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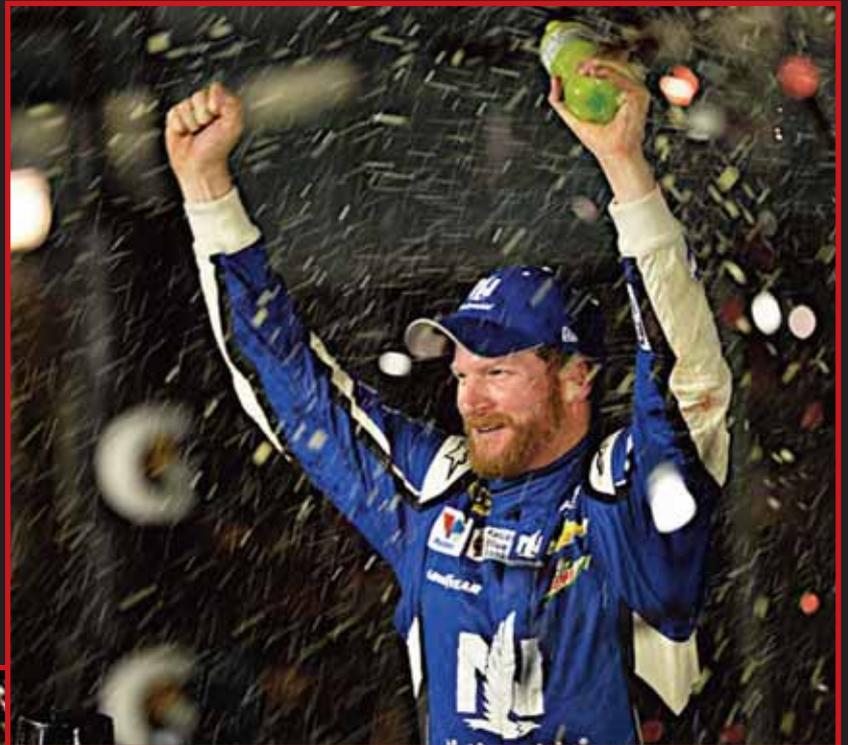
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## Amy Reimann Brings Balance to Dale Jr.'s Life

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Amy Reimann was hired in 2009 to make changes to Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s house.

She wound up changing his life.

Reimann heard of the name Earnhardt when she worked at architect designer Wakefield Beasley and Associates in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., but she had never watched a NASCAR race or knew anything about the third generation driver.

That all changed when she met him for the first time to talk about designing his home in Mooresville, N.C.

After dating for nearly six years, Earnhardt and Reimann got engaged on June 17 while on vacation in Germany. They haven't decided on a date yet, but it's likely to fall on one of the off weeks during next year's racing season, Reimann said.

While she was surprised by his proposal, there were plenty of signs suggesting he was going to pop the question at any time.

There was no bigger clue than Earnhardt's own demeanor in the past couple years. Those who know him best said he's never been happier or more content. He's struggled in the past with the fame and fortune of being the son of a seven-time champion, often being recluse and guarded from his adoring public.

Until he met Reimann.

"I feel like my part of him coming out of his shell is subtle things, spending more time with family, going out to eat, trying to be more normal," she said in a recent podcast interview posted at dalejr.com.

"When I met him he was nocturnal, staying up all night playing video games and he slept all day long. People stopped by the house and dropped off to-go boxes. That's how he ate. Cooking dinner and trying to be more normal and being awake during the day. That's basically how I've influenced him a little bit.

"I'm not trying to. He has changed myself, I guess. It's the evolving of a relationship. Eventually you have to get on the same

schedule or we don't see each other."

The couple joined his sister, Kelley Earnhardt Miller, her husband L.W. Miller and JR Motorsports information technology manager Martin Friedrich to a trip to Germany during an open weekend last month. The Earnhardts were tracking their ancestry, with brother and sister knowing all along there was bigger surprise in the works.

"I told her about this trip and we talked about it for two or three years and had done a ton of work on the genealogy stuff to understand what we were doing and making sure we were doing the right thing and going the right places," Earnhardt said. "So, she kind of knew how important the trip was."

The group stopped at a Lutheran Church in Illesheim where they had tracked family members 10 generations back to 1744.

As Reimann stood at the altar, Earnhardt approached, dropped to his knee and asked her to marry him.

"I'm standing at the altar. I turned around and Dale's just staring at me with this really odd look on his face. I had never seen the expression he had," Reimann said. "And he says, 'Amy?' I'm like, 'yes.' Then he starts telling me how much he loves me and everything. He goes through his speech and gets down on one knee.

"I was in shock, complete shock. My hands were on my face. It was really, really weird. I don't know. It wasn't like this jumping up and down, screaming. For the next three hours I was shaking. I just couldn't get it together."

She tearfully said yes.

The wedding will continue an amazing awakening for the sport's most popular driver. He no longer spends hours playing video games. In fact, Reimann has plans to remove his famous video room once they're married.

Earnhardt is no longer too shy or overwhelmed to go to the grocery store or to a local restaurant. He even was comfortable enough in public to vacation with Reimann at Walt Disney World.

He rode from the Hendrick Motorsports shops in Concord, N.C., to the Daytona International



DON COBLE



Dale Jr. and Amy talk in the pits at Kansas Speedway before the race. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

Speedway for Sunday's rain-delayed Coke Zero 400 in the team hauler. He Tweeted selfies and talked with fans along the way.

"I think those things have been great, you know just family time together, having the kids [Earnhardt Miller's children] involved," Reimann said. "The kids loved their Easter baskets. Just doing stuff like that. He didn't understand any of that before. Now he really enjoys it. Now he goes to friends' birthdays and friends' baby showers."

And he's formidable on the race-track again.

He won a single race in a five-year stretch when the couple met. As their relationship grew, his success returned as well.

He continued to evolve, Reimann said, because he learned to be "happy in the moment."

He won four races and finished eighth in the championship a year ago, and he has two victories – a

tearful win May 3 at the Talladega Superspeedway and a dominant win at Daytona that didn't end until 2:41 a.m. ET on Sunday – and is second in the standings heading into Saturday night's Quaker State 400 at the Kentucky Speedway.

"It's good to be back doing what you're used to doing and being at the track and driving cars and working on them," he said.

The Talladega victory means he will be in this year's Chase for the Championship. The Daytona win means he will be a strong contender for the championship.

With his professional life on the fast track to success, he now is more comfortable to think about life beyond race cars. He finds jewelry to be "creepy," so he won't wear a wedding ring.

Beyond that, however, he's looking forward to being a husband and family man.

"I think the greatest accomplishment in life is to be able to raise a child," he said. "That would be awesome. I have felt that way for a long time, but it's just a timing thing. You have to get married first and find that person that you want to spend the rest of your life with.

"That is definitely in the future. She wants to have kids and I've always kind of wanted to have kids. That is definitely something we will be looking at."

Reimann not only helped Earnhardt find a happy balance in his life, she continues to be amazed by the depth of their love.

"It was so romantic," she said. "He hides that part of himself. I know that part of his exists. Nobody else gets to see that."

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# It's Big News Week at Daytona

July. Daytona. Big News. These three go together each and every year. You can just depend on the July 4th weekend race at Daytona International Speedway to be one filled with press conferences and series/sponsor announcements that highlight the sports pages around the world. And, this July at Daytona certainly didn't lack for major announcements and news.

It would be difficult to pick the most important announcement or press conference at Daytona because, under normal

circumstances, each would be the "news of the week". However, I'll give you the "cliff notes" version of these newsmakers.

Kyle Busch returns to Daytona after suffering the most serious accident and injuries that he has experienced in motorsports when he crashed during the Xfinity Series race at the World Center of Racing in February this year. Busch broke his right leg and left foot in that accident and missed the first several months of the 2015 season. As a result of his accident, track throughout NASCAR began to look at their walls and areas that were not protected by safer barriers. Almost immediately, many of those tracks took additional safety measures and began making plans to add additional coverage of safer barriers. In fact, Daytona International Speedway added protection (tires) overnight in the area of the track where Busch had his accident in preparation for the Daytona 500.

It was announced at Daytona that International Speedway Corporation is adding approximately 54,000 linear feet of safety improvements to its 13 NASCAR-sanctioned tracks through the end of 2016.

"I'm certainly grateful that the tracks continue to work on the evolution of safety," Kyle Busch commented. "Through the years, they've done that through our seats and the HANS device. And, I'm grateful that Daytona was as compassionate as they were that they wanted to do everything in their power to fix things and make it first class."

Busch made additional news at Daytona when he commented about the amount of grass at many of the tracks on the NASCAR circuit. Busch mentioned during a press conference that he believes tracks should remove all grass areas near the racing surface and pave that area. He cited the IndyCar wreck at California Speedway last week as an example where a car venturing into the grass area on the frontstretch caused it to flip. There have many incidents at tracks with large area of grass adjacent to the racing surface where cars have experienced an issue causing them to flip and roll while in the middle of an accident. In recent years, many tracks have made safety changes to their facility and replace large grassy areas with pavement. California, Talladega, Michigan, Daytona,

and Charlotte are tracks that come to mind making these improvements. Of course, there are others who have, or are in the process of, making changes.

At Dover earlier this year, NASCAR held a meeting of its newly-formed driver council. The meeting, rumored to have included at least nine drivers selected by a vote, with representatives from NASCAR, reportedly was held to discuss a new 2016 rules package, safety, and ways to improve the competition on the track. At Daytona, a second meeting was held with series officials and the drivers council.

"I felt great about the meeting actually," Dale Earnhardt Jr. commented. "The meetings that we have had with them (NASCAR officials) have really been good, real productive. They talked about the direction they wanted to go a little bit."

"We talked a little bit about tires, a little about the changes they are going to make, what they want to do with this low-downforce package in the future, and what they want to do at some other racetracks as well," Earnhardt added. "I will let them decide when they want to give everybody that information, but the meetings have been great."

"I'm not expecting (the aero changes) at Kentucky to reveal a lot of obvious answers on the direction we need to go," Earnhardt concluded. "We are going with a low downforce package

that drivers want, but we are not really able to get the tire we want, the softer tire to really fit with that or work with that. The tire is a bit better, but not quite enough. I think that is understood among NASCAR, ourselves, and Goodyear."

All of the news at Daytona was no on the track or about the drivers. In light of recent national developments and issues, Daytona International Speedway offered a "flag swap" for any flag who would like to trade their Confederate flag for an American flag. Along those same lines, NASCAR made a statement ABOUT THE Confederate flag and encouraged fans to not fly this flag on their campers, motorhomes, or campsites at their tracks. Several drivers have made statements about their feelings about the Confederate flag, but most have remained silent with their opinions. Time will tell how well this "encouragement" is received by the NASCAR fans, but you can bet that the "good ol' Southern boys" will be interesting to watch.

Did I mention that the July Daytona race will be Jeff Gordon's final race at the historic speedway as a driver? The six-time winner at Daytona will be retiring at the end of 2015 and will be joining NBC in the booth as a member of their broadcast team. Certainly will be an emotional weekend for Gordon, his family, and his fans.

I know that I only scratched the surface of the news coming from Daytona last week. The importance of the race and the potential opportunity to earn a position in the Chase could literally change the fortunes for a driver and team for the remainder of the year. After all, it's July and it's Daytona!



DENNIS PUNCH



Kyle Busch, driver of the #18 Interstate Batteries Toyota, speaks to the media during a press conference prior to qualifying for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway. (CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY IMAGES photo)

# Dale Earnhardt Jr. Wins as Dillon Crashes

By **BILL SPEROS**

Dale Earnhardt Jr. endured a weekend of rain, a three-hour-plus pre-race delay, and nine caution flags to win the Coke-Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway

early Monday morning.

Florida track.

"I had a lot of fun tonight," a somewhat subdued Earnhardt said after the race. "We have such great motors and good cars. We ran Very fast. I had to block a lot, get a lot of pushes from everybody. I had to run real hard to win this race here. We got shuffled back a few times."

Driver Paul Menard could have



Dale Earnhardt Jr. shows off his second winner's decal after dominating the Coke-Zero 400 early in the morning Monday. (S. CRABILL/GETTY images photo)

The race ended at 2:41 a.m. and concluded with a large crash featuring Austin Dillon's No. 3 Chevrolet going airborne and smashing into the catch-fence near Turn 1 after he crossed the start-finish line. Dillon walked away from the wreck, the fourth major crash of the night. After being released from the infield care center, Dillon said he suffered a bruised tailbone and forearm.

Pole-sitter Earnhardt dominated the night, leading 96 laps in his No. 88 Nationwide Stars and Stripes Chevrolet. He also had the convincing support of the fans remaining at the track following the 154-minute rain delay. The delay was a harbinger for the race itself, which included four multi-car crashes and those nine caution flags that covered 43 of the scheduled 160 laps before the green-white checkered finish. It was Earnhardt's fourth NASCAR Sprint Cup career victory on the 2.5-mile

been speaking for everyone at the speedway when he said on his radio during the race that Earnhardt's No. 88 was "ridiculously" fast. Earnhardt consistently outran the competition on re-start after re-start.

Earnhardt's crew raced onto the track after the last-lap crash to check on Dillon's condition. The catch fences at Daytona International Speedway were reinforced following an accident in 2013 during a NASCAR XFINITY Series race.

Denny Hamlin finished third, with Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch rounding out the top five. Harvick leads the Sprint Cup points standings by 63 points over Earnhardt.

The NASCAR Sprint Cup Series moves to Kentucky Speedway this week where it will debut its new aerodynamic package in the NSCS Quaker State 400 presented by Advance Auto Parts on Saturday (7:30 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Network).



Top to bottom: Denny Hamlin (11) spins into Austin Dillon (3); Dillon goes airborne; Dillon's #3 crashes into the catchfence on the front straightaway; Pit crews rush to give aid to Austin Dillon who got out of the car and walked away with a bruised tailbone and forearm. (NIGEL KINRADE/JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photos)

# Austin Dillon Wins Crash-Filled Firecracker 250

By JEFF OLSON

Austin Dillon led just nine laps Saturday night, including the one that mattered most.

Dillon, grandson of legendary team owner Richard Childress, outlasted Elliott Sadler and Chase Elliott during a green-white-checked finish to claim the crash-filled Subway Firecracker 250, the NASCAR XFINITY Series race at Daytona International Speedway.

"This is Daytona, man," Dillon said during the post-race celebration. "There are so many family memories here. ... I'm just happy for my grandfather. He told me once when we were here in Victory Lane with Dale Earnhardt that you'll have this opportunity one day. It means so much to be here."

A multi-car crash on Lap 96 of the 100-lap race took out Brian Scott, who led 84 laps and was in front when the crash started. Scott moved to the outside line to block Elliott Sadler, but was spun out, collecting several cars. Dillon slipped through the crash, then stayed

ahead of Elliott after the final restart.

Sadler recovered from the crash and surged past Elliott as the field reached the checkered flag to finish second. Afterward, he blamed Scott for the crash.

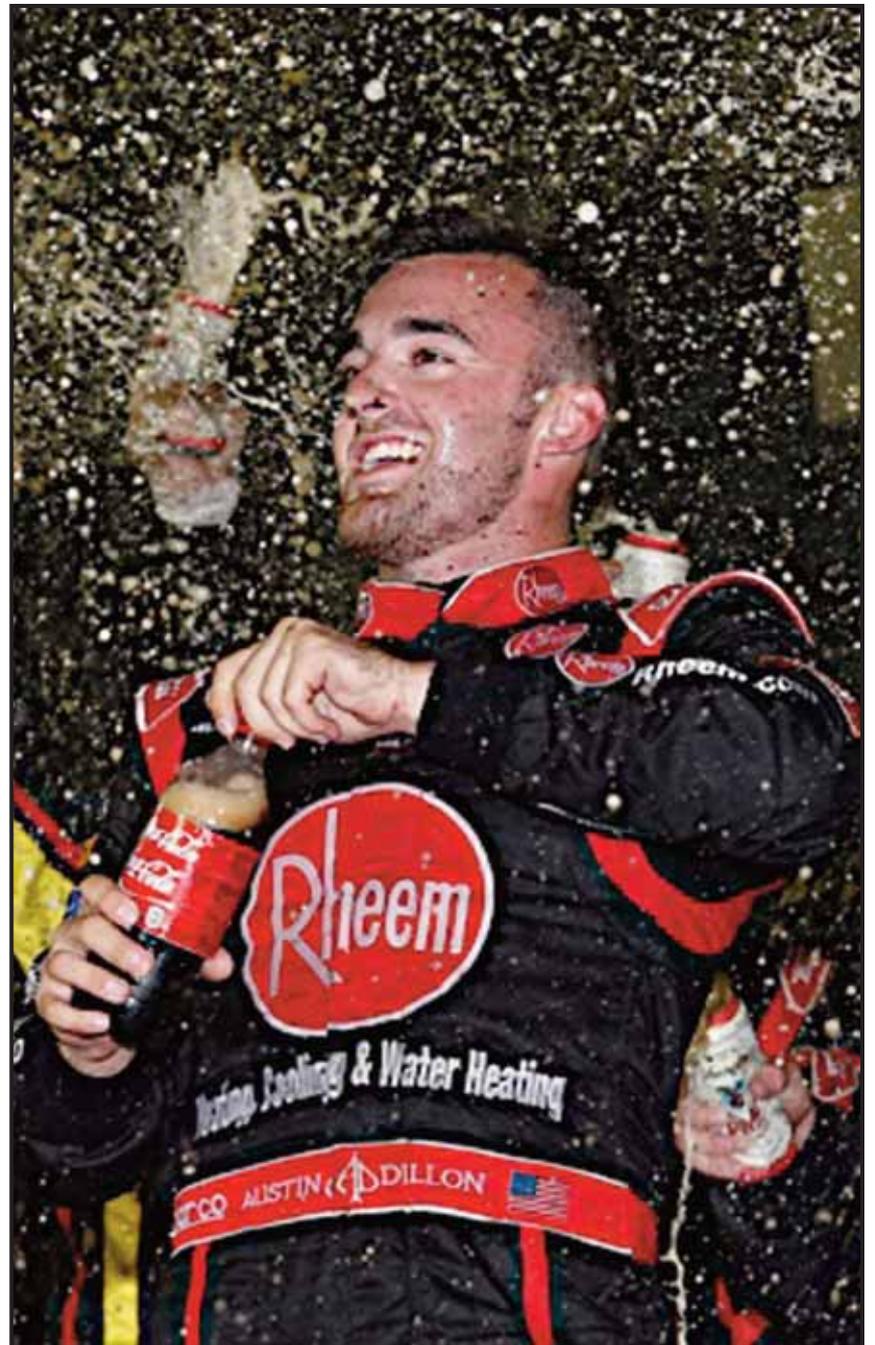
"Either Brian's spotter or Brian tried to make the move too late to block us," Sadler said. "We were already up to his right rear door. It wrecked us, man. This is Daytona. It's a shame. We had a car good enough to win."

Scott admitted the move was aggressive and poorly timed, but said he thought Sader could have given him room.

"I told myself I was going to be aggressive, and I was going for the win," Scott said. "I was trying to time that run. I knew the outside lane was coming. Obviously I mistimed it a little bit, but I still felt like I gave them room to split me and go high. Instead of going high on me, he turned me into the wall."

Dillon scored his third XFINITY Series win of 2015 and fifth of his career, putting a smile on his grandfather's face.

"It's cool any time you win here at Daytona," Childress said.



Close racing shows Brian Scott (2) leading Elliott Sadler (1) and Austin Dillon (33) with Ryan Reed (16), Ty Dillon (3) and Joey Logano (22) battling on the outside row. This was before Reed wrecked and the field was scrambled for a green-white-checked finish. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

Austin Dillon is all smiles as he celebrates in Daytona International Speedway's victory lane and prepares to have a drink of coke. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

A 12-car pile-up with 10 laps to go collected the top two in the XFINITY points standings – Chris Buescher and Ty Dillon – and set the stage for a restart with five laps remaining. Scott restarted ahead of Sadler and Austin Dillon.

Sadler fell behind in the outside line but regained momentum and appeared to be ready to pass Scott, who was leading the inside line. Scott moved up to get in front of Sadler, but didn't have enough room and was turned into the wall.

The crash left only nine cars on the lead lap. Dillon restarted ahead of Dakoda Armstrong and Chase Elliott for the green-white-checked finish, and Elliott quickly moved into second on the low line. He finished third, followed by Kasey Kahne, Benny Gordon and Armstrong.



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## Abreu Captures Columbus Checkers for First Career NASCAR K&N Pro Series East Victory

COLUMBUS, OH - Rico Abreu made a name for himself wheeling an open-wheel car on dirt. It hasn't taken long to get acclimated to stock car racing on asphalt.

In only his seventh start, the 23-year-old from St. Helena, California, earned his first NASCAR win in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East race at Columbus Motor Speedway Saturday night.

With his win in the NAPA 150, Abreu continues his breakout year that saw him with the prestigious Chili Bowl Nationals sprint car event, make his first stock car start in February, sign with HScott Motorsports with Justin Marks and win his first Coors Light Pole Award in the previous K&N Pro Series East event at Langley Speedway.

Abreu captured his second Coors Light Pole Award in a row earlier in the evening at Columbus, but it was the decisive pass for the lead that he made on Lap 115 that ultimately delivered his first victory.

Abreu just beat Grant Quinlan to the finish line. In his K&N Pro Series East debut, Quinlan battled for – and swapped – the lead eight times with Abreu throughout the 150-lap event. The final margin of victory for Abreu over Quinlan was 0.103 seconds.

Kaz Grala crossed the line in third with Jay Beasley fourth and Ronnie Bassett Jr. fifth. Dalton Sargeant, Austin Hill, J.J. Haley and Kenzie Ruston brought home

the top 10.

William Byron, who finished 14th Saturday, retained the championship lead by 20 points over Hill with seven races complete.

The NAPA 150 will be telecast on NBCSN on July 10 at 2:30 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series East will return to action with the Granite State 70 on July 17 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

### Brunnhoezl Back In Caraway Victory Lane

SOPHIA, NC - George Brunnhoezl III is once again all alone atop the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour career wins list at Caraway Speedway.

With his performance Saturday night Brunnhoezl took home the checkered flag in the Daggett & Shuler Attorneys at Law Rusty Harpe Memorial 150 for his 12th career victory at the venerable .455-mile oval. That breaks a tie for the track lead he was in with Andy Seuss, who won the tour's last visit to Caraway in March.

The West Babylon, New York, native also extended his Whelen Southern Modified Tour record for career wins to 23 in the process.

Jason Myers finished as the runner-up with Eric Goodale in third. Kyle Ebersole and Joe Ryan Osborne rounded out the top five while Gary Putnam, Seuss, Bobby Measmer Jr., Frank Fleming and JR Bertuccio completed the top 10.

Seuss, the polesitter for the race, tangled with Bertuccio on Lap 114. The latter was assessed a



Rico Abreu captured his first NASCAR victory Saturday night at Columbus. Abreu has had a breakout season with his first asphalt win coming in just his second start. (Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

penalty for rough driving, but both were able to salvage top-10 finishes.

Jason Myers took over the top spot in the standings by two points

over his brother Burt (196-194). Bertuccio sits third with 190.

The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will return to action Aug. 1 at Bowman Gray Stadium.

## OffTrack

### Steve Byrnes Named Fifth Squier-Hall Award Recipient

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Popular FOX Sports broadcaster Steve Byrnes has been named the recipient of the 2016 Squier-Hall Award for NASCAR Media Excellence.

Byrnes most recently served as the play-by-play announcer for the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series on FOX Sports 1 and was the network's co-host of NASCAR Race Hub. He passed away in April after a long battle with cancer.

Byrnes will be honored during NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony festivities on Jan. 22, 2016 and featured in an exhibit in the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, N.C.

"For three decades, Steve's hard work and humanity brought NASCAR fans closer to their favorite drivers," said NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France.

From 2001-14, Byrnes served as a pit reporter for NASCAR Sprint Cup Series races on FOX. He also served as a studio show host and appeared on various programs.

Prior to joining FOX, Byrnes hosted a variety of NASCAR programs including Inside Winston Cup Racing with Ned Jarrett and Darrell Waltrip's Racers on TNN. He also worked as a pit reporter for CBS, TNN and TBS.

His courageous battle with cancer served as an inspiration to the

NASCAR industry, fans and his peers. In April, shortly before his passing, Bristol Motor Speedway named its Sprint Cup race the Food City 500 In Support of Steve Byrnes and Stand up to Cancer.

The Squier-Hall Award was created in 2012 to honor the contributions of media to the success of the sport. Legendary broadcasters Ken Squier and Barney Hall, for whom the award is named, were its initial recipients.

The other seven nominees for the 2016 award were:

- Norma "Dusty" Brandel, the first woman to report from inside the NASCAR garage
- Russ Catlin, one of the best-known early racing writers and historians, served as editor of Speed Age Magazine
- Shav Glick, covered motorsports for the Los Angeles Times for 37 years, bringing NASCAR coverage to the West Coast
- Bob Jenkins, served as the lead NASCAR lap-by-lap anchor at ESPN from 1982-2000.
- Bob Moore, spent more than 20 years as a NASCAR beat writer including stints with the Daytona Beach News-Journal and The Charlotte Observer
- Benny Phillips, spent 48 years covering NASCAR for the High Point Enterprise, 27 years for Stock Car Racing and 12 years on TBS
- T. Taylor Warren, best known for his three-wide photo of the 1959 Daytona 500 finish, he covered every Daytona 500 until his death in 2008.



George Brunnhoezl III won for the 23rd time in his Whelen Southern Modified Tour career Saturday at Caraway. (Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

# Eddie MacDonald Wins Again at NHMS in First-Ever Super Late Model Race at New England's Superspeedway

LOUDON, NC - Eddie MacDonald of Rowley, Massachusetts added another page to his impressive New Hampshire Motor Speedway resume, scoring an impressive victory in the AIM 60 Pro All Stars Series race, the first-ever Pro

All Stars Series Super Late Model race at the "Magic Mile."

It was the seventh victory on the 1.058-mile oval for MacDonald, a three-time winner in NASCAR K&N East Series competition at NHMS, to go along with three race victories in ACT Invitational Late Model competition.

MacDonald was tested in the early stages of the race by fellow front row starter, and reigning PASS North Super Late Model champion, DJ Shaw of Center Conway, New Hampshire before Stonington, Connecticut competitor David Garbo, Jr. entered the picture.

Garbo, relegated to 25th starting position after running afoul of PASS technical inspectors following his heat race, methodically worked his way through the field, needing only 18 laps to take second position away from Shaw.



Race winner Eddie MacDonald (66) battles with David Garbo Jr. (8) for the lead late in the race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. (NORM MARX photo)

Garbo chased MacDonald, prevailing on a lap 40 restart and hanging on to the top spot for nearly a dozen laps before New England's renowned "Outlaw" prevailed in a final side-by-side battle with about eight laps to go.

After likely passing more cars than anyone during the 60-lapper, Garbo claimed runner-up

honors behind MacDonald. Spencer Davis of Dawsonville, Georgia rounded out the podium in his first NHMS appearance in a full-bodied racecar.

Shaw managed to cross the finish line in fourth position aboard the Precision JLM ride, with the top five completed by Derek Ramstrom of West Boylston, Massachusetts. Dalton Sargent of Concord, North Carolina made a late-race charge into sixth position under the checkered flag.

Tate Fogleman of Durham, North Carolina unofficially vaulted to the top of the PASS Super Late Model National Championship standings with a seventh-place run, as Ben Rowe – who led the standing entering the race – failed to see the checkered flag and was scored in 21st position.

Rounding out the top ten were Trevor Sanborn of East Parsonsfield, Maine; six-time PASS North Super Late Model champion Johnny Clark of Farmingdale, Maine and current PASS North SLM points leader Mike Rowe of Turner, Maine.

Shaw, Fogleman, MacDonald and Bryan Kruczek scored qualifying heat race wins to kick off the afternoon program.



Eddie MacDonald (center) poses in New Hampshire Motor Speedway's victory lane with the spoils of the AIM 60 Pro All Stars Series race winner. (NORM MARX photo)





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**Darlington Raceway**  
DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway is offering a fun and exciting membership club for its young fans – Darlington Raceway Rascals presented by Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan.

A free club for kids 12 and under, Darlington Raceway Rascals presented by Future Scholar offers fun race related gifts and benefits for signing up.

“We’re always looking for ways to engage with the next generation of fans. The Darlington Raceway Rascals presented by Future Scholar will be a great way to educate our young audience about NASCAR racing and Darlington Raceway,” track President Chip Wile said.

“The program provides a cool gift bag and fun opportunities for kids who are members. We appreciate the support of Future Scholar for this program.”

South Carolina’s Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan provides a tax-advantaged investment strategy for families seeking to afford a child’s future college tuition.

The Wall Street Journal recognized Future Scholar as having the top state tax deduction program in the country, and Money Magazine identified South Carolina’s plan as “a leader in low fees.” No public funds are used in the sponsorship of the Darlington Raceway Rascals.

“Raceway Rascals is an opportunity for families to have fun at Darlington Raceway and learn more about the smart decision to save for college with Future Scholar,” said State Treasurer Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. “Future Scholar and the Office of State Treasurer that administers the Future Scholar Plan are happy to support the Darlington Raceway Rascals and the children who sign up for this great program.”

Parents must visit [www.DarlingtonRacewayRascals.com](http://www.DarlingtonRacewayRascals.com) to sign up their child. An e-mail will be sent to the parent’s email account, which will need to be replied to for confirmation.

Membership benefits include the following:

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- Temporary Tattoo
- Crayons
- Coloring Book



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•Quarterly E-mail Newsletter  
•Opportunity to participate in NASCAR Sprint Cup Series autograph session (supplies limited) on race weekend.

To receive membership benefits, kids and their parent(s) must either visit the Darlington Raceway Rascals presented by Future Scholar tent in the display area Kids Zone on race weekend, Sept. 4-6, 2015, or by stopping by the track’s administration offices during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Details on the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series autograph session, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5 at the track, will be sent out in future membership communications.

For more information, visit [www.DarlingtonRacewayRascals.com](http://www.DarlingtonRacewayRascals.com) or call 843-395-8823.

The Tradition Returns to Labor Day weekend as the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Bojangles’ Southern 500® is set for Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. The NASCAR XFINITY Series VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 5. Tickets are on sale now by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting [www.DarlingtonRaceway.com](http://www.DarlingtonRaceway.com).

**Bristol Motor Speedway**

BRISTOL, TN - Used to be, all roads led to Rome. Now, fans from around the world are beating a path to “The Last Great Colosseum” at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Visitor stats for the Irwin Tools Night Race (ITNR), popular for its under-the-lights action, showed that in 2014 the track hosted guests from all 50 states and 25 foreign countries. With two months to go until the August 22, 2015 event, that’s a mark the Speedway expects to exceed.

Ticket sales for the upcoming event are brisk, showing that to date, fans from all 50 states and

the District of Columbia will travel to Bristol, located on the border of northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia. Making that journey along with them will be citizens from 20 foreign countries, among them Australia, Austria, Brazil, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland.

“Our volunteers and staff do their best to exude southern hospitality, making guests feel at home when they visit our racetrack,” said Jerry Caldwell, general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway. “Surrounded by the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, we’re in a great location for family vacations, group getaways and the best short-track racing entertainment the sport has to offer.”

That focus on customer service and the comfort of home has filtered out across the globe, generating loyalty among international guests. Of those with August 2015 ITNR tickets, 22% have been season ticket holders for at least 15 years, and 9.6% of those guests have visited for at least 18 years.

“Love the whole atmosphere of Bristol and the local people of the town,” said Paul and Tracey McMillan of Delhi, Ontario, Canada, who attended the April 19 spring race weekend. “Love Bristol Motor Speedway. Love the camping and the people we have become friends with over the years. There’s no other track like Bristol. We plan on going to Bristol for life!”

BMS’s international guests share a common affinity of beloved drivers with their United States counterparts. Most list Dale Earnhardt Jr., NASCAR’s 12-time Most Popular Driver as voted on NASCAR.com, as their favorite. Close behind? Jeff Gordon.

“We love that fans around the world travel so far to experience racing at Bristol Motor Speedway,” said Caldwell. “This really is a venue like no other and we’re delighted to welcome all our guests.”

If each international ticket holder from last year journeyed from the center of their country to the Speedway, the distance would equal 123,653.61 miles. At Kyle Busch’s Sprint Cup Series record qualifying speed of 129.535 miles per hour, it would take 39 days and seven hours to drive that same distance, which represents 231,995.5 laps around the track.

In 2014, sales show that Bristol’s largest international fan base came from all regions of Canada, with Australia, England, Germany, New Zealand and Norway rounding out the top six. Other countries represented included China, Japan, South Africa, Norway, Scotland, Italy, Russia, Moldova, Argentina and Mexico. Some international consumers purchased tickets as late as the week of the race.

Closer to home, Ohio represents the largest population of attendees outside of the track’s home state. Ohioans drive six or more hours to reach Bristol Motor Speedway.

Tickets to the August 22 IRWIN Tools Night Race are available. Single-day tickets start at just \$74, with weekend packages as low as \$99.

Additionally, beginning July 1, IRWIN Tools Night Race account holders will be eligible to reserve tickets to the Battle at Bristol, college football’s biggest-ever game. Scheduled for September 10, 2016, the Battle pits border rivals the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech against each other at Bristol Motor Speedway and is expected to set a new NCAA attendance record.

The quantity of tickets each account holder can reserve is based on the customer’s Priority Points, and the only way to guarantee Battle at Bristol tickets is to become a BMS season ticket holder.

For information on reserving a seat at Bristol, visit [BristolTix.com](http://BristolTix.com) or call (855) 580-5525.

## Donny Schatz Outduels the Competition for Boot Hill Showdown Win

DODGE CITY, KS - After coming just short of a win the night before, Donny Schatz dominated night two of the Boot Hill Showdown at Dodge City Raceway Park on Saturday night and scored his 19th World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory of the season.

"It feels good to get back to victory lane," Schatz said. "This race track was completely different tonight. I didn't know what was going to happen. It got so fast on the bottom last night and I didn't know if it was going to hold up there or not. But wow, it was lightning fast around the top."

Schatz started on the front row with Jason Sides, the previous night's winner. Schatz had the lead in his No. 15 Bad Boy Buggies car by the time the two drivers hit turn one. A caution flag flew early as Joey Saldana was forced up the track. When the race returned to green Schatz maintained his lead.

Over the next ten laps, Schatz worked his way through traffic as Sides worked to hold off Paul McMahan and McMahan worked to hold off Kerry Madsen. The yellow flag flew again on lap 16 as Logan Schuchart slowed on track.

The restart proved pivotal as Sides stumbled and held up the bottom line while Schatz and those behind him surged forward. When the field came back around, Schatz led McMahan and Jason Johnson. As Schatz worked his way through traffic in the closing laps, McMahan tried to run him down but was unsuccessful.

"Starting on the outside really helped tonight getting the jump on (Jason Sides)," Schatz said.

"Had a really good car. It was awful tight there most of the race but that's a good thing for me. I try to do my best and tonight it got us a win."

After a season so far that has been up and down, McMahan said the second place finish felt good for he and his CJB Motorsports team. He credited his crew chief Barry Jackson and his team members for working hard night in and night out to overcome bad luck and find their stride.

"We've been working every day

and Barry has been working every day trying to figure out what it is and I think we found some things on our CJB racecar tonight," McMahan said. "Our pill draw hasn't been the greatest, we've been qualifying just outside that front row or not in that good spot to make the dash and then you've got to start so far back. And then you've got to chase guys like Donny down. I'm just happy to actually be in the same race he was tonight. He didn't get away from us - lap traffic was pretty tricky."

After a nearly three month hiatus from the series following an injury at Placerville Speedway in April, Jason Johnson proved yet again tonight that he is back in old form. The reigning American Sprint Car Series champion, who is making his first full campaign with the Outlaws this season, started on the pole and finished in the top five on night one of the Boot Hill Showdown and then closed out the weekend on Saturday with a podium finish in third.

Johnson said the finish means a lot for his No. 41 Priority Aviation/Mesilla Valley Transportation team.

"Even though I was out, my guys worked their tails off and using the different drivers throughout the time I was out, they capitalized on the good things that we learned from each guy," Johnson said. "I'm still



Donny Schatz emerges from his winged sprint car victorious in Dodge City Raceway Park's victory lane. Schatz recorded his 19th win of the season with his Boot Hill Showdown victory. He also won at Lakeside Speedway earlier in the week. (Lonnie Wheatley/DCRP photo)

the same driver I was three months ago but these guys have advanced really far. I can't say enough about Phillip Dietz our crew chief and (crew members) Cole and Blaine, they're doing a good job. The team is gelling and we're surrounded by great people... I want to thank everybody for their support while I was out and I'm happy to be back."

Kevin Swindell was the night's KSE Racing Hard Charger, advancing six positions to finish in 14th.

The World of Outlaws Sprint Car

Series return to action next weekend, July 11 and 12 at Cedar Lake Speedway for the two-day Cedar Lake Outlaw Sprint Car Showdown.

For more information on the event visit [www.woosprint.com/cedar-lake-speedway](http://www.woosprint.com/cedar-lake-speedway).

Follow the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/WorldofOutlaws](http://www.twitter.com/WorldofOutlaws), like it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WorldofOutlaws](http://www.facebook.com/WorldofOutlaws), or check out the latest videos on YouTube.

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## Jason Sides Dodges Traffic to Boot Hill Showdown Win

DODGE CITY, KS - After fighting forward in Friday night's Boot Hill Showdown at Dodge City Raceway Park, Jason Sides dodged his way through traffic and battled Donny Schatz to score his first World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory since 2012.

"It's been a long time," said an emotional Sides in victory lane. "It's been a long last couple of years. It's just one of those things that we just keep plugging away. We're out here having a good time about it but for the most part still trying to make a living and beat this 15 car over here."

The win, his second at Dodge City Raceway Park, comes as Sides has spent much of the last month without any full-time crew members to help his family owned team.

"I miss my brother (Paul) being out here but he had to go home," Sides said. "It's just one of those things where it's a big family sport and it's like a big family to us out here and we really appreciate it."

A favorite with fans and his fellow competitors alike, Sides' win was met with congratulations from the guys he beat.

"I'm happier than hell for Jason Sides," said Schatz, who finished second. "He drove the wheels off that thing and I tried everything I could to get back by him but he was awful good tonight."

Joey Saldana, who finished on the podium in third on Friday night, followed that up.

"He's been out here doing this deal all by himself so he's very much deserving of this win tonight," Saldana said. "Proud of him and his guys."

The last time Sides stood in victory lane with the World of Outlaws was at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 in October 2012.

David Gravel led the field to green but it was Jason Johnson, back in just his second race since returning from medical leave, who led the first six laps. Schatz shot to second place before the field made the first circuit and hung tight on Johnson as the two began to work their way through traffic. Schatz, who was fast on the bottom all night, got around Johnson off of

turn four and went on to lead lap six. Johnson tried to work his way back by a few laps later, but Schatz was able to hold him off.

It was a surging Sides though who posed the biggest threat to Schatz. Sides, who started fifth in his No. 7S Dancer Logistics/FSR/WTS/King Racing Products car, took over third on lap 1 and second on lap 12. As Schatz worked his way through traffic, Sides waited.

"It was just one of those things where I was committed to the bottom and if they tried to slip up off the bottom we were going to get underneath them," said the Bartlett, Tennessee-native.

As Schatz did just that in his No. 15 Bad Boy Buggies car, Sides made his move and took over the lead as the two drivers completed lap 14. Schatz closed the gap a couple of times as the laps ticked by, including a close call for Sides on lap 17, but Sides held off the reigning champion.

Sides pulled away in the waning laps as he worked his way through traffic.

"It seemed like we rotated pretty good around the corners and we could get underneath the slower cars there," Sides said.

"We could run the top in three and four pretty hard and got around a few cars like that. We just were committed to the bottom and the Kistler Engine just kept pulling hard off the bottom and we kept going with it down there."

Schatz said he struggled all night to get his car to work as well on the top of the race track as it did on the bottom.

"That was obviously the preferred line," Schatz said of the top. "I told the guys the wrong direction to go with the racecar and it's my own fault. Tonight's the night you want to do that. We want to be better for tomorrow night. There are no excuses, (Sides) drove around us. He got me in lap traffic and that's how you win them and that's how you lose them. We don't want to run second but if we have to run second, racing that way, that hard, is pretty awesome."

Saldana, who, in addition to scoring his third podium finish in a row, took home the KSE Racing Hard Charger Award, methodically worked his way forward from a ninth place starting position.

The driver of the No. 71M Motter Equipment car jumped to fifth by lap two and to fourth by lap seven.



Jason Sides celebrates his first World of Outlaws Sprint Series win since 2012 in victory lane at Dodge City Raceway Park. Sides won the opening night of the Boot Hill Showdown. (Lonnie Wheatley/DCRP photo)

After briefly slipping back to fifth, Saldana worked his way forward and got around Daryn Pittman for third with three laps to go.

### From 10th, Schatz Charges to Score Win at Lakeside Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS - If Donny Schatz has a point to prove, it is that it does not matter where he starts, he will always be a threat to win. He certainly did that Wednesday night at the O'Reilly Auto Parts presents the Outlaws at Lakeside Speedway where, after charging forward from 10th, the six-time and reigning series champion battled past Joey Saldana in the closing laps of the feature to score his 18th World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series victory of the season.

It was Schatz's first ever win at Lakeside.

"We've never actually run very good here," Schatz said. "This Bad Boy Buggies race team just worked hard on it trying to figure out what we do at all these places where we haven't been good. We've had a real balanced race car everywhere we've been. Hats off to them."

Tonight's win added another mark in the record books for Schatz who became the first driver to score back-to-back wins without participating in the dash. Schatz won at Beaver Dam last Saturday after starting in 10th.

David Gravel led the field to the green flag with Joey Saldana on his outside. The two drivers drag raced side by side into turn one with the advantage to Saldana as they exited. Through the opening laps, Saldana built up a sizable lead. He caught the back of the field on lap five.

As he and the cars behind began working through traffic the distance between all of them closed.

By lap eight, third place Kerry Madsen had his hands full, fending off the 51 of Paul McMahan and trying to get around Gravel, then in second. As the three drivers battled, Schatz, who had moved into the fifth position by the third circuit, was poised to make moves. Madsen took over the second spot on lap 11 while McMahan and Schatz followed around Gravel. The next lap by, Schatz took over third.

The first yellow of the night came out on lap 13 as the No. 21 FVP car driven by Brian Brown slowed to a stop in turn 3. When the field returned to green, Schatz got around Madsen for the second position.

Saldana maintained and built his lead through the next seven laps, but as he caught the back of the field once again, Schatz closed the gap and began looking for a way around. He finally got his opportunity on lap 27 as Saldana was slowed up by a lapped car off of turn four. Schatz dove low and took the position as the two went into turn one.

One more yellow flew, but Saldana was not able to get around Schatz on the green-white-checked finish that ended the 30 lap feature.

"That green-white-checked was the fastest I felt all night," Schatz said. "This place is tricky to get through traffic like that. It was really fast on the top - I didn't know if we were going to be able to do it."

Madsen, who ran as high as second Wednesday night after starting in sixth, said his car was good but Schatz was just able to find the better lines through traffic.

## Sheppard Shines in Independence 50 at Portsmouth Raceway Park

PORTSMOUTH, OH - Brandon Sheppard rocketed around the high-side to win the Independence 50 on Saturday Night at Portsmouth Raceway Park. Sheppard is currently leading the Lucas Oil Products Rookie of the Year chase and becomes the first Rookie to win

a Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series event this season.

Sheppard started seventh and made a late-race charge to the lead following a long 3-wide battle for the top spot between himself, Earl Pearson Jr. and Dennis Erb Jr. Jared Landers came from the tail, following a tire change to finish second. Erb started 13th and finished third, followed by Jimmy Owens and Pearson. Pearson had already led 41 laps of the event when he relinquished the point late in the race.

"We went kind of soft of tires, softer than we did when we won here two years ago. Thanks to the fans for coming out tonight and for their support. I saw on the scoreboard that we had 15 laps to go and I knew I really need to get going. Jimmy [Owens] and I battled hard for several laps, then I finally cleared him to get to fourth."

"I'm so grateful to my sponsors: Kid's Castle Learning Center, Valvoline, Keyser, Integra, Sunoco, Petroff Towing, Pro Power Engines, Champion Spark Plugs, Sheppard Auto Sales, and Rocket Chassis. I also couldn't do this without my dad, grandpa, my crew Joe and Aaron, and Chuck back at the shop."

Jackie Boggs started on the pole and led the first two laps of the race. A red flag flew on lap three for a multi car wreck in turn one. All drivers walked away safely from the wreck. Boggs then slowed and left the race on lap three.

Pearson picked up the lead and battled Landers for several laps until Landers slowed with a flat tire. Pearson then set a steady pace over the field with Scott Bloomquist holding the second spot. Bloomquist ran second until his left rear wheel broke forcing him to spin and go to the pits for a tire change.

Sheppard and Erb then chased down Pearson for the lead, at one

point running 3-wide for the top spot coming out of turn number four. Sheppard forged ahead and went on to become the 12th different winner this season on the LOLMDS tour.

Landers rebounded after his flat tire and was satisfied with his run to second. "We are so close to winning one of these races! I can't keep the tires on it for some reason. We had a car good enough to win tonight. I was racing hard with Earl. Man, our luck has to turn around soon. I want to thank Crop Production Services, Mark Martin Automotive, Bad Boy Mowers, and all of my great sponsors."

Erb always seems to run well at PRP and had another strong finish tonight. "We need to start closer to the front here. You can't spot these guys a lot of positions. I thought I had a chance to win tonight. I would like to thank McBride Mack Leasing, M&S Concrete, Jay Dickens Racing Engines, and Black Diamond Chassis."

Completing the top ten were Steve Francis, Don O'Neal, Eddie Carrier Jr., Chris Brown, and Scott Bloomquist.

In preliminary action, Jackie Boggs set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 37 entrants, with a lap of 14.607 seconds. Scott Bloomquist set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 14.982 sec-



Brandon Sheppard celebrates in victory lane after winning the Independence 50 at Portsmouth Raceway. He became the first rookie to win this season. (lucasdirt.com photo)

onds. Jackie Boggs, Earl Pearson Jr., Steve Francis, and Jared Landers won their respective heat races. Don O'Neal and RJ Conley won their respective B-Mains.

### Rain Forces Cancellation at Muskingum County Speedway

ZANESVILLE, OH - The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series "Creno's 50" scheduled for Friday Night at Muskingum County Speedway has been canceled. Following several hours of precipitation and multiple attempts to get the racing surface ready to no avail, the decision was made to cancel the event.

### Sunday's Event at 201 Speedway Canceled

SITKA, KY - Sunday night's Bob Miller Memorial at 201 Speedway

has been canceled. Early morning showers and the forecast for continued rain throughout the day has forced Speedway and Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series officials to cancel the event.

The LOLMDS will head to Tri-City Speedway in Granite City, IL on Friday, July 10th for the "Battle at the Beach 50." On Saturday night, July 11th the Series returns to Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, MO for the annual CMH "Diamond Nationals." This blockbuster weekend of racing comes to a close on Sunday night, July 12th with the completion of the 23rd Annual Lucas Oil Show-Me 100 - Presented by ProtectTheHarvest.com.

For the latest breaking news concerning the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2015 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at [www.lucasdirt.com](http://www.lucasdirt.com).

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# Cody Darrah Earns UNOH All Star Victory at Millstream Speedway

## First UNOH All Star Program at Millstream Since 2010

FINDLAY, OH - For the first time since June 20th, 2010, the Millstream Speedway in Findlay, Ohio crowned a UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions main event winner. Cody Darrah, a former World of Outlaws 'Rookie of the

Year' who now travels full-time with the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions, earned the Millstream Speedway victory on Sunday evening, July 5th. For Darrah, it was his second UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions main event victory of 2015 and the third of his career. It was his first ever visit to the Findlay half-mile.

"This is a tough racetrack" said Cody Darrah, "It's a little rough right now so you have to be up on the wheel.

"This is my first time here and it feels great to get a win. I just want to thank all of the fans for coming out. This is a beautiful facility and I can't wait to come back."

Travis Philo and Tim Shaffer would lead the 24-car field to green. Philo would eventually take sole command on the opening lap and set a torrid pace. The Waterville, Ohio native led the 'Steel City Outlaw' Tim Shaffer and Cody Darrah for the first eight circuits until Philo, who was attempting to navigate traffic, made contact with Tim Shaffer entering turns one and two on lap nine; resulting in both drivers getting upside-down and the evening's first red flag. Philo and Shaffer walked away unhurt.

Cody Darrah would inherit the top spot and bring the field back to green with eight laps in the books. Darrah worked the top side of the speedway; moving through traffic with Chad Kemenah and Lee Jacobs in tow. James McFadden would move into the third position with 15 laps down and set his sites on Chad Kemenah and race leader, Cody Darrah. Unfortunately, the red flag would return to the speedway on lap 21; this time for James McFadden. The 'Aussie' would lose a rear wheel and make contact with the turn two wall. McFadden would not return and surrender the third position to B-main transfer Sheldon Haudenschild,



Cody Darrah takes his J&K Salvage sprint car through the turn. (PAUL ARCH photo)

who charged forward from a 19th starting position to the top-three in 20 laps.

Cody Darrah, Chad Kemenah and Sheldon Haudenschild would bring the field back to green with 20 laps recorded. Those three would ring the top side of the speedway for five more circuits until a caution would reappear with 25 laps in the books; this time for a slowing T.J. Michael. Despite their attempt to go 'clean and green' for the last five circuits, the caution flag would wave again for a slowing D.J. Foos who was racing in the sixth position.

Cody Darrah would lead Chad Kemenah and Sheldon Haudenschild to a two-lap shootout. Darrah, a Red Lion, Pennsylvania native, would hang on to win at Millstream Speedway. Sheldon Haudenschild would pass Chad Kemenah coming to the white flag to finish second. Kemenah would hang on to

round out the podium finishers after starting fifth.

"We had to figure some things out after the dash" said Darrah, "That's a tough deal for Travis (Philo) and Tim (Shaffer). I wish I had the opportunity to race them for the lead. Our car kept getting tighter and tighter as the race went on. I wasn't sure where Sheldon was at on the track but I figured he was going to be on top. I'm just glad it's over."

Danny Holtgraver charged from 14th to finish fourth, followed by Dean Jacobs who started 13th.

Sheldon Haudenschild was the evening's main event 'Hard Charger.' The Wooster, Ohio native rallied 17 positions to finish second after starting 19th.

Millstream Speedway fans would see 30 UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions '410' sprint cars sign in for competition on Sunday night. The UNOH All Star roster was split

into three groups of qualifying time trials with each driver qualifying against those in their respective heat race. Cody Darrah, Chad Kemenah and Danny Holtgraver each earned 'fast time' during their qualifying sessions. Cody Darrah earned the fastest time of the night overall during Lincoln Electric qualifying; recording an official time of 13.799 seconds.

Three, 8-lap heat races were contested with the top-six finishers transferring to the main event. Cody Darrah, Tim Shaffer and Parker Price-Miller each earned victories during heat race competition.

It was Travis Philo earning the UNOH All Star JE Pistons dash victory; guaranteeing the pole position for the evening's 30-lap, \$5,000-to-win main event. Sheldon Haudenschild ended all preliminary competition with a UNOH All Star B-main victory.

## Lee Jacobs and Ryan Smith Earn Mercer UNOH All Star Victories

MERCER, PA - The UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions invaded western Pennsylvania for two days during the Independence Day weekend; kicking off a their three-race holiday swing with two nights of competition at the Mercer Raceway Park in Mercer, Pennsylvania.

The UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions crowned two different winners during the Mercer Raceway Park invasion; Lee Jacobs on Friday and Ryan Smith on Saturday.

Lee Jacobs would earn the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions main event victory on Friday night, July 3rd. For Jacobs, it was his first UNOH All Star victory of 2015 and the third of his career. Jacobs would survive four cautions and periods of heavy lapped traffic during his pursuit to the front; eventually capitalizing on Sheldon Haudenschild's late race tire issue to earn the \$3,000 victory.

Rod George and Kody Kinser would lead the 24-car field to green. George would take command of the 25-lap main event and control the first five circuits. Sheldon Haudenschild, who started

sixth on the grid, would challenge George and eventually take over the top spot with six laps in the books. Haudenschild would open up his lead over Rod George and Lee Jacobs; navigating through heavy lapped traffic until the event's first caution on lap 13 for Andrew Palker. Sheldon Haudenschild would survive the restart and keep control over George and Jacobs until a second caution would appear on lap 15 for a slowing A.J. Flick.

Sheldon Haudenschild would take the field back to green. Lee Jacobs would get by Rod George after the restart and chase after Haudenschild for three more circuits with seventh starting Chad Kemenah in tow. The evening's first red flag would appear with 18 laps in the books involving Caleb Helms and Travis Philo; both drivers were OK.

Despite a left rear tire going flat during red flag conditions, Haudenschild would restart out front. The tire proved to be an issue with Jacobs and Kemenah each getting by Haudenschild following the lap 18 restart. Haudenschild's tire would eventually let go on the front stretch with 23 laps down bringing out another caution. Lee Jacobs would restart on the point with Chad Kemenah and Rod George in tow. Ja-



**Lee Jacobs won on Friday night at Mercer Speedway for his first UNOH victory of the season. (Paul Arch photo)**

Jacobs would survive the remaining circuits and earn his first UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions victory of 2015.

It was the 'Kunkletown Kid' Ryan Smith earning the UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions main event victory at the Mercer Raceway Park on Saturday evening, July 4th. It was Smith's second UNOH All Star main event victory of the 2015 season and the second of his career. The Kunkletown, Pennsylvania native rallied forward from a third starting position; holding off Dale

Blaney and Cody Darrah for the \$5,000 victory.

Lee Jacobs and Parker Price-Miller took the 24-car field to green on Saturday night. Jacobs would take control on the opening lap but would eventually surrender the top spot to Parker Price-Miller on lap two. Price-Miller stayed in control until the event's first caution with nine laps in the books. In the mean time, Ryan Smith, who started third, also worked his way around Lee Jacobs while racing in traffic. The caution was for Travis Philo who spun in turn two.

Price-Miller would lead Ryan Smith and Lee Jacobs back to green. The youngster out of Kokomo, Indiana would maintain the top spot until Ryan Smith worked his way around Price-Miller on lap 15.

Smith, Price-Miller and Dale Blaney, who in the mean time moved into third around Lee Jacobs, raced through heavy lapped traffic until a second caution on lap 23.

The caution was for Parker Price-Miller who brushed the front stretch wall while running inside the top three. Ryan Smith would lead the field back to green and hang on for the final seven circuits to win at Mercer Raceway Park. Dale Blaney would finish second, followed by Cody Darrah who started ninth. Greg Wilson and Lee Jacobs rounded out the top five.

## Mark Tunny Uses Patience to Capture Anderson Event

ANDERSON, IN - Mark Tunny used patience to capture the Interstate Auto Auction Winged Outlaw Figure 8 Series (WOFS) event Saturday night at Anderson Speedway. The win came in Tunny's first career WOFS start. A near capacity crowd was on hand to witness the second stop on the 2015 WOFS

calendar.

Tunny witnessed two different leaders make contact with slower cars at the intersection before he inherited the lead on lap 27. Early race leader Austin Tunny began to check out on the field before making contact with Mike Hadley Jr. on lap 19. Ben Tunny assumed the

point until he made contact with Dennis Whisman on lap 26. Mark Tunny assumed the lead at that point and never looked back enroute to his first career WOFS victory and a \$1500 payday.

In victory lane Tunny surprised himself with his performance as this was only his second time racing at Anderson Speedway. "I didn't expect this at all" explained Tunny. "I would've been ecstatic to run top three. I just wanted run good and have a good show. I had a great car from the time we unloaded it. Obviously that goes a long way".

Tunny watched cousin Austin Tunny pull away early in the event and he wasn't sure if we would have the time to run him down. "I was fighting with Riddle and Austin was getting away. I was having motor issues with mine not having



**Mark Tunny celebrates in victory lane after winning at Anderson Speedway. It was Tunny's first career WOFS start. (WOFS photo)**

all the power, especially in traffic. It was looking like he was gonna get away if I didn't get a caution. We'll definitely be back here at Anderson Speedway" concluded a happy Tunny.

Following Tunny to the checkered flag were: Jesse Tunny, Austin Tunny, Mike Riddle Jr., and Cory

Harmon rounding out the top five.

The Interstate Auto Auction WOFS will now be idle until their next event at Galesburg (MI) Speedway August 2. It will be the first-ever appearance for the series in the state of Michigan. For more info on the WOFS please visit [www.wofsracing.com](http://www.wofsracing.com).

## Feger Passes Moyer at Highland Speedway for Third Summer Nationals Victory of the Season

HIGHLAND, IL - Jason Feger wore out the high side on Saturday night at Highland Speedway to pass Billy Moyer for his tour-leading third DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season.

Feger led the opening lap before Moyer charged from fourth to swipe the top spot. Feger kept the pressure on Moyer, the tour's all-time leading winner, and reclaimed the lead on lap 24, then pulled away in traffic over the final 26 circuits to earn the \$10,000 checkered flag.

Moyer finished second with Brian Shirley, Michael Kloos and Ryan Unzicker rounding out the top five. In the championship battle, points leader Bobby Pierce started 19th and powered his way to a 7th-place finish, one spot behind Billy Moyer Jr., who is second in points.

### Moyer Dominates at Fayette County Speedway for 90th Victory of Career

BROWNSTOWN, IL - Billy Moyer dominated the DIRTcar Summer Nationals 50-lap feature on Friday night at Fayette County Speedway to lead a father-son sweep of the top-two spots.

Moyer, of Batesville, Ark., completely controlled the caution-free race, leading the final 47 laps and collecting \$10,000 for his efforts while Billy Moyer Jr. held off points-leader Bobby Pierce to finish second. Brian Shirley finished fourth followed by Matt Westfall.

The victory was the 90th of Moyer's DIRTcar Summer Nationals career, breaking a tie with Shannon Babb, who finished 11th on Friday night.

### Simpson Surges to Win at La Salle Speedway

LA SALLE, IL - Chris Simpson charged from fourth to victory on Thursday night at La Salle Speedway to earn the second DIRTcar Summer Nationals win of his career.

Simpson stalked Jason Feger for the first half of the race and

eventually surged to the lead in traffic on lap 29 then powered the remaining 11 laps to the \$5,000 checkered flag.

Shannon Babb finished third with Michael Kloos and Ryan Unzicker rounding out the top five. Points leader Bobby Pierce raced from 19th to finish 8th.

### Feger Holds Off Robinson at Indiana's Daugherty Speedway

BOSWELL, IN - He's known as the Highside Hustler and Jason Feger lived up to it on Wednesday night at Daugherty Speedway, using the top side to hold off Kent Robinson and earn his second DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season.

Feger, of Bloomington, Ill., led the first 29 laps before Robinson moved up to Feger's line, ran him down in traffic and slid in front on lap 30. Feger charged back on the top and reclaimed the top spot on the next lap and held on to win the 40-lapper for the 13th DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of his career.

While Feger used the victory to climb back into the championship picture, leader Bobby Pierce had



Jason Feger passed Billy Moyer at Highland Speedway for his third DIRTcar Summer Nationals victory of the season. (Jim Denhamer/DIRTcar photo)

his hands full throughout the feature with second-place Billy Moyer Jr., who eventually charged up behind Robinson to finish third last night. Pierce and Frank Heckenast Jr. rounded out the top five after race-long battles with each other.

### Rain Knocks Out I-96 Speedway's NAPA Auto Parts Summer Rumble

LAKE ODESSA, MI - It has rained again on the DIRTcar Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Racing Equipment Modified Nationals, forcing officials to cancel

tonight's NAPA Auto Parts Summer Rumble at I-96 Speedway.

As much as NAPA is trying to #ConquerTheJob, so too are the series trying to conquer Mother Nature, which has won four races in a row.

The series will take aim at Daugherty Speedway on Wednesday night in Boswell, Ind.

Follow the Summer Nationals and DIRTcar Summit Modified Nationals on Twitter @SummerNationals or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SummerNationals](http://www.facebook.com/SummerNationals), or visit the series' websites at [www.TheHellTour.com](http://www.TheHellTour.com) and [www.ModifiedNationals.com](http://www.ModifiedNationals.com).

## World of Outlaws Late Model Series Event Scheduled for Aug. 22 at Stateline Speedway Cancelled

CONCORD, NC - The World of Outlaws Late Model Series event scheduled for Aug. 22 at Stateline Speedway in Busti, N.Y., has been cancelled, WoO LMS officials announced Wednesday. The date will remain open on the national tour's schedule with a potential replacement to be announced at a later date.

The Stateline event was scheduled to be the middle race of a three-race weekend for the WoO LMS. Events remain scheduled at Atomic Speedway in Chillicothe, Ohio, on Aug. 21 and Eriez Speedway in Erie, Pa., on Aug. 23.

For more information on the

WoO LMS, visit [www.worldofoutlaws.com](http://www.worldofoutlaws.com). Fans can also follow the WoO LMS on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/WoOLateModels](http://www.Twitter.com/WoOLateModels) and Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/WorldofOutlawsLateModelSeries](http://www.Facebook.com/WorldofOutlawsLateModelSeries).

### Atomic Speedway Adds Second Event Setting Up Aug. 21-22 Doubleheader

CHILLICOTHE, OH - August's World of Outlaws Late Model Series visit to Atomic Speedway in Chillicothe, Ohio, has been expanded to two events, setting up an Aug. 21-22 WoO LMS doubleheader at the 3/8-mile track.

The additional Atomic event, which replaces a recently canceled race at Stateline Speedway in

Busti, N.Y., gives the national tour a three-race weekend with Eriez Speedway in Hammett, Pa., set to host the series on Sun., Aug. 23. The weekend opener at Atomic on Fri., Aug. 21 will pay \$8,000 to the winner, while the event on Sat., Aug. 22 will pay \$10,000.

"With a second night at Atomic Speedway, an already big weekend for the World of Outlaws will now be even bigger," said WoO LMS Director Tim Christman.

"I want to thank Brad McCown for jumping on the chance to have the series at Atomic on back-to-back nights. We also appreciate all of the other tracks that expressed interest in filling the open date."

Support division action at Atomic will feature AMRA modifieds and sport mods both nights.

For information on camping at the track and to reserve a camping spot, call 740-703-9749 or 740-701-2908. General admission prices are \$22 on Friday and \$25 on Saturday with children 12 and under free.

## Johnny Herrera Triumphs at the Brownfield Classic

ELMA, WS - Johnny Herrera lived up to his nickname on Saturday night as on track fireworks were plenty. With the MAVTV cameras rolling at Grays Harbor Raceway, the man known as "Hollywood" picked up his first Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV

Motorsports Network victory of the 2015 season.

Last topping the Lucas Oil ASCS at the Hockett/McMillin Memorial on September 28, 2013 at the Lucas Oil Speedway, Herrera snapped a 66 race steak without a National Tour win, coming from fifth to win the inaugural Fred Brownfield Classic presented by Little Creek Casino.

Working to second on Lap 5, Herrera commented on the start of the feature, "When we started the race, it's a deal where as a driver you never quite know where to go. The top was a lot further around in turns three and four so I tired running the bottom at the beginning and it wasn't working, so I thought heck, let's go to the top and try that and it actually played out and worked well for us. That's where the fast part of the racetrack was there at the end."

Working a great battle with J.J. Hickle to get the top spot, Herrera's pass came at the line on the seventh round. Not able to gain much breathing room, the top-five was a tight battle from the start.

Finding traffic by Lap 10, pressure began to mount as Hickle was chased by Jason Solwold and Jared Peterson with Seth Bergman and Wayne Johnson closing in fast.

Dicing through traffic, the race was anyone's to win as the leaders picked lapped cars at either end of the Grays Harbor Raceway. Putting a trio of lappers between himself and second place, the caution flew as the field worked on Lap 26 for Steve Reeves.

Reverting back to the last fully completed lap, Herrera pulled away as the race for the podium took everyone's attention. Restarting fifth, Oklahoma's Wayne Johnson worked two-for-one through the first two turns. Sticking low on the lead pack, the City Vending No. 77x was not done there, tearing through turns three and four with a

five-car slide among lapped cars to take the runner-up spot.

"I just got frustrated. I felt like we got raced dirty there a couple times and figured, if they can do it, we can do it. I just threw the wing back and said the hell with them," commented Johnson on his final run to second. "You know, overall the racetrack was just beautiful. "Slim" did an awesome job. This thing had way more grip that it did last night with this sun and wind. He did a remarkable job to have two and three lanes...but I just started playing with that middle line and for some reason, I can always get my car to rotate through there and stick. Just need a little more drive on exit."

Bouncing around the top-five the entire race, Jason Solwold put the Mike Anderson No. 18 on the final podium step, his lowest finish with the National Tour in the series five races across Washington, "We just changed some gear and maybe changed it a little too much so we weren't quite as good as last night, but we'll take third. We had a good week so we'll hold our head high. Some days are good, some days are not so good. Today was mediocre."

Utilizing the final restart to charge from seventh, Colton Heath crossed fourth after starting 15th. J.J. Hickle ended up fifth after restarting second on Lap 25.

Jared Peterson was sixth with Seth Bergman slipping to seventh in the closing laps. The cause of the caution on the opening lap, Aaron Reutzel was a house of fire coming through the field from 23rd to eighth with Travis Jacobson and Henry Van Dam completing the



Johnny Herrera picked up the Fred Brownfield Classic at the Grays Harbor Raceway with the Lucas Oil ASCS presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network. (ASCS / Malcom White)

top-ten.

With 32 drivers making the trip for night two of the Fred Brownfield Classic, four Heat Races went to Blake Hahn, Henry Van Dam, Eric Fisher, and Travis Jacobson. The night's B-Feature was won by Reece Goetz. A promoter's provisional was given to Jay Cole.

The Lucas Oil ASCS presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network works next to the state of Montana with the Electric City Speedway on July 17 and Billings Motorsports Park on July 18.

For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

### Jason Solwold Wins Night One of the Fred Brownfield Classic

ELMA, WA - For the third time in four nights of racing in the Pacific Northwest, Burlington, Washington's Jason Solwold stood in Victory Lane with the Lucas Oil

American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network; topping the opening night of the Fred Brownfield Classic presented by Little Creek Casino at the Grays Harbor Raceway.

Holding off the charge of Johnny Herrera through slower traffic in the closing laps, Solwold crossed 0.602 seconds ahead of the MVT No. 45x.

"Our car was pretty good, but usually we're a little bit better towards the end of the A-Main, but in the beginning of the race, we were really good so I think I may have cooked the Left Rear off just a little bit too much skating through the middle," said Jason. "I just have to thank my guys; my cousin Travis, owner Mike, Ed, my Dad, Mel they have just have the car perfect so it makes my job so easy."

Challenged on the opening lap by Travis Jacobson, the Scottie's Plumbing No. 18 shot to the point with a high-side pass on the No. 44h. The Lake Stevens shoe challenged again on a Lap 2 caution, but would ride runner-up until Lap 14 when problems in the rear differential put the No. 44h to the infield.

Crossing second was not without a few hits for Herrera, who avoided catastrophe twice trying to race through the field, "I got slid, I think by the No. 7 car, and I'm sure he's not happy but I had to hit the brakes, turn him loose, and let him go. I wasn't trying to take anyone out. That's why they put brake pedals in these cars. We got close, he made the choice, and I'm sorry but that's a part of racing."

Able to run down Solwold toward the end, Johnny commented on the run saying, "I think he was a little better on the start, but the

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Jason Solwold got the job done on the opening night of the Fred Brownfield Classic at Grays Harbor Raceway. The win is Jason's third in four nights. (ASCS / Malcolm White photo)

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longer we would run, the better we got but we'll take second; that locks us in to tomorrow so here we go.

Making his 100th Lucas Oil ASCS A-Feature start, Aaron Reutzel had to dodge a few crashes coming from 10th for his 21st career podium with the Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour.

"I just had to miss all the wrecks there and make it through, but I was just a little too tight tonight," said Aaron. "It was getting better and better as the race when on; just needed a longer run but hey, another podium finish for this team is definitely what we needed to get locked into tomorrow."

Wayne Johnson muscled his way from seventh to fourth and is the final lock-in for Saturday's A-Feature. Seth Bergman came from 11th to complete the top-five.

In his first National Tour start of the 2015 season, Dustin Morgan drove the Kris Miller owned No. 33 to a sixth place finish followed by reigning Grays Harbor track cham-

pion, Evan Margeson, with J.J. Hickle from 13th to eighth. Flipped during his Heat Race, Blake Hahn came from 14th to fifth in the B-Feature, then charged from 21st to ninth with Cam Smith rounding out the top-ten.

With 31 drivers drawing in, four Heat Races went to Henry Van Dam, Dustin Morgan, Wayne Johnson, and Travis Jacobson. The B-Feature was won by Jordan Weaver. The final starting spot of the A-Feature was Matt Covington who utilized a provisional.

### Randy Martin Tops ASCs Warrior at Randolph County Raceway

MOBERLY, MO - For the first time in 2015, Randy Martin stood in Victory Lane with the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region winning at the Randolph County Raceway on night two of the Tiger Towing Red, White, and Blue Tour.

Career win No. 45 with the Warrior Region, the California, Mo. driver led Derek Hagar and Jack Dover to the line. Seventeenth starting Jonathan Cornell ran to fourth with Jay Russell making up the top-five.

Josh Fisher, Cody Ledger,

Mitchell Moore, Taylor Walton, and Evan Martin rounded out the top-ten.

### Jack Dover Snags ASCs Warrior Win at Callaway Raceway

FULTON, MO - The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region kicked off the 2015 Tiger Towing Red, White, and Blue Tour at the Callaway Raceway on Friday night with Jack Dover picking up \$1,776 and for his ninth career Warrior Region victory.

Taking over the top spot on Lap 9 from Josh Fisher, the No. 53 fought tooth and nail with seventh starting, Derek Hagar. On top of the ninth round, Hagar stole the spotlight the following three circuits, but was unable to hold off Dover as the Home Pride No. 53 took over for the final time on Lap 13.

Hagar held on for the runner-up spot with Taylor Walton, Josh Fisher, and J. Kinder, from 17th, completing the top-five.

Randy Martin, Tyler Blank, Ryan Leavitt, Austin Alumbaugh, and Evan Martin made the top-ten.

Races were halted on Lap 5 when Jonathan Cornell experienced mechanical problems that sent the No. 28 helplessly across

the track, collecting Ricky Stangl. Both drivers were okay.

### Tony Bruce, Jr. Completes Weekend Sweep of the ASCS Red River Region

PARK CITY, KS - Piloting the Ochs No. 1x for the weekend against the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products and NCRA Sprint Series, Tony Bruce, Jr. completed the weekend sweep with victory Sunday night at the 81-Speedway.

Grabbing the lead in the closing laps, Bruce was followed by 11th starting Jack Dover with J.D. Johnson, Jake Martens, and C.J. Johnson making up the top-five. Jason Martin claimed sixth with Jon Freeman seventh. From 12th, Jeremy Carpenter was eighth with 20th starting Harli White coming through the field to finish ninth. Alex Sewell completed the top-ten.

The ASCS Red River Region competes next July 17 at Creek County Speedway and July 18 at the Lawton Speedway.

More information on the Red River Region can be found at [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com).

### ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Announces Schedule Changes For The Northern Division

ANGOLA, IN - The Broaster Chicken ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour announces a couple of schedule changes affecting the 2015 racing season in the Northern Division. Due to the weather related cancelations that

have plagued the 2015 campaign at Auto City Speedway (MI) as well as tough economic times, both ICAR and Auto City officials have mutually agreed to cancel the ICAR North event scheduled for Saturday, July 11th. This event was to be the third race of the year at the Clio, Michigan speed plant. Travis Eddy and Jason Parish have wins there.

In addition, the Saturday, September 19th event scheduled at Springport Motor Speedway will be moved to another facility in the state of Michigan as Springport Officials have also cited weather related cancelations of weekly events as well as tough economic times. ICAR Officials are working dili-

gently to replace the Springport race with another venue within the Great Lakes State. While ICAR Officials will make every effort to keep the date the same for the 2015 ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Northern Division Season Championships, a date change is also possible for this event as well.

"Times are tough right now up in Michigan and all of us at ICAR certainly don't want to be the reason a track has financial troubles. We wish Joe DeWitte and his staff at Auto City as well as Jeff Parish and his staff at Springport the very best." Offered ICAR President, Dave Muzzillo. "Hopefully both tracks can get things moving in the right direction and in the future, we can go back to both tracks. We thoroughly enjoy bringing 25-30 plus of the best Modifieds in the Midwest to each track and hope to do so again down the road." He added.

The first combination race pitting the Northern and Southern Divisions head to head is the next race on the schedule. The fast 3/8s

(0.375) mile semi-banked paved oval of Angola Motorsport Speedway, located just south of the Indiana / Michigan state line and near the ICAR Home Offices in Angola, Indiana will host the Genuine Broaster Chicken 50 Presented by Sweet Leaf Tea on Saturday, July 18th.

The Entry Form is now available and due at the ICAR Home Offices by Thursday, July 16th. In the first appearance for ICAR back on June 6th for the Southern Division, Trei Deubel scored the win ahead of Danny Jackson, Bud Adams, Brian Nester and Josh Nester the top five.

The next week, both divisions will head in opposite directions and race at two tracks that have both hosted ICAR only one other time. On Saturday, July 25th the Southern Division will head to the 1/2 mile semi-banked paved oval of Sandusky Speedway (OH) in Sandusky, Ohio as part of the prestigious 38th Annual Hy-Miler Nationals for ISMA Supermodifieds.

The ICAR Top Speed Modified Tour Southern Division will race in the Genuine Broaster Chicken 50 Presented by Hy-Miler Convenience. In their 2014 appearance at

the historic Buckeye State oval, Tyler Shullick took the win ahead of Travis Eddy, Chad Poole, David Dobbins and Kenny Sharp who completed the top five.

The following day, on Sunday, July 26th the Northern Division will head north to the 1/4 (0.250) mile semi-banked paved oval of Spartan Speedway, located south of Lansing in Mason, Michigan for the Brian Heeney Memorial Wild Child 100 Presented by Performance Automotive Northwest.

In last year's appearance at the immaculate Great Lakes State facility, Jordan Pruitt, now a rookie of the year title contender in the ARCA/CRA Super Series, took the win ahead of Travis Eddy, Brian Nester, Dan Loughan and Jim Butler were the top five. This is the tracks signature event for Modifieds and for the first time, it will be an ICAR event. Entry Forms for both Sandusky & Spartan will be available starting on Friday, July 3rd.

For more information go to [www.topspeedmods.com](http://www.topspeedmods.com). You can also follow along all season long on the Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/TopSpeedModifieds](http://www.facebook.com/TopSpeedModifieds) and on Twitter [www.twitter.com/ICAR-Modifieds](http://www.twitter.com/ICAR-Modifieds).

## David Mielke Picks Up Independence Day Shootout Triumph At Hartford Motor Speedway

HARTFORD, MI - Hartford, Michigan (Friday, July 3, 2015): After a three-week vacation, the Allstar Performance Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour Presented by Lane Automotive returned to action and kicked off the Fourth of July

Holiday Weekend in the process. The wicked fast 1/2 (0.500) mile semi-banked dirt oval of Hartford Motor Speedway, located west of Kalamazoo in Hartford, Michigan hosted the sixth race of the fifth anniversary 2015 racing season; the Independence Day Weekend Shootout Presented by Lane Automotive.

The Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour had visited the ultra fast Southwest Michigan facility on three occasions and it's been Two-Time MDC Modified Tour Champion, Jacob Poel visiting victory lane in all three races. In the fourth all-time MDC Modified Tour race around the big fast 1/2 mile, David Mielke, who has been the man to beat on the tour in 2015 with four victories in five starts going into this race, made it five for six after a dominating victory in front of an overflow crowd in southwestern Michigan.

"This is all about this entire team. I just drive this thing and tonight, this is the fastest this car has been all year long. I could put this thing anywhere I wanted to," The elated 23-year-old driver of the #97 Krompetz Elevator / Northeastern Builders machine stated in victory lane. "Everyone on this team from top to bottom is the reason why we're back in victory lane again. All we have to do is the same things we've been doing all season long and these wins will keep coming. I just can't say enough about this whole year so far. This is pretty special." He added.

Collin Thirlby and Brian Brindley would lead the stout 21-car field to Chief Starter, Marc Henry's green flag and it would be Thirlby who would beat the field into the first corner to grab the early advantage. As the rest of the field began settling into a rhythm, Mielke, who started seventh, jumped right to the

top of the track and began picking off cars one by one until he settled in behind Thirlby. Mielke would begin his assault on Thirlby and on lap nine, would drive around Thirlby to take over the lead and he immediately began pulling away from the pack.

Mielke would continue to set a torrid pace as only a single caution flag flew on lap 19 when Aaron Morey, the only driver not named Mielke to win a Feature in 2015, came to a stop in the middle of the backstretch with a broken drive-shaft. On the only restart, Mielke would take advantage of being by himself on the front row in the Delaware Double-File Restart and immediately get away from the rest of the field and cruise to the win and break the tie for the lead all-time in career victories. Going into this event, Mielke and Poel were tied at eight wins each before Mielke broke that tie with his ninth career triumph.

Travis Stemler finished second for the fourth time this season in his #2 Gilboe's Lock & Safe machine and thanks to not having finished worse than fifth all season in six events, the 24-year-old drivers still maintains a slim one-point lead in the championship title chase over Mielke who despite his five victories, also has a 13th place finish as well. Stemler, the defending MDC Mod Tour Champion from Ionia, Michigan is looking to repeat as champion and has picked up where he left off from his title winning season.

Two-Time MDC Modified Tour Champion (2012 & 2011), Jacob Poel was in his own ride for the first time this season and would steer his #82 VanDoorn Racing Development ride to a season high third place finish. The 28-year-old from Spring Lake, Michigan started the year in a different ride and debuted his new car earlier in the week during the UMP Summer Nationals before bringing the new car out for the first time this season in the Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour.

Curt Spalding, a former track champion at Hartford, came away with a solid fourth place effort in his #111 Allstar Performance open-wheeled modified. The 44-year-old driver, who was racing at his home track, is from near-by Watervliet,



David Mielke is all smiles in victory lane after winning at Hartford Motor Speedway. (Johnny B Imagery photo)

Michigan and was the crowd favorite from the packed house on hand. Thirlby, who led the first eight laps in his #47 Thirlby Automotive ride, completed the top five.

Brian Ruhlman, in his first appearance of the season and filling in for Harold Patrick, finished sixth as Bob Baldwin earned the Quick-Car Racing Products Hard-Charger award with his 15th to seventh place run.

Mark Anderson scored an eighth place effort as Brindley and Dylan Woodling completed the top 10. Earlier in the evening in the Howe Racing Enterprises Qualifier Heat Races, Stemler, Spalding and Mielke took the checkered flags. There were 24 cars on the property. The Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour will return to Hartford Motor Speedway on Friday, September 4th to kick off the Labor Day Holiday Weekend and will be joined by the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt Presented by ARP.

The Allstar Performance Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour Presented by Lane Automotive will head to Northern Michigan for their next two events with both coming at the same facility a month apart. The fast 1/4 (0.250) mile high-banked dirt oval of Merritt Speedway, located west of Houghton Lake in Lake City, Michigan will host on Saturday, July 18th as the Summer Spectacular highlights the night.

This event will be the second of three appearances at the Mike Blackmer owned facility.

Then just over a month later, MDC returns to Merritt for their third and final show of the season in Lake City, Michigan on Saturday, August 22nd to take part in the Open Wheel Spectacular with the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt Presented by ARP, Michigan Traditional Sprint Series and MORA Mini Sprints. In the Tours first race at Merritt, which was part of the Inaugural Summer Showdown on June 10th, David Mielke grabbed the victory ahead of Scott Payton, Curt Spalding, Travis Stemler and NASCAR star, Kenny Wallace were the top five.

For more information about the Allstar Performance Michigan Dirt Cup Modified Tour Presented by Lane Automotive, visit [www.michigandirtcup.com](http://www.michigandirtcup.com).

You can also follow MDC on Facebook and Twitter at: [www.facebook.com/midirtcup](http://www.facebook.com/midirtcup) and [www.twitter.com/michigandirtcup](http://www.twitter.com/michigandirtcup).

Finally, for more info on Merritt Speedway, the host track for both the seventh and eighth race of the fifth anniversary 2015 racing season, log onto the track website [www.merrittspeedwaymi.com](http://www.merrittspeedwaymi.com).



## Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - With heavy rain falling at times during the day on Friday, followed by scattered showers at night around Northeast Tennessee and nearby Southwest Virginia, Kingsport Speedway somehow managed to escape any downpours and was able to get WQUT 101.5 FM Night at the Races in Friday.

The Fourth of July is known for fireworks, and both Kres VanDyke of Abingdon, Va., and Zeke Shell of Johnson City, lit up the nighttime skies for NASCAR Whelen All-American Series 'First Kingsport Credit Union' Late Model Stock Car victories to kick off the Independence Day holiday weekend with a bang in the Model City.

Ronnie McCarty was quickest in time-trials, but following an invert of the top three from qualifying Ryan Stiltner who was making his first start of the season at "The Concrete Jungle" and VanDyke started the first 35-lap twin feature from the front row.

VanDyke wasted no time in flexing his muscle to take the lead on the start, as he powered ahead of Stiltner between turns one and two on the opening lap. With the race running clean and green and top 12 cars in the running order all on the same straightaway as the race reached the halfway point, VanDyke was enjoying the view from out front.

VanDyke, the defending track champion, recorded his fifth victory of the season over Stiltner, Shell, Zack Walton (making his first start in 2015), with Derek Lane bringing home a career-best fifth-place finish.

Completing the top 10 finishers were McCarty, Lee Tissot, Joey Trent, Austin Peters and Taylor Coffman.

Shell and Stiltner brought the 18-car field to green from the front row in the second 35-lap event, with the duo racing side-by-side the opening two circuits before Stiltner moved into the lead. With the race reaching the lap 10 mark, the top four cars of Stiltner, Shell, VanDyke and McCarty were running nose-to-tail and pushing each other down the straightaway. The race's only caution flag waved on lap 14, when Trent and Tyler Goodwin tangled and spun in turn two.



**Kres VanDyke is all smiles after winning the first of the First Kingsport Credit Union Late Model races. (RANDALL PERRY photo)**



**Zeke Shell fought all comers to win the second late model race at Kingport Speedway Friday night. (RANDALL PERRY photo)**

For the double-file restart Stiltner chose the outside line and thus giving the inside to Shell. Back under green conditions they raced side-by-side for the next eight circuits before Shell moved into the lead on lap 22. VanDyke began pressuring Stiltner for second, and finally pulled the trigger to shoot past and take the position on lap 28 racing off the second corner.

But Shell, driving the No. 97 Ford Fusion, would go on to capture his second win of the season over VanDyke, Stiltner, McCarty, and another fifth-place effort for Lane.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Walton, Justin Fontaine, Wayne Hale, Coffman and Peters.

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - After two consecutive rain outs not even persistent early evening showers could keep the Saturday night racing action from being run at Grandview Speedway. Once the rain stopped and following consistent efforts and cooperation from everyone action, sponsored by Liberty Fire Co., New Berlinville, got un-

derway about 40 minutes late.

The Libs (Liberty Fire Co.) Firecracker 40-lap BRC Late Model feature winner was Sean Merkel for his first victory of the season and also his first in the 45 year history of the Firecracker 40 for a \$2,000 payday. He dedicated the race win to his wife Lindsay. It was not an easy triumph for Merkel since Chuck Schutz was right on his bumper the final seven laps. The race win, the biggest event of the season for the Late Models also included \$100 from T.P. Trailers and a \$600 Ingersoll Rand Tool package.

The 30-lap T.P. Trailers NASCAR Whelen Modified feature saw current point leader Craig VonDohren charge into the lead when leader Ron Haring Jr. got too high off turn four on the 19th lap. VonDohren stayed up top since he "knew that's where he had to run," and went on to collect his second win of the season by a comfortable margin over two-time feature winner Kevin Hirthler. He also collected \$250 from T.P. Trailers, \$150 in products from VP Fuels and an Ingersoll Rand Tool Package. Von-

Dohren gave thanks to his main sponsors Pioneer Pole Buildings and K.L. Haring Trucking and especially crew chief Jason Bashore. 35 Modifieds tried for the 28 feature starting spots.

In NASCAR Sportsman racing Paul "The Dude" Kline, shut out of the winner's circle at the track since June 2013, held off Craig Whitmoyer's bids the last five laps to chalk up his season first win. Kline also earned bonus bucks from T.P.Trailers and a \$600 Ingersoll Rand Tool package.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Persistent late afternoon and early-evening rain coupled with weather forecasts calling for continuing rain through the evening forced South Boston Speedway officials to cancel Friday night's Dr. and Mrs. Maresca of St. Lawrence Radiology Presents Thunder Road Harley Davidson NASCAR Whelen Late Model 200 racing program.

Friday night's Dr. and Mrs. Maresca of St. Lawrence Radiology Presents Thunder Road Harley Davidson NASCAR Whelen Late Model 200 racing program has been rescheduled for Saturday night, August 29, and will feature the same lineup of races - a 200-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division drivers and teams, a 100-lap Limited Sportsman Division race and a 50-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division competitors. A 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division has also been added to make it a four-race card.

To top off the night on August 29, South Boston Speedway will stage a colorful dazzling fireworks show at the conclusion of the night's racing action.

Tickets purchased for Friday night will be honored on Saturday night, August 29.

NASCAR racing action returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday, July 11 for the 7 p.m. running of the CenturyLink Presents Whelen Night NASCAR Late Model Twin 75's racing program.

Seven races will be featured for the night, with twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division headlining the action. A 50-lap race for the Limited Sportsman Division competitors, twin 25-lap races for the Modified Division, a 30-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division round out the night's action.

## Goede Off To Hot Start At Elko Speedway Defending Minnesota Champ on Top in Whelen All-American State Points

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Jacob Goede had a great season in 2014 at Elko Speedway, and judging by the results so far this year, he could be celebrating again this September.

The defending Minnesota state champion in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series picked up where he left off last year and is leading the standings in the North Star State as well as Elko's Minnesota Corn Growers Super Late Model division seven races into the schedule.

The Carver, Minnesota, native has already racked up five wins and top-10s in all seven starts this season and he has also won the pole in qualifying every time out this year – but didn't win from the pole every week.

"We have a unique system at Elko where we invert and draw each week in the heat races and feature so sometimes you might start on the front row and others you are back in the field a little," Goede said. "We were able to have a good start last time out and get another win."

Goede picked up his fifth win last Saturday night after starting seventh in the 20-car field. Goede leads fellow Elko competitor and former track champion Donny Reuvers by 60 points (251-191).

In the national standings Keith Rocco maintains his hold on the top spot over Lee Pulliam by 43 points (615-572). Despite missing the Saturday feature at New London-Waterford Speedbowl to compete in a NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event, Rocco scored a win Friday at Stafford Motor Speedway to stay out front as he battles for his second national crown. Pulliam remained second with a pair of wins at Radford, Virginia's Motor Mile Speedway.

Ryan Preece (Stafford, Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, Riverhead Raceway) remains in third with Kres VanDyke (Kingsport Speedway, Lonesome Pine Raceway) fourth and Matt Bowling (Langley Speedway, Motor Mile, South Boston Speedway) fifth.

North Carolina's Josh Berry (Greenville Pickens Speedway, Hickory Motor Speedway, Motor Mile, South Boston, Langley) ranks sixth followed by South Carolina's David Roberts (Anderson Speedway and Greenville) in seventh. Trey Gibson (Greenville, Anderson), Kyle Barnes (Kingsport, Lonesome Pine), and rookie Thomas Tillison Jr. (Salina Highbanks Speedway, Flint Creek Speedway) complete the top 10.

For Goede there is still a lot of racing to do in his No. 72 Chevrolet sponsored by Baby Gowdy, Goetz Trucking, Karrow Jewelers and Carver Automotive.

"The competition has been outstanding this season at Elko as it always is in our division," Goede said.

"Donny has won a bunch of championships at Elko and if you can beat him and the others in our division you've beaten the best."

Goede also competes against his brother, Matt, who he says is one of the toughest competitors he has ever seen or faced – literally. Matt is racing with a broken right arm and left wrist after he suffered injuries in a dirt bike accident.

"My brother Matt had three straight top-three finishes at one point racing with a cast on both arms and that is pretty awesome," Jacob said.

"He now has a smaller cast on the left wrist and a brace on the right arm and I expect him to challenge for wins pretty soon."

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division I drivers are ranked by their best 18 NASCAR points finishes in series-sanctioned events. Drivers receive two points for every car they finish ahead of – up to 18 cars – and three points for a win, with an additional two points available if the driver starts 10th or lower.

The Whelen All-American Series points season will run through Sunday, Sept. 20.

The top three in the national standings, as well as state and province champions, track champions, top finishers in the Div. II-V and special award winners, will be honored at the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Awards in December.

## Ketron Family Dominating at Kingsport Speedway Continue To Gain in Division III Standings

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - For John Ketron and his sons, Billy and Jason, racing has always been a

family affair.

"It's all we know, we've been competing with and against each other for years," the eldest Ketron said.

The three have combined for six wins and are all ranked in the top 15 of the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division III standings.

The oldest son Billy, is ranked fifth with one win and 13 top fives in 13 starts. His little brother Jason is 11th with one win, 10 top-five and 13 top-10s. John, who has made 10 starts, is ranked 13th with four wins and nine top 10s.

All of them are pulling double-duty, racing at Tennessee's Kingsport Speedway and Virginia's Lonesome Pine Raceway.

"It's a pretty good feeling," the eldest Ketron said. "To all be in the top-15 is an honor. It's impressive for our friends and family to see us there."

Ryan Jenkins, who races at Adams County Speedway in Corning, Iowa, and I-80 Speedway in Omaha, Nebraska, moved into first-place in the Division III standings.

A trio of drivers from South Carolina's Greenville Pickens Speedway – Brad Burns, Bobby Emory Jr, and Shane Hill – are second through fourth.

NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Division II-V drivers are ranked by their best 14 NASCAR points finishes in series-sanctioned events. Drivers receive two points for every car they finish ahead of – up to 18 cars – and three points for a win, with an additional two points available if the driver starts 10th or lower.

In the other NASCAR Whelen All-American Series standings:

Division II: Chris Hawkins (Kansas' Salina Speedway and Oklahoma's Flint Creek Speedway) took over the top spot and leads Jesse Dennis (Adams, I-80 and Nebraska's Junction Motor Speedway) by eight points. Brett Kressley of Pennsylvania's Grandview Speedway dropped to third, while Taylor Branch and Thomas Neal round out the top five. Branch and Neal race at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Division IV: Brad Derry (I-80 and Adams County) leads Devin Stansbury of Ohio's Columbus Motor Speedway and defending division champion AJ Sanders, who races at Bowman Gray and North Carolina's Caraway Speedway). Ryan Smith of Columbus and Al Saunders of Connecticut's Stafford

Motor Speedway, are fourth and fifth, respectively.

Division V: Don Tavernia (South Carolina's Anderson Speedway and Greenville) leads the Division V over Aaron Van Fleet of Pennsylvania's Motordrome Speedway, Greenville's Michael Cross, Jack Kirby (Salina and Flint Creek) and Greenville's Chad Tavernia.

The Ketron trio competes at their home track Kingsport weekly in the Pure-4 division. Billy and Jason are first and second, respectively, in the track standings. Billy sits atop the track standings by just 10 points (277-267) over Jason. John trails at eighth with 220 points after missing the first race due car troubles.

"I'm having an up and down season and had a bad wreck a few weeks ago," John Ketron said. "My boys have been consistent, they've been there every week."

They also compete in Lonesome Pine's Pure-4 division, where Billy is in first. John Ketron is seventh and Jason is ninth.

"Racing against each other is what we do," said John.

"We've been doing it for five years. I've won two back-to-back championships, while Jason has won one. We're waiting on Billy to get his.

"The fastest car wins, so we try to have the fastest cars. But our main goal is to go out there, have fun and put on a good show."

They're main competition moving forward? Each other.

"We're more competitive with each other than anyone else out there," the eldest Ketron said. "We've raced together so long, we know each other's limits. We know how we race and we push until we've reach those limits.

"A couple seasons ago my dad was out there racing with us, so there was three generations out there."

## Riverhead Raceway

RIVERHEAD, NY - After the Hoosier Tire 200 was finally in the books Sunday afternoon at Riverhead Raceway it was time for the track's support classes to strut their stuff on Buzz Chew Chevrolet-Cadillac day. Defending Charger champion Eric Zeh of Centereach posted his first win of 2015 as did Jimmy White Jr. of Southampton in the Blunderbust main event while Legend Race Car standout Dylan Slepian of Dix Hills scored his third win of the season. All three races along with the Hoosier Tire 200 NASCAR WMT were run off Sunday after rain halted the proceedings Saturday evening.

## Dodge City Raceway Park

In IMCA Sport Modified action, home town shoe Jason Lunow led all the way to become the seventh different winner in as many events this season.

Lunow weathered three cautions in the opening half of the 20-lapper then fended off Bart Baker over the closing rounds to secure the win. Josh Appel chased the lead

duo to the stripe in third with current points leader Jeff Kaup and Brian May rounding out the top five.

With the Colorado Lightning Sprints joining in on the "Boothill Showdown" for the second consecutive year, Dexter Dvergsten made the 1,000 mile trek from Greenbush, MN, worthwhile by making a late move around Bobby Layne to win the 20-lap feature.

While Dvergsten started from the pole position, fellow front row starter Layne gunned into the lead at the outset and set the pace ahead of Troy Ullery, who slipped by Dvergsten on the opening round.

Layne had things under control until Ullery moved in to challenge as the laps wound down. Ullery pulled to the inside to challenge with just four laps to go, only to spin in turn two after the lead duo made contact.

Back up to second after the caution, Dvergsten took quick advantage when Layne pushed exiting turn four on the 17th round. Dvergsten paced the final four circuits to take the win ahead of Wally Butler and Skyler Wissman as Layne slipped back to fourth. Rick Hench rallied from the 18th starting position to round out the top five.

## Dodge City Raceway Park

In IMCA Sport Modified action, Alan Brewster survived a late run by Clay Money to become the eighth different winner in as many events by winning the 20-lap main event.

With Brewster leading from the outset after starting on the pole, Money had to work his way forward from tenth. Money was only up to seventh by the midway point and was fifth on lap 14.

Money began picking off cars in the final rounds, making it up third by the 17th round and then into second by the white-flag lap. His

charge to the front fell just short though, with Brewster taking the checkered flag by just a pair of car-lengths.

Eric Pfeifer, Bart Baker and Jeff Kaup chased the lead duo across the stripe.

In Colorado Lightning Sprint action, Manitoba's Wally Butler raced into the lead on the seventh round and survived some late challenges to take the win in the 30-lapper.

While Butler started on the front row outside, it was pole starter Johnny Boos racing into the lead at the drop of the green flag. Boos stayed out front for just six laps though before Butler took command.

Butler held off the advances of Troy Ullery until Ullery encountered problems with less than ten laps. Rick Hench moved in to challenge as well over the final handful of laps, however Butler was up to the task and preserved the win.

Butler crossed the stripe ahead of Hench with Roland Bernard, Boos and Glenn Waterland in the top five.

Action resumes at Dodge City Raceway Park on Saturday, July 18, with the \$1,200-to-win Third Annual Modified Stampede along with IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

## Caraway Speedway

SOPHIA, NC - The 2015 season to date had been a tough one for Tommy Lemons, Jr. and Lemons Motorsports with a roller coaster ride of good runs and no finishes to show for it. That all changed on Saturday, July 4th with a dominating performance in the Rusty Harpe Memorial at Caraway Speedway.

Lemons rolled into Caraway Speedway looking to rebound after a blown engine at Motor Mile Speedway took him out of the lead and out of a victory last weekend. Lemons posted the fastest time in qualifying just edging out a NASCAR Whelen All-American Series National Champion and a star studded field of 21 cars.

A lap one crash scrambled the field and took out several front running cars but Lemons kept himself clean and took the lead after a lap 14 restart on the high side and held the field in tow. Though he would be challenged several times throughout the race Lemons puts in a dominating performance leading the most laps and taking home the win.

"This feels so good," said Lemons after winning the Rusty Harpe Memorial 171 at Caraway Speedway. "We've had about all



Jason Lunow was happy to pose with Dodge City Raceway Park's beauty queens after winning Friday night. (DODGE CITY RACEWAY PARK photo)



Saturday night's action brought Alan Brewster to victory lane as the eighth different winner in the IMCA Sport Modified series. (DODGE CITY RACEWAY PARK photo)

the bad luck you can have this season so far. We've had nights where we were just ill handling and couldn't compete for the win, broken parts, blown engines and crashes. This makes it all better though."

Lemons also wasn't lost on what it means to win a race in honor of one of Caraway Speedway's top Late Model competitors.

"This is for Rusty. I grew up racing here like he did, this is my home track. To win this race here in honor of Rusty is really special. This is one of those races we've always wanted to win and now we've got it."

Lemons time to savor the victory will be short lived this week. He'll

have to turn his attention back to the CARS Tour for next weekend's visit to Motor Mile Speedway. Lemons was the strongest car in last weekend's Sunday matinee on the track and he's looking to finish next weekend with another win.

"We've not been as good on the CARS Tour this year as we thought we would be but heading to Motor Mile should be good for this team. We've always ran good at Motor Mile and thought we had a winning car last weekend until the engine gave up. It'd be great to get our first win in CARS at Motor Mile but the series has some stiff competition but I think this win will help fuel our team into next weekend's race."



Race winner Tommy Lemons Jr. celebrates in Caraway Speedway's victory lane with family and crew after winning the July 4th race. (CARAWAY SPEEDWAY photo)