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# NSCS Goes Digital with Dashboard Tests

Digital dashboards have been around for more than 30 years. For NASCAR, it's an idea that's just now catching on.

Much like the switches to unleaded gasoline and fuel injection systems, the stock-car organization is comfortable with taking its time keeping up with the times. The

The move from leaded gasoline to unleaded didn't come until 2007, although U.S. manufacturers moved to unleaded fuels in 1975.

The evolution to digital readouts is another step toward making NASCAR appear to be more contemporary. Team may start using digital dashboard for the road-course race at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International on Aug. 9, and the new dashboards will be mandatory for 2016.



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"It's evolving and it's something that we think can be a real game changer for the sport in terms of us showcasing technology," NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell recently told XMSirius Radio. "There's also some proprietary information. We want to make sure we keep that with

the teams from a competitive standpoint, but some really cool stuff potentially coming for '16 and I think the fans will ultimately enjoy what they see."

NASCAR has been slow to conform because it wants its cars to be driven by mechanics and drivers, not computers. Fuel injections presented a big challenge because of the temptation to use electronics to affect the car, especially with throttle response.

"I think as far as technology is concerned it's a double-edged sword," Brad Keselowski said. "We certainly need a level of technology if we're going to engage our fan

new dashboards, which were tested by nine drivers two weeks ago at the Kentucky Speedway, are designed to give drivers more information without affecting the car's performance.

While NASCAR hasn't decided what information will be allowed, drivers were allowed to play with lap times, fuel consumption and more-precise tachometer and suspension readings during the test.

"As time goes on and the teams all have an adequate allotment of the dashes, we'll be able to run them in our cars ourselves," Jimmie Johnson said. "And then I think, over time, they'll continue to open up options for us to use. Right now, it's set-up pretty basic. But I think in time, it will open up the options and we'll have plenty of buttons to push to get lost in there."

Manufacturers switched to fuel injection in 1975. NASCAR didn't phase out carburetors in favor of fuel injection until 2012.

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base, especially the next generation, so I think we have to have a balance between that and exactly what you said.

"We can't allow computers to drive the race cars or this becomes more of a chess match than a race. So in that sense we have to keep that balanced."

Johnson isn't concerned about getting too much information, especially since the dashboards tested at Kentucky allowed drivers to get several screens of information by pushing a variety of buttons.

While other forms of motorsports already have digital technology, most don't have bumper-to-bumper, three-wide packs of traffic at 200 mph like NASCAR. The chance to capture the imagination of younger fans is worth the possi-

ble distraction, especially since fans will be able to see the same readouts on their mobile devices, O'Donnell said.

"When you look at motorsports, especially four-wheel motorsports around the world, our cockpits are pretty tame compared to an F-1 steering wheel or even the sports car stuff I've driven," he said. "They've got more knobs and switches that I even know what to do with."

"So, I like to see the technology coming, and I think it's relative. I think the demographic of younger race fans and the technology-driven world that we live in, it would be relevant and I think it's a good move on NASCAR's behalf to give us these tools and the upgraded technology."



Jamie McMurray tweeted this image of the digital dashboard that several drivers used in the tests at Kentucky Speedway recently. (NASCAR.com photo)

# Remembering A Friend

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Steven Patrick Byrnes lost his courageous battle with cancer. The 56-year old Fort Mill, South Carolina resident was one of the most respected and popular members of the fraternity called the NASCAR family.

The passing of Steve Byrnes has been well documented

during the past several days with many well-deserved tributes throughout the sports world. From race tracks to major league baseball stadiums, Byrnes has been remembered with a moment of silence. Each and every one a tribute to a man who was so much

more than merely the sportscaster that America loved each week on television.

Byrnes was born in Chicago, Illinois and raised in New Carrollton, Maryland. He was a 1981 graduate of the University of Maryland with a Radio, Television, and Film degree. Before transferring to Maryland, Byrnes attended James Madison University for one year where he played football.

Byrnes began his 30+ year broadcasting career in Washington, D.C. as a weekend sports producer. His first on-air job was in Charleston, South Carolina in 1982. His career led him to hosting a variety of programs related to NASCAR on The History Channel and The Nashville Network (TNN). Byrnes moved to Charlotte (NC) in 1985 and worked as a pit road reporter for CBS, WTBS, and TNN as well as hosting Darrell Waltrip's Racers program on TNN.

Byrnes joined Fox Sports in 2001 as host and reporter for many NASCAR related programs. He served as a pit reporter for NASCAR on Fox for their Sprint Cup Series races from 2001-2014. He served as play-by-play announcer for Fox Sports 1 and their Camping World Truck Series events and co-hosted NASCAR Race Hub for the network.

I could expand of the accolades of Steve Byrnes for columns and columns, but the friend I enjoyed was much more than a trusted

voice for motorsports.

When I was working in Public Relations and Marketing in NASCAR motorsports, I had the opportunity to meet Steve Byrnes. He was in the beginning stages of his broadcasting career, but you'd never know it. He had the respect of everyone that came in touch with him – drivers, crew members, track and series officials, fellow media members, and fans. He was one of the hardest working and devoted broadcasters who ever worked in the sport. Regardless of the team, driver, or sponsor, Steve Byrnes would take time to talk with you and find out what was happening with you. He took the time to "work the garage" and prepare his notes for a telecast as well as anyone. He was often among the first media at the track and the last to leave. His dedication to our sport

and his job was an inspiration to everyone.

I always enjoyed spending time with Byrnes at race tracks around the country. We talked about sports in general, not just NASCAR racing. Steve was an avid Maryland fan, and we had many lively discussions about athletic contests between my alma mater, N.C. State, and his Terps. We were both Washington Redskin fans and enjoyed celebrating their victories. His knowledge of sports other than NASCAR racing would surprise many, but not those who had the opportunity to "just talk sports" with him.

Steve Byrnes was first and foremost a loving husband to wife of 22 years Karen and father to 12-year old son Bryson. A Godly man, Byrnes served as an inspiration to anyone fighting the terrible cancer disease following his diagnosis in 2013. His courage throughout all the treatments was shared with thousands and his motto of "Be Present" will live forever.

Last week at Bristol Motor Speedway, the NASCAR community paid tribute to Steve Byrnes. With the race named in support of Steve Byrnes, the NASCAR community, and the sports world in general, showed Byrnes just how much he was loved and respected. #ByrnesStrong became the message for everyone. The television and radio coverage of the weekend did an outstanding job of sharing the

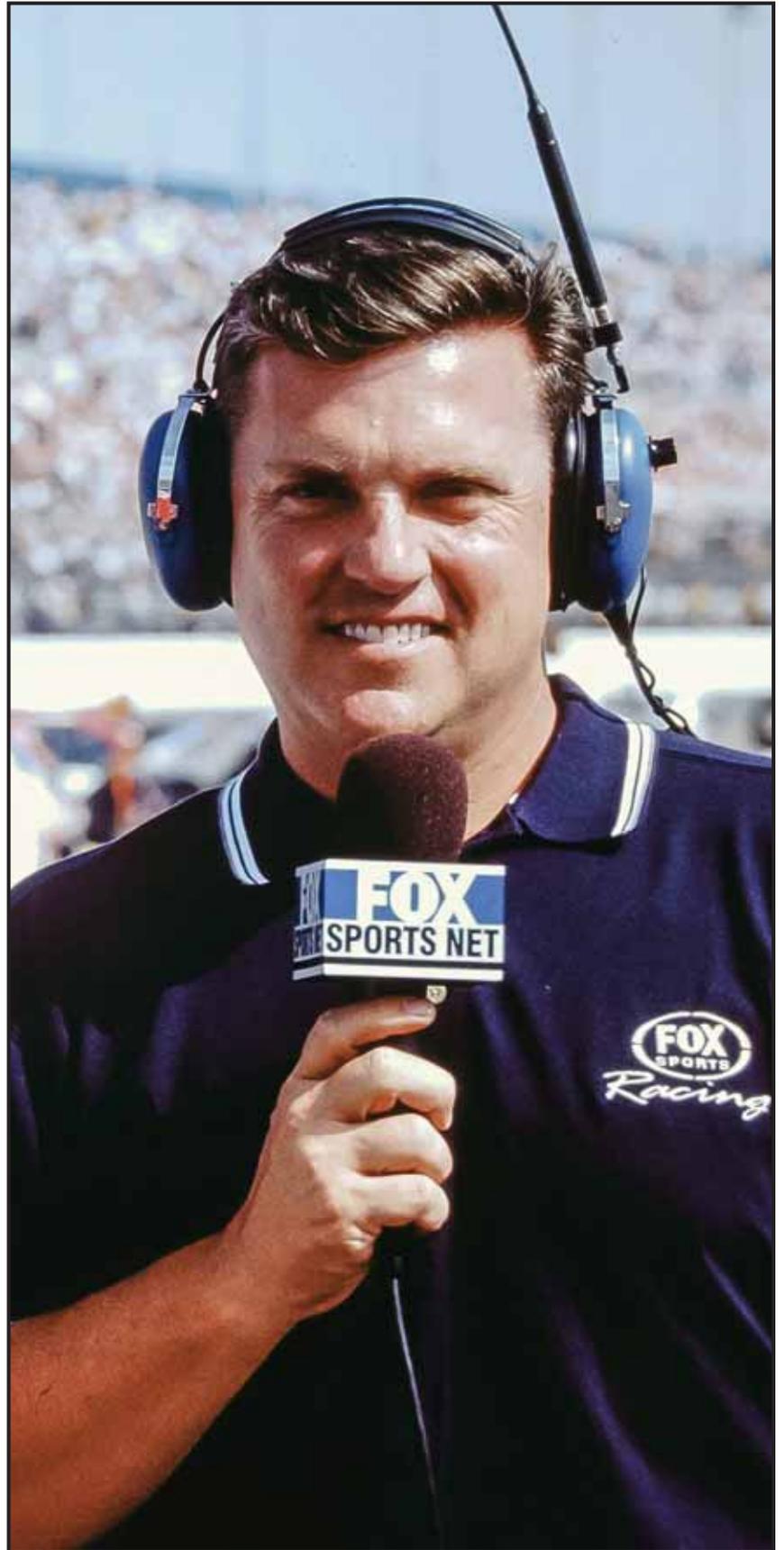
love felt for their missing "family member". Fortunately, Steve and his family were able to witness this outpouring of love from his hospital room in Charlotte.

Steve, many tributes and words have been used by friends, family, associates, and fans to express their love for you. Anything that I can say would only echo those many heartfelt thoughts. In our

lives, we are surrounded by many people every day. Some come into our lives and pass us by. Some, we work with by necessity. Others help mold, shape, and affect our lives for the greater good. You, my friend, are that person who affected me for the greater good. I am better, as are so many others, for having known you. You were a rare breed of man who could have a positive and meaningful influence on others, take on life's thumps, and keep on ticking. You will remain in my heart. Until we meet again.



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# Kurt Busch Dominates to Win Postponed Race at Richmond, Seals Chase Berth

RICHMOND, VA - Suspension to redemption.

After being suspended for three NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races earlier this season after an alleged domestic violence incident, Kurt Busch won Sunday's postponed Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond International Raceway in a dominating performance, virtually locking up a spot in this year's Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup.

"It's an incredible feeling," said Busch, who was reinstated March 11 and granted a waiver into the Chase. "It's a total team effort. And the way that everything came together, it just seemed like we were building, building and building towards a great finish like this.

"I have this opportunity because of Gene Haas and everybody that's a part of our family at Stewart-Haas. It's an unbelievable feeling when you pull deep from within, you go through troubles and you know when you're accused of something and things go sideways. Your personal life doesn't need to affect your business life and I'm here in Victory Lane. It feels great to do it at Richmond."

Pole sitter Joey Logano led the first 50 laps of the race, until the scheduled competition caution waved allowing teams the opportunity to pit for fuel, tires and adjustments.

The top 10 left pit road as they entered, but Jamie McMurray had to come down pit road a second time after being informed his team left lug nuts loose.

Logano led the field back to green and maintained the race lead through Lap 94, when Kurt Busch challenged and inherited the lead on Lap 95. The Stewart-Haas Racing driver pulled to an eight-tenths of a second lead by Lap 100 and extended it until a Lap 127 caution when Joey Gase wrecked on the backstretch.

Busch won the race off pit road and controlled the field through the halfway point with a 0.826 second advantage over Brad Keselowski in second. Through the long run, McMurray climbed through the field and momentarily challenged Busch for the top spot on Lap 259, but



**Kurt Busch, driver of the #41 Haas Automation Chevrolet, celebrates with champagne and crew chief Tony Gibson in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond International Raceway. (B. LAWDERMILK/GETTY IMAGES photo)**

Busch reasserted himself a lap later.

McMurray regained control of the lead a lap later and led until green flag pit stops began on Lap 263 with McMurray pitting on Lap 265. Meanwhile, Keselowski stayed out and shuffled into the lead. Nearing the end of green flag stops, Brett Moffitt made contact with the wall in Turn 4 bringing out the fifth caution of the day, leaving only three cars on the lead lap.

Keselowski, Justin Allgaier and Busch all pitted under the yellow, with McMurray benefiting from the free pass, putting himself back on the lead lap. Fifteen cars behind them elected to take the wave around, putting 19 cars on the lead lap for the restart.

Busch checked out on the restart, ahead of Allgaier and Keselowski. Meanwhile, McMurray had to make another climb back

through the field and made his way to the bumper of Allgaier on Lap 315 for second. Once past the HScott Motorsports driver, McMurray trailed Busch by more than four seconds.

With 50 laps to go, McMurray trimmed the lead down to less than three seconds, but the yellow flag waved a lap later, saving a number of the front-running teams from making their final planned stop under green.

The race resumed with 42 laps remaining and unchanged at the front. Two quick cautions set up for a 26-lap shootout between Busch, McMurray, Jimmie Johnson, Kevin Harvick and Logano.

Escaping the field quickly, Busch checked out, with the battle on for the runner-up spot. Harvick – aptly nicknamed the "The Closer" – made the pass on McMurray on Lap 382 and set sights on his Stew-

art-Haas Racing teammate for the win.

Harvick chipped away at his deficit, but the reigning champion was no match for Busch, putting a period on a stellar performance by claiming his 26th-career Sprint Cup Series victory and second at Richmond. The 36-year old led a race-high 291 of the event's 400 laps.

"Tony Gibson is an amazing crew chief and I'm glad I've got the chance to work with him," Busch said. "We got it done today."

Behind Busch and Harvick, Johnson was third followed by McMurray, Logano, Kasey Kahne, Matt Kenseth, Jeff Gordon, Clint Bowyer and Martin Truex Jr. to round out the top 10.

The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series resumes next Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway for the GEICO 500. Denny Hamlin is the defending race winner.

# Denny Hamlin Dominates XFINITY Series Race at Richmond

RICHMOND, VA - Domination must be contagious.

Six days after Joey Logano led all 300 laps in a NASCAR XFINITY Series race at Bristol, Denny Hamlin led 248 of 250 circuits in winning Friday night's ToyotaCare 250 at Richmond International Raceway.

The only two laps that spoiled a Hamlin no-hitter were Brian Scott's dive bomb off Turn 4 to lead Lap 154 by inches and Elliott Sadler's contrarian fuel strategy, which allowed him to lead Lap 226 during a cycle of green-flag pit stops before Hamlin, on fresh tires, roared back past him on Lap 227.

Aside from those fleeting moments, however, it was no contest.

"He was so fast—we had nothing for him," said Logano, who could keep Hamlin in sight for five or six laps after a restart, only to have the No. 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota drive away. "We had a second-place car. That's where it was, just second place.

"I know what it feels like to be on the other end of the butt-whipping now. It's not as much fun from this side. But congrats to them. They

deserved it, obviously. We didn't have a shot."

In winning the 12th NASCAR XFINITY Series race of his career, his first of the season and his third at Richmond, Hamlin held leads as large as 6.5 seconds and crossed the finish line 3.719 seconds ahead of Logano, with just eight cars on the lead lap.

Regan Smith was third, followed by Erik Jones, Chase Elliott and rookie Daniel Suarez, as Joe Gibbs Racing placed three drivers in the top six (Hamlin, Jones and Suarez).

The victory was the 100th for Toyota in the XFINITY Series.

"The 100th XFINITY win for Toyota—that's a big one," Hamlin said. "I was able to get the 100th [NASCAR Sprint] Cup win at Loudon a few years ago for those guys and JGR. This is a big win for everyone. I'm glad to be working with Wheels again (crew chief Mike Wheeler). He put a rocket under us tonight."

Given the way he ran on Friday, Hamlin seemed fully recovered from the neck spasms that sidelined him during last Sunday's Sprint Cup race at Bristol.

Quick action by emergency workers prevented a potential tragedy on pit road during pit stops



Winning the ToyotaCare 250 put Denny Hamlin's 100th win in the record books. (S. LECKA/GETTY IMAGES photo)



The only time second-place Joey Logano (22) got near passing race winner, Denny Hamlin (20) was during restarts. Hamlin's domination covered 248 out of 250 laps in the ToyotaCare 250 at Richmond. (N. KINRADE/NKP photo)

under the second caution of the race.

A spark ignited spilled fuel behind the car of Brendan Gaughan, engulfing rear tire changer Anthony O'Brien in a fireball that was quickly extinguished. Nevertheless, O'Brien, Gaughan's fueler, Josh Wittman, and Clifford Turner, a crew member from Eric McClure's team were taken to a local hospital for treatment and observation as a result of the incident.

**NOTE:** Series leader Ty Dillon finished ninth and holds an eight-point lead over second-place Elliott, the defending series champion. Chris Buescher, who entered the event tied with Dillon, finished 20th and fell to third in the standings, 11 points back.

## Hometown Win Perfect For Woody Pitkat

STAFFORD, CT - Woody Pitkat completed a picture perfect homecoming Sunday afternoon.

The 35-year-old Stafford, Connecticut, driver powered to the victory in the NAPA Spring Sizzler 200, the traditional season-opening event for Stafford Motor Speedway. In the process, the driver of the No. 88 Buzz Chew Chevrolet/Elbow East Chevrolet became the first hometown driver to win the prestigious NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event.

It was Pitkat's third career tour win. He scored his first career win last year in the August event at Stafford before following it up with a win a month later at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"To have a car that's that good – and it's been that good since I've been with these guys – it's just un-

real," Pitkat said.

"I never thought at 16 years old racing a DARE Stock that one day I'd come here and win a tour race, especially the Spring Sizzler with how big it is."

Sunday, Pitkat led the last 40 laps after muscling his way past Todd Szegedy through the bottom of Turn 3. It was the last of 11 lead changes.

Szegedy held onto the runner-up spot, followed by Ryan Preece. Preece won the Coors Light Pole Award in Saturday's qualifying, just edging Pitkat for the top spot. Preece led four times for a race-high 69 laps, while Pitkat led 49.

Eric Goodale and Donny Lia were fourth and fifth, respectively, in Sunday's race.

"I would say that Woody just won the race of his life," said Szegedy. "To win at his home track, to win the Spring Sizzler, that has to be amazing. He's mastered this track and he's come a long way."

Doug Coby, Rowan Pennink,



Woody Pitkat takes the checkered flag to win the NAPA Spring Sizzler 200 Sunday at Stafford (Conn.) Motor Speedway. (Maddie Meyer/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

Patrick Emerling, Jamie Tomaino and Sunoco Rookie of the Race Brandon Bock rounded out the top 10.

Pitkat assumed the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour championship points lead for the first time in his career, three points ahead of

Coby and seven over Preece. Szegedy and Goodale are both 12 points behind Pitkat.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to the track Saturday, May 30 with the Mr. Rooter 161 at Connecticut's New London-Waterford Speedbowl.

## Timothy Peters Survives Wild Finish To Score Victory On Final Lap

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - When you are racing for \$10,000 and bragging rights anything can happen, and it did Thursday night during the final lap of the Eighth Annual Denny Hamlin Short Track Challenge.

Danville, Virginia native, Timothy Peters avoided a spinning Lee Pulliam on the final lap of the green-white-checked finish to claim his first win in the charity race at his home track.

Peters started second to Pulliam on Lap 208 and the two raced side-by-side for the lead at the white flag.

Josh Berry, who was third at the time, made contact with Pulliam going in to the final turn sending Pulliam around.

Peters was able to stay high and finish just ahead of runner-up William Byron.

Mark Wertz, who started on the final row, finished third with Tommy Lemons Jr. and Tyler Ankrum rounding out the top five.

Austin Thaxton, Dalton Sargeant, Kaz Grala, Brenden Queen and Pulliam completed the top 10.

Berry was penalized for aggressive driving and finished 17 and was the last car running on the final lap.

Denny Hamlin started in the top 10 but had his night end early, after suffering a valve train problem that sent him to the garage on Lap 69.

Last year's winner Matt Bowling, was running second before electrical problems forced him to the back of the field where he finished 12.

Defending NASCAR Xfinity Series champion Chase Elliott ran in the top-10 most of the night, but motor issues ended his night on Lap 192.

The race was slowed by 10 cautions and two red flags.

**Timothy Peters celebrates his \$10,000 win in the Denny Hamlin Short Track Showdown at South Boston Speedway Thursday night. Peters avoided Lee Pulliam spinning on the last lap to win at his home track. (James Price photo)**





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# Schrader Earns 18th Career ARCA Win With Victory at Salem Speedway

SALEM, IN - Ken Schrader held onto the lead during several late-race restarts and pulled away from the rest of the field to win Sunday's Federated Auto Parts 200 at Salem Speedway.

Schrader, 59, won for the first time at Salem since 1999, picking up his 18th all-

time ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards victory. He led the final 138 laps.

"Just winning anywhere feels good," Schrader said. "It had been so long since we've been able to win here. We've had a good car here several times, but for whatever reason we didn't win it."

Driving the No. 22 Cunningham Motorsports Ford, Kyle Weatherman charged in front of Dominic Ursetta on the final lap to finish second. Fifteen-year-old J.J. Haley was fourth in the Braun Auto Chevrolet and Austin Wayne Self finished fifth in the AM Technical Solutions Ford.

The first of six cautions came out on lap five, scrambling the field.

"That early wreck put us off the whole race," Weatherman said. "I had to fight back from bad track position. It was hard to pass. I never give up and always race to the end."

Ursetta's Venturini Motorsports teammate, Brandon Jones, finished sixth, with three-time Salem Speedway winner Tom Hessert bringing the Barbera's Autoland Ford home seventh. Clayton Weatherman placed eighth in his first ARCA race in the United Nissan-St. Charles Glass Ford while SCOTT Rookie Challenge leader David Levine was ninth in the Gary Yeomans-Ford Performance-TraqGear Ford. James Swanson scored his first career top 10 in the Kan Do Dodge. Swanson was the final car on the lead lap.

Haley gave Schrader a battle for the lead with 50 laps to go, before getting passed.

"We had to start 26th, so it was a challenge," Haley said. "I could have ended my day really early. I was up to seventh by lap eight, so that was really good. On my second pit stop, I went from ninth to second, so I have to thank my pit crew for that track position. We

could have contended for the win, it's just some things didn't play into our favor."

Josh Williams, who entered the race second in driver points, finished 19th after leaving the race for handling issues at lap 111.

The win for Schrader saw the end of Grant Enfinger's three-race winning streak. It was the second consecutive season that Enfinger started the year with three straight wins – the first ARCA Racing Series driver to do so.

Enfinger was battling Schrader for the lead with 26 laps to go when he made it up to second place. But, he said, he drove the car a little too hard and ending up breaking a rear track bar mount. He finished 13th, eight laps down.

"We didn't have that great of car to be racing with Kenny at the end," Enfinger said. "We were giving it all we had there at the end. I'm trying not to get too down on it. We've still had a great start to the year."

In addition to Schrader, Enfinger led 23 laps and Hessert 39.

Schrader's last ARCA win came at DuQuoin in 2013, when he was 58, giving him the distinction of being the oldest winner in series history. Schrader, who turns 60 on May 29, surpasses his own mark now as the oldest winner in series history.

His win came in front of a good crowd at the historic southern Indiana track, which has been home to



Ken Schrader is all smiles in victory lane after winning at Salem Speedway. (arcaracing.com photo)

a record 97 ARCA races. Saturday's practice and qualifying were rained out, leaving the teams and drivers only a 30 minute practice session on Sunday morning to prepare for the race.

The ARCA Racing Series will next race at Talladega Superspeedway, the second restrictor plate race of the season. The race will be at 6 p.m. ET Friday and will be live on Fox Sports 1.

**ULTIMATE Super Late Model Series**

## 411 Motor Speedway Reschedules ULTIMATE Super Late Model Event

SEYMOUR, TN - The ULTIMATE Super Late Model Series announced today that the April 18th postponed 411 Motor Speedway event will be rescheduled for Friday night, June 12th at the Seymour, Tennessee track.

The 40-lap event will still pay \$4000 to

the winner. To learn more about 411 Motor Speedway please visit them on the web at [www.411motorspeedway.net](http://www.411motorspeedway.net) or call (865)257-7223.

To learn more about the Ultimate Super Late Model Series please visit the series online at [www.ultimatesupers.com](http://www.ultimatesupers.com). Please find ULTIMATE Super Late Model Series on Facebook. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram @ULTIMATESupers.

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**Talladega  
Superspeedway**

TALLADEGA, AL - NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Bill Elliott turned back the pages of history Wednesday at Talladega Superspeedway, reliving the day when he and his iconic No. 9 Thunderbird stunned the racing world with the greatest, improbable comeback win in NASCAR history.

The Sunday, May 3, GEICO 500 will mark the 30th anniversary

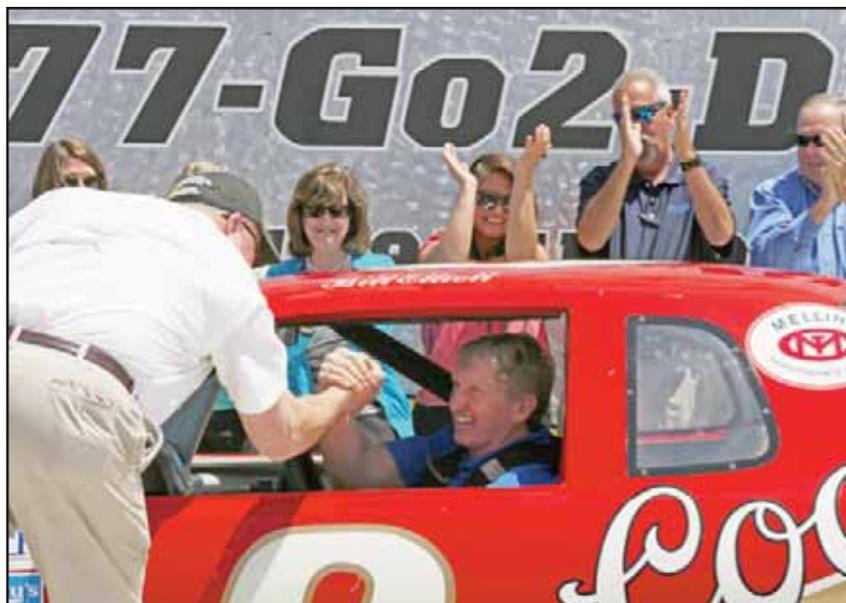
of Elliott's amazing run in the 1985 Winston 500 where he made up over a 5-mile deficit – without the benefit of a caution period – to capture the impossible triumph. Elliott, with smoke billowing from under his Ford's hood, was within a few hundred yards of going two laps down to the leaders on the 2.66-mile track after taking an unscheduled pit stop to make repairs to an oil fitting line. The cool, calm Elliott didn't sweat it, climbing all the way back to the front and rocketing to Gatorade Victory Lane.

So how did Elliott celebrate his tremendous 30-year accomplishment Wednesday? He donned a helmet, fired up the engine of the famed red, white and gold Ford that made him a legend, and made hot laps around NASCAR's biggest and baddest track. The car's engine hadn't been cranked since the car was put on display at the nearby International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1986.

"It felt like a million bucks (being back in his historic car)," said Elliott, who made five laps around the track, then drove to Gatorade Victory Lane and was presented a replica trophy from 30 years ago. "I really miss the competitive side of racing week-in and week-out. I ran so many laps around this race track and tested here so many times in my career. It feels like it was yesterday I was racing here.

"The car actually drove surprisingly well. I don't know how fast I went – couldn't see for some dirt blowing in my eyes (laughing). I think that is the way I drove here in '85 - with my eyes closed most of the race, so I was right at home. I wanted to go faster but the oil temp went up a bit and I said 'it (engine) isn't going to live long.'"

When asked if he wanted to come out of retirement to compete at Talladega again, Elliott joked, "I want to come back next Sunday



**NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Bill Elliott is all smiles after making HOT laps around Talladega Superspeedway Wednesday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of his and NASCAR's most incredible comeback victory – the 1985 Winston 500. After pulling into Victory Lane, he is congratulated by Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. (Talladega Superspeedway photo)**

(for the GEICO 500). "Don't tell anyone. I hope the car gets through inspection."

That unexpected 1985 pit stop, which occurred on lap 48 after Elliott had already led 25 laps, lasted one minute and nine seconds, putting the Dawsonville, GA, native within shouting distance of falling two laps down. He began his march up the leaderboard by turning laps nearly a second faster than the leaders, banking that his brother's (Ernie Elliott) prepared engine would last. Ninety-seven laps later on lap 145, he passed Cale Yarborough down the Alabama Gang Superstretch for the lead.

"I will never forget that day in 1985," said Elliott, who would top the scoreboard 35 of the last 44 circuits, including the final 20. "I remember coming down pit road and our guys dealing with the oil line issue. We went back out and ran wide open and I was totally shocked the motor lived all day long....totally shocked. We were a bunch of misfits put together, 12 of us total on the team, and that included the motor shop and the chassis shop. Most of the guys who pitted the car came in on weekends. We all had a good understanding of the race cars, though. It seems like it was yesterday."

His margin of victory was 1.72 seconds ahead of a pack of cars, including Kyle Petty, who edged Yarborough at the finish line for second. Elliott averaged a then record of 186.288 mph in the race, which only had two cautions, both late in the event. The trip to Gatorade Victory Lane was his first

at Talladega, and he would add to his legacy two years later with another victory. His thoughts after that day in the Winner's Circle were as follows:

"I about kissed everything good bye because I didn't know what happened when it started missing there (and engine started smoking)," the 16-time NASCAR Most Popular Driver said that momentous day in 1985. "But, they raised the hood and got it fixed faster than I thought they would. It felt like I sat there six or 10 laps. I worked my tail off to try and keep up. I just kept on digging. This old car kept on digging. I want to thank the good Lord for making up those laps. The old car just held together and worked."

The triumph made Elliott 2-for-4 in his quest to win the Winston Million, the first year of a \$1 million bonus program for a driver winning three of the four "Crown Jewel" races in NASCAR during one single season. He opened the year with a win in the Daytona 500 and backed that up at Talladega, and in the process won a \$100,000 bonus. He would experience trouble at Charlotte's Coca-Cola 600 but pulled off the \$1 million dollar feat with a win in Darlington Raceway's Southern 500, the anchor event. As a result, he became known as "Million Dollar Bill" and became the first NASCAR driver to adorn the cover of Sports Illustrated (SI) magazine.

The 1985 Talladega win was one of many accomplishments for Elliott at NASCAR's Most Competitive track. In addition to his two victories, he had four runner-up efforts. He is the all-time leader in pole po-

sitions at TSS with eight, including six straight with sweeps in 1985, '86 & '87. Each of those years, the top qualifying speed was a new NASCAR official qualifying record that would be eclipsed the following year. His 1987 pole result of 212.809 mph still stands today as the official fastest ever.

As for the rest of that magical 1985 season, Elliott would win 11 superspeedway races and 11 pole positions before finishing a disappointing runner-up to Darrell Waltrip in the battle for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship. He would capture that elusive championship three years later in 1988.

Will a new legend be crowned at the conclusion of the GEICO 500 at Talladega on Sunday, May 3? Find out next week as Talladega's weekend kicks off on Friday (May 1) with practice sessions for the GEICO 500 (NASCAR Sprint Cup Series) and Winn-Dixie 300 (NASCAR XFINITY Series), as well as practice, qualifying and green flag for the International Motorsports Hall of Fame 200 ARCA Racing Series Presented by Menards event, set to start at 5 pm (CST). The evening concludes with "The "Big One on the Blvd" Mardi Gras-style parade, which will feature NASCAR drivers and fan competitions on the track's infield Talladega Blvd.

Saturday's slate includes qualifying for the GEICO 500 and Winn-Dixie 300, followed by the start of the Winn-Dixie 300 at 2 p.m. (CST).

The day concludes in the evening with the Talladega Superspeedway traditional Infield Concert featuring country music maverick and Columbia Nashville recording artist Chase Rice. The concert is free with the purchase of a Sunday GEICO 500 (12 noon CST start) admission ticket. For ticket information, call 1-877-Go2-DEGA or visit [www.talladegasuperspeedway.com](http://www.talladegasuperspeedway.com).

All seating along the frontstretch grandstands and towers are equipped with roomy and comfortable 21- and 22-inch wide chair back seats. Large High Definition Sprint Vision video boards that were implemented in 2014 will be back – three are permanent - and placed along the frontstretch to provide views of the whole track to every seat in the house. The video boards, three of which that are now permanent, are an initiative that is planned to be implemented at all International Speedway Corporation (ISC) tracks in the coming years.

## Charlotte Motor Speedway CONCORD, NC -

For decades, Charlotte Motor Speedway has paid tribute to the U.S. Armed Forces each Memorial Day Weekend with a captivating pre-race show before the drop of the green flag for the Coca-Cola 600. On May 24, the 56th running of the ultimate test of man and machine will host one of the biggest military appreciation pre-race

spectaculars in the track's history.

The action-packed show will include ground exercises with troops from Fort Bragg featuring Humvees, Howitzers, a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System and more. Rope teams from Fort Campbell will descend from Black Hawk helicopters. Other elements include a 21-gun salute from the Fort Bragg Firing Squad, a vintage war bird air parade and sky-diving members of Team Fastrax descending to the infield with Old Glory flying behind.

"The Salute the Troops portion of our pre-race show gives us a chance to say thank you to those who have served or continue to serve our country and protect our freedom," said Marcus Smith, president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway. "It's a tradition our fans look forward to every year; seeing military demonstrations at live speed and the fire-power is always impressive. We are always proud to work with our area military bases to bring this show to the fans."

Fans will be able to salute the troops when 600 soldiers from Fort Bragg walk through the grandstands to the infield and during a pace lap with buses carrying hundreds of troops from the Charlotte Motor Speedway Patriot Partners program. Medal of Honor recipients Bob Patterson (Vietnam), James Taylor (Vietnam) and Walter Joseph Marm (Vietnam) will also be recognized on the pre-race stage.

Several musical performances will highlight the Coca-Cola 600 pre-race show including a 45-minute concert with Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers ZZ Top, "God Bless the USA" performed by Lee Greenwood, a rendition of "Amazing Grace" by the Charlotte Fire Department Pipe Band and "Taps" played by a Fort Bragg bugler.



**Kasey Kahne jumps from a 32-foot-tall tower at Fort Bragg while training with soldiers in preparation for Charlotte Motor Speedway's upcoming Salute to the Troops pre-race festivities May 24. (CMS/Jonathan Coleman photo)**

There will also be an Armed Forces Medley featuring the 100-member Central Church of God Chorus Group.

Closing out the pre-race festivities is the 82nd Airborne Chorus singing the "The Star Spangled Banner." During that time, soldiers from Fort Bragg will hold a football field-sized American Flag and four F-18s will fly over the legendary 1.5-mile superspeedway.

The only 600-mile race on the NASCAR schedule, the Coca-Cola 600 tests the endurance of both drivers and equipment and provides fans more entertainment value than any other sporting event in America.

Great seats are still available for the Coca-Cola 600 and all rest of the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, May 15-24, with weekend passes starting at just \$99. To purchase tickets, camping and race-day upgrades, fans should call the speedway ticket office at 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shop online on our website.

Connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway by following on Twitter or becoming a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information from the speedway by downloading the new Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

### Martinsville Speedway

MARTINSVILLE, VA - The Goody's® Headache Relief Shot® 500 is six months away, but it's never too early to make sure you've got your seat locked in for the seventh race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

All it takes to hold your ticket for the Goody's® Headache Relief Shot® 500 is a \$10 deposit.

"We want to make sure our fans have a way to guarantee they can

get the seats they want locked in as early as possible," said Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell. "This is a really simple, inexpensive way to make that happen."

Tickets for the Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 range from \$45 to \$85. There are also great packages and pricing for families, including:

- \$110 Family Four Pack, which includes two adult tickets and two youth 12-and-under tickets in the Clay Earles Tower, rows 6-14
- \$150 Family Four Pack, which includes two adult tickets and two youth 12-and-under tickets in the Sprint Tower, sections AA-DD, rows 6-12 and section EE, rows 6-14
- Family Pricing in the Clay Earles Tower, Rows 15-52, youth 12-and-under \$15, teens 13-17, \$25

The Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 is the first race in the Eliminator Round of the Chase, with the winning driver earning a slot in the Championship Round, the final race of the season.

Last fall's Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 offered flag-to-flag excitement, with Dale Earnhardt Jr. passing Tony Stewart with just five laps remaining. He held off Jeff Gordon on the final two laps to pick up his first Martinsville Speedway win and the grandfather clock trophy.

To reserve your tickets for the Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 and set up a payment plan, call 877.RACE.TIX or visit [www.martinsville-speedway.com](http://www.martinsville-speedway.com).

The Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 weekend is Octo-

ber 30-November 1. Pole day is on October 30, the Kroger 200 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on October 31 and the Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500 on November 1.

### Myrtle Beach Speedway

MYRTLE BEACH, SC - Feld Motor Sports® announced today that tickets for Monster Jam®, the world's premier Monster Jam truck series, are now on sale. Monster Jam events are affordably priced for the whole family with seats starting at \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Tickets and pit passes are available at the Myrtle Beach Speedway box office, all Ticketmaster retail outlets, online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or Charge by Phone at 800-745-3000.

Monster Jam will be performing:

- Thursday, June 11 - 7:30 pm
- Friday, June 12 - 7:30 pm

The event will feature River Rat, Gunslinger, Strait Jacket, Scooby Doo, Carolina Crusher, World Champion Monster Mutt and Four-Time World Champion Grave Digger.

Approximately 12 feet tall and about 12 feet wide, Monster Jam trucks are custom-designed machines that sit atop 66-inch-tall tires and weigh a minimum of 10,000 pounds. Built for short, high-powered bursts of speed, Monster Jam trucks generate 1,500 to 2,000 horsepower and are capable of speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. Monster Jam trucks can fly up to 125 to 130 feet (a distance greater than 14 cars side by side) and up to 35 feet in the air.

The Party in the Pits on Friday, June 12 from 4:30-6:00 pm gives fans the opportunity to get a view of the trucks up close and meet the drivers of the massive Monster Jam trucks.

For more information on the Monster Jam, log onto [www.MonsterJam.com](http://www.MonsterJam.com).

## Randy Weaver Still Hot With Third Southern All Star Win At Smoky Mt Speedway

MARYVILLE, TN - The Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series visited the Smoky Mt Speedway for the first time this season and if you are a Randy Weaver fan is was your kind of night. Weaver in his Outlaw Racing Southeast Longhorn Chassis with a Cornett Engines

sponsored by Stone Land Cleaning & Excavating/Mission Transport/AF Stone Professional Medical Services/The Bailey Company set fast time in Whiter Performance Qualifying and the proceeded to lead the entire 40 lap Rockin with the Stars 40 presented by WIMZ 103.5.

Weaver took the lead at the start ahead of out pole sitter Mike Marlar and then after battling some early caution period struggles to get the

race started, Weaver had complete control of the race as he built up as much as a half straight lead over the second place battle that was for the record books as Marlar, Dale McDowell, Skip Arp, Casey Robert and Chris Madden were battling for position lap after lap until lap 16 when Arp tagged the outside wall ending his night in this race.

Weaver then survived a couple more cautions late in the race and kept his winning streak alive at 6 out of 6 races that he has entered so far in 2015. McDowell fierce battle for the second as beat Marlar back to the line, Casey Roberts came home fourth and Chris Madden rounded out the top five.

Tommy Kerr started 11th and worked his into a 6th place finish, followed by Stacy Boles in 7th, Billy Ogle Jr 8th, defending Southern All Star champion Riley Hickman had to use a provisional to get in the show, but he made good use of it



**Randy Weaver celebrates in victory lane at Smoky Mt Speedway after bringing home his third Southern All Stars win of the season. (Michael Moats photo)**

and came from his 23rd starting spot to grab 9th place and Skylar Marlar finished 10th.

The next event for the Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series will be on Saturday night May 2nd the Annual NASCAR weekend event at the Talladega Short Track in Eastaboga, AL., a 40 lap \$4,000 to win event.

More information will be coming out on this event as the Southern All Star Dirt Racing Series continues to work its schedule out for the 2015 season and if any tracks would like to be a part of the 32nd year of Southern All Star Dirt Series racing please call Lynn Acklin at 256-924-4546 or email at [lynn.acklin@sasdirt.com](mailto:lynn.acklin@sasdirt.com).

## New Hotline Gives Fans the Chance to Join MRN at 'The Voice of NASCAR'

CONCORD, NC - Since 1970, Motor Racing Network - "The Voice of NASCAR" - has delivered award-winning race coverage to listeners throughout the United States.

With today's introduction of the "Fan Forum Hotline," MRN will listen to the collective voice of the fans -

who can now call toll-free at 1-844-4ASKMRN during live race broadcasts to comment on events taking place on the track or offer an opinion on other pertinent issues.

Fans' comments will air during Motor Racing Network broadcasts across all three of NASCAR's top national series - Sprint Cup, XFINITY and Camping World Trucks. The Fan Forum Hotline ... at 1-844-4ASKMRN ... 844-427-5676 ... will also be available during the network's weekly programming.

"Over the years, our fans have relied on Motor Racing Network to provide them with the best broadcast coverage of the sport they love," said MRN President and Executive Producer David Hyatt.

"With the introduction of the Fan Forum Hotline, our listeners now have the chance to be heard and join us as the collective 'Voice of NASCAR.'"

The announcement was made today during MRN's exclusive radio coverage of the NASCAR weekend at Richmond International Raceway, which will feature the ToyotaCare 250 XFINITY Series race on Friday and Saturday's Toyota Owners 400 in the Sprint Cup Series.

The Fan Forum Hotline will complement the new MRN App that was introduced earlier this year - giving fans unprecedented access to Motor Racing Network content and now, the means to voice their opinion.

In February, Motor Racing Network kicked off its 46th year by introducing the MRN App, available for free on Apple and Android devices. Motor sports fans on the go stay in the know with comprehensive coverage of NASCAR, drag racing and dirt-track action from multiple series.

They can locate and listen to their local Motor Racing Network affiliate, or the one nearest their location, with the push of a button in

the palm of their hand. News and other online content are available, too, from MRN.com.

In addition to the Fan Forum Hotline, NASCAR fans have the opportunity to interact with the MRN broadcast crew through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as part of the MRN App. There's a calendar reminder and NASCAR Series push notices, in addition to MRN archive audio and video. Connectivity to track apps from International Speedway Corporation-owned facilities is also available, featuring quick access for ticket purchases.

In addition to exclusive radio coverage of 25 Sprint Cup Series race weekends this year, MRN will broadcast 21 XFINITY Series events and all 23 races in the Camping World Truck Series.

## Roush Fenway Racing to Host Annual Spring Fan Day on May 21

CONCORD, NC - Roush Fenway Racing will host its annual spring fan day at its world headquarters in Concord, N.C. on Thursday, May 21. The event is open to the public and will feature autograph sessions with each of Roush Fenway's seven NASCAR drivers.

In addition to the Roush Fenway show cars on site, more than a

dozen partner displays will be on hand, with partners handing out samples, setting up simulation pods and tire-changing units, as well as interacting with the fans that support Roush Fenway and the sport of NASCAR.

SiriusXM NASCAR Radio will again broadcast its famed Mid-Day Drive show live from the event

Former Miss Sprint Cup Monica Palumbo will be the official emcee for the day's events and Roush Fenway No. 16 XFINITY Series hauler driver Jay Maybry and his band JBird and the Congregation will perform.

Autograph sessions will kick off at 10 a.m. with NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers Trevor Bayne, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Greg Biffle. Roush Fenway's NASCAR XFINITY Series drivers Bubba Wallace, Ryan Reed, Chris Buescher and Elliott Sadler will sign autographs at 11:00 a.m.

Autograph session tickets will be on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 8 a.m.

- **What:** Roush Fenway Racing Spring 'Fan Appreciation Day'

- **Where:** Roush Fenway Racing Campus - 4600 Roush Place, Concord N.C. 28027

- **When:** Thursday, May 21, 2014. Tickets distribution begins at 8:00 a.m. Fan Appreciation Day runs until 3:00 pm

- **Hashtag:** #RFRFanDay

## The Texas Outlaw: Donny Schatz Wins at Devil's Bowl Speedway

MESQUITE, TX - The Texas Outlaw Nationals at Devil's Bowl Speedway on Saturday night was a battle between two drivers and the lapped traffic that lay ahead. When the checkered flag fell on the \$20,000-to-win, 30-lap feature, it was Donny Schatz who scored the coveted

Ted Johnson Memorial trophy and his sixth World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory of the season.

Schatz led the field to the green flag. A red flag flew on the start catching up several cars including 294-time series winner Sammy Swindell. The field reset and returned to green.

Schatz led the first lap and maintained that position through the opening portion of the feature. The six-time champion caught lapped traffic on lap five and second place Shane Stewart began to catch. On lap seven, Stewart got his opportunity to take the lead.

"I knew he was a little better off the bottom of two than I was up top but I had to give it a shot," Stewart said.

Stewart slid Schatz as the two drivers came off of turn two onto the back straight using the Kyle Hirst as a pick.

"You get to a lapped car, you try to do something to get around them," Schatz said. "Shane capitalized on it. Sometimes the best place to be is running second when you hit those spots. He got by us."

For the next eight laps, Stewart worked to build up a lead over Schatz. But as he worked his way through traffic, Schatz caught back up to the Larson Marks Racing driver. On lap 16, it was Schatz back in prime position to take back the lead. In a move reminiscent of Stewart's pass for the lead several laps earlier, Schatz, on the bottom, slid Stewart as the drivers came off of turn two onto the back straight.

"You just can't make any mistakes with him running behind you," Stewart said of Schatz. "He lost the lead doing that and of course I did too."

Farther back in the field, Logan Schuchart, who started third, held off challenges from Jason Sides for the position. Sides eventually found his way around Schuchart's Shark

Racing car on lap 19. The move was short lived though as Kraig Kinser battled his No. 11K car forward after falling back to fifth in the opening laps. Kinser got around Schuchart on lap 24 and then around Sides with four laps to go to take over the third position.

As the race wound down, Stewart tried to close the gap on Schatz's No. 15 Bad Boy Buggies car for the lead.

"Anytime (Schatz is) out front he sets a pretty torrid pace," Stewart said. "I was trying to stay with him just in case he got caught up in lapped traffic."

Ultimately it was Schatz who donned the Outlaws cowboy hat and hoisted the Ted Johnson Memorial trophy in victory lane. He is just the second driver to have his name engraved on the award.

Schatz said getting through traffic and anticipating the challenges from behind were the key for the night.

"Well you've got to expect it - you don't know if he's there or not," Schatz said. "You've got to go as hard as you can and try not to make mistakes. And if you've got to move around, you move around. That we did. Getting through traffic - that's what wins and loses these races. That's what has lost me a lot of races and that's what's won me a lot too."

It was the sixth win of the season for Schatz and his Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing team. He currently leads the championship points standings by 26 over second place Stewart.

Stewart said he was disappointed with his finish but pleased with the way the 2015 season has gone so far for his team.

Kinser, who finished third and in the process scored his first podium finish of the season, said the finish was one his team needed.

The World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series returns to action next Friday night, May 1 at Salina (Okla.) Highbanks Speedway. That is the first of a three night stretch that also takes the Outlaws to Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 in Pevely, Mo. for the Spring Classic on Saturday, May 2 and Tri-State Speedway in Haubstadt, Ind. on Sunday, May 3. Great tickets remain for all three events.

Visit [www.WoOSprint.com](http://www.WoOSprint.com) for more information.



Donny Schatz won the Texas Outlaw Nationals at Devil's Bowl Speedway on Saturday night. (Paul Arch photo)

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## Arizona Speedway Promoter True Winner in Rain Shortened Event

QUEEN CREEK, AZ - Rain outs are becoming too much of a common theme across the country, and this time Mother Nature unleashed her wrath in the deserts of Arizona. What make this rain out different than most is what promoter, Jonah Tussel, of the Arizona Speedway did when the race was called.

Working all night to get the show in, the final blow came just at the A-Feature for the ASCS Southwest Region went green.

In a true act of appreciation for the drivers of the ASCS Southwest Region, despite the night's race not seeing an official checkered flag, Jonah Tussel paid every driver the agreed purse based on their original starting lineup, giving Alex Pettas \$1,500 as the night's pole sitter.

Saturday at the Arizona Speedway saw 20 drivers split into three Heat Races with Ryan Linder, James Mosher, and Colton Hardy taking wins. As an official finish was not possible in the A-Feature, all drivers were awarded show-up points based on the number of cars in the feature, giving each driver 20th place points.

The ASCS Southwest Region returns to the Arizona Speedway for the region's next event on Saturday, May 9. For continued updates on the ASCS Southwest Region, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

## Rain Ends ASCS Warrior Region at Valley Speedway

GRAIN VALLEY, MO - While early reports were positive, the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region will again have their 2015 season opener called off as rain has forced officials at Valley Speedway to pull the plug on events scheduled for Saturday, April 25.

The Missouri based region will attempt to get 2015 rolling at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Mo. On Saturday, May 2. More information can be found at [www.lucasoil-speedway.com](http://www.lucasoil-speedway.com).

For continued updates on the ASCS Warrior Region, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).



## 29 Years After Dad, Kyle Grissom Visits Five Flags Victory Lane

PENSACOLA, FL - Twenty-nine years after his father Steve won a race at Five Flags Speedway in the old All-Pro Series, Kyle Grissom pulled into Victory Lane with his first career win at the famed half-mile oval Saturday night for the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco, Gulf Coast swing opener.

Grissom would start from the pole after the top eight from qualifying redrew for their starting spots. From the drop of the green flag he drove out to the lead and never looked back, that is until a lap 60 restart would put fast-qualifier and defending series champion Bubba Pollard to his outside for the ensuing run to the green.

Pollard would start back in fifth and work his way up to second by lap 32 and although he managed to reel in Grissom, could never get a run alongside or mount a serious challenge for the top spot.

A four lap side-by-side battle for the lead followed the restart when Pollard finally cleared Grissom at the line. It looked like deja-vu with Pollard out front and opening up a sizeable advantage.

"I wasn't surprised (Bubba) got by me, but they told me once we got going under green that my lap times were a little bit quicker than his so that gave me hope." Grissom said about watching Pollard open up a lead on him.

But just as a restart gave Pollard

his chance, just 20 laps later Grissom would get his redemption on a restart.

After choosing the inside lane for every restart as the leader, Grissom was forced to the outside when it was Pollard's chance to choose and Grissom was able to over-take Pollard on lap 81.

Two more late-race cautions, including one with three laps to go, gave Grissom the choice and he chose the outside lane both times over Dominique Van Wieringen and was able to hold on for the win.

"The reason I chose the outside was that Bubba made me go out there and I was able to beat him," said Grissom.

"From there I just stuck on the outside because I felt like that is what was working."

Van Wieringen lurked inside the top five and top three all race long and after mechanical problems sidelined Pollard late in the race, she found herself in a position to fight for the win.

Van Wieringen challenged Grissom and almost got along the outside of him exiting turn two after a restart but her car got sideways and knocked her back a few car lengths.

"I screwed up off of two. If I didn't do that I think it would have been a tough fight for the win," said the NEMCO development driver. "I'm very excited. This is where the (Snowball) Derby is at the end of the year so this is just more practice for that."

Current Southern Super Series points leader Casey Smith rounded



Casey Smith celebrates his first Southern Super Series win with his crew and family at Mobile International Speedway. (Speed51.com Photo)

out the podium after struggling during the mid-point of the race.

For race winner Grissom, the first leg of this opening Gulf Coast swing for the Southern Super Series provides a much needed boost heading into Saturday night's race just over the bay in Mobile, Alabama.

"This is huge. With all the struggles we've had here. Last year I didn't think we would ever get to this point," said the race winner. "We worked our butts off all winter. It's feels awesome to finally be able to pull it off."

For more information on the Southern Super Series, visit SouthernSuperSeries.com.

### Smith Goes Flag-to-Flag for First SSS Victory at Mobile

IRVINGTON, AL - When the Southern Super Series unloaded at Mobile International Speedway to wrap up the first Gulf Coast swing of the year, racing seemed like a long shot as torrential rains and thunderstorms battered the track all afternoon.

All of the scheduled afternoon practice sessions were washed out, and teams were given one 40 minute session to get their cars dialed in.

The 100 lap main event would start based on current 2015 point standings putting Casey Smith on the pole as point leader, after starting the year with three straight top five finishes.

With nothing but clean race track in front of him, Smith took advantage at the start and drove away from the field, opening up more than a four second, full straight-away advantage in the opening 50 laps.

"(My spotter) got on the radio

and said you know this is a 100 lap race? I was trying to go slower. Sometimes when you try to go slow and you back up your corner you have to get in the throttle sooner and it burns up your right rear. I couldn't really go any slower than I was." Smith said of his fast start.

Behind Smith, all eyes were on defending series champion, Bubba Pollard, who in contrast to Smith, started the year with mediocre results in the opening three races and would start back in the ninth spot.

After moving all the way into the top three just 40 laps in, he set his sights on Donnie Wilson who at that point had a three second cushion over third place. It took the Senoia, Georgia driver just over ten laps to catch and pass Wilson. From there he set out to catch Smith who still had a four plus second lead.

Pollard spent the next 30 laps using everything his car had to run down Smith and the two ran nose to tail for several laps before the only caution slowed the event with five laps to go.

Pollard's car had all but lost it's handling after using up so much just to catch Smith. Despite starting alongside with the late restart, Pollard felt he had no chance to head to victory lane,

"Having to start that far back just killed us" A dejected Pollard said after the race, "We had the best racecar. I ran him down from half a track back. We were just too free when I caught him to make the pass."

"I pretty much knew we were done. We didn't have a shot, we were too free. That caution didn't help us or hurt us." Pollard finished.

For Smith it was his first career Southern Super Series victory, and his first win at Mobile since 2007.



Kyle Grissom celebrates in Southern Super Series victory lane at Five Flag Speedway on Friday night. (Speed51.com Photo)

## Don O'Neal Captures Win at Roaring Knob

MARKLEYSBURG, PA - Don O'Neal found victory lane for the first time this season on Friday Night at Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex. The defending Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion landed in Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the 41st time in his career.

Trailing O'Neal to the finish line was current LOLMDS point's leader, Jonathan Davenport; followed by Earl Pearson Jr., Kyle Hardy, and Chris Ferguson.

"It was a good night for the Clint Bowyer Racing Team. To get that first win of the season is just great and hopefully this will get us going! The track was really good tonight. That one caution flag might have saved me from getting passed for the lead, but I just kept it glued on the bottom and brought it home," said O'Neal.

"I have to thank all my crew: Barry and Lance Wright, Tony Trent, and my crew chief Jeremy Justice. The car was perfect tonight. All I did was just keep out of trouble. Towards the end there I was hoping to get to the checkered flag before I got into some more traffic."

"I would like to thank Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil, Crawford Supply, Georgia Boot, Cometic Gasket, Toyota, Penske Shocks, and Sunoco Race Fuels."

Davenport; with his runner-up finish; maintains the series point's lead heading to Hagerstown Speedway tomorrow night.

"Well I guess we get to keep the Midwest Sheet Metal Orange Spoiler for another night. Earl and I had a great race most of the night. That Chris Ferguson, man he did a great job. I have run with him countless times in the Southeast and he can wheel a car. He has just had a lot of bad luck this year."

Davenport was able to track down O'Neal at the end of the race, but just as O'Neal was about to enter heavy traffic, the race was over.

"I was able to catch Don, but passing him was going to be another story. I am real happy for K&K Rumley and all of my sponsors. I have only been here and at Hagerstown once, so it is going to be a learning weekend for sure."

Pearson, in the Lucas Oil Products/Dunn-Benson Ford, entry ran as high as second in the race, and eventually settled for third.

"I thought we had a shot at O'Neal, but our tires went away at the end. We could really gain some ground on restarts. Somebody kicked that mud and water out on the track in turn four and it started to get real slimy."

Completing the top ten were Steve Francis, Dylan Yoder, Eddie Carrier Jr., Rick Eckert, and Mason Zeigler.

In preliminary action, Chris Ferguson set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A), with a lap of 16.024 sec. Don O'Neal set the fastest time in Group B with a

time of 16.342 sec. Chris Ferguson, Gregg Satterlee, Don O'Neal, and Kyle Yoder won their respective heat races. Scott Bloomquist and Tim Senic won their respective B-Mains.

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### Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series Event at Hagerstown Speedway Canceled

HAGERSTOWN, MD - Tonight's 34th Annual Stanley Schetrompf Classic at Hagerstown Speedway has been canceled. With this evening's forecast for rain, officials of Hagerstown Speedway and the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series reached the agreement to cancel tonight's event.

"With the high percentage of rain in the forecast, we felt it was best not to put cars on the track, knowing the inevitable is coming," said promoter Ernie Davis.

Up next for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will be a Midwest tripleheader, beginning on Thursday, April 30th at Macon Speedway in Macon, Illinois with the St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100.

On Friday night, May 1st, the LOLMDS invades Tri-City Speedway in Granite City, Illinois for the Spring Spectacular. The weekend will draw to a close on Saturday, May 2nd, at Paducah International Raceway in Paducah, Kentucky with the Spring Showdown.

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Don O'Neal (center) celebrates his win in victory lane at Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex. Jonathan Davenport (left) finished second and Earl Pearson Jr. (right) came in third. (lucasdirt.com photo)

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## Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - April is Autism Awareness Month, and even a cool night in Northeast Tennessee didn't keep a good crowd from attending to support Autism Awareness Night at the Races Friday at Kingsport Speedway.

It had been almost one year to the day since Zeke Shell of Johnson City visited victory lane at Kingsport Speedway

last April 25, and he finished third in points on strength of nine top-five finishes.

Shell began the 2015 racing campaign fast in each of the four races held entering tonight's racing program, but for some reason it seems he was carrying a monkey on his back. Bad luck caused him to get collected in wrecks not of his own making while running inside the top five, while the race team also struggled to determine electrical issues with the racing engine.

Finally finding the electrical problem that had plagued the motor, and also having "lady luck" riding with him, the 27-year-old Shell made a bold statement with a strong performance en route to capturing his first NASCAR Whelen All-American Series "First Kingsport Credit Union" Late Model Stock win of the season at 'The Concrete Jungle.'

Ronnie McCarty, already with one victory to his credit this season, entered the night leading Late Model Stock points and earned the pole position for the 60-lap main event.

McCarty and Shell brought the 16-car field to the green flag from the front row, with McCarty quickly taking the lead over Shell. But the event's first caution waved just three laps in when Bruce Blessing slowed in turn two with a flat left-front tire.

Off the double-file restart, McCarty once again moved back out ahead of Shell, while Kres VanDyke and Kyle Barnes battled for third. Barnes took the position from VanDyke on the sixth circuit racing off the fourth turn.

With the race running clean-and-green following the lap 3 caution period, McCarty and Shell were setting a blistering pace around the .375-mile banked concrete oval to hold almost a half-straightaway advantage over Barnes and VanDyke

as the race reached the halfway point.

It's said in short-track racing that rubbin' is racin' and when competitors' need to use the bump-and-run, it's acceptable. Shell was glued to leader McCarty's rear bumper lap-after-lap, while also sticking the nose of his ride up underneath the leader as they raced off the corners.

Shell moved McCarty up the track on lap 40 between turns three and four to assume the lead. But McCarty was not about to go down without a fight, as he roared back strong to get up under Shell on opposite end of the track between turns one and two. But Shell slammed the door racing off the second corner to hold onto the top spot.

With Shell showing the way out front, the last thing he wanted to see was the caution flag wave. Jerry Lane, making his first Late Model Stock start, brought the caution out on lap 46 when he had a little assist from behind to send his car spinning.

Shell and McCarty were lined up door-to-door on the front row for the restart, with Barnes and VanDyke behind in the second row. With the green flag waving, Shell rocketed back out ahead while the trio of McCarty, Barnes and VanDyke were battling hard for real estate.

Close quarters racing action on lap 49 between turns one and two produced contact between VanDyke and McCarty, with both McCarty and Barnes getting out of shape exiting turn two onto the backstretch. While McCarty and Barnes had to reel their mounts back in, VanDyke took over second in the running order followed by Lee Tissot and Justin Fontaine.

But out front, Shell was in control driving the Tennessee Hills Distillery/Capone's /Vape On (Johnson City)/Pit Stop Garage (Johnson City)/Shell Media (Printing, Design, Graphics, Wraps, Promotions, Marketing, Advertising) of Johnson City/Roush Yates Performance Products/Performancenter Racing Warehouse/LTO-PRW Chassis (Statesville, N.C.)/Bobby Myers Performance Racing Engines/No. 97 Ford Fusion to victory over VanDyke, Tissot, Fontaine and McCarty.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Barnes, Wayne Hale, Joey Trent, Allen Hawkins and Rick Pannell.

"Man, hopefully we've got all of our bad luck behind us," said a smiling Shell after climbing from his car in victory lane. "Sitting parked



**Zeke Shell of Johnson City, Tenn., shares victory lane with his car-owning father Pat Shell after their first NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock victory of the season Friday at Kingsport Speedway. (RANDALL PERRY photo)**

in victory lane - this right here is what it's all about. It makes all the hours you work back at the race shop worthwhile. To say that our season up until tonight has been frustrating, well, that would be a major understatement. We've had a fast race car at each event. But we've either gotten collected in somebody else's wreck while running inside the top five, or the electrical issue we struggled to determine the cause of on our race engine has hurt us. Hopefully this win will be the first of several others we'll get this season. We had a really good car tonight and I believe we showed that during the race.

"It's really gratifying to be able to win races with my father (Pat Shell), and now with my pregnant wife (Amber Shell) supporting me on race night's. We're just a small, family-owned race team and we don't have a big pit crew. Tonight at the track it was just myself, dad, Amber and spotter Scott Clark helping. We've got some friends whose businesses help us a little with our racing, but basically our racing budget consists of we need to win enough purse money each week to help fund us getting back to the track the following race. All I know is, I'm thankful for the opportunities I've had driving a race car and I'm just going to enjoy racing for as long as possible."

## Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - With rain moving in on Saturday and forecasted to linger into Sunday, Southern National Motorsports Park has made the decision to postpone the Jerry Moody Memorial. The race will

now be run on Sunday, May 17th.

"This is a race honoring the life and legacy of Jerry Moody and we want it to be done right," track promoter Langley Austin said. "This race means a lot to the fans and drivers and staff of Southern National. With tomorrow's forecasted uncertainty we feel it's in everyone's best interest to postpone the race to Sunday May 17th."

The Saturday, May 17th race will be the day after the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series All-Star exhibition race in Concord, North Carolina. The track's decision to postpone the race was made to save teams and fans money and keep the event as a marquee race.

"Postponing the race today will save most teams and fans money for travel and the hassle of sitting around in the rain for much of the day. We know this won't make everyone happy but we're doing this in the overall best interest of everyone involved. Being proactive rather than reactive should make things better for the teams, fans and sponsors."

The next race at Southern National Motorsports Park will be on Saturday, May 9th.

For more information about Southern National Motorsports Park, check out SNMP's website at [www.snmpark.com](http://www.snmpark.com), "like" Southern National Motorsports Park on Facebook or "follow" @SNM\_Park on Twitter.

## Lonesome Pine Raceway

The race scheduled for April 25 at Lonesome Pine Raceway has been canceled due to the weather. Saturday, May 2 will be the next race at LPR featuring the Southeast Super Truck Series.

## Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - Luke Cranston made a long-awaited first trip to Dodge City Raceway Park victory lane by topping Saturday night's 25-lap DCRP Sprint Car feature atop the 3/8-mile clay oval.

While Cranston enjoyed Sprint Car victory spoils, Clay Sellard doubled up by winning not only the makeup IMCA Modified feature event from April 11 but then the

regularly scheduled feature as well.

In other action, reigning IMCA Sport Modified champion Jeff Kaup captured his first win of the year, Michael Pepper made it two-for-two in IMCA Stock Car action and Matt O'Hair made a last corner pass to take IMCA Hobby Stock honors.

With 27 DCRP Sprint Cars on hand, Ness City native Cranston landed the pole starting position in the feature after a heat race win and made the most of it by leading all 20 laps to record the win aboard the Myers Racing Engines/S&S Trailer Sales No. 20.

"It always help to start out front, it feels good to finally get a win here," Cranston said in victory lane.

Cranston survived some late pressure from Tyler Knight in traffic, with a final caution just four laps from the end giving Cranston open track that helped seal the deal.

"The biggest thing is that one of sponsors passed away here a couple of weeks ago," Cranston said. "Joe Bogner helped us out a lot over the years so we're gonna have a few Buds in his honor."

Cranston outgunned Ray Seemann at the drop of the green flag with Knight and C.J. Johnson both moving past Seemann for second and third, respectively, on the ninth round.

Following a second Lance Davis spin at the midway point, Cranston kept Knight at bay as Johnson and Jake Bubak dived for the third position. As traffic came into play, Knight nearly pulled alongside before a final caution flew when Cody Lampe spun exiting turn two, with sixth-runner Ty Williams spinning to avoid further contact.

Cranston sailed on to the checkered flag over the final four rounds ahead of Knight with Johnson, Bubak and Seemann rounding out the current top five. Zach Blurton climbed from 11th to sixth with Kris Moore, 14th-starter Brian Herbert,



**Luke Cranston (center) is all smiles as he poses with his crew in victory lane for the first time at Dodge City Raceway Park. (DCRP photo)**

Barry Crane and Jeremy Huish completing the top ten.

## Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Persistent mist and unusually cold temperatures led to a slick track and the postponement of tonight's racing action at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Next week, May 2, will be the Colors Edge Opening Night featuring the Hayes Jewelers 200. It's the longest race of the season for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series. Plus there will be racing for the Farm Bureau Insurance Sportsman Series, the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series, and the McDowell Heating and Air Stadium Stock Series.

For more information, visit [www.bowmangrayracing.com](http://www.bowmangrayracing.com).

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Multi-time champion Craig Von Dohren became the third different 30-lap NASCAR Whelen All-American Racing Series Modified feature winner in four outings on Saturday night at Grandview Speedway when he collected his first win of the season and 91st career victory at the 1/3-mile oval. Von Dohren battled race leader Ryan Grim for several laps before the pair made contact going into the second turn. Von Dohren got underneath Grim to merge into first on the 27th lap - the same lap current point leader Duane Howard advanced to second. Howard tried his best to get past Von Dohren, but fell short as Von Dohren pulled the Beartown Recycling/K.L. Harring Transportation No. 1C into the winner's circle.

Kory Fleming, who was sidelined from Late Model action last week by a drive shaft issue in the heat, bounced back and scored his first win of the year. In the 25-lap NASCAR BRC Late Model Feature Fleming ended his winless drought being shut out since September 10, 2011. The N.J.-based driver said, "He didn't know when he was going to win again and the car kind of drove itself he was just along for the ride."

In NASCAR Sportsman competition Brett Kressley continued his dominance of the division and won his third 25-lap feature out of four.

The T.P. Trailers, Limerick monetary awards went to Von Dohren, \$250 modifieds; and Fleming and Kressley both received \$100 as their respective feature winners. Von Dohren also received \$150 in product awards from VP Fuels for running gas.

The Dan's Deli 1/2-way Hoagie leaders were Grim, modifieds; Fleming, late models and Arnold, sportsman. Bill Henning, Jared Umbenhauer and Brett Gilmore were the recipients of the Cargo Trailers certificates.

Ingersoll Rand Tools Night is set for Grandview Speedway on Saturday. May 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., the new starting time. Featured will be the NASCAR 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars. Each feature winner will receive Ingersoll Rand products valued up to \$600 along with the T.P.Trailers bonus bucks and VP Racing Fuels product awards. A fan will have a chance to win an IR Power Tools bag along with two tickets for a future Grandview event by participating, starting May 2nd in the Text to Win contest. One winner is chosen

each week, from May through August, from those who text "IRTools-GRV" to 313131. Fans should plan to participate each week.

## Attica Raceway Park

ATTICA, OH - Rob Chaney avoided contact with another racer on two occasions and then blasted past Gary Taylor on a restart to drive to his 10th career 410 sprint win at Attica Raceway Park Friday.

At the beginning of the race Chaney and Cap Henry tangled on the front stretch while battling for third. A few laps later the two would make contact entering turn three leaving Henry with a flat tire while Chaney continued on.

A restart with 19 laps to go gave Chaney the opportunity he needed as he executed a perfect slider on Taylor to take the lead. Taylor would hound Chaney the rest of the race including a restart with five laps to go. But, the Millersburg, Ohio driver would master the cushion to perfection to take the victory on Fisher Performance/Merrill Lynch Night.

Chaney is coming off a second place run with the UNOH All Stars the previous week at Wayne County Speedway. Though on Friday, his Stan Cortad owned team would bring out a different machine.

"You know how we are. We were running good so we had to try another car and see if we could make it go good. I guess it worked out," said Chaney beside his Jon Wright's Custom Chrome Plating backed #9x.

"We had motor troubles all night and actually in the feature I really had a hard time running the curb the way I wanted to because it would pull down when I get up into it and I'd get tight. It may have helped me down the straight-away...it wouldn't spin the tires but it was tough in the corners. For as bad as the motor was running the car was phenomenal. I want to thank Stan and all these guys. I've been with him a long time and it's sweet to get these wins," continued Chaney.

"The front stretch is on him and the back stretch is on me," added Chaney of his run-in with Henry. "I'm going to go apologize to him because that was a really bad spot to get into him and honestly I don't know how I closed on him that quick. I don't know if he spun and I didn't but I definitely didn't intend to get into him there," concluded Chaney, adding the win is a 16th birthday present to his son, Brayden.

## Hickory Motor Speedway

A warm April day greeted the competitors at Hickory Motor Speedway for 84 Lumber Night at the Races and the 3rd Round of the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Racing Challenge.

Landon Huffman in the #75 would pace the field in qualifying for the 2nd week in a row for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late

Models 100 lap feature. The #25 of Matt Piercy, would occupy the outside front row. Ashley Huffman in the #7, Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5, and Shane Lee in the #00 would round out the top 5 qualifiers. Huffman would take the lead early and set the pace with the field close behind. Piercy would ride patiently in 2nd as the laps were continuing to count throughout the race. While cars were mixing it up throughout the field the #88 of Josh Berry was working his way to the front after starting shotgun on the field as a result of a post qualifying tech issue. It would be about Lap 50 of the 100 Lap event when Berry would close the gap to the leaders.

Piercy was beginning to pressure Huffman for the top spot. As the fans would be on their feet for the remainder of the event as Huffman, Berry and Piercy, and eventually 4th place competitor Lee began to creep in and mix it up for the win. Berry waited patiently as Piercy would attempt to wrestle the lead from Huffman. After a brief caution, Berry was able to get by Piercy and begin putting pressure on Huffman, but Piercy would begin to pressure Berry setting up a three way battle for the lead. Huffman had moved his car up to the high groove at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars and his car seemed to like the change. Lee slipped quietly into the mix and was ready to do battle for the win as well.

The Top three would use every inch of track and race three wide on multiple occasions. As the cars approached lap 93, Berry and Huffman were running side by side with Piercy looking to the inside of Berry, and Lee right behind in the mix. As they came through turns 3 and 4 Huffman would spin and end his chance for the win. Josh Berry would move to the lead and take the point on the next restart with

Piercy to his outside and Lee in 3rd. Piercy, after last week's win, was looking to make it 2 in a row and Lee, after leaving the track last week on the hook, was looking to change his fortunes for 2015. However, Josh Berry had other plans and would hold off the pair for his 2nd win on the season and 2nd win in the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Challenge.

Piercy would hold on for 2nd and Lee for 3rd. Rounding out the top 5 would be Canipe Jr. in the #5 and an Huffman would round out the Top 5.

The T-Mobile Limited Late Models would take to the track with fast timer Kyle Mansch in the #17 on the pole, the #34 of Pat Rachels on his outside, Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 on the inside of row 2 and the #12 of Evan Duggins to his outside. From the initial green flag there would be multiple battles throughout the field, while Mansch would take the early lead with Rachels in tow. Caution would come out as Hayden Humphrey in the # 07 would make contact with the wall in turn 2 collecting Pelfrey in the accident.

This would tighten up the field for a restart and a dash for the win. Mansch would go on to take the victory over Travis Byrd in the #77. Rounding out the top 5 would be Mitch Walker in the #29, the #2 of Zach Bruenger, and the #21 of Monty Cox.

The Street Stocks would see the #31 of Wayne Edwards return on a mission as he would have fast time in qualifying. Edwards would sneak out to an early lead as the #03 of Kevin Eby and the # 2 of Charlie Neill would do battle for 2nd. The #2 of Larry Mosher would lose an engine while running 4th. Edwards would take the win with Eby filling the runner up spot. The #18 of Cody DeMarmels would have another great run finishing 3rd. Charlie Neill in the #2 and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would round out the top 5.

The Wrench Rags Renegades would return to action with Darren Dickinson in the #6 taking the pole position. It would be a fierce battle for the 9 car field. A spin by the #4 of Justin Austin would bring out the first caution, however Dickenson would prove to be too strong for the field and take the checkered flag. The #09 of Blake Walker would bring home a solid 2nd and Kenneth Roberts in the #8 would have a good run finishing 3rd after starting from the rear. Ray Triplett in the #57 and Kyle Divanna in the #71 would round out the top 5.

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Motor Speedway opened its doors for racing in 2015 with feature events for its SK Light, Limited Late Model, DARE Stock, and Legend Cars divisions as well as the Mr. Rooter Truck Series as part of the Saturday NAPA Auto Parts Spring Sizzler Weekend festivities. D.J. Burnham took the checkered flag in the 20-lap SK Light feature, Al Saunders was the winner of the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, Dan Dembek won the 15-lap DARE Stock feature, Cory DiMatteo won the 20-lap Legend Cars feature, and Roger Turbush won the 20-lap Mr. Rooter Truck Series feature.

In the 20-lap SK Light Modified feature, several cars got out of shape mid-pack and Pete Lopuch ended up spinning in turn 1 to bring the caution out.

DJ Burnham took the lead on the start with Bob Charland side by side Vinny Anglace for second. Anglace got out of shape on lap-2 in the outside groove and he slid back to sixth as Nick Salva took third, Geoff Boisjolie took fourth, and Joey Ferrigno moved up to fifth. Daniel Wesson and Aaron Goff spun in turns 3+4 to bring the caution out with 1 lap complete.

Burnham took the lead back under green with shuffling going on behind him. Salva briefly moved into second before Ferrigno took second. Salva came back strong and got back by Ferrigno before the action was slowed with 87 laps complete for Peyton Henry, who got into the turn 4 wall to bring the caution out.

Burnham again took the lead on the restart with Ferrigno moving by Salva to take over second. Glenn Griswold was up to fourth with Anglace running in fifth. Mark Alkas spun in turn 2 to bring the caution out with 13 laps complete.

Burnham took the lead back under green with Salva, Ferrigno, and Griswold behind him. Shayne Prucker took a wild ride down the backstretch and barrel rolled several times before coming to a stop at the entrance of turn 3 to bring the yellow and red flags out.

The field completed one lap before Jeff Fialkovich and Vinny Anglace got together on the backstretch to bring the caution out. Burnham again took the lead on a restart but the field didn't make it through turn 1 as Ferrigno climbed up and over the left rear of Salva's car, which collected Griswold and sent all 3 cars into the turn 1 wall and brought the caution out.

Burnham again took the lead

back under green with Matt Swanson moving into second. Charland took third, with Steve Kopicik and Boisjolie making up the top-5. Kopicik made a move under Charland to move up to fourth on lap-18 as Burnham was stretching out his lead over Swanson. Burnham led Swanson back to the checkered flag to pick up his first victory in the SK Lights. Kopicik finished third, with Charland and Boisjolie rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, the Saunders twins Albert and Cliff led the field to the green but the caution came out right away as David Comeau, Jeremy Lavoie, and R.J. Surdell spun into the turn 1 wall.

The field completed one lap before Paul Arute brought the caution out with a spin in turn 1. The next restart saw Cliff Saunders spin as the field came to the green but he got moving and the race stayed under green flag conditions with Al Saunders leading Duane Provost, Andrew Hayes, Austin Bessette, and Justin Bren.

Saunders began to stretch out his lead with 5 laps complete while Hayes and Provost were dueling side by side for second. Bessette was fourth with David Arute moving past Bren to take over fifth place. Arute continued to move towards the front as he moved by Provost for fourth while Hayes and Bessette were now second and third behind Al Saunders.

With 5 laps to go, Al Saunders was still in command with a half straightaway lead over Hayes and Bessette. David Arute was still fourth, just in front of Bren. Saunders led the field back to the checkered flag to score a dominating victory. Hayes finished second, with Bessette, Arute, and Bren rounding out the top-5.

In the 15-lap DARE Stock feature, Dan Dembek quickly moved to the lead from the outside pole at the start of the race with Tyler Trott moving up to second. Alexandra Fearn slotted into third, with Trace Beyer and Frank L'Etoile, Jr. making up the early top-5. David Macha, Sr. started on pole but slid back to sixth in line.

Dembek took the lead back under green with Trott behind him in second. L'Etoile moved up to third with Fearn fourth and Beyer in fifth. With three laps to go, L'Etoile's move opened the door for Fearn to follow L'Etoile past, dropping Trott from second back to fourth. But Dembek was the dominant car of the race and he led L'Etoile to the checkered flag.