. Justin Berg, Berg 67x, no time.

First Heat (8 laps): Saldana, McCarl, Meyers, Blonde, Pittman, Haudenschild, Winters, Heskin, Kaus.

Second Heat (8 laps): Lasoski, S. Kinser, Kemenah, Tatnell, Schatz, Hillier, McMahan, Manteufel, Berg.

Third Heat (8 laps): K. Kinser, Wolfe, Hafertepe, Madsen, Sides, Bruce, Balog, Thomas.

Crane Cams Dash (6 laps): Saldana, Wolfe, S. Kinser, K. Kinser, McCarl, Meyers, Lasoski, Madsen, Hafertepe, Blonde.

B Main (8 laps): 1. McMahan; 2. Heskin; 3. Balog; 4. Winters; 5. Manteufel; 6. Thomas; 7. Kaus, \$200; 8. Berg, \$180.

Feature (35 laps): 1. K. Kinser, \$10,000; 2. Wolfe, \$5,500; 3. S. Kinser, \$3,200; 4. McCarl, \$2,800; 5. Madsen, \$2,500; 6. McMahan, \$2,300; 7. Schatz, \$2,200; 8. Meyers, \$2,100; 9. Haudenschild, \$2,050; 10. Kemenah, \$2,000; 11. Pittman, \$1,500; 12. Blonde, \$1,200; 13. Sides, \$1,100; 14. Tatnell, \$1,050; 15. Bruce, \$1,000; 16. Hafertepe, \$900; 17. Hillier, \$800; 18. Balog, \$800; 19. Winters, \$800; 20. Heskin, \$800; 21. Manteufel, \$800; 22. Thomas, \$800; 23. Saldana, \$800; 24. Lasoski, \$800.

WINNER



Donny Schatz

Saturday

Oct. 4, Princeton Speedway, Princeton, Minn.

Qualifications: 1. Jac Haudenschild, Camahan r19, 10.214; 2. Chad Hillier, Hillier 5c, 10.232; 3. Jason Sides, Sides 7s, 10.242; 4. Brooke Tatnell, Woodward 2, 10.250; 5. Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Hafertepe 15h, 10.331; 6. Chad Kemenah, Hard Eight 8k, 10.335; 7. Donny Schatz, Stewart 15, 10.352; 8. Paul McMahan, Parsons 6, 10.364; 9. Terry McCarl, McCarl 24, 10.370; 10. Jason Meyers, Stockbridge 14, 10.389; 11. Tony Bruce, Jr., Bruce 18, 10.391; 12. Danny Lasoski, Lasoski 33, 10.425; 13. Joey Saldana, Kahne 9, 10.442; 14. Lucas Wolfe, Allebach 5w, 10.443; 15. Kerry Madsen, Vermeer 55, 10.444; 16. Kraig Kinser, Stewart 20, 10.480; 17. Davey Heskin, Heskin 56, 10.522; 18. Bill Balog, Balog 17b, 10.531; 19. Daryn Pittman, Titan 21, 10.547; 20. Mark Dobmeier, Dobmeier 13, 10.548; 21. Steve Kinser, Kinser 11, 10.557; 22. Dusty Zomer, Zomer 5z, 10.654; 23. Scott Winters, Winters 23w, 10.657; 24. Matt Wasmund, Wasmund 4w, 10.704; 25. Casey Mack, Mack 8, 10.869; 26. Leigh Thomas, Thomas 29, 10.877; 27. Troy Manteufel, Manteufel k9, 11.057; 28. Chad Blonde, Blonde 3b, 11.237; 29. Robert Bell, Bell 71, 11.264; 30. Tony Kaus, Kaus 3tk, 11.473; 31. Justin Berg, Berg 67x, no time.

First Heat (10 laps): Schatz, Meyers, Tatnell, Haudenschild, Saldana, Zomer, Pittman, K. Kinser, Mack, Berg, Blonde.

Second Heat (10 laps): Bruce, Hafertepe, McMahan, Dobmeier, Winters, Hillier, Wolfe, Bell, Thomas, Heskin.

Third Heat (10 laps): Lasoski, McCarl, Kemenah, Madsen, Sides, S. Kinser, Balog, Manteufel, Wasmund, Kaus.

Crane Cams Dash (8 laps): Hafertepe, Schatz, Bruce, McCarl, Meyers, Lasoski, Hillier, Haudenschild, Sides, Tatnell.

B Main (12 laps): 1. K. Kinser; 2. Pittman; 3. Wolfe; 4. Balog; 5. Wasmund; 6. Mack; 7. Manteufel, \$200; 8. Bell, \$180; 9. Kaus, \$175; 10. Berg, \$160; 11. Thomas, \$150; 12. Heskin, \$150; 13. Blonde, \$150.

Feature (40 laps): 1. Schatz, \$10,000; 2. McCarl, \$5,500; 3. Haudenschild, \$3,200; 4. Lasoski, \$2,800; 5. Meyers, \$2,500; 6. S. Kinser, \$2,300; 7. Saldana, \$2,200; 8. McMahan, \$2,100; 9. Pittman, \$2,050; 10. Kemenah, \$2,000; 11. Hillier, \$1,500; 12. Bruce, \$1,200; 13. Madsen, \$1,100; 14. Sides, \$1,050; 15. K. Kinser, \$1,000; 16. Hafertepe, \$900; 17. Balog, \$800; 18. Zomer, \$800; 19. Wolfe, \$800; 20. Wasmund, \$800; 21. Mack, \$800; 22. Dobmeier, \$800; 23. Winters, \$800; 24. Tatnell, \$800.



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RIVALRY: Jason Meyers (14) continues to chase Donny Schatz (15) in World of Outlaws points.

STANDINGS

FIRST



Donny Schatz

SECOND



Jason Meyers

THIRD



Joey Saldana

Top 10

1. Donny Schatz	8,177	6. Jac Haudenschild	7,559
2. Jason Meyers	8,054	7. Kerry Madsen	7,359
3. Joey Saldana	7,750	8. Chad Kemenah	7,347
4. Steve Kinser	7,742	9. Terry McCarl	7,263
5. Craig Dollansky	7,592	10. Daryn Pittman	7,178

15th For No. 15

Schatz Leads All 40 Laps At Princeton Nationals

PRINCETON, Minn. — Donny Schatz dominated Saturday night's PolyDome Princeton Nationals at Princeton Speedway, giving him his 15th Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series triumph of the season.

He earned \$10,000 for leading all 40 laps for his second-consecutive victory at the track and his 85th-career WoO triumph.

"Princeton has been good to me," he said. "We've had a lot of fun here. I'm glad to get to victory lane again. It's always good. These guys have definitely worked hard. They eat, sleep, breath and drink this race team and this race car. They definitely deserved it. They have been busting their tails."

Schatz lined up second and beat polesitter Sam Hafertepe, Jr. into the first turn using the high side of the track to take the lead. He quickly pulled away and a lap-four caution came just before he was going to enter lapped traffic. On the restart, he again charged to a comfortable lead and four laps later he was in traffic.

"That was one bad piece there in traffic," he said with a smile as he pointed to his car. "It could run the top, the middle and the bottom at the same speed. That's what its Achilles' heel was. It's good to have that and that is how my cars always are. Ricky (Warner) keeps tuning these things and fine tuning little things and finding things to make it better. We're in test mode for next year and it's good to get a win in test mode."

Just as Schatz was about to take the white flag in the Armor All J&J, the final caution of the night flew, setting up a two-lap shootout for the win, as Terry McCarl and Jac Haudenschild lined up behind him. On the restart, Schatz easily pulled away to win by nearly two seconds.

"I just had to do my job and not worry about who was back there and what they were going to do," Schatz said. "I made a wing adjustment on the last yellow and maybe should have made



DOUG JOHNSON PHOTO

CONFETTI RAIN: Donny Schatz celebrates his victory Saturday night at Princeton (Minn.) Speedway.

one a little earlier. We were good. We just had to keep the tires underneath us and keep the speed up."

Schatz extended his lead in the World of Outlaws championship standings to 123 points over Jason Meyers with seven events remaining. Schatz leads the series with 54 top-10 finishes in 57 events.

McCarl finished second. "You never like to finish second, but

we have been getting very consistent with our runs and that's the key to racing a 100 nights a year out here," noted McCarl. "Our team is really coming together. I can't say enough about how hard they have been working. I'm excited. We're getting better and better and my confidence is growing each night."

Haudenschild, Danny Lasoski and Meyers rounded out the top five.

Kraig Kinser Claims Second Victory Of 2008

BRAINERD, Minn. — Kraig Kinser came on strong during the second half of the Advance Auto Parts World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series' inaugural race at North Central Speedway and earned his second victory of the season Friday night.

The \$10,000 victory was the ninth of his career.

Kinser started fourth and was third after the completion of the first lap. After battling Wolfe for a number of laps, Kinser dove under him exiting the fourth turn on the 19th lap, making the pass for second. The same lap, leader Joey Saldana pulled to the pits.

"I know that Lucas (Wolfe) wants to get that win," Kinser said. "I caught him in traffic and got by and then Joey (Saldana) broke. Having clean track helped, but I think I was a little better than Lucas in traffic, anyway. I

wasn't sure if I had beaten Lucas back to the line (before the caution) and had to make sure that I was leading."

Kinser began the night by winning the third heat to earn a spot in the Crane Cams Dash in his debut at the track. He finished fourth in the dash to earn a second-row starting spot for the 35-lap contest. He led the final 16 laps of the race en route to the win.

"It does equalize it a little bit (when everyone visits a track for the first time), but these guys are the best in the country for a reason," explained the third-generation driver. "They adapt really well and really quick. It wasn't going to be a total advantage for anyone. If the car is rolling well you're going to be quick."

Wolfe led the first seven laps and wound up second in the Allebach

Racing Maxim. It was his second-consecutive runner-up finish.

"We've been running good, and I think we have consistently been running good for about the last 10 races or so," said Wolfe. "We are up where we need to be and are continuing to improve. This is our best result on a tight track of this nature. We are getting better at that, and those are all good things for the future."

Steve Kinser finished third in the Q Oil Maxim, to earn his 28th top-five finish of the season.

"I didn't quite have enough on that last restart to catch them," he said. "I didn't get the restart I wanted. I had a good seat to watch that race up there between those guys."

Terry McCarl and Paul McMahan rounded out the top five.

KONI Championships Handed Out At VIR

Saturday

ALTON, Va. — They had six hours to distance themselves from the competition, but Lawson Aschenbach and Ken Dobson needed every single minute of Saturday's Grand Am K O N I Challenge Series Street Tuner season finale at Virginia Int'l Raceway to win round 11 in the No. 110 Georgian Bay Motorsports Chevrolet Cobalt SS.

Aschenbach, who led three times for a race-high 36 laps, making up 37 positions after starting at the back of the field, passed outgoing series champion Adam Burrows on lap 139 of the 147-lap race and distanced himself from the rest of the field over the final five laps or 15 minutes.

In the meantime, Aschenbach's teammate, Jamie Holtom in the No. 01 Georgian Bay Motorsports Chevrolet Cobalt SS, claimed the ST championship by 45 points over Kuno Wittmer.

At age 21 years, four days, Holtom becomes the youngest Grand Am champion in the

sanctioning body's nine-year history. He shared the car with Eric Curran, who had previously won at VIR in KONI Challenge competition three times.

"Winning the championship was absolutely enormous for me, personally, for my co-drivers winning the race, for my team winning the team championship and for Chevrolet winning the manufacturers championship as well," Holtom said. "It really couldn't have shaken out any better than it did."

Adam Burrows and Trevor Hopwood finished second in an Acura, while Holtom and Curran took third.

Matthew Bell and V.J. Mirzayan finished fourth in a BMW, while Owen Trinkler and B.J. Zacharias rounded out the top five in a Mini Cooper S.

Sunday

ALTON, Va. — Hugh and Matt Plumb dominated the middle and final stages of Sunday's Bosch Engineering Twin Six Hours, the season finale for the Grand Am KONI Challenge Series Grand Sport class, giving themselves and Mike Canney a victory in the

six-hour classic at Virginia Int'l Raceway.

Hugh Plumb passed fellow Rehagen Racing and Ford Mustang GT driver Dean Martin on lap 144 and led Martin and TRG's Andy Lally and Spencer Pumpelly in a nose-to-tail battle to the checkered flag in a two-lap shootout.

The leading quartet was separated by only 1.081 seconds, and the No. 59 Rehagen Racing Valvoline/Roush Performance Products Ford Mustang GT of Martin, Jack Roush, Jr. and Ryan Phinny finished .208 second behind in the second-closest finish in series history.

Like the race itself, the championship race came down to the final hour-and-a-half, with seven drivers fighting for the title. In the end, Scott Maxwell and Joe Foster finished fifth in the No. 55 Hyper Sport Ford Mustang GT, giving Maxwell his second GS title and Foster his first. They won the driving and owner titles by six points over Bret Seafuse, James Gue and JBS Motorsports.

Overall, 13 drivers in eight cars combined for 19 lead changes, and seven cautions for 22 laps slowed the average speed of 84.184 miles per hour.

Anderson Sweeps His Way To POWRi Driver's Title

Friday

JACKSONVILLE, Ill. — Brett Anderson led all 30 laps of the O'Reilly POWRi Herb Barlow Memorial race at Morgan

POWRi

County Speedway, driving his family owned Spike chassis Fontana-powered midget to the victory and clinching the POWRi Midget Championship in the process.

Anderson survived a charge from sixth-starting Brad Loyet as the two rode the cushion. They made contact on lap 24 after Loyet attempted a slide job on Anderson, but started to

spin as he completed the pass. Anderson connected with the spinning Loyet but did not sustain any damage.

Derek King moved into second with Zach Daum in third. Jonathan Hendrick and Donnie Lehmann completed the top five.

The finish:

Brett Anderson, Derek King, Zach Daum, Jonathan Hendrick, Donnie Lehmann, Steve Knepper, Daniel Robinson, Tony Roney, Brad Loyet, Rich Camfield, Tim Siner, Kent Schmidt, Austin Brown, Brent Wallace, Danny Smith, Danny Frye, Jay Mounce, Nick Knepper, Kenny Brown, Tyler Robbins, Derrick Myers, Dave Camfield, Jr.

Saturday

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — One night after sewing up the 2008 POWRi Midget Championship, Belleville native Brett

Anderson completed a week-end sweep by winning the 30-lap Charlene Meents Memorial race at Belle-Clair Speedway Saturday night.

Anderson took the lead from Jonathan Hendrick on lap 12 and held on the remaining 18 laps, which included a two-lap shootout set up by a late caution. Daniel Robinson finished second and Tim Siner was third. Tony Roney and Hendrick completed the top five.

The finish:

Brett Anderson, Daniel Robinson, Tim Siner, Tony Roney, Jonathan Hendrick, Mike Riley, Matt Sherrell, Daniel Adler, Greg Lueckert, Matt Fox, Rich Camfield, Donnie Lehmann, Austin Brown, Kent Schmidt, Ryan Criswell, Brian Wallace, Kellen Conover, Dave Camfield Jr, Dereck King, Tyler Robbins, Steve Knepper, Cruz Pedregon, Zach Daum, Nick Knepper.

Cabral Closes Waterford Speedbowl With Win

WATERFORD, Conn. — After taking the lead on lap 11,

NEMA

Randy Cabral breezed to a dominating victory in Sunday's 25-lap Northeastern Midget Ass'n feature at Waterford Speedbowl's season finale.

It was the sixth win of the

season for Cabral, four of which have come at Waterford.

The fifth-starting Cabral moved past early leader Erica Santos and held the lead the rest of the way. Jeremy Frankoski passed Santos for second with two laps remaining. Adam Canto finished fourth and Jeff Abold was fifth.

In NEMA Lites, Todd Bertrand took the victory, and Stephanie Doty finished second.

The finish:

Randy Cabral, Jeremy Frankoski, Erica Santos, Adam Cantor, Jeff Abold, Greg Stoehr, Joey Payne, Jr., Bobby Santos III, Mike Keeler, William Wall, John Zych, Jr., Jeff Horn, Abby Martino, Doug Cleveland, Jim Miller, Brian Cleveland, Andy Shlatz, Lee Bundy, Matt O'Vriehn, Barry Kittredge, Paul Luggelle, Nokie Fornoro, Paul Scally, Ronnie Yuhas, Jr., Aaron Wall.

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Delaware
Maryland
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Central Pennsylvania Speedway

Clearfield, Pa.
Oct. 4, 2008
Crate Late Model
1. Shawn McGarvey
2. Chris Farrell
3. Mike Blose
Street Stock
1. Fuzzy Fields
2. Tim Krape
3. Bill Henney

Williams Grove Speedway

Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Oct. 3, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Lance Dewease
2. Justin Henderson
3. Chad Layton
Limited Sprint Car
1. Pat Cannon
2. Kyle Pruitt
3. Todd Reed

New Egypt Speedway

New Egypt, N.J.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Stock
1. Kory Fleming
2. Billy Bauer
3. Rob Ormsbee
Sportsman
1. Mike Barone
2. Jon Haegele
3. John Romano, Jr.
Modified
1. Rick Laubach
2. Keith Hoffman
3. Jimmy Chester

Langley Speedway

Hampton, Va.
Oct. 4, 2008
Late Model
1. Greg Edwards
2. C.E. Falk
3. Dean Shiflett
Grand Stock
1. Jammie Goode
2. Jimmy Adkins
3. Paul Lubno
Modified
1. Chris Johnson
2. Rusty Wood
3. Joe Scarbrough
Super Truck
1. Tommy Nixon
2. Hugo Belfiore
3. Robbie Davis
Legends
1. Steve Keese
2. Jamie Price
3. Rette Causey

Path Valley Speedway Park

Spring Run, Pa.

Oct. 3, 2008
Mini Stock
1. Ricky Harper
2. Kevin Thomas
3. Tim Burkholder
270 Sprint Car
1. Tim McClelland
2. Brian Marriott
3. Steve Whary
305 Sprint Car
1. George Ridden
2. Tyler Bear
3. Craig Lauderemilch
Thunder Car
1. Jeremy Ott
2. Mike Brindle
3. Denny Scofield
600 Sprint Car
1. Tyler Walton
2. Trevin Shank
3. Jesse Fitz

Susquehanna Speedway Park

Newberrytown, Pa.
Oct. 5, 2008
Late Model
1. Ashley Barrett
2. Derek Byler
3. Steve Weikel
Legend
1. Frank Polimeda
2. Stephen Nederostek
3. Tom Mayberry
Legend Semi-Pro
1. Buddy Sload, Jr.
2. T.J. Mayberry
3. Drew Weiser
Mini Van
1. Daryl Sipe
2. Robert Fryberger
3. John Durussell

Mountain Speedway

St. Johns, Pa.
Oct. 4, 2008
Modified
1. Earl Paules
2. Zane Zeiner
3. Anthony Sesely
Late Model
1. Jim Wismer
2. Tony Volpe
3. Dave Macomber
Street Stock
1. Richie DiMarco
2. Steve Clark
3. Steve Shultz
Legends
1. Ryan Truex
2. Joey Mattis
3. John Beatty

Mahoning Valley Speedway

Lehigh, Pa.
Oct. 4, 2008
Modified
1. John Bennett
2. Don Wagner
3. Stacy Brown
Late Model
1. Geno Steigerwalt
2. Mike VanFossen
3. Troy Bollinger
Street Stock
1. Jody Tillman
2. Jimmy Adkins
3. Paul Lubno
Modified
1. Chris Johnson
2. Rusty Wood
3. Joe Scarbrough
Factory Stock
1. Jason Frey
2. Scooter Graver
4-Cylinder Stock Car
1. Gene Bowers
2. Jon Smith

Mahoning Valley Speedway

Lehigh, Pa.

Oct. 5, 2008
Modified
1. Bup Dreher
2. John Bennett
3. Brian DeFabo
Late Model
1. Travis Fisher
2. Geno Steigerwalt
3. Todd Stehle
Street Stock
1. Alan Schlenker
2. Justin Mooney
3. Mark Deysher
Pro4 Late Model
1. Kevin Graver
2. Randy Schlenker
3. Kevin Rex, Jr.
Factory Stock
1. Tyler Walton
2. Randy Ahner, Sr.
3. Jason Frey

Mountain Speedway

St. Johns, Pa.
Oct. 5, 2008
Modified
1. Rusty Smith
2. Larry Fisher
3. Earl Paules
Super Stock
1. Ron Frees
2. Frank Reakes
3. Rich DiMarco
Thriller
1. Mike Myer, Jr.
2. Nick Shaw
3. Howie Bott
4-Cylinder
1. Jeff Biegley
2. Ken Kleppinger
3. Eric Banashefski
Midget
1. Donnie Adams
2. Ryan Tidman
3. Paul Lotier, Jr.

New Egypt Speedway

New Egypt, N.J.
Oct. 5, 2008
Modified
1. Rick Laubach
2. Ryan Godown
3. Ron John Koczon
Sportsman
1. Willie Osmun
2. Mike Lyons
3. Gary Butler
Sprint Car
1. Frankie Herr
2. David Martin
3. Tom Wyckoff
Outlaw Stock
1. P.J. Oliver
2. Spider Ensinger, Jr.
3. Dean Woolford

Allegany County Speedway

Cumberland, Md.
Oct. 4, 2008
Street Stock
1. KHi Swanger
2. Chris Chamberlain
3. Mike Desch
Hobby Stock
1. Steve Fadley
2. Bill Repologle
3. Terry Norris

Allegany County Speedway

Cumberland, Md.
Oct. 3, 2008
Late Model
1. Matt Sponaugle
2. Jerry Bard
3. D.J. Troutman
Factory Stock
1. Ryan Peer
2. Chris Booher
3. Rob Prinkey

Trail Way Speedway

Hanover, Pa.
Oct. 5, 2008
600cc Micro Sprint
1. Lex Burritt
2. Brent Marks
3. Mike Rutherford
270cc Micro Sprint
1. Nik Gower
2. Mike Rutherford
3. Brad McClelland
1000cc Sidewinder
1. Dwayne Gutshall
2. Jesse Snyder
3. Chad Hough

Trail Way Speedway

Hanover, Pa.
Oct. 3, 2008
Thundercar
1. David Prunkl
2. Brian Walls
3. Sam Gallagher
Outlaw
1. Joe Alder
2. Denny Gross
3. Allen Daniels
Limited Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Robert Rudisill, Jr.
2. Robert Nicklow
3. Daryl Hanson
Feature No. 2
1. Tyler Walton
2. Wes McDaniel
3. Mark Reece

SOUTHEAST

Florida
Georgia
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee

Dillon Motor Speedway

Dillon, S.C.
Oct. 4, 2008
USAC Ford Focus
1. Michael Mohelski
2. Brad Noffsinger
3. Eric Coomes

Ace Speedway

Altamahaw, N.C.
Oct. 3, 2008
Modified
Feature No. 1
1. Brad Allen
2. Josh Nichols
3. Randy Butner
Feature No. 2
1. Randy Butler
2. Brad Allen
3. A.J. Sanders
Limited Sportsman
1. Ziggy Zimmerman
2. John Moore
3. Bobby Griffin
Mini Stock
1. A.J. Sanders
2. Archie Sanders
3. Michael Tucker
Street Stock
1. Ronnie Clifton
2. Barry Edwards
3. David Sumner
Xtreme Car
1. Jerry Kermode
1. T.J. Gursky
2. Ben Walker
3. Michael Neal

Columbia Motorsports Park

Lake City, Fla.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Eddie Gainey
2. Todd Brown
3. Doyle Boatwright
Sportsman
1. Jeff Prescott
2. Nevin Gainey
3. Charles Seroki
A Hornet

1. Wesley Daugherty
2. Bert Daugherty
3. Brian Hull
B Hornet
1. John Wndham
2. Carl Taylor
3. Mike Parsell
V8 Bomber
1. A.C. Morrow
2. Mark Chinell
3. Shawn DeSotie
Pure Stock
1. Randy O'Neal
2. Nevin Gainey
3. Tim Parrott
Queen Bee Hornet
1. Viva Hilgerson
2. Judy Daugherty
3. Allison Brown

Citrus County Speedway

Inverness, Fla.
Oct. 5, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Richie Smith
2. Brian Walls
3. Sam Gallagher
Sportsman
1. Bobby Ervien
2. Tom Posavec
Mini Stock
1. Clint Foley
2. Steven Smith
3. Wes Filyaw
4-Cylinder Bomber
1. Brandon Watson
2. Shawn Evans
3. Jeff Eberly
Pure Stock
1. James Peters
2. Bill Ryan
3. Richie Smith
V8 Thunder Stock
1. Cory Swanston
2. Drew Mattisek
3. Randy Werstein
Open Wheel Lite
1. Johnathan Guy
2. John Bailey
3. Billy Gise
Outlaw Modified
1. Doug Hopper
2. Robert Campbell
3. Cliff Steinmann

Concord Motorsport Park

Concord, N.C.
Oct. 5, 2008
USAC Ford Focus
1. Michael Mohelski
2. Rick Fedrizzi
3. Brad Noffsinger

New Smyrna Speedway

New Smyrna Beach, Fla.
Oct. 4, 2008
Late Model
1. Darren Brown
2. David Gibbs
3. Rusty Ebersole
Mini Stock
1. Cody Blair
2. Ted Vulpius
3. Jefferson Pittsley
Sportsman
1. Mike Pletka
2. Timothy Todd, Jr.
3. Patrick Menenga
Stock Car
1. Richard Goodrich
2. Mark Bordeaux
3. Steve Pierce
Super Stock
1. Scott Smith
2. Edward Barber
3. Denny Johns
Truck
1. Kevin Henry
2. James Campbell
3. Ben Kennedy

MIDWEST

Indiana
Illinois
Kentucky
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Ohio
Wisconsin



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WINGED WARRIORS: Danny Smith (4) fights off Tommy Worley, Jr. during sprint-car competition at St. Francois County Raceway in Farmington, Mo.

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

West Salem, Wis.
Oct. 3, 2008
Super Late Model
Feature No. 1
1. Eric Fransen
2. Matt Kocourek
3. Robb Vanderloop
Feature No. 2
1. Nathan Haseleu
2. Jason Weinkauff
3. Steve Holzhausen
Sportsman
1. Dan Ryan
2. Jake Arneson
3. Larry Bolster, Jr.
Super Sportsman
1. Matt Pyburn
2. Colin Reffner
3. Corey Jankowski

Malden Speedway

Malden, Mo.
Oct. 3, 2008
Crate Late Model
1. Tait Davenport
2. Rylan Dagg
3. Billy James
Modified
1. Paul Reeder
2. Robert Powers
3. Austin Mathews
Hobby Stock
1. Claudie Cook
2. Billy James
3. Jason Pennington
Pure Street
1. Jared Wagster
2. Benji Lee
3. Joey Kramer
Pro Late Model
1. Bryan Bernhardt
2. P.J. Feistrizer
3. Todd Coffman
Sportsman
1. Bartley Grant
2. Gerald Haynes, Jr.
3. Logan Whitis

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

West Salem, Wis.
Oct. 2, 2008
Late Model
1. Tim Nelson
2. Bradley Powell
3. Steve Carlson
Sportsman
1. Randy Humfeld
2. Chad Rosendahl
3. Jake Arneson
Thunderstox
1. Scott Geier
2. Charles Vian
3. Matthew Moore
Bandit
1. Steve D
2. Scotty Kronn
3. Jason Lindvig
RAY
1. Brent Wenzel
2. Daniel Linnehan
3. Greg Lindvig

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

Junction City, Ky.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Jason Keltner
2. Brad Neat
3. Victor Lee
Modified
1. Jared Wagster
2. Benji Lee
3. Joey Kramer
Pro Late Model
1. Bryan Bernhardt
2. P.J. Feistrizer
3. Todd Coffman
Sportsman
1. Bartley Grant
2. Gerald Haynes, Jr.
3. Logan Whitis

Gas City I-69 Speedway

Gas City, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
Sprint Car

Malden Speedway

Malden, Mo.
Oct. 4, 2008
Crate Late Model
1. Jason Pritz
2. Ed Dixon
3. John Tindall
Modified
1. Shane Akin
2. Troy Fowler
3. Tim Radford
Hobby Stock
1. Claudie Cook
2. Josh Tomlin
3. Doug Moore
Pure Street
1. Ronnie Tilley
2. Greg Sparks
3. Adam Hemby
Mini Stock
1. Dustin Casselberry
2. Derrick Durrall
3. Jimmy Null

Ponderosa Speedway

Junction City, Ky.
Oct. 3, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Jason Keltner
2. Brad Neat
3. Victor Lee
Modified
1. Jared Wagster
2. Benji Lee
3. Joey Kramer
Pro Late Model
1. Bryan Bernhardt
2. P.J. Feistrizer
3. Todd Coffman
Sportsman
1. Bartley Grant
2. Gerald Haynes, Jr.
3. Logan Whitis

Ponderosa Speedway

Junction City, Ky.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Greg Johnson
2. Victor Lee
3. Dustin Neat
Modified
1. Tim Nelson
2. Josh Lucas
3. Steve Carlson
Sportsman
1. Randy Humfeld
2. Chad Rosendahl
3. Jake Arneson
Thunderstox
1. Scott Geier
2. Charles Vian
3. Matthew Moore
Bandit
1. Steve D
2. Scotty Kronn
3. Jason Lindvig
RAY
1. Brent Wenzel
2. Daniel Linnehan
3. Greg Lindvig

Flat Rock Speedway

Flat Rock, Mich.
Oct. 4, 2008
4-Cylinder
1. Shawn Bershback
2. Mike Bershback
3. Ray McClure
Factory Stock
1. Dave Arnold
2. Eric Huston
3. Mike Hassen
Enduro
1. Tristan Dupuis
2. Dave Arnold, Jr.
3. Jeff Metdepenningen
4-Cylinder Wives/Mechanic
1. Kyle Ball
2. Stacy Remick
Stock Car Mechanic
1. Chris Metdepenningen

Langlade County Speedway

Antigo, Wis.
Oct. 3, 2008
Truck
1. Jeff Becker
2. Adam Jennejohn
3. Scott VanProoyen
Sport Modified
1. Tim Jorgenson
2. Tracy Wassenberg
3. Marcus Varie
Street Stock
1. John Kallas
2. Jeremy Wolfe
3. Jim Randall
Stock Car
1. Larry Karcz, Jr.
2. Dan Michonski
3. John Heinz
FastTrak Late Model
1. Brett Swedberg
2. A.J. Diemel
3. Justin Hirt
Late Model
1. A.J. Diemel
2. Justin Ritchie
3. Todd Flannery

Lebanon Midway Speedway

Lebanon, Mo.
Oct. 4, 2008
Late Model
1. Terry Phillips
2. Jeremy Payne
3. Jesse Stovall
Factory Stock
1. Jody Tillman
2. James Flood
3. Todd Cook
A-Modified
1. Tony Jackson
2. Jamie Ragland
3. Danny Crane
B-Mod
1. Colt Cheevers
2. Steve Muilenburg
3. Reggie Jackson
Bomber
1. Shawn Strong
2. Wayne Coffman
3. Jerry Lankton
Pure Stock
1. Kevin Forshey
2. Joe Francis
Enduro
1. Joe Francis
2. Luke Stephens

U.S. 24 Speedway

Logansport, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
JR
1. Craig Ronk
2. Sam McGhee
3. Gabe Wilson
Restrictor
1. Levi Shields
2. Nathan Metzinger

Indianapolis Speedrome

Indianapolis, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
Figure 8
1. Eddie VanMeter
2. Casey White
3. Ben Tunny
Roadrunner
1. Mike Gullyey
2. Bill Hasson
3. Mike Kirk
Hornet
1. Chad Sizemore
2. Jon Elkins, Jr.
3. Casey Davis

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3. Mike Kirk
Hornet
1. Chad Sizemore
2. Jon Elkins, Jr.
3. Casey Davis

La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway

West Salem, Wis.
Oct. 5, 2008
ASA
1. Dan Fredrickson
2. Nathan Haseleu
3. Travis Sauter
4-Cylinder Enduro
1. Matt Rowe
2. Ron Amann
3. Dale Chitek
Truck
1. Conrad Jorgenson
2. Collin Laursen
3. Andy Jirik
Modified
1. Tim Plummer
2. Steve Johanneck
3. Matthew Clossley
Vintage
1. Chris Loberg
2. Ken Hutchens
3. Michael Wall

St. Francois County Raceway

Farmington, Mo.
Oct. 4, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Joey Montgomery
2. Tommy Worley, Jr.
3. Jesse Hockett
Modified
1. Jeremy Greenwalt
2. David Shepard
3. Danny Resinger
Pure Street
1. Kasey Nations
2. Shane Blair
3. David Wofford

Jackson Speedway

Jackson, Minn.
Oct. 4, 2008
360 Sprint Car
1. Wade Nygaard
2. Lee Grosz
3. Greg Bakker
305 Sprint
1. Ryan Voss
2. Nate Eakin
3. Shadrach Spora
Modified
1. Stacy Mills
2. Oliver Kollofski
3. Roger Nielsen
Stock Car
1. Jeffrey Larson
2. Chad Schroeder
3. Jerry Coopman
B Modified
1. Kyle Steuber

Shady Bowl Speedway

DeGraff, Ohio
Oct. 4, 2008
Modified
1. Chad Poole
2. Arnold Muncy
3. George Lindsay
Sport Stock
1. Shawn Stansell
2. Donnie Hall
3. Larry Adams
Compact
1. Josh Sage
2. Justin Pope

Shady Bowl Speedway

DeGraff, Ohio
Oct. 4, 2008
Modified
1. Chad Poole
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Sport Stock
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2. Donnie Hall
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Compact
1. Josh Sage
2. Justin Pope

3. Jerry Ellis, Jr.

Anderson Speedway

Anderson, Ind.
Oct. 5, 2008
Super Truck
1. Josh Poore
2. Rod Phipps
3. Josh Timmerman

Figure 8
1. Jeff Swinford
2. Ronnie Rose
3. Rob Allman
Street Stock
1. Joe Beaver
2. Rob Allman
3. Brian Hopkins
Thunder Car
1. Rob Allman
2. Ronnie Rose
3. Donnie Mandrell

Legends
1. Alex Arelano
2. John Robbins
3. Tommy Jones
Midget
1. Craig Haack
2. Steven Mathew
3. Andy Nock
Midget
1. Taylor Ferns
2. Caleb Armstrong
3. Dalton Armstrong
Front Wheel Drive
1. Nick Warner
2. Andy Keller
3. Ron Phipps
Front Wheel Drive Figure 8
1. Nick Warner
2. Dennis Faver, Sr.
3. Mike Alley

Anderson Speedway

Anderson, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
Thunder Car
1. Ronnie Rose
2. Frankie Oakes
3. Donnie Mandrell
Mini Cup
1. Geoff Gerline
2. Tim Phillips
3. Joey Greening
Front Wheel Drive
1. Nick Warner
2. Ron Phipps
3. Jeff Thines
Front Wheel Drive Figure 8
1. Nick Warner
2. Andy Keller
3. Elliott McKinney

Miami County Speedway

Peru, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
Junior
1. Bayli Fearnow
2. Avery Demland
3. Jerod Glasford
Restrictor
1. Cody Fogelson
2. Braxton Hanft
3. Austin Utt
Wing
1. Andrew Peters
2. Wes McIntire
3. A.J. Hopkins
Non-Wing
1. Jake Wright
2. Sam Kimmel
3. Cole Ketchum

Auto City Speedway

Flint, Mich.
Oct. 4, 2008
Midget
1. David Byrne
2. Dallas Melby
3. Mike Fedorczek
Factory Stock
1. Chris Steams
2. Adam Rowe
3. Nick Lechota
Led Sled
1. Lonnie Saumier, Jr.
2. Chad Lamson
3. Charlie Thom
Hornet
1. Jake Thompson
2. Ryan Shelton
3. Jacob Collick
Figure 8
1. Jim Miller, Jr.
2. Jerry Atwell
3. Charlie Thom

Salem Speedway

Salem, Ind.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Stock
1. Todd Kempf

2. Mike Sharp
3. Skeeter Crum
Street Stock
1. Casey Heavrin
2. Brian Bayer
3. Frank Kimmel II



Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New York
Vermont

Fulton Speedway

Fulton, N.Y.
Oct. 3, 2008
Pro Stock
1. Pete Stefanski
2. Dion Oakes
3. Don Carlson

Fulton Speedway

Fulton, N.Y.
Oct. 4, 2008
Sportsman
1. Jeremy Wilder
2. David Marcuccilli
3. Jeremy Pitcher
Street Stock
1. Shawn Frost
2. Nathan Peckman
3. Kevin Smith

Chemung Speedrome

Chemung, N.Y.
Oct. 4, 2008
Modified Tour
1. Matt Hirschman
2. Todd Szegedy
3. Mike Stefanski
Weekly Modified
1. Don Adams
2. Lou Cicconi
3. Frank Fisher
Super Stock
1. Chris Daugherty
2. Phil Haner
3. A.J. Hamilton

Waterford Speedbowl

Waterford, Conn.
Oct. 5, 2008
Modified
1. Keith Rocco
2. Rob Janovic, Jr.
3. Ron Yuhas, Jr.
Midget
1. Randy Cabral
2. Jeremy Frankoski
3. Erica Santos
Late Model
1. Bruce Thomas, Jr.
2. Keith Rocco
3. Tim Jordan
Sportsman
1. Brandon Plemons
2. Ronnie Oldham, Jr.
3. Josh Galvin
Mini Stock
1. Ken Cassidy, Jr.
2. Danny Field
3. Kyle James

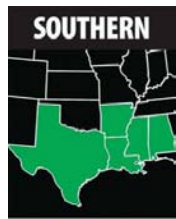
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Waterford, Conn.
Oct. 4, 2008
Legends
1. Jason Palmer
2. Michael Gervais, Jr.
3. Shaun Buffington
Pro-4 Modified
1. Norm Wrenn
2. Robin Berghman

3. Stan McClure
Mini Modified
1. Roddy Moore
2. Hunter Spivey
3. Lee Streetman
Renegade
1. Jarrod Washington
2. Randall Sexton
3. Tommy Belden
Mini Stock
Feature No. 1
1. Kevin Higgins
2. Eddie Dodd, Jr.
3. Jeremy Gwin
Feature No. 2
1. David Passmore, Jr.
2. Jeremy Gwin

Grand Prairie Speedway

Grand Prairie, Texas
Sept. 26, 2008
Modified
1. Clyde Dunn, Jr.
2. Bobby Malcus
3. Blaine Shives
Modified
1. Jeff Turner
2. Jason Gore
3. Robert Vetter



Alabama
Arkansas
Louisiana
Mississippi
Texas

Fort Payne Motor Speedway

Fort Payne, Ala.
Oct. 4, 2008
Super Late Model
1. Kasey Hall
2. Tony Brown
3. Jeff Fields
Late Model
1. Lucas Burns
2. Jeff Fields
3. Jimmy Kay
A Hobby Stock
1. Greg Thompson
2. Crawford Watkins
3. Matthew Coffman
B Hobby Stock
1. Tony Hanbury
2. Jason Roberts
3. Harold Lang
Pony Stock
1. Jeff Phillips
2. Donald Daniels
3. Brandon Wilbanks

Birmingham Int'l Raceway

Birmingham, Ala.
Oct. 4, 2008
Late Model
1. John Tyler
2. Danny Bagwell
3. Justin South
Modified
1. Gary Nix
2. Johnny Brazier
3. Danny Bagwell
Sportsman
1. Shawn Kyzer
2. Michael Scoby
3. Roger Cain
Street Stock
1. Burt Belter
2. Joel Falls
3. Richard Patino
Renegade
1. Jarrod Washington
2. Randall Sexton
3. Daniel Hubbard
Mini Stock
1. Mike Collins
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Mini Modified
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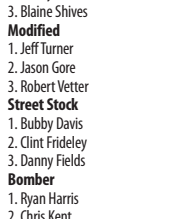
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Idaho
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Cowtown Speedway

Fort Worth, Texas
Sept. 27, 2008
Modified
1. Troy Taylor
2. Bobby Malcus
3. Justin McCoy
Mini Sprint Car
1. Jeb Sessum
2. Taylor Smitherman
3. Sasha Sessum
Limited Modified
1. Jacob Pirkle
2. Troy Taylor
3. Keith Martin
Bomber
1. Frank Lackey
2. Chad Pearce
3. Anthony Pearce
Jr. Bomber
1. Chance Morris
2. Hunter Birmingham
3. Morgan Roan
Wing Modified
1. David Suggs
2. Kevin Robinson
3. Eddie Grmela

Grayson County Speedway

Bells, Texas
Sept. 27, 2008
Stock Car
1. Shawn Marquez
2. Billie Potts
3. Danny Rasor
Modified
1. Nathan Long
2. Alex Bailey
Sport Modified
1. Gary Stephens
2. Shane Hartline
Mini Stock
1. Shelby Williams
2. Chance Whitworth
Novice
1. Shawn Clay
2. Kevin Dillard

Outlaw Motor Speedway

Oktaha, Okla.
Oct. 3, 2008
Modified
1. Charles Randolph III
2. Greg Skaggs
3. Tate Cole
Hobby Stock
1. Brook Stephens
2. Jay Arnold
3. Randy Moses II
E-Mod
1. Jake Kelley
2. Dennis Slader
Pure Stock
1. James Gillean
2. Matt Burnett

Dodge City Raceway Park

Dodge City, Kan.
Oct. 4, 2008
Sprint Car
1. Jason Martin
2. Taylor Milton
3. Mike Woodruff

Manzanita Speedway

Phoenix, Ariz.
Oct. 4, 2008
Factory Stock
1. Ron Poe
2. Lyle Askren, Jr.
3. Terry Mumough
Mod Lite
1. Steve Moriarity
2. John Priest
3. Tony Martin
Sport Modified
1. Garrett Funk
2. Kerry Campbell
3. Keith Krenkils

Toyota Speedway

Irwindale, Calif.
Oct. 4, 2008
Late Model
1. Andrew Myers
2. Tim Huddleston
3. Nick Joanides



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North Dakota
Oklahoma
South Dakota
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Tri-State Speedway

Pocola, Okla.
Oct. 4, 2008
E-Mod
1. Clay Julian
2. George Martin
3. Jay Rierson
Front-Wheel Drive
1. Chris Akers
2. Brad McMahon
3. Jack Bieker
Mechanics
1. Harry Palmer
2. Robert Jones
3. Raymond Albertson
Mini Stock
1. Dusty Schmidt
2. Daniel Nicholson
3. Randy Norris
Modified
1. Johnny Bone, Jr.
2. Hank Long
Powder Puff
1. Misty Hunter
2. Jennifer Bieker
Road Runner
1. Andrew Bohanan
2. Cody Jones
Super Stock
1. Tommy Porter
2. Eric Beshoner

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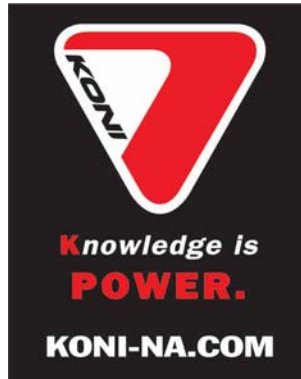


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ROAD WARRIOR: Dan Schlieper powers around North Georgia Speedway June 13 en route to a Lucas Oil Late Model Series victory.

COST:

Racers Making Sacrifices To Get By In Tough Times

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be hard to find in a budget already strained to the limit.

"It's hurting us," Nelson said. "It's been hard. We're sticking around here, mainly. Five years ago, if you ran decent, you could make money racing. Now, if you ain't finishing top three everywhere you run, you're barely breaking even."

You can hear the same story at dirt tracks everywhere. Drivers constantly complain about cost increases while regular-show purses never seem to catch up.

The situation makes drivers adjust plans and consider finances more than ever, said Wooster, Ohio, driver Doug Drown.

Like Nelson, Drown is a talented up-and-coming driver. His racing budget requires that the venture pay for itself.

Smart, but getting more difficult to accomplish.

Take, for example, the mid-July UMP Summernationals finale at Ohio's Oakshade Raceway. Drown had that date circled on his calendar, but as the race drew nearer, he realized he might be in trouble. Quite frankly, he didn't have the money to go.

On Friday, the day before the UMP race, Drown loaded his car, drove to nearby Hilltop Speedway, won the feature and made himself some traveling money.

One of the reasons Drown chose the Oakshade race was the \$10,000-to-win purse and a pit admission of only \$20.

"You start weighing out all those things," Drown said. "I pick and choose a little more, financially, what seems smarter."

As of mid-summer, finances had kept Drown, 26, close to home all season. He'd only been out of state once. It hurts the learning curve, he said.

"It's definitely not getting any better," Drown said. "We're staying closer to home and not racing as much. It keeps us limited. The only way you get better is going to new places, learning new things."

"Last year, I hit 19 different tracks. This year I've only went to five. It hurts (because) I don't have as many laps."

In reality, the economic situation is not just affecting local and regional drivers. National touring stars also have made adjustments, and a few sacrifices. Many drivers have re-

examined their schedules. At least a few teams have parked their big diesel-guzzling haulers in favor of smaller tow rigs.

On a late-July haul to Superior (Wis.) Speedway, Batesville, Ark., driver Wendell Wallace shared hauler space with fellow Arkansas competitor Jack Sullivan to save on the \$1-per-mile fuel costs.

"We doubled up to come here," said Wallace, the 2000 Dirt Track World Champion. "That cut the fuel price in half. It's been tough all year."

Dan Schlieper, the 2003 World 100 winner, likely has made more sacrifices than any other touring driver to save money. Schlieper's solution? Just live on the road instead of hauling back to his Sullivan, Wis., home every weekend.

"It's working out," Schlieper said, "but my last diesel bill was (still) \$9,000."

Even at that seemingly outrageous price tag, it is a huge savings over the estimated \$15,000 extra in fuel it would've taken to go home, Schlieper said, and he has found plenty of uses for the extra money.

Both Wallace and Schlieper agreed that the lack of money for traveling can hurt younger drivers trying to make it in the sport.

But staying close to home might've been a benefit to Oak Harbor, Ohio, driver Curtis Deisenroth, a 22 year old who is beginning to make a name for himself on dirt tracks in the northwestern part of the state.

Although Deisenroth had already considered limiting his traveling, fuel costs made it a necessity. He worked overtime to help pay his bills and raced a full schedule at Attica Raceway Park. At the end of the season, after the final points were tallied, Deisenroth had won his first late-model track championship.

The goal for this year, Deisenroth said, was to stay close to home and learn. He's certain he accomplished that and advanced his career.

Just as Deisenroth ended up turning a not-so-good situation into something worthwhile, Drown also looks for a brighter side of the situation.

"(The cost) is definitely affecting some of the decisions we make," Drown said, "but we try to look at the positives and just keep going and have fun like we always do."

That proves it right there: Race drivers are a resilient bunch. And perhaps the most resilient of all are the grassroots drivers.

"We ain't rich," Nelson said. "We make do with what we've got. We get to the track and we run good and I'm happy. We do the best we can."

"It's a money game, always has been."

France Rules The Roost At Zandvoort

ZANDVOORT, Netherlands — A1 Team France claimed the first feature-race victory as A1GP began its fourth season of competition in extremely wet conditions Sunday at Circuit Park Zandvoort.

From third on the grid, Loïc Duval put in a mature drive to take the victory for France. Sprint-race winner Fairuz Fauzy finished second for Malaysia, losing time in the first pit stop due to a problem with the left-rear wheel.

A1GP

Earl Bamber put in an outstanding performance this weekend during his race debut for A1 Team New Zealand to claim third place, his second podium finish of the day.

Australia's John Martin finished in fourth place as Jeroen Bleekemolen of The Netherlands pleased the home Dutch crowd with a fifth-place finish. American driver Charlie Kimball finished 10th after an early spin in the slippery conditions.

Earlier Sunday, Fauzy won the sprint race as the same drivers who would be on the podium later in the

day after the feature made their first appearances on the podium.

Bamber was second and feature-winner Duval third in the sprint race. Bleekemolen followed in fourth place, while Switzerland's Neel Jani completed the top five.

The finish:

Sprint Race: Fairuz Fauzy (Malaysia), Earl Bamber (New Zealand), Loïc Duval (France), Jeroen Bleekemolen (Netherlands), Neel Jani (Switzerland), Adrian Zaugg (South Africa), Fabio Onidi (Italy), Charlie Kimball (USA), Felipe Albuquerque (Portugal), Daniel Morad (Lebanon), John Martin (Australia), Ho-Pin Tung (China), Felipe Guimaraes (Brazil), Jon Woo Hwang (Korea), Satrio Hermanto (Indonesia), Adam Carroll (Ireland), Clivio Piccione (Monaco).

Feature: Duval, Fauzy, Bamber, Martin, Bleekemolen, Piccione, Hwang, Morad, Ho-Pin, Kimball, Albuquerque, Hermanto, Zaugg, Onidi, Guimaraes, Carroll, Jani.

USAC Owners Group Seeks Feedback On New Car

MOUNT MERIDIAN, Ind. — The United States Auto Club Gold Crown Division Owner's Exploratory Group completed a significant step in its further development of the division with a road course test Oct. 1 at Putnam Park.

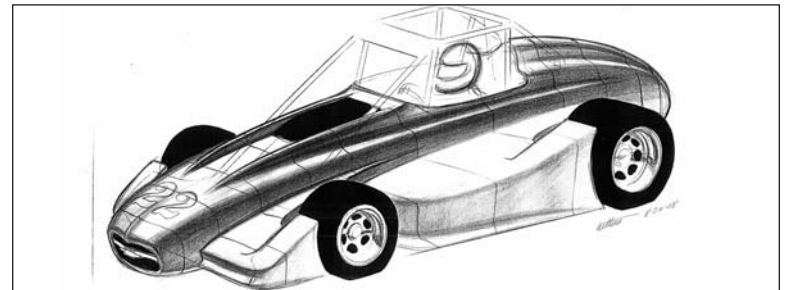
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The test was to evaluate the potential of the Gold Crown division racing on road courses.

"It was an incredibly successful day," stated Aaron Pierce, who drove the Ron Hemelgarn-prepared machine, with power coming from an engine supplied by current Silver Crown car owner Darryl Guiducci. "The car definitely performed to expectations and beyond."

Pierce explained how the car drove. "It was definitely different than the typical road-race car because of the straight axle, but that is a good thing," Pierce explained. "The car made me patient with the throttle, but in the end that will help develop drivers and teach them an important aspect of driving a race car."

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DRAWING BOARD: The USAC Owner's Exploratory Group is looking for feedback on the new Gold Crown car. To offer yours, e-mail gold-crown@usacracing.com.

Operations Jason Smith, USAC Series Coordinator Jason McCord and Vice President of Western Operations for USAC Tommy Hunt attended the test.

"The test certainly proved the viability of racing these cars on a road course," stated OEG Member and chassis manufacturer Bruce Ashmore. "Today was another step in the development of a program that involves many passionate people. Aaron did an incredible job providing

us with outstanding feedback and leading us to a point where we are all very comfortable with how the car performed. We look forward to taking our next step, but we can look forward based on the success of today to knowing we are headed in the right direction."

While Pierce tested the current version of the car, which raced as the USAC Silver Crown pavement car for two seasons, the next version of the car is in the developmental stages.

CASTRONEVES:

Driver's Future With Penske Racing Unknown

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to the judge.

"I can't comment on that because we just don't know," Denker said. "We're operating on what we know and what we don't know, we can't make moves on. It is pure speculation on if and what, and we don't want to comment on that."

Team owner Roger Penske has always taken pride in running a professional operation whether it's his race teams or his businesses, so any hint of wrong doing by a high-profile competitor such as Castroneves can leave an unwanted stain on the team.

"It's not any reflection on Penske's businesses or race team," Denker said Friday. "It's a driver situation that he has to take care of. We will support what we can and do with him in this process. We are obviously disappointed. We will support Helio as best we can."

"It's like a bad pit stop. If something happens, we have to re-approach it from a different standpoint. We rebounded from a transporter fire last month and won the race at

Sonoma. We don't know what the future is going to hold for us. We'll know in the next few weeks what is happening here and Australia, but beyond that we'll have to wait and see — it is pure speculation right now. We read the information in the indictment and that is all we have right now to rely on. We don't have all the facts right now and we can't comment on that."

Team sources indicated that if Castroneves does not continue with the team, they will likely hire another driver to fill his place rather than bring Sam Hornish, Jr. back to IndyCar from NASCAR Sprint Cup.

If Castroneves's seat becomes available, there are several drivers in the IndyCar Series right now who are probably regretting the decisions they have made in the offseason.

A short-term solution could be Tomas Scheckter, who raced for Roger Penske's son, Jay, in a limited schedule in the IndyCar Series this season. However, Scheckter was a disappointment, dropping out of several races because of broken half-shafts.

His status with Jay Penske's Luczo-Dragon Racing is uncertain for next season, but with Castroneves prohibited from leaving the United States, another driver will have to take over that car at Australia.

Penske could also elevate one of his

three drivers in the American Le Mans Series — Timo Bernhard, Romain Dumas and Patrick Long.

As for Castroneves's attorney, Miller is involved with some of the top drivers in NASCAR Sprint Cup, including two-time champion and current points leader Jimmie Johnson, Clint Bowyer and Casey Mears, among others. He previously represented Kyle Busch, who had a well-publicized split with Miller in June 2007 when Hendrick Motorsports decided not to retain Busch as one of its drivers.

"It is certainly shocking," Johnson said Friday. "Alan has been my attorney since I was 15. He has been a great friend and has helped me with a lot of great things. I have an outside tax group that helps me, so right now, everything is the still the same. I'm learning a lot as time goes on here and there is still a lot to be investigated and uncovered moving forward. I'm interested in what we learn."

"I've got a business to run and need to protect myself and my family. With everything I've done with Alan, he has respected my thoughts as a driver almost like a parent would. I have never seen anything out of character with him. I'm shocked, but I'm holding tight to when I decide to make a decision on what is going to happen I have all the information at that point in time."

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Carlson, winner of the ASA Late Model Series Oktoberfest 100 held during day three of the 39th-annual Oktoberfest hosted by the LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

While Carlson won the race, Eddie Hoffman won the ASA Late Models North Championship.

The finish:
Steve Carlson, Brett Moffitt, Jason Tyler, Chad Wood, Michael Pickens, Travis Dassow, Jim Dochow, Jeremy Miller, Joey King, Eddie Hoffman, Dave Gentile, Wes Griffith, Jesse Saunders, Trent Snyder, Nick Schumacher, Anthony Danta, Steven Brooks, Josh Nelms, Trevor Dassow, Jimmy Ganski, J. Herbst, Shane Morrissey, Brent Brevak, Troy Hintsche, Jeremy Lepak, Rebecca Kasten, Chris Eggleston, Bobby Wilberg, Griffith McGrath, Thor Anderson, Jordan Sims.

Mission Possible For Fredrickson

By KEVIN RAMSELL

WEST SALEM, Wis. — Dan Fredrickson was on a mission, and it showed as he drove to his

ASA MW

second-consecutive American Speed Ass'n Kwik Trip Midwest Tour Oktoberfest 100 victory at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

The win secured the 2008 ASAMT Championship for the veteran short-track star.

Nathan Haseleu passed Steve Carlson for second on lap 73, which was the beginning of a slight fade for Carlson, who finished in fifth place behind Travis Sauter in third and Steve Holzhausen.

The finish:
Dan Fredrickson, Nathan Haseleu, Travis Sauter, Steve Holzhausen, Steve Carlson, Cameron Datson, Jason Weinkauff, Andrew Morrissey, Jacob Goede, Russ Blakeley, Donny Reuvers, Kyle Calmes, Frank Kreyer, Blake Horstman, Nick Murgic, Chris Weinkauff, Brett Moffitt, Jeremy Lepak, Jonathan Eilen, Nick Neville, Chris Wimmer, Tim Schendel, Mark Kraus, Jaosh Vadnais, Jamie Iverson, Matt Kocourek, Paul Paine, Rich Loch, Andy Hanson.

Schultz Gets Win, No Title

SOUTH AMHERST, Ohio — Charlie Schultz entered Lorain Speedway Saturday night contending for the MSA

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supermodified championship title against Dave Shullick, Jr. and Tim Jedrzejek, and took the lead to walk away with the victory, but not the title.

Early leader Bob Dawson followed Schultz to the stripe in second with Jack Smith in third. Moe Lilje and Shullick rounded out the top five. Jedrzejek managed to secure the championship with a 10th-place finish after a motor change and falling a lap off the pace earlier in the night.

The finish:
Charlie Schultz, Bob Dawson, Jack Smith, Moe Lilje, Dave Shullick, Jr., Randy Burch, Tim Ice, Jim Paller, Sean Sauer, Tim Jedrzejek, Jon Henes, Matt Palmer, Todd Buchanan, Brandon Fisher, Denny Fisher, Rob Stasick.



MARK MELCHIORI PHOTO

FAMILY TRADITION: Ross Kenseth (25) follows early leader Bobby Wilberg during Saturday's Big 8 feature at Wisconsin's LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

Teen Kenseth Retraces Roots In Big 8 Triumph

WEST SALEM, Wis. — Fifteen years after his father, Matt, captured the Oktoberfest 100, 15-year-old Ross

BIG 8

Kenseth won his first Oktoberfest event in the BRP Big 8 Series 48-lap feature Saturday at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

Starting on the front row alongside Bobby Wilberg, Kenseth challenged Wilberg for the top spot in the race's early stages. The two touched on lap 17, and Kenseth powered around a loose Wilberg. The

rookie paced the remainder of the event.

Michael Bachaus came home second, with Brent Kirchner, Brad Powell and Todd Korish completing the top five.

With his eighth-place finish, Jeremy Miller defended his Big 8 Series championship by one point over runner-up Michael Bilderback.

The finish:
Ross Kenseth, Michael Bachaus, Brent Kirchner, Brad Powell, Todd Korish, Bob Wilberg, Tony Bagstad, Jeremy Miller, Mike Ehde, Wes Coon, Michael Bilderback, Kris Kelly, Dan Jung, Ryan Carlson, Paul Prosch, Michael Pickens, Tim Noble, Ed Szlagowski, Scott Broughton, Tim Syvrud, Steve Dobbatz, Ryan Miles, Ty Reedy, Bill Niles, Skylar Holzhausen, Tyler Sauter, Todd Oliver, Jim Duchow.

Oktoberfest Victory Hands Swan Third-Straight Title

WEST SALEM, Wis. — Coming in dramatic fashion, James Swan clinched his third straight American

MASCS

Stock Car Series title with a win in Saturday's season-ending Oktoberfest 35 at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

Starting on the second row, Swan fought his way around leader Kevin Lutz on lap 21 just as the caution waved, bringing the field to the previous lap's line up and kicking Swan back to the second row.

A caution with eight laps to go gave second-place Swan the break he needed. When the race resumed, he drove around Brian Back on lap 28 and cruised to the victory, his first of the season and his first Oktoberfest triumph.

Kenny Smart finished second, followed by Back, Justin Neisius and Rod Brewe.

Swan took the title, his fourth overall, by 90 points over Kyle Shear.

The finish:
James Swan, Kenny Smart, Brian Back, Justin Neisius, Rod Brewe, Paul Neisius, Kevin Moenic, Bill Prieletz, Jeremy Spoonmore, Kyle Shear.

Haseleu Takes Trickle 99

WEST SALEM, Wis. — With a third-place finish in the final segment, Nathan Haseleu

OKTOBERFEST

notched the overall triumph in Friday night's Dick Trickle 99 late-model event during Oktoberfest at LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway.

Frank Kreyer held off last year's winner, Steve Holzhausen, to win the first segment before the field was inverted to start the next portion of the event. A late charge by Donny Reuvers was no match for Andy Hanson, who took the checkered flag in the second segment.

An 11-car inversion began the

final stint with Jacob Goede holding a one-point margin over Haseleu, Jeremy Lepak and Holzhausen. While Steve Carlson drove toward the victory, the battle heated up between Goede and Haseleu for the overall score.

When second-place Tim Rothe stumbled on the final lap, Haseleu crossed the line in third while Goede came home in sixth, handing the overall win to Haseleu by two points over runner-up Jason Weinkauff.

The finish:
Nathan Haseleu, Jason Weinkauff, Steve Holzhausen, Jacob Goede, Jeremy Lepak, Steve Carlson, Tim Rothe, Eddie Hoffman, Russ Blakeley, Brett Moffitt, Don Turner, Frank Keyer, Donny Reuvers, Jason Schneider, Andy Hanson, Tim Schendel, Nick Neville, Blake Horstman, Paul Paine, Derek Neville, Nick Hammer, Nick Panitzke, Dean LaPointe, Andrew Morrissey.



TED ROSSINO, JR. PHOTO

PENSKE ON PARADE: The three DHL-backed Penske Racing Porsches run nose to tail during Saturday's American Le Mans Series Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga.



PHIL CAVALI PHOTO

REFRESHING: Mike Wallace (right) helps Todd Bodine celebrate his victory in Saturday's NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Mountain Dew 250 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.



HEIN BROTHERS PHOTO

TAKING FLIGHT: Casey Shuman (57) flips through the air and makes hard contact with Jesse Cramer after smacking the wall during a heat race in Saturday's Midwest Sprint Car Series event at Lawrenceburg (Ind.) Speedway. Both drivers escaped uninjured.



ALMS PHOTO

LONG AND WINDING ROAD: The American Le Mans Series files around the 2.54-mile Road Atlanta course during Saturday's Petit Le Mans at the Braselton, Ga., track.

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Lessman said another try would be made next year when 400 mph will be the goal. Since moving from Indianapolis to North Carolina, Riley Technologies has broadened its horizons, developing successful on-track vehicles for the Rolex Sports Car Series, American Le Mans Series, USAC Silver Crown, the Japanese GT Championship Series and the new Koni Challenge Chevrolet Camaro. For those wishing for further information on Riley projects, call **Bill Riley** at (704) 663-6319 or visit www.rileytech.com.

The recent opening of New Jersey Motorsports Park, with its side-by-side Lightning and Thunderbolt road courses, enthralled members of the Northern New Jersey Region SCCA. One of the region's biggest yearly events, the Jersey Road Racing Classic, will be presented Oct. 17-18 on the Lightning circuit. This new facility is in Millville, N.J., some 50 miles south of Philadelphia.

ARGABRIGHT: Thomason's Gas City Success Story

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enough, he won the last feature here before the track closed. It reopened in 1996, and in 1997 Jiggs came on board, as word quickly got around that this new guy was, in his own way, memorable.

"Have you been to that new track up at Gas City?" I remember being asked. "That guy who runs it, he actually walks around and thanks the racers for coming!"

There are many good tracks in Indiana, and many good

FORUM: Readers Still Fired Up About National Anthem

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Shootout Changes

An interesting note in your paper, "Changes On Tap For Bud Shootout." "Added excitement," it says. For some reason, it included race fans with manufacturers in the same sentence. I grew up in the 1940s, watching my uncle (Len Faas) race midgets. I didn't

Down in Charlotte, N.C., the city fathers have approved a new budget for the under-construction NASCAR Hall of Fame, which calls for an additional \$32 million, bringing its cost to more than \$195 million. This new downtown facility is scheduled to open in April 2010.

Nothing to do with motorsport, but nevertheless interesting. From Pole Position, the newsletter of the Northern N.J. Region SCCA, we learn that the bow section of the new U.S. Navy ship USS New York contains 24 tons of steel recovered from New York's World Trade Center's 9/11 Ground Zero rubble, which was melted down for the job. In the same vein, the now under-construction naval vessel USS Arlington is employing steel from the Pentagon, which was attacked the same day. The USS Somerset is using steel in her hull from a coal mining dragline excavator, which was in the Pennsylvania field where Flight 93 crashed on Sept. 11.

The Grim Reaper had some very busy days last month. Taken from us by illness were West Coast racing journalist **Mike Hollander**; Midwestern

racing writer **Hal Hamrick** and **John Libby**, former secretary of the Minnesota State Fair who, in his tenure there, saw to it that auto racing played a major part of the annual 10-day exposition. Our condolences to their survivors.

It's been 10 years since **Jim Murray**, the syndicated sports columnist who always favored auto racing, passed away. On Thursday, Oct. 30 at California's Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, the annual Murray Tribute to the Living Legends of Sports & Media and dinner will be held. Phone (760) 771-4547 for particulars on attending.

Australian **Kevin Kalkhoven**, a half owner with **Jimmy Vasser** of Indy Racing League team KV Racing, says if the annual Surfers Paradise race in Australia is dropped from the 2009 IRL schedule, the team's primary sponsor, Aussie Vineyards, will go away and likely the team as well. Vasser reports the AV backing is half the team's annual budget.

The annual convention and banquet of the National Old Timers Auto Racing Club says jackets will be required at its 2 p.m. Oct. 19 affair at the Flemington American Legion Hall on Route 31 in the central

Jersey town of Flemington. Unfortunately, Flemington no longer has a race track, its fabled four-cornered half-mile raceway recently lost to development. Dinner tix are \$35 per person.

The career of the late **Wendell Scott** is chronicled in "Hard Driving," a new book by **Brian Donovan**. This well-researched \$25.95 book from Steerforth is subtitled "An American Odyssey of America's First Black Driver" and has received rave reviews. Of interest is its coverage of Scott's ban by the then Darlington Raceway head man **Bob Colvin** and Colvin's use of the "n" word. Touched on is the change of heart by NASCAR founder **Bill France**, who had pledged early to help Scott with his racing career until it appeared he might start winning.

Rockingham (N.C.) Dragway owner and operator **Steve Earwood** was named the IHRA Promoter of the Year at a recent gathering of IHRA track promoters and officials in Ohio. Rockingham is the only track which hosts two IHRA events during the course of the season, and is preparing for the IHRA season finale Oct. 17-19. Keep up the good work, Steve.

someone capable of doing a great job.

"But I want 'er to stay open, for sure. 'Cause once you close one, boy, it's done. It's just too hard to get 'em opened back up."

That's what makes his success story here at Gas City so notable. In the early 1990s, we had written off this track as nothing more than a brief memory. But Thomason — with unwavering support from Himelick — did the impossible and rekindled the fires of competition here.

Thomason, a native of this county, did something very special for his community: He made this place a Friday night happening in the summer; drawing lots of local interest

and pride. Area citizens could point to the track as one of the best in the state, if not in the country.

Sure, they'll find somebody to replace Jiggs and Nona. The new people can prepare the track, place the ads, hire the help, pay the bills, order the supplies and open the gates on Friday night. I hope they realize, though, that making this race track special is about more than that.

It's about seeing that genuine smile on Jiggs's face, even when it's about to rain. It's about that kind, friendly greeting from Nona, even when she was busy.

Yes, they can replace Jiggs and Nona. But not really.

the playing of our national anthem.

The camera shots during the playing of our national anthem show very few in the pits with their right hands over their hearts and many look bored. We have these TV stars who should be role models who should be showing respect for our country, our flag, our national anthem and the service men and women who keep us free.

It behooves the ad agencies of the multi-million dollar sponsors to demand the very best appearances of their beneficiaries.

The NASCAR teams have the privilege to work in a great industry in the greatest country in the world. We are sup-

ported by our hundreds of thousands of service men and women who are fighting overseas and in this nation so we can have the freedom to pursue a sport so many of us cherish.

These service people are the ones we should show respect to by the removing of our caps, placing our fight hand over our heart during the playing of our national anthem. There isn't a one of these service people who would not want to trade places from their embattlement to be here and enjoy the race. Let us show them we care for their sacrifices.

Dean Hastie
Alexandria, Va.

Shakedown At Englishtown Is Becoming Major Event

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THE STRAIGHTLINE

Michelle Marchese furiously was text-messaging her friend on Labor Day at the National Hot Rod Ass'n's U.S. Nationals at Indianapolis.

Mike Castellana was preparing for the final round of the Jeg's ProMod Challenge race there, and Marchese was anxious. She wanted him to win, she said in the message, but she didn't want him setting any records. That, she hoped, would come Oct. 4-5 at her race track, Old Bridge Township Raceway Park in Englishtown, N.J.

The breeze that evening was just a sigh of relief from the East Coast that Castellana had won — and that he still might set the highly anticipated first nitrous-injected Pro Modified sub-6-second pass at The Shakedown at E-Town.

That's the heads-up Outlaw doorslammer race that quickly has become the fall drag-racing classic in the Northeast, with the cooler temperatures and atmospheric conditions ideal for record-shattering runs on the quarter-mile that already is known for its hook. The Shakedown at E-Town sounds so menacing and so deliciously competitive. And that's exactly what founder and promoter Dave Hance has built — a high-horsepower, high-drama, higher-and-higher-paying spectacle of speed and elapsed times.

And with Saturday's and Sunday's record-smashing performances — not from Castellana, but rather from rival Jim Halsey in the Pro Mod Nitrous class and dominating young Scott Cannon in the Pro Mod Blown class and Outlaw 10.5 ace Tim Lynch, among others — this event has grown into a tradition in six short years.

A lot of people might not know who Michelle Marchese is — yet.

But anyone who has driven a hot rod at the fabled Englishtown drag strip and stops by the trophy room afterward knows he'll get a heartfelt, "Hi, how are ya?" from Marchese. She's juggling conversations at the window, answering the phone attached to the cinder-block wall and her cell phone simultaneously, handing out trophies and plaques, and feeding the race track's adopted cats.

Starting this past Monday, her 23-hour workdays are focusing on how to make the next Shakedown better.

Her organizational and marketing skills have paid off handsomely for Raceway Park and Dave Hance. The Shakedown at E-Town has a reputation that rivals the NHRA's annual stop in June. After this past weekend, The Shakedown might have sur-



SUSAN WADE

passed it — at least, in today's political parlance, gotten a significant bounce in exit polling.

Hance decided he wanted to increase the purse, create new classes and go for a TV deal and two-day event this year. Working with Raceway Park and the presiding Napp family, Hance negotiated the details and Marchese has been the liaison in making sure it all falls into place. Castellana spearheaded the move to secure Al-Anabi Racing as the event title sponsor: It's the same Qatar outfit that will be backing Alan Johnson's highly anticipated return to NHRA nitro-racing team ownership in 2009.

Marchese, who subscribes to the Donald Trump/Humpy Wheeler business theory, "If you're going to dream, dream big," immediately loved Hance's idea nearly seven years ago as much as she loves the soft-swirl ice cream with tons of sprinkles at Magnifico's on Route 18 in East Brunswick.

She threw her considerable energy and talent into helping Hance see his dream come true at Raceway Park. She had seen the late visionary Vinny Napp spin his magic there, and she could see the grandstands and pits full of racers and fans and electricity.

They were there this past weekend, as Halsey and his Gene Fulton-prepped '68 Camaro dominated his class with the first and only 5.9-second runs — five in a row from qualifying through four elimination rounds to earn the \$20,000 jackpot.

Von Smith put the brakes on Scott Cannon, Jr., the reigning IHRA Pro Mod champion who recorded drag racing's quickest and fastest lap for a doorslammer car with his 5.738-second pass at a record 252.71-mph speed. He's \$20,000 richer for it.

Tim Lynch has been the gang to foil at the past three Shakedowns, had his twin-turbo Mustang dialed in for dollars and dominance once again. He was top qualifier with a 6.543/218.34 that he eclipsed before day's end Sunday with a third-round blast at 6.495 at 224.43.

They all deserve ice cream, with stop sprinkles, at Magnifico's. But Marchese deserves that and a good night's rest.

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