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Social Media... It's Here to Stay

Brad Keselowski gained 100,000 Twitter followers during a long delay created by Juan Pablo Montoya's 2012 crash with a jet dryer that ignited a tank of jet fuel. He used his cellphone to snap pictures of the fire while the field sat parked on the backstretch.

One of NASCAR's most-bizarre accidents, an iPhone and a young driver who has a unique perspective of the sport became a catalyst that launched stock-car racing headfirst into the groundbreaking platforms of digital and social media.

In a matter of minutes, a star was born on social media. And while social media was used before the fiery explosion, the sport changed its emphasis on how its message will be delivered in the future.

"Consumption is changing in all of sports," said Steve Phelps, NASCAR's executive vice president and chief global sales and marketing officer. "Digital and social media is the new currency, the new signature."

Along with its drivers, teams and partners, NASCAR has found an instantaneous way to keep everyone connected. Since NASCAR embarked down a modern avenue of information technology, there have been more than four billion impressions – and more than 2.4 billion this year alone – through social media channels.

According to NASCAR, there are 1.2 million new followers to its social platform since the season started in February; there have been 98 million NASCAR videos shared on Twitter and Facebook this year; and, there's been a 73 percent increase in social engagements since the start of the 2015 season.

Additionally, there have been 598 million page requests at NASCAR Digital Media.

"We use it to connect our drivers to our fans," Phelps said. "It is a perfect medium for us. And one of the reasons why it's been so successful is the product of racing has been fantastic this year."

Social and digital media also has become a perfect way to reach a

new generation of younger fans the sport desperately needs to grow.

"And all the things that we've got to do, reaching millennials, the social media," car owner Joe Gibbs said. "We're blowing it out pretty good in social media."

Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and the internet now are the most-productive way NASCAR to deliver its message, Phelps said.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. caught the Twitter bug after winning the 2014 Daytona 500. Since then, he's posted tweets and created podcasts to keep his fans informed of his recovery from concussion-like symptoms, as well as his engagement to Amy Reimann. He now has 1.62 million followers on Twitter.

Denny Hamlin posted a Facebook Live post a few days following his victory at Watkins Glen International. He was joined by his family in reviving a tradition of eating breakfast at a Denny's restaurant after each win.

Jimmie Johnson had the most fans following him at 2.11 million. He's also a big fan of Snapchat. Other favorite drivers include: Danica Patrick (1.44 million), Jeff Gordon (963,000), Harvick (708,000), Keselowski (678,000), Kyle Busch (672,000), Denny Hamlin (615,000), Tony Stewart (554,000), Joey Logano (350,000) and Kyle Larson (162,000).

NASCAR has 2.92 million Twitter followers.

Much like it monitors television, radio and print interviews, NASCAR keeps an eye on social media conversations. Even with 140 or less characters, some drivers still have found a way to get in trouble.

Darrell "Bubba" Wallace was fined \$15,000 for tweeting his anger on how NASCAR reacted to a multi-car crash on the final lap of the Xfinity Series race last month at the Daytona International Speedway.

And in 2010, Hamlin was hit with a \$50,000 penalty for implying NASCAR creates phantom cautions to create artificial excitement.

But Keselowski's – "Fire. My View," along with a photo of the burning jet dryer – became as big as the race itself, especially since he answered fans questions during the red-flag delay.

"Are you sitting in the car right

now tweeting?" one fan asked.

"Yup," Keselowski tweeted. "At least I'm not in the Port-a-Jon."

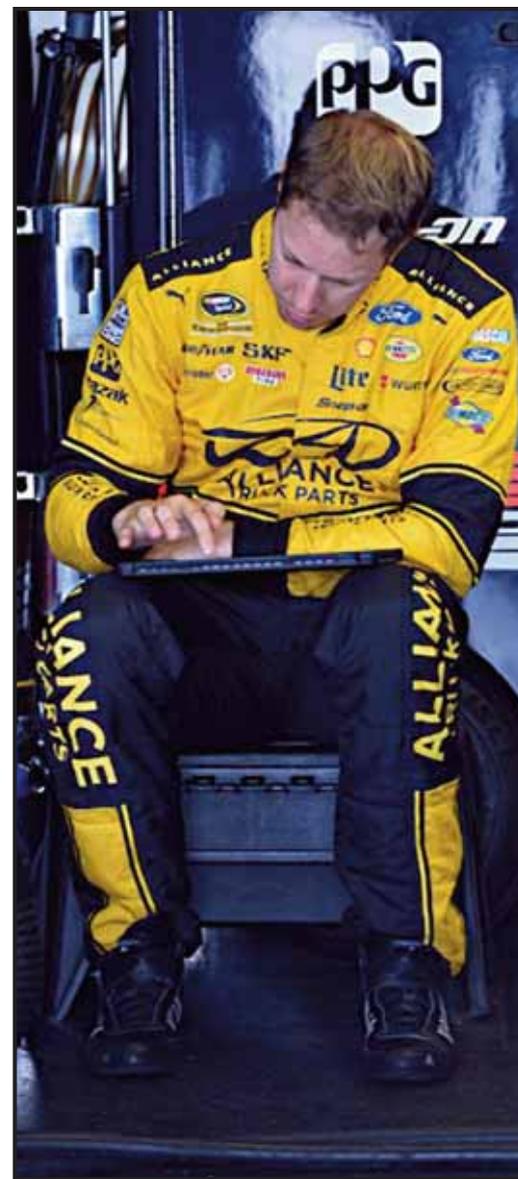
Keselowski sent more pictures and comments a week later at Phoenix. This time, however, he was fined \$25,000.

"Brad's tweeting at the Daytona 500 was really our first introduction to the magnitude of the social media phenomenon at the race track, especially how we saw it unfold that evening," NASCAR spokesman Kerry Tharp said. "We encourage our drivers to participate in social media."

"But we also have rules that pertain to competition that need to be enforced and abided by."

Once the 500 took place, and in the days and weeks following the 500, NASCAR communicated to the drivers and teams that while social media was encouraged and we promoted it, the language in the rule book was clear and that drivers couldn't carry on-board their cars electronic devices, like a phone.

By then the phenomena already was on a roll. And it's been gaining speed ever since.



Brad Keselowski takes time to work on his tablet with his social media during a break in the action on the track. (John Harrellson/NKP photo)

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Giving Back

It's a well-known fact that our sport of auto racing has the most accessible athletes of any professional sport. Fans have the opportunity to get an "up close and personal look" at the stars of racing. Whether it's at an off-track

personal appearance tied to a special event or sponsor promotion or at their favorite track, fans are able to talk with their favorite driver, get an autograph, and take a photograph. The fans of auto racing have access to the drivers that is unmatched in professional sports. From the NASCAR ranks to a local short track on Saturday night, fans have the opportunity to develop a relationship and friendship with their favorite driver.

In today's society, drivers have realized that the need to "give back" to their fans is an important part of their racing career. Many drivers at the upper levels of our sport have developed foundations that benefit many organizations. Many drivers have special charities that they support through fund-raising efforts.

It is often overlooked at the lower levels of racing the charitable work that many drivers do for their

hometown organizations and civic groups. One local Catawba County driver has been very active in "giving back" to his community.

Brandon Setzer is a 22-year old competitor in the CARS Super Late Model Series. He has been racing for several years and has established himself as a strong competitor in any division or series where he competes. He also realizes that he can be a positive influence on many youth groups in our area.



DENNIS PUNCH

Last Wednesday, Setzer continued his efforts to give back by

hosting children from the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Hickory at Hickory Motor Speedway. Brandon Setzer Racing welcomed about thirty children for an afternoon of fun at the track called "the Birthplace of NASCAR Stars". The kids played games with a racing theme, took a tour of Hickory Speedway, enjoyed an entertaining discussion with Brandon about the sport of auto racing, the equipment, and the competition, and experienced an autograph session with one of our sports local stars.

"This is a wonderful event that Brandon and his team have for these children," Lorrie Wolfe, Director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, said. "Our club has around 125 children, and the group here today won this opportunity through an incentive program

within our club. Many of these kids will never have the opportunity to live their dreams, so to have this afternoon and spend time with Brandon and his team is so meaningful for them. Brandon has visited our Club before and talked with many of our young people. He is a good role model for these kids and we certainly appreciate everything he has done for our organization. Who knows? One of these kids may one day be involved in motorsports thanks to the positive example that Brandon has been."

Setzer is the son of former NASCAR XFINITY and Camping World Truck Series driver Dennis Setzer and knows that giving back to your community and fans is a very important part of his motorsports career.

Brandon Setzer is one of seven finalists in the 2016 Kulwicki Driver Development Program. This program, named after the late NASCAR Champion Alan Kulwicki, is a competition that recognizes deserving drivers and offers a competition determined by on-track performance and off-track experiences. The annual winner can earn as much as \$55,000. The event at Hickory Speedway last week was a part of the season-long plan of charitable works to assist Setzer in the driver development program.

"I really enjoy hosting events like this," Setzer stated. "The kids really enjoy com-

ing to the track and being involved in a fun afternoon with racing as the theme. When these kids come up to you and give you a hug and thank you for inviting them to an event like this, it makes it all worthwhile. In the fast-paced work of racing, it's easy to forget just how much an event like this can mean to a group of kids or fans in general. Anytime I can meet with a group and have a positive influence on their lives means a great deal to me as well."

"It's not often that these kids will have the chance to experience the sport of auto racing up close," Terry Crider, Public Relations Officer for Setzer added. "To be able to take a lap in the race car and ask questions one-on-one with a driver is a very meaningful."

Brandon Setzer is in the beginning stages of his racing career. And, aside from his obvious talent on the track, the young man realizes the importance and his role to "give back". Regardless of his statistics and future accomplishments, Brandon Setzer is a hero to this group of young boys and girls.



Brandon Setzer works on giving back with a racing fun day at Hickory Motor Speedway for the Boys and Girls Club of Hickory along with his team. (Dennis Punch photos)



Justin Marks Scores First Career XFINITY Series Victory at Wild, Rain-Soaked Mid-Ohio

By CHRIS KNIGHT
 LEXINGTON, Ohio - Not even a caution with four laps remaining in Saturday's Mid-Ohio Challenge could detour road course expert Justin Marks from scoring his first career NASCAR XFINITY Series victory at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Marks, driver of the No. 42 Kattera Chevrolet Camaro, withstood a rain-soaked challenge from Sam Hornish Jr on the final restart, but Marks showcased his road racing skills when it counted most and stretched his lead to 3.7 seconds when the checkered flag flew.

"These are as tough conditions as you can put drivers in," said Marks from a makeshift Victory Lane.

"It's just really hard on everybody when it's dry and wet and you don't really know what to do, so strategy plays a big role in it. You know, my specialty is road racing in the rain in these stock cars and I don't get much of an opportunity to do it so when that opportunity presents itself, you have to really take advantage of it and I about threw it away today.

"I knew if the race ended in the rain that we would have a real shot

at winning it. I wish my family was here. I'm just really happy."

Marks dedicated the win to former Chip Ganassi Racing driver Bryan Clauson who passed away last Sunday night from injuries in a sprint car accident during the Belleville Midget Nationals in Kansas.

"Bryan's short career in stock car racing came with Chip Ganassi Racing, so it's great to be able to put this thing in Victory Lane to honor him and think about him," added Marks. "He's a real American hero race car driver. Bryan was. They don't make them like that anymore."

Hornish in a limited schedule driving the No. 2 Rheem Chevrolet Camaro for Richard Childress Racing settled for second.

"All in all, a good day for the Rheem Chevrolet," he said. "My hats off to Justin Marks. I generally held myself as a pretty decent rain racer and even given the opportunity there at the end, I couldn't do anything with him. I would have had to take massive chances with our car to be able to do anything and you still gotta pass him to keep up with him.

"I'm proud of what the guys gave me on the No. 2 car today. I wish we would have gotten a little more out of it. In the dry, I feel like we could win, but Justin just went out there and was just a monster in the



Justin Marks celebrates his first NASCAR XFINITY Series victory at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course after a rainy afternoon of racing. (Russell LaBounty/NKP photo)

wet."

Hornish won the pole on Friday in dry conditions, but as the field took the green at the 2.25-mile, 13 turn road course, Mother Nature moved in and sent the team to pit road for an optional change of tires from slicks to wets on Lap 3.

Joe Gibbs Racing's Owen Kelly, in his XFINITY Series return, took the lead on the restart, but spun shortly thereafter in Turn 6 sending Hornish back to the top spot. Hornish, however, would get his first glimpse of Marks on Lap 12 when the Chip Ganassi Racing driver

took the lead for the first time.

The Rocklin, California, native would maintain the lead through the halfway point where he pitted from the lead, cycling the top spot through a variety of drivers during green flag pit stops, as the race track began to transition back to dry.

A Lap 50 caution for debris, however, would be the starting point where the race would set the tone for the closing laps. While under the yellow, the skies opened up soaking the road course and sending almost all the competitors back to pit road for wet tires and fuel for the end.

When the race restarted with 14 laps to go, Darrell Wallace Jr. found himself at the top, but with 12 laps to go, he went off course, giving the lead to Ty Dillon with a stalking Marks behind.

With rain continuing to fall, Marks used his experience to close the distance between Dillon and took advantage as Dillon himself went off course on Lap 65 giving the lead back to Marks on Lap 66 and never relinquishing.

Next up for the XFINITY Series is their annual summer trip to Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway for the running of the Food City 300 on Friday night, Aug. 19. Kyle Busch is the defending champion.

NOTE: NASCAR Next driver Alon Day made his NASCAR XFINITY Series debut on Saturday, finishing 13th. With the start, Day -- who ran as high as third -- became the first driver from Israel to make a NASCAR national series start.



Justin Marks (42) keeps Ty Dillon (3) at bay as they take one of the curves at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course Saturday afternoon. (Russell LaBounty/NKP photo)



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Bonsignore Holds Off Coby on Late Restart to Score First Win of Season

THOMPSON, CT - After saying he 'gave' away about thirty points this season with two DNF's, Justin Bonsignore was finally able to celebrate after a race Wednesday at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.

Bonsignore passed points leader Doug Coby on Lap 74 and withheld a strong challenge for the lead on a restart with four laps remaining to win the Budweiser King of Beers 150 for his first win of the season.

Bonsignore qualified third and was able to muscle by Coby for the lead and hold off the two-time defending NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion for his ninth career win and fourth overall at Thompson.

The third and final caution of the race was given to the field on Lap 143 for a single car spin setting up the final restart. Bonsignore was able to drive away with Coby in tow to get his first win since the Holtsville, N.Y. native won at Riverhead Raceway last season.

Bobby Santos finished third as Woody Pitkat and Ryan Preece rounded out the top five. Max Zachem was sixth with Ron Silk, Donny Lia, Shawn Solomito and Jeff Goodale coming home seventh through 10th, respectively.

Chase Dowling took advantage of a quick pit stop by his crew during the first caution of the race on Lap 58 to take the lead where he stayed until Coby got by on Lap 62 on the restart.

Bonsignore was able to pull to within 15 points of the lead and now trails Coby 397-382 in the standings with seven races remaining. Timmy Solomito is third with Donny Lia and Jimmy Blewett rounding out the top five in the standings.

The Budweiser King of Beers 150 will be televised on NBCSN on Friday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour returns to action along with its NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour counterparts for their annual combination race on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

The Bush's Beans 150 will be held at 6 p.m. as part of a double-

header with the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

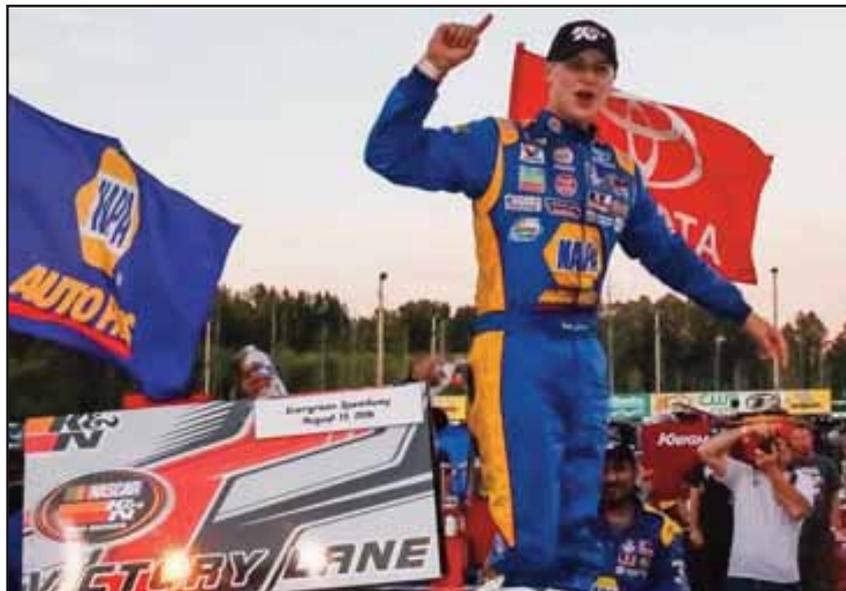
Gilliland Paces Field At Evergreen Posts Fifth K&N Pro West Series Victory

MONROE, WA - Todd Gilliland dominated the field in the NAPA Auto Parts 150 presented by Toyota to earn his fifth NASCAR K&N Pro Series West victory of the season and his sixth win overall.

The 16-year-old Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, NASCAR Next driver led the field to green after



Justin Bonsignore celebrates with crew members after winning the Budweiser King of Beers 150 at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. (Mike Ivins/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)



Todd Gilliland's led all 150 laps in the NAPA Auto Parts 150 to collect his fifth win of the season. (Otto Kitsinger/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

winning the 21 Means Pole Award earlier in the day. He paced the field throughout the race to lead all 150 laps at Washington's Evergreen Speedway.

The big battle came from Gilliland's Bill McAnally Racing teammates Chris Eggleston and Riley Herbst for the runner-up spot, with Eggleston securing the spot with a pass on the backstretch with 44 laps to go.

With his win, Gilliland has a 12-point lead over Partridge in the series championship points standings with five races remaining.

Gilliland joins his grandfather, Butch Gilliland, and his father, David Gilliland, on the winners list at the .646-mile oval.

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Gracin Raz and Partridge rounded out the top five. Cole Rouse, Blaine Perkins, Julia Landauer, Nicole Behar and Cole Moore completed the top 10.

The NAPA Auto Parts 150 presented by Toyota will air on NBCSN Thursday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West will be back in action

Saturday, Aug. 27 at Oregon's Douglas County Speedway.

Lacroix Leads Every Lap to Score Second Consecutive Win at Trois-Rivieres

TRUIS-RIVIERES, QUE - Last year Kevin Lacroix powered his way by Andrew Ranger on the final lap at Circuit de Trois-Rivieres to win his second race in just his fourth career start. This year the result was the same, but Lacroix provided all the power this season.

Lacroix broke the course record



Kevin Lacroix celebrated his second straight win at Circuit de Trois-Rivieres on Sunday in the Can-Am Le 50 Tours. (Matthew Manor/NASCAR photo)

in qualifying in his No. 74 Bumper to Bumper/Total/Go Fast Dodge and led every lap to win the Can-Am Le 50 Tours NASCAR Pinty's Series race on Sunday in the 47th edition of the race weekend at historic road course.

The Josten's Rookie of the Year contender was so dominate in his first win of the year and his third of his career that the only driver to almost beat him was himself.

On Lap 48, Andrew Ranger was closing in on Lacroix moving to within five car lengths of Lacroix when in to Turn 8 a little too fast.

Lacroix's brakes locked and he brushed the tire barrier coming out of the turn.

Lacroix recovered to maintain his lead and win by 2.172 seconds over Ranger with Alex Tagliani third. Alex Labbe and Daniel Morad

completed the top five.

Daniel Morad was sixth with Cayden Lapcevich sixth and Jeffrey Earnhardt – making his first career Pinty's Series start – was seventh. L.P. Dumoulin came home seventh.

D.J. Kennington rebounded from starting at the rear of the field after having to fix a transmission issue to finish ninth and J.F. Dumoulin completed the top 10.

The race was slowed just twice due to caution with J.F. Dumoulin and Gary Klutt making contact on Lap 1 to end the NASCAR Next driver's day early. The second caution flag flew on Lap 27 for an incident between Lapcevich and Simon Dion-Viens.

Ranger, who continues his impressive streak of finishing first or second in every series race held at the famed road course in Trois-Rivieres, maintains his points lead by five points over Lapcevich (331-326) with Tagliani third with 304. With the win, Lacroix moved up to fourth and Labbe is fifth.

The Can-Am Le 50 Tours will be televised on TSN on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m. ET.

The NASCAR Pinty's series will return to action on Aug. 20 at Riverside International Speedway in the Bumper To Bumper 300.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

MOORESVILLE, NC - Ray Evernham, former NASCAR championship crew chief and star of the "AmeriCarna" television show on Velocity, got his start racing modifieds around the short tracks of the Northeast. Even as he won championships and became a team owner at the highest level of racing – the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series – his passion for preserving the roots of racing never stopped.

Evernham has collected and restored a number of modifieds, including the famous No. 61 of Richie Evans, along with two of his own modifieds that he raced in his early career. He will bring them to New Hampshire Motor Speedway's 26th Annual Vintage Celebration, set for August 25 and 26, as part of the weekend showcase.

"The history of modified racing in the Northeast is incredible," said Evernham. "So many famous drivers got their start on the legendary

tracks up and down the Eastern seaboard, and I was fortunate to get to race with some of them. It's an honor to be able to help preserve these pieces of history and promote the grassroots racing community."

The racecars Evernham will showcase include:

- **No. 61 Ford Pinto Modified** – This restored, all-original Ford Pinto modified racecar was driven by NASCAR modified legend Richie Evans. Evernham commissioned the full restoration of the car for an episode of his television series "AmeriCarna," which documented the rivalry between Evans and Jerry Cook in the NASCAR modified series during the 70s and 80s. A 2012 inductee into the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Evans was known as the "King of the Modifieds" for his nine championships in his illustrious 13-year career, and the No. 61 is the only retired number in any NASCAR division. This race winning Ford features a 427 C.I. Big Block Chevy engine with a 4-speed manual transmission

- **No. 19 Ford Probe Modified** – The blue No. 19 Ford Probe Modified was driven by Ray Evernham at paved tracks in the Northeast from the late 1980s until 1991.

Evernham recorded four "A" main event wins behind the wheel of this modified, including his last win at Wall Stadium in 1991. This car last raced with the uniquely shaped Ford Probe body, designed by Evernham to give the car an aerodynamic advantage on short tracks. Built by Billy Nacewicz, it features a 358 C.I. Ford engine.

- **No. 2P Chevy Modified** – This "Dirt/Asphalt Modified", a big block Chevy, Troyer-built dirt car was converted to an asphalt racer when the 5/8th mile Flemington, NJ, dirt track was paved at the end of the 1990 race season. Evernham raced this modified there, and in May of 1991, suffered a severe concussion when he slammed into the steel guardrail. Evernham made a remarkably quick recovery, and returned five weeks later to capture his first-ever victory at Flemington in the No. 2P Tom Park Chevy. His accident led the track owner to install foam blocks and improve driver safety at the track.

The Vintage Racing Celebration, Aug. 25 – 26, is a tribute to the race cars of yes-

tery. The event is focused around its participants and their love for maintaining the history of auto racing. The cars featured in the track sessions include vintage midgets, modifieds, sprints, Indy cars and stock cars on the 1.058-mile oval. Hot Import Nights, the leading producer of touring automotive lifestyle events attended by thousands of automotive and entertainment enthusiasts each year, will take over the infield on Aug. 27. HIN and its drifting club partners' feature the rising stars of the drifting world in a lifestyle festival that includes car shows, industry models, a vendor midway, and live entertainment.

For more information about Ray Evernham and his latest automotive projects, visit AmeriCarna and follow @RayEvernham and @AmeriCarnaTV on twitter.



Dover

Int'l Speedway

DOVER, DE - Country music star Easton Corbin will perform a free concert at Dover International Speedway's Victory Plaza prior to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Corbin will also sing the national anthem before the race, which will feature the first four driver eliminations of the 2016 Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship. Corbin's Victory Plaza concert will begin at 11 a.m.

Corbin, a Florida native, rocketed on the country music scene in 2010 with his self-titled debut album, which included the No. 1 hits "A Little More Country Than That," and "Roll With It." The two top releases made him the first country male artist in 17 years to have his first two singles reach No. 1.

Corbin's most recent album, the No. 1 hit "About To Get Real," has produced singles "Baby Be My Love Song," a Top-5 hit which was his career-best debut on Country Airplay, and "Yup."

Corbin spent the first half of 2016 opening for Carrie Underwood as part of "The Storyteller Tour," which made 45 stops in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Corbin is also a partner with Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit organization which focuses on military families.

For tickets or more information for Dover International Speedway's Sept. 30-Oct. 2 NASCAR triple-header weekend, call (800) 441-RACE or visit DoverSpeedway.com. You can also keep up with the Monster Mile at [Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway), or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Martinsville Speedway

MARTINSVILLE, VA - Fans attending the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 will have a new option when it comes to seating for NASCAR's biggest, richest and most prestigious Late Model Stock Car Race on October 16.

This year, for the first time ever, fans will have the opportunity to watch the race from Club 47, Martinsville Speedway's premier fan suite, located above the start finish line.

"The ValleyStar Credit Union 300 is a big deal not only for drivers, but for fans of Late Model Stock Car racing," Martinsville Speedway President Clay Campbell said. "With this race being the premier NASCAR Late Model Stock Car race in the country, we wanted to give those fans the opportunity to enjoy all of what Martinsville Speedway has to offer, and that includes Club 47."

A ticket for Club 47, which cost \$149, includes a reserved seat, full lunch buffet, snacks throughout the afternoon, cash bar for beer and wine and a West Lot parking pass. In addition, spots in Champions' Overlook, the VIP RV Park located above the backstretch will once again be available for \$500. The spots include both water and electric hookup and require the purchase of race tickets or a pit pass.

Backstretch Camping, which features 50 AMP power hookups, is available for \$50.

The ValleyStar Credit Union 300 pays \$25,000 to win and regularly sees more than 75 teams from across the southeast show up to make the 40 car field.

The day starts with three 25 lap heat races and a 25 lap "last chance race" to set the field, followed by the 200 lap feature.

General Admission grandstand seating is \$30 for adults and \$5 for youth 12-and-under. Tickets in Club 47 can be purchased by calling 276-956-7225. All other tickets can be purchased by calling 877.RACE.TIX or online at www.martinsvillespeedway.com.

Phoenix International Raceway

PHOENIX, AZ - Phoenix International Raceway, through Phoenix Raceway Charities, is spearheading a \$500,000 renovation project for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix. The donation marks the largest contribution to date by the organization and is a result of fundraising and commitments generated from Phoenix Raceway's 50th Anniversary season in 2014.

"The services and support Ronald McDonald House provides to families whose children are facing major medical issues gives them comfort and safety at a deeply difficult time," said Phoenix International Raceway President Bryan R. Sperber. "PIR is delighted to be able to do what we can to help make those family visits as comfortable as possible and to acknowledge the value and importance of what Ronald McDonald House Charities does in our com-

munity."

The 10-week project is expected to begin at the Ronald McDonald House's main building at 501 E. Roanoke Ave. in mid-August and be completed in time for the Can-Am 500, the semifinal race in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship on Sunday, Nov. 13 at Phoenix International Raceway.

"We are overwhelmed by this incredibly generous and thoughtful effort by Phoenix International Raceway," said Nancy Roach, executive director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix (RMHC). "We can't wait for our families to experience the results."

The Roanoke House opened in 1985 with 16 guest rooms and became the first of three RMHC houses serving the Valley. The House was expanded by 10 bedrooms in 1995 and to 45 bedrooms in 2005.

In 2008, the Valley's second Ronald McDonald House opened on the campus of Phoenix Children's Hospital with 18 rooms and the 16-room third House opened on the campus of Cardon Children's Medical Center in 2014.

Phoenix Raceway Charities began in 2014, coinciding with the track's 50th Anniversary celebration, as a way for PIR to give back to the community that has helped make it the premier motorsports venue in the West. Funds have primarily been raised through the sale of official PIR-branded Arizona license plates, race weekend raffles and donations from fans and partners.

For the project, Phoenix Raceway has teamed with renowned Phoenix-based designer and founder of Daniel Germani Designs, Daniel Germani.

"This is a deeply personal project and I'm excited to transform the space into a vibrant, bright, welcoming place where children and their families will be able to enjoy the time that they must spend there," added Germani.

For more information about Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix and Phoenix International Raceway, please visit www.rmhcphoenix.com and www.phoenixraceway.com.

Michigan Int'l Speedway

BROOKLYN, MI - Michigan International Speedway and Americrown, the racetrack's food and beverage provider, roll in another strong

concessions menu to satisfy fans.

The menu for the Pure Michigan 400 will feature a wide variety of selections, and it all starts in Section 35 with the Northern Exposure. Our neighbors from the north are sure to be pleased with the unique food to Canada and MIS by the following offerings: Poutine, Poutine dog, peameal bacon sandwich, hot dog and French fries. Gluten Free options will be featured at Northern Exposure, as well.

"I'm thrilled as always with the hard work Americrown has done to provide opportunities for all of our guests," MIS President Roger Curtis said. "We work together in so many ways to provide a unique experience to our fans, so they come away with lasting memories every August."

For something closer to home, sink your mouth into some chicken tenders, fries, cheeseburgers, and hot dogs found at the Coca-Cola Champions Grill found in Section 6.

Those looking to get their morning started right will need to look no further for the breakfast sandwiches.

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Make it a meal by ordering BBQ pork sandwich, beef brisket sandwich and a Big Block sandwich loaded with pork, brisket and onion straws from the Que in Mezzanine Level Section 50. In addition you can order macaroni and cheese dog and pulled pork fries.

Need a quick fix, whether you're thinking a cheeseburger or traditional hot dog? Stop by either of the Refreshment Stands in Section 24 or Section 59. Craving pizza? Cottage Inn Pizza has you covered in Section 16 or Section 59 on Sunday.



'50 Is Nifty' For Jeff Fultz In PASS South Action at South Boston

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Veteran Jeff Fultz outlasted a strong field of Pro All Stars Series (PASS) South Super Late Models Saturday night at South Boston Speedway to take his long awaited first career victory in the series. The win by Fultz was made even more meaningful by the fact

that he becomes the 50th different winner in the series dating back to its beginnings in 2006.

"I just love South Boston and I don't get to race much anymore, plus the guys worked all day in 100 degree heat to get this car right," said Fultz of his milestone win. "I've never won a PASS race, three white flags and we're leading and the caution comes out and we end up losing. It's a tough series and they race everywhere. I've finally got something to put on my resume that I have been waiting a long time to get."

Former PASS National Champion, Preston Peltier captured his series leading 20th career quick qualifying time with a lap of 15.607 seconds (92.266 mph) and by luck of the top 10 qualifiers redraw would start on the pole alongside PASS South rookie, Kodie Conner.

On a sweltering night in south-

ern Virginia, Peltier would jump out to the early lead, before the caution would wave on lap 9 when the car of Brandon Setzer slowed due to a broken rear end. On the restart, Florida's Dalton Sargeant was able to get the advantage over Peltier to take the lead. The caution would fly again on lap 52 when Ron Young spun after a tap from Spencer Davis. PASS South points leader, Matt Craig, narrowly escaped as he spun to avoid Young.

Back under way, Peltier returned the favor to Sargeant as he retook the lead using the outside groove. Several cars were making their way towards the front after poor qualifying runs, including Joey Padgett, Trey Jarrell, and Jared Fryar. Former Oxford 250 winner, Jeremie Whorff, made his way in to the top 10 after starting 19th by passing Fryar on lap 71. The caution would wave again with 66 laps to go after Young spun again in turn three due to contact from Conner.

On the restart, Sargeant would spin his tires allowing Fultz to move into second. After pitting earlier to make adjustments, defending PASS South Super Late Model champion, Tate Fogleman, appeared to have one of the fastest cars on the track, passing Conner for fifth with 39 laps to go. Conner would be forced to stop on the track in turn two with 23 laps to go be-



Jeff Fultz (center) celebrates his win at South Boston Speedway along with second place finisher Tate Fogleman (left) and third place finisher Dalton Sargeant (right). Fultz became the 50th different winner with the series. (LWpictures.com/PASS photo)

cause of a broken hub.

Peltier led the field to green on the restart, but his machine hesitated, allowing Fultz and Fogleman to sneak by entering turn one. As the field took evasive action for Peltier's slow start, rookie Chase Purdy spun into the back straightaway wall hard as he tried to clear the lapped machine of John-Michae Shenette. As Purdy and Shenette spun back down the track, several cars would be collected in the pileup, including Craig, Jarrell, Blake Jones, Conner, Tyler Ankrum, and Davis. Following a red flag to clean up the speedway, Peltier's car would not fire and he would be forced from the race due

to a dead battery.

Fultz took command and would lead the remaining laps for his first win with the LFR Chassis team over Fogleman, Sargeant, Fryar, and Whorff. Rounding out the top 10 would be Padgett, Deac McCaskill, Craig, Hannah Newhouse, and Young.

The PASS South Super Late Models will return to action on Saturday, September 24 for another 150 lapper at Hickory Motor Speedway.

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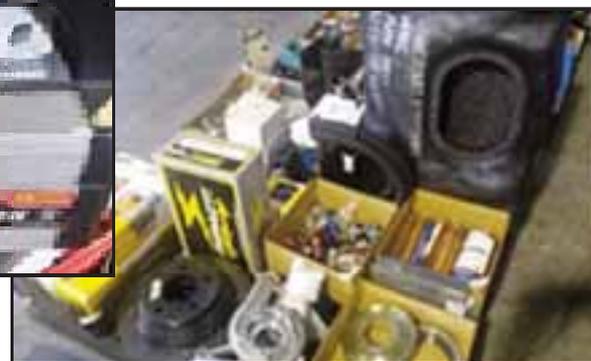
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Johnson Outduels Schatz for First Knoxville Nationals Title

KNOXVILLE, IA - The 56th running of the 5-Hour Energy Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Store culminated Saturday night with the grandstands on their feet as the Ragin' Cajun took home the win in one of the most exciting Knoxville Nationals in

recent history, depriving fellow-Outlaw Donny Schatz of his tenth Nationals win.

With fireworks ablaze behind him, Jason Johnson stood on the back of his Priority Aviation #41 Maxim pounding his fists in the air as he celebrated his first-ever Nationals win and claimed the \$150,000 prize.

It was a big night for the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series as three Outlaws took over Victory Lane: Johnson, Schatz and Shane Stewart. As outlaws are wont to do, they rode in, took the loot, and left nothing but dust in their trail.

"I gave it my all," said Johnson. "I wanted to win just as bad as Donny wanted to win, just as bad as Shane wanted to win - and probably everybody that started in A-Main. My guys gave me a great race car and I got very fortunate."

After his runner-up finish on Night 2, the Cajun Sensation was the high point driver of the night, earning him the spot beside another fellow-Outlaw, Daryn Pittman, who started on the pole. Kerry Madsen and Jamie Veal followed, with Schatz in fifth.

By Lap 2, the battle between Schatz and Johnson was on as Schatz came up to third. Meanwhile, Outlaws Shane Stewart and Brad Sweet battled it out for sixth, with Stewart holding his ground.

Pittman hit traffic by Lap 9, and Johnson battled him from the cushion - from where he won the race - for the next couple of laps, taking the lead off the fourth turn in Lap 11. But it was short lived. Lap 12 saw Pittman and Schatz pass Johnson. And in the next two laps Schatz and Johnson charged past Pittman.

By Lap 15, the race looked as expected, with the nine-time champ a half stretch ahead.

A caution for Craig Dollansky al-

lowed Madsen to get past Pittman, and Stewart worked his way to fifth, but Schatz held a strong lead when the mandatory caution was called after Lap 25.

The real battle began on the restart with Johnson on the cushion and Schatz down low. Johnson took the lead with a slide job off turn 4 and continued to ride the cushion so high he nearly climbed the wall in Lap 34.

Meanwhile, Madsen made a play for second, taking it from Schatz for three laps; and another three laps later, in Lap 44, Schatz took the lead back from Johnson. They battled hard, but the victory was just not meant to be for the reigning champ as Johnson "Parked It" .168 seconds earlier for the win.

"I didn't think he could race that hard for 50 laps, but he did," said Schatz, who didn't think the race could be won from the top. "He did one hell of a job. I mean to run the last ten laps, or last lap - any lap during this race - it means the worlds toughest spot in sprint car racing. And he figured out how to make it work and get there first, so hats off to him. Next year I'd like to be the one to win. But he won. He earned it. He did one hell of a job, and he figured out how to do it."

"I know Donny wasn't happy with me after the checkers, and that really kind of bothers me because I respect Donny as a driver and I want his respect as well," said Johnson. "I don't want to wreck nobody, and I want to race people clean, but like I told him, 'God damn, dude, this is Knoxville Nationals!'"

The winning outlaw trio showed a tremendous amount of respect and admiration for each other in post-race interviews. Johnson stated he got a lesson from Stewart before the race and spent a lot of time talking with him about how to race the track. "All in all it's a testament to friendship, to what life is all about, and to B.C.," he said.

This important win for Johnson, flanked by Stewart and Schatz during the post-race press conference, is a great nod to his 2016 drivers interview at the start of season: "The biggest competition has to be Donny Schatz because he has set the standard," said Johnson back



Jason Johnson celebrates winning the Knoxville Nationals after outdueling Donny Schatz for the victory, his first career title. (Paul Arch photo)

in February. "But as a team, we measure ourselves up to Shane Stewart and Larson-Marks Racing because he comes from the same background as I do and he's with a team that's only been out here for a couple years as well."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series returns to action next Tuesday at Junction Motor Speedway. To find out more information and to learn how to buy tickets, visit <http://woosprint.com/junction-motor-speedway>.

Rico Abreu Parks It Hard on Hard Knox Friday - for B.C.

KNOXVILLE, IA - A year ago, on FVP Hard Knox Friday Night of the 55th Annual Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores, Bryan Clauson won the non-qualifier feature starting from third position and earned his 17th spot in the A Main the following night. Tonight, it was Rico Abreu who did the same - and he did it for Clauson.

"We just parked it for B.C.," said Abreu from Victory Lane. "I've been waiting to get that one for Brian. We've raced a few times since he passed, and I've been waiting to say those words - 'parked it' - which is definitely something he created and now is something that we're all racing to do. It's very special, and we're all racing with heavy hearts."

With this win, his first ever at Knoxville, Abreu will start seventeenth in the A Main tomorrow night. "This is my fourth season racing with Paul Silva," said Abreu. "He's built phenomenal race cars. We

switched to Eagle [Motorsports I Sprint Car] Chassis this year, and it's taken a little bit for us to get going, but now I feel like we have a really big head of steam, and we've had a lot of accomplishments."

Coming off his Ironman win at Pevly last week, Abreu grabbed the lead in the 5-hour Energy Knoxville Nationals FVP/Speed Sport Night A Main in the first lap and held it all the way through to the end. Behind him, a battle ensued for the remaining three spots between Lucas Wolfe (who started on the pole), Greg Hodnett, Brian Brown, Danny Lasoski and Logan Schuchart.

Lasoski, who had tailed Abreu into second in Lap 1, held his position until Hodnett took it from him in Lap 10 after making his way back up from fifth. Meanwhile, Brown, pushed to fourth when Hodnett passed him in Lap 8, held his position until Lap 21. With Schuchart pushing on him, Brown climbed the wall to avoid Trey Spark's 23S after a spin. Both Brown and Spark were towed off the field.

On the restart, Wolfe and Schuchart battled for fourth, with Wolfe finally taking it in Lap 23.

Hodnett, Lasoski, and Wolfe will take positions 18, 19, and 20 in Saturday's feature.

"Making it to Knoxville Nationals is what every sprint car driver gears up for," said Hodnett. "It makes it tough, a tough deal like tonight. Our non-qualifiers race was brutal."

Hodnett wasn't the only Pennsylvania driver to score a win tonight, however. Quicktime in both time trials (A&B) went to

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Pennsylvania, with Wolfe coming in at 15.096 and Jacob Allen coming in at 15.294. And fifth and sixth positions in the A Main went to Pennsylvania's Tim Shaffer and Logan Schuchart respectively.

Another big win for the evening went to Kraig Kisner, who won the Speed Sport World Challenge, securing position 25 in Saturday's championship, along with a check for \$10,000. This is Kisner's fifth Knoxville win.

Tim Kaeding Takes Knoxville Nationals by Storm on Night 2

KNOXVILLE, IA - Night two of the 5-Hour Energy Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores was more than a race to the finish on the A-Main; it was a race in time to beat the impending storms. And Tim Kaeding nailed it. "King of California" Kaeding took to Victory Lane just before severe thunderstorms storms descended on Knoxville.

"I've got to give this one to B.C.," said Kaeding, dedicating his win to Bryan Clauson. "Here's another one towards your 200. I grew up racing with his Dad. Just a great family and a hell of a racecar driver." It was an emotional night with Ricky Stenhouse Jr. leading the field under parade laps driving Bryan Clauson's 17W.

Thursday's 25-lap A-Main is Kaeding's third career Knoxville Nationals preliminary feature. "It's so unbelievable," said Kaeding. "We've struggled so bad here at Knoxville the last few years, especially in this 3[K] car. We had a win taken away last year, because we had a muffler that was tampered with more than anything. You know, we've been fast. We just haven't been as fast as we need to be, so for us to be able to come out tonight and win prelim night at Knoxville is a feat within itself."

With 20 World of Outlaws Craftsman@ Sprint Car Series victories under his belt, Kaeding charged from fourth position to second at the wave of the green, tailing Dale Blaney and finally passing him in Lap 8.

A later caution for Justin Henderson, then in third, cleared the



Rico Abreu raced his way to victory lane for the FVP Hard Knox Friday Night of the 55th Annual Knoxville Nationals. (Paul Arch photo)

field for Outlaw Jason Johnson and last year's Knoxville Nationals Night 2 winner Terry McCarl to pass Blaney and duke it out for second in the final laps. McCarl managed to take it for a moment in Lap 22, but couldn't hold it, and Johnson shot forward, looking to Kaeding just a little too late.

Coming out of Heat 1, where

McCarl scored the fourth spot, the Price Chopper No. 7x had a quick engine change. "We were kind of in a hurry there, and I didn't get the car set up exactly the way I wanted to," said McCarl. "I think we can definitely be a lot better come Saturday night."

Meanwhile, it was a good night for the Outlaws in Time Trials with



Tim Kaeding raced his way to victory lane on night 2 of the Knoxville Nationals. (Paul Arch photo)

Brad Sweet making quicktime at 15.465 seconds (and winning the Last Chance Showdown), followed by Outlaws Joey Saldana and David Gravel, former Outlaw Kerry Madsen, and Outlaw Jason Johnson, who later scored his second place spot in the A-Main.

"It's great confidence for my race team," said Johnson. "To be part of the World of Outlaws category you've got to defend your territory. Obviously we wanted to win, but I felt like we had a really good run."

Two Outlaws will lead the field to green on Saturday night, Daryn Pittman and Jason Johnson.

Shane Stewart Scores Another Knoxville Nationals Night 1 Win

KNOXVILLE, IA - Shane Stewart did it again in Wednesday night's 5-Hour ENERGY Knoxville Nationals presented by Casey's General Stores as he scored on a qualifying night for the third year in a row - his fifth time overall - and second win in a row after capturing the previous night's Capitani Classic.

Stewart battled past Jeff Swindell and held off Donny Schatz through the opening night of Knoxville Nationals — looking much like a replay from last year's Nationals. After passing fellow Oklahoma native Wayne Johnson on lap 3, Stewart closed in on leader Swindell, giving him a run for his money on Lap 9, and finally taking him on Lap 10.

Schatz, who had already worked his way up from six, took Swindell in Lap 11 and fought Stewart for the remaining 15, but just couldn't seal the deal, despite a brief advantage in Lap 14.

A caution for Lynton Jeffrey, who lost a wheel on Lap 12, seemed like the perfect opportunity for Schatz to charge, but it wasn't until two laps later that Schatz managed to capture his short-lived lead. Much like the previous year, the two drivers have spent much of the 2016 World of Outlaws Craftsman@ Sprint Car Series season battling each other.

And like last year, Stewart's No. 2s is once again sporting a special paint scheme honoring retiring NASCAR star Jeff Gordon and his early sprint car career.

Meanwhile, third into victory lane was Chad Kemenah, who brought his Hunter Racing No. 10h up from fifth. "This is good for Saturday, and takes a little bit of pressure off," said Kemenah. "Maybe on Saturday, we can be just as consistent or a little bit better."

Sweet 16: Richards Wins at Eriez

ERIE, PA - Josh Richards captured his 16th World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series win of the season Sunday night at Eriez Speedway. The win capped-off a dominant week for the Shinnston, W.V. driver.

The series travelled to four different states in four consecutive days for events

at Delaware International Speedway (Del.), Potomac Speedway (Md.), Winchester Speedway (Va.) and Eriez Speedway (Pa.). In this stretch, Richards won three of four. Last season he managed to win three of those four shows as well. Incorporating the previous week, Richards won five of the last six, and broke Darrell Lanigan's all-time wins record. With his win at Eriez, he increased that number to 74.

"The season has been a dream," said Richards, who won the \$10,000 purse. "I'm very fortunate to have the crew I have. Hopefully we can continue [the dream season] into Michigan."

Earlier in the night, Richards picked up his eighth fast time award, 24th heat race win and was the fastest driver in hot laps. Richards pulled the eighth spot in the night's redraw, which did not make the feature an easy endeavor. The two local drivers and five fellow full-timers ahead of him made his climb to the top treacherous.

"I knew when we drew the eight it was going to be tough," said Richards, who won the \$10,000 purse. "I always enjoy racing in this region. It's closer to home, and we've raced these tracks for quite a while, and having success here before gives you a little more information on what to do. It definitely gives you confidence."

Steve Casebolt on the other hand led the 25-car feature into the green flag by virtue of the redraw. This was Casebolt's first time this season drawing the Craftsman® No. 1 wrench at the redraw, and in the first lap, he took advantage of it. He opened-up a .520 lead until a caution regrouped the field in the same lap. On the restart, Casebolt rebuilt his lead while Richards began to weave his way through the drivers separating him from the

top five.

Richards made his way up to a podium position by lap seven in his No. 1 Valvoline/ Seubert Calf Ranches Rocket car. The caution flag waved one lap later, leaving Casebolt, Jared Miley and Richards at the hands of the restart. On the restart, Richards overtook Miley exiting turn three for sole possession of second place. Richards next challenge was overtaking the strong No. C9 Lias Tire/ Sudz Car Wash Rocket car of Casebolt.

"We got up to third really quickly," Richards said. "We were all at the same speed and nothing was happening. Casebolt was setting a really good pace, and I had to work hard on him for the lead."

Richards ran Casebolt's lead down to as narrow as a .318 margin on lap 16, but Casebolt protected potentially his first win of the season. He rebuilt his lead back to .786 in a three-lap span. Back-and-forth, Richards took his lead back down to .225 one lap later, only for Casebolt fight back to a .680 spread until a caution on lap 23. Casebolt's last win was on February 6, 2015.

Two laps later, Richards made his move on Casebolt. Maneuvering his car high-and-low, Richards made the pass for the lead in turn two on lap 29. Though a caution within 10 laps left instantly compromised Richards' 2.374 lead - also renewing Casebolt's chances - he went on to win by a 2.622 margin.

When Casebolt met Richards in victory lane, the two talked about where the track's fastest points were. Casebolt said that "he had nothing" for Josh, who has been on a hot streak all season.

"I'm as happy as I can be finishing second," Casebolt said. "I had a very good car. I knew Josh was back there but there was nothing I could do. With the season that we've had, we're definitely happy to finish second and lead some laps."

Miley and his No. H1 Colussy Chevrolet/ Brougner's Machine Shop Rocket car held his ground since Richards passed him on lap eight, finishing the feature in third. The Pittsburgh, Pa. native said he took some time off to prepare for the Outlaws, and that his preparation leading into the event paid off. Two local drivers finished in the top five; Centreville, Pa. driver Max Blair, who finished fourth, made a last attempt at a podium spot but



Josh Richards had a dominating week with the Lucas Oil Craftsman Late Model Series winning his 14th, 15th, and 16th races of the season. (www.twitter.com/WoOLateModels.com photo)

was unsuccessful.

"I'm very happy to run as well as I did," Miley said. "I had a lot of fun battling with Blair there at the end."

Billy Moyer Jr. Wins First Series Show

WINCHESTER, VA - Billy Moyer Jr. climbed out of his car Saturday night, standing over a wild crowd that witnessed his first ever World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series win at Winchester Speedway. Moyer's moment in victory lane was one of overwhelming emotions - from letting out a huge battle cry to spraying the fans with a water bottle. This was a moment to cherish.

"This means a lot," said Moyer, taking group shots with the dozens of children that met him at victory lane. "I've never won a national tour deal. I've won some Summer Nationals stuff but nothing like this. It's a hell of a crowd up there, and I really appreciate them all for coming. I appreciate the kids coming down."

Prior to the program, Moyer recorded three top five finishes with the series. He is currently leading the rookie of the year campaign, and the win extends his lead over the other two newcomers of the series. Moyer said he is not the most consistent driver, but to be able to ride this high is unimaginable. Moyer started in the front row for the 50-lap feature. It took him less than one lap to solidify the top spot.

Within the first five laps, Moyer extended his lead to 1.283 seconds in his No. 21JR Crop Production Services/ Karl Performance Moyer/ Victory car. Behind him, Jason Covert began his strong outing by slipping by defending series cham-

pion Shane Clanton for second place. Though Moyer further extended his lead to a 2.519-second split, Covert began to trim away at his lead by roughly .200 seconds from laps 15-20.

Covert diminished Moyer's lead by more than one second, but the race's first caution halted any further advances. Moyer held his ground at the bottom of the track, while similarly strong restarts from Covert, Clanton and Josh Richards grouped the trio into a three-wide power struggle for a podium position.

Though the first caution did not change the order, the following two cautions with 18 laps remaining foreshadowed an impending battle between Covert and Clanton. While Moyer gained ground - a 1.918-second lead at this point - the two butted fenders. Covert got the best case-scenario of the short-lived battle. Thereon, Covert resumed his advances in his No. 72c Mann Automotive/ Phiv-Tech Solutions Rocket car.

Covert's battle with Clanton gave Moyer the opportunity to increase his buffer by more than one second; however, Covert bounced back quickly. With five laps remaining, Covert began to catch up. At times, Moyer had to use lapped traffic to deter the speedy Covert. Covert only managed to trim Moyer's lead down to as little as .432 seconds. Moyer would go on to finish by a .689-second margin.

"I was counting down the laps with five to go," Moyer said. "Dad a long time ago said Covert would run me clean and when I knew it was him, I knew he wouldn't rough me up. I appreciate him running me

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clean.”

Covert’s runner-up performance was his second-consecutive one with the series. The night before at Potomac Speedway (Md.), Covert also ran out of real-estate toward the end. Covert won his heat race earlier in the night.

“The team did a good job,” Covert said. “When Billy got the lead and I was able to sneak by [Clanton]

and fight him off on the restarts... that was really the race. I took a run at [Moyer] at the end. I went down into turn three and four, steered left and it never turned. We need to be better, but it’s a learning thing. Congratulations to Billy. It’s a big one for him.”

Moyer kicked-off his strong overall performance by recording the fastest time in hot laps with a 14.806 lap time. Though Moyer did not win a heat race in the evening, he picked up where he left off from hot laps, recording the fastest lap time in the feature of 16.474.

Clanton, who rounded out the podium in his No. 25 car, won his 10th heat race of the season. The third place finish was Clanton’s third consecutive podium finish in the mid-Atlantic stretch.

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King Richards Crowned All-Time Wins Holder

MECHANICSVILLE, MD - Josh Richards’ victory Friday night at Potomac Speedway was part of a greater whole. With the win, Richards stands alone up-top the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series all-time feature wins list.

By the numbers, Richards earned his 73rd win against a stout collection of drivers at the 3/8-mile oval. The victory was his third consecutive win, and it marked his 15th win of the season. While Richards reclaimed the all-time wins title from Darrell Lanigan, he also has his single season wins record in his cross-hairs. Lanigan

made 17 trips to victory lane in 2014.

“This one is definitely special,” said Richards, also taking home the \$10,000 purse. “We could definitely lose [the record] again, but right now to be up on top is really neat. We couldn’t be more thankful for the fans giving out their support and giving us a place to race. I couldn’t ask for more.”

At the end of the 2014 season, Lanigan had 70 career A-Main victories in the series, leading the tour’s all-time wins list over Richards; Lanigan stepped away from the series in 2015. Richards, who did not compete in the series in 2012 and 2014, reentered the series last season and began to chisel away at Lanigan’s record. After a nine-win season in 2015, Richards had 15 wins to go to before reclaiming a record that was once his.

The tie-breaker came at Potomac Speedway - a track he won at in 2015. Richards’ “Rocket Man” nickname suited him well in his campaign. Richards not only recorded his seventh fast time of the season, but also his 22nd heat win in 2016. He started fourth in the 50-lap feature.

In a caution-ridden feature, Richards endured a series of battles. While Jason Covert made his way to the front by lap 16, Richards was constantly contested by fellow series drivers within the top five. One of his greater tasks was fending-off a strong push from defending champion Shane Clanton. Clanton passed Richards early in the race for fourth in his No. 25 racecar, then proceeded to make his way to Covert; Richards rode Clanton’s rear-bumper, biding time.

Clanton managed to overtake Covert at the halfway mark of the race, and Richards swept under Covert a few laps later. The duo revisited their battle, a regular occurrence throughout the season. By lap 26, Clanton and Richards barreled down the front-stretch with first place up for grabs. Richards got the best of Clanton this time and opened-up a 1.75-second gap between them. He never looked back. On the eighth and final caution on four laps later, Covert’s strong restart with his No. 72c car boosted him into second position. Clanton settled for third.

“You can’t give Shane or Josh an inch because they’re just too good,” said Covert, who is a two-time track champion. “I’m nowhere near their caliber so you don’t want to give them that advantage. It took a while for me to get back passed

Shane. Second is no good. We’re here to win the race. I don’t care if you’re a driver or a mechanic, you want to win.”

When Richards idled to the front-stretch to celebrate his victory, he could not help but to put his career in perspective. From his first series win in 2005 to his most recent win, he said victory lane has never lost its luster. Richards has won nearly 20 percent of his races in the series.

“It’s really unreal,” Richards said. “I wanted the first one so bad. It was relief to finally get that first win, and to go from there to where we’re at now, it’s just unreal. [Racing] is all I’ve ever wanted to do, and to be championship caliber and compete for the win... it’s all I could ever ask for.”

Dirt racing has been the family mainstay for the Richards family. Josh’s father Mark Richards, a late model manufacturing guru, founded Rocket Chassis in 1991.

“[The record] means a lot,” Mark said. “[Josh] had the record when he took the first year off, then it got away from us a little bit. Darrell had it then took this year off. It gave us a chance to get caught back up. This is what he’s worked for his whole life.”

Though Josh has the possibility to break another one of Lanigan’s records this season, his No. 1 Valvoline/ Seubert Calf Ranches team does not put an emphasis on it. Rather - and an apparent father-son similarity - Josh seeks to keep his tall-tale season away from the history books for now. When the team congregated around the car in the pits, people asked how they were going to celebrate the newest achievement. It was simply put:

“Get ready and go to the next one,” Mark said.

Richards Leads the Charge to Win No. 14

DELMAR, DE - Josh Richards pulled away from the field Thursday night, winning the Fulton Bank 50 at Delaware International Speedway by more than four seconds. The victory was Richards’ 14th, and with it he earns the \$10,000 purse.

Richards’ wins total this season stands three shy of tying Darrell Lanigan for most wins in a single season (17). Not only that, Richards tied Lanigan for most series wins all-time with 72. The win was Richards’ second consecutive trip to victory lane.

Kenny Pettyjohn and Amanda Whaley, two Delaware natives, led the 24-car field into the green flag

of the 50-lap feature. Though Pettyjohn drew the No. 1 spot earlier in the night, Whaley overtook him within the first few laps; Pettyjohn fell out of the top five. She thereon built a two-second buffer from the field, and she was consistently quicker than the rest of the field by two-tenths of a second.

Richards on the other hand found himself in an early battle with 2015 Rookie of the Year Brandon Overton, who eventually passed him six laps into the race. In a three-lap sequence, Richards butted fenders with Overton. The two were side-by-side, neither willing to surrender their track position. Richards soon redeemed his spot in his No. 1 Valvoline/ Seubert Calf Ranches Rocket racecar and moved to the outside to challenge series veteran Rick Eckert for the runner-up position.

Within the first 10 laps, Richards overcame the two-second deficit set by Whaley eight laps into the race. He thereon built his lead by three to four-tenths of a second per lap. Meanwhile, Overton’s powerful No. 76 Budweiser machine moved passed Eckert into third.

The top three began to separate themselves from the rest of the field by eight-tenths of a second. But Richards built one of his own from those on the podium - more than a three second cushion. Whaley, Overton and Eckert soon found themselves in a game of musical chairs for second and third place.

Before the third caution on lap 24, Whaley and Overton simultaneously steam-rolled down the front-stretch. Whaley held her ground at the bottom of the track while Overton swept through the top. Exiting turn four, Overton carried enough momentum to make the pass for second.

The caution on lap 24 gave defending series champion Shane Clanton a window of opportunity to break into the podium. On the restart, Clanton used the outside - his go-to route for half-mile tracks - to contest for third. Whaley and Clanton were neck-and-neck for three laps, until Clanton cleared his No. 25 car for the spot entering turn three. Whaley finished fifth on the night.

The top three crossed the start/finish line in two-second intervals with less than 20 laps remaining. With 10 laps remaining, the podium was separated from the field by four seconds - a similar margin Richards would eventually win by. Overton finished in the runner-up position, while Clanton rounded-out the podium.

Bobby Pierce Bags First Crown Jewel; Wins Sunoco North/South 100

UNION, KY - Bobby Pierce took the lead from Scott Bloomquist on lap 91 and led the rest of the way to win the biggest race in his young career on Saturday night at Florence Speedway. The 19-year-old second generation driver charged from the 16th starting spot to win the 34th Annual Sunoco Race Fuels North/South 100 - presented by Lucas Oil. Pierce earned \$50,000 for his family-owned team. Bloomquist was seeking his first win the annual event since 2000, but settled for second, followed by Dale McDowell, Devin Moran, and Don O'Neal.

"A lot of guys gave me plenty of room tonight. I passed Billy Moyer and then later Scott Bloomquist for the win. I just don't know what to say; to win a crown jewel at a track that I haven't raced a lot is really cool. I was just glad the top was there. A big shout out to Bob Pierce Race Cars, Advanced Suspension, Pro Power Engines, Champion Spark Plugs, Allgayer Inc., Hoosier, VP, and all the other sponsors who make it work."

O'Neal looked strong in the early going by leading the first 32 laps until he and third-place running Jared Landers got hooked up on restart as both cars had to go to the pit area for repairs - losing their spots in the running order. Bloomquist inherited the lead and held on until the high-flying Pierce slid under him entering turn one on lap 91 to take over the top spot.

Pierce nearly scored his first career crown jewel back in May at the Show-Me 100 at Lucas Oil Speedway, but suffered a cut tire just after taking over the lead. "Yes, this is some redemption for what happened at Wheatland. I was just hoping the tire would stay tonight and it did. I want to give a shout out to the Clauson and Floyd Families and tell them we are all thinking of them."

Bloomquist extended his series points lead over Jonathan Davenport who dropped out of the race and finished 25th. "He [Pierce] ran a good race, the top was where you needed to be. The right tire seems to be fine, our left rear kind of gave up there at the end. We have fin-

ished second so many times in this race, but we had a good weekend overall."

Completing the ten were Dennis Erb Jr., Jackie Boggs, Billy Moyer, Tim McCreddie, and Steve Francis.

O'Neal Shines in Sunoco North/South 100 Preliminaries

UNION, KY - Two former Sunoco North/South 100 - presented by Lucas Oil champions; Don O'Neal and Scott Bloomquist; will make-up the front row for Saturday Night's \$50,000 to win Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned event at Florence Speedway.

O'Neal won the famed crown jewel event in 2012 and 2013; and Bloomquist won the event in 1988 and 2000. The duo bested 63 other competitors, by earning enough passing points through two rounds of heat races.

There were 12 heat races contested in preliminary action on Friday night. O'Neal was the only driver to win both of his heat races during the two rounds; piloting his Clint Bowyer Racing/Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil/Club 29 Race Car.

The first heat race in round one went to Devin Moran. Moran started fourth and charged to the lead early on, then cruised to the victory. Tommy Bailey started fifth and finished second, followed by eighth-place starting Chris Brown.

Chris Combs started on the pole of heat number two and led every lap in taking the win. First-time Florence visitor Jake O'Neil finished second after starting fourth. Another first-time visitor, Ricky Weiss, finished third.

Don O'Neal quickly moved from his eighth starting spot to win heat three in round one. O'Neal made some daring moves to grab the lead from Michael Chilton who crossed the line in second. Jason Jameson came from ninth to take third.

Jared Landers decimated the field in heat four for the win. Mike Marlar started alongside Landers, and came home in second, followed by seventh-place starting Darrell Lanigan.

Doug Drown roared from his sixth starting position to win heat race number five. Drown used the



Bobby Pierce celebrates his first Crown Jewel win in victory lane at Florence Speedway. (LOLMDS photo)

high-side to take the lead. Brandon Sheppard put on a late-race charge to finish second after starting tenth. Polesitter Gregg Satterlee was third.

Jimmy Owens debuted a new Rocket Chassis and took the lead at the start of the sixth heat, and then held off eight-starting Scott Bloomquist for the win. Billy Moyer claimed the third spot at the finish line.

Defending Sunoco North/South 100 winner Jonathan Davenport led the way and won heat one in round number two. R.J. Conley crossed the line in second, followed by Kyle Bronson.

Bloomquist came from the third starting spot to register the win in heat two. Sheppard closed the distance between himself and Bloomquist towards the end of the race to finish a close second. Earl Pearson Jr. was third.

Steve Francis stormed to the lead in heat three leading all the way for the win. Dale McDowell made a late-race charge to close the gap on Francis at the finish, closing to within a car-length at the checkers. Owens came from tenth to finish third.

Bobby Pierce raced to the early lead in heat four and was holding a commanding lead until a late-race caution allowed Nick Latham to make a late-race charge on the Illinois teenager. Pierce was able to hold off Latham for the victory. Ray Cook came home in third after starting sixth.

Jameson came back strong in round two to take the win in heat five. The former Florence Speedway Late Model Track Champion came from third to take the lead from LOLMDS Rookie of the Year contender Colton Flinner. Matt Miller came from fourth to take second with Flinner grabbing third.

The sixth and final heat of round two went to O'Neal, who started from fourth and survived a 4-wide battle to take over the top spot. With the win, O'Neal earned enough points in both rounds to claim the pole-starting spot for Saturday's finale. Moyer started seventh and charged to a second-place finish with Dennis Erb Jr. finishing third.

Bloomquist Banks Big in 30th Annual Ralph Latham Memorial

UNION, KY - Scott Bloomquist took over the lead on lap five and never looked back as he went on to win the 30th Annual Ralph Latham Memorial on Thursday night at Florence Speedway. The two-time Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series National Champion and current point leader earned \$30,000 for his victory. It was his first Ralph Latham Memorial win since 2006.

In a close race for second at the finish, it was Don O'Neal in the Clint Bowyer Racing/Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil, Club 29 taking the runner-up spot. He was just ahead of Dennis Erb Jr. in the Vomac Truck Sales/Black Diamond, Bobby Pierce in the Allgayer Inc./Bob Pierce Race Car, and Jared Landers in the Crop Production Services/Sweet-Bloomquist entry.

Bloomquist had to hold off a furious charge from O'Neal, Erb and Pierce at the end to get the job done. "I got the signal they were gaining on me towards the end. I didn't want to get on top of that cushion. You can't take a chance of messing up and getting into the fence. I stayed right in the middle even in the slick. I can't say enough about Randy Sweet and all of my other sponsors," said Bloomquist

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who maintains the points lead with his series-leading 10th win of the season.

"I had to be really careful to not spin the tires, it took a lot of poise. I think I got cramps in my legs from pulling back on the accelerator. It's been a good year so far, and we hope that we can keep it up. We need to get us a North/South win on Saturday!" Bloomquist

has not won the \$50,000 to win crown jewel event since 2000.

Jackie Boggs took the lead at the start of the race and led the first two laps until he dropped out of the race under a caution flag. Landers then picked up the lead and led for two circuits before Bloomquist, who started sixth took assumed the point for good.



Scott Bloomquist celebrates winning the 30th Annual Ralph Latham Memorial on Thursday night at Florence Speedway. (LOLMDS photo)

The trio of O'Neal, Erb, and Pierce had a terrific battle for second with Erb getting by Pierce at the flagstand to claim third.

O'Neal was looking for his first LOLMDS win of the season and made a strong statement with his

second place finish. "Man I just had to drive too hard up there on the cushion. You really needed to be down low like Scott was. We were good enough for second. We need to be a little bit better here for Saturday night to get the win. I really

didn't want to see those caution flags. I think we had something for him in lapped traffic."

Erb came home in third place for his best-ever finish at the 1/2-mile oval. "We had a good run tonight and were able to get up and grab third at the end. We had a really good car, and now we just want to get in the field on Saturday night. I think we've got a good enough car to win the \$50,000."

Completing the top ten were Billy Moyer, Tim McCreadie, Devin Moran, Jonathan Davenport, and Ricky Weiss.

In preliminary action, Billy Moyer set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 65 entrants, with a lap of 16.050 seconds. Jackie Boggs set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 16.361 seconds. Jared Landers, Darrell Lanigan, Brandon Shepard, Jackie Boggs, Chris Madden, and Scott Bloomquist won their respective heat races. Jimmy Owens and Jason Feger won their respective B-Mains.

Pursley Takes Third Straight Clash Victory At Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Johnny Pursley of Clover, South Carolina took home the victory Saturday night at Fayetteville Motor Speedway in the Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series worth \$4,000.

This marks Pursley's third straight win with the Clash. Willie Milliken, Zack Mitchell, Ben Watkins, and Ross Bailes rounded out the top five finishers.

Willie Milliken set fast time in qualifying with a time of 16.910 seconds.

Heat race winners included Ben Watkins and Jonathan Edwards.

Pursley Wins Carolina Clash Shrine Race at Carolina

GASTONIA, NC - Johnny Pursley of Clover, South Carolina took home the victory Tuesday night at Carolina Speedway in the Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series Shrine event worth \$3,000.

Chris Ferguson, Dennis Franklin, Jeff Smith, and Doug Sanders rounded out the top five finishers. Brett Hamm set fast time

in qualifying with a time of 15.294 seconds.

Johnny Pursley Rides High To Stick Elliott Win At Cherokee

GAFFNEY, SC - When Brett Hamm chose to start on the inside of row one after capturing the VP Racing Fuels Fast Time, that was all the incentive Johnny Pursley needed to set his sights on the bullseye entering turn one and it was a perfect strike. Pursley used a very present upper half cushion of an awesome Cherokee surface to power his way to the lead. He kept a comfortable distance between himself and the second-place cars throughout the event, which was caution-free after lap three, when Douglas Davis slowed to a stop in turn three. The race went the rest of the 37 laps nonstop as Johnny Pursley and Chris Ferguson stretched out to a near half a lap lead over the third place contender Brett Hamm, the CarQuest Auto Parts Rookie of the Year contender.

Pursley has struggled in recent months with his super late model program, ever since a catastrophic crash at Swainsboro, Georgia destroyed his car. However, the new

Longhorn powered by Clements Race Engines was awesome as Pursley and Ferguson used the upper groove to best the pace of the rest of the field, putting nearly two-thirds of the field a lap down by the checkers.

Anthony Sanders scored his best finish of the season with a fourth place run, where he was mounting a charge on Brett Hamm for third near the end of the show. Josh Langley (Heat 1 winner) returned to racing after several weeks off with a solid fifth place run. Doug Sanders, Jeff Smith, Ross Bailes, Kelly Guy

(Heat 2 Winner), and Tim Allen rounded out the top 10 of the 18 car field.

The win was the 7th career Carolina Clash win for Pursley, joining a tie with Jonathan Davenport, Ed Gibbons and Jack Pennington on the winners list with seven wins. It was Pursley's first Carolina Clash win at Cherokee Speedway and first series win since October 19, 2013 at Fayetteville Motor Speedway to close out the 2013 season, where he finished runner up to Dennis Franklin in the championship standings that season.



Johnny Pursley

MSCS Weekend Races Are Both Rained Out

HAUBSTADT, IN - Saturday evening and Sunday morning rains, with a forecast for more later today, have forced the cancellation of the rescheduled "Spring Fling" August 14th at the Terre Haute Action Track. The original date of May 1st was washed out also. This time the MSCS event will not be rescheduled.

The weekend companion event

scheduled on Saturday at Tri-State Speedway was also cancelled because of rain. It was only the second time in twelve seasons that the Hoosier Sprint Nationals at Haubstadt could not be held because of rain.

The Hoosier Tire Midwest Sprint Car Series will race next on Sunday September 4th at the Tri-State Speedway.

The "Labor Day Weekend Challenge" will pay \$3,000 to win! Only three races remain on the 2016 schedule and all three are at Tri-State Speedway.

Brian Bell Wins ASCS/USCS Showdown At Jackson Motor Speedway

BYRAM, MS - For the third time in 2016, Tennessee's Brian Bell parked the FSR Radiator No. 23b in Victory Lane with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, earning the top spot on the podium at the Jackson Motor Speedway in Byram, Miss. to give the nod to the American Sprint Car Series in the showdown with the USCS.

Bell's fourth career win with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, Bell bested 25 other drivers at the slick three-eighths mile oval to earn the night's \$3,500 top prize.

Taking off from the outside of the front row, Bell was eventually followed to the checkered flag by fellow ASCS competitor, Marshall Skinner, with I-30 Speedway regular, Anthony Nicholson, advancing from seventh to take the final podium step in the No. 16 machine.

From 10th, current USCS point's leader, Morgan Turpen, crossed fourth with Washington's Seth Bergman rounding out the top-five. Terry Gray followed with Koty Adams from 14th to seventh. Shane Morgan was eighth from 13th with Kyle Amerson ninth. Derek Hagar completed the top-ten in the No. 9jr.

Down to the nitty-gritty, only four nights of racing remain on the 2016 Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints lineup with the series returning to competition on September 3 at the Southern Raceway in Milton, Fla.

For continued updates on the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>.

Ned Powers Returns to Victory Lane With ASCS Frontier at Gillette Thunder Speedway

GILLETTE, WY - The Bullet from Belle Fourche was just that on Saturday night. Besting a lineup of 19 other drivers, Ned Powers was the class of the field with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region; winning at the Gillette Thunder Speedway for

his first ASCS Regional score since 2009.

Powers' first win with the Frontier Region, the triumph is his fourth career ASCS Regional win, as the Saturday night trip atop the podium comes almost seven years to the day when the South Dakota driver stood in Victory Lane with the ASCS Rocky Mountain Region on August 29, 2009 at the very same Wyoming oval.

Leading from the pole on the very slick Gillette Thunder Speedway, Powers was chased to the finish by Corey Brink with Washington's Logan Forler coming from seventh to take the final podium step.

Current Brodix ASCS Frontier Region point's leader, Skylar Gee, came from eighth to fourth with D.J. Brink following in fifth.

Eric Flatmoe was sixth with Shad Peterson seventh. From 13th, Damon McCune crossed eighth with Rich Martin and Jeremy McCune from 19th to complete the top-ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is Montana bound with the next outing slated for Friday August 19 and Saturday, August 20 at the Electric City Speedway in Great Falls, Mont.

The two night run is the first of five straight at the Great Falls oval, with three nights on tap over the Labor Day Weekend.



Brian Bell celebrates his win at Jackson Motor Speedway in victory lane after earning the top spot in the ASCS/USCS showdown. (ascsracing.com photo)

For continued updates on the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>.

ASCS Frontier at Black Hills Cancelled

TULSA, OK - This weekend's

lineup for the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region has been altered as a medical emergency with key track personnel at the Black Hills Speedway in Rapid City, S.D. has forced track management to unfortunately call off this weekend's race on Friday, August 12, 2016.

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South Boston Speedway

S O U T H
B O S T O N, VA - Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia pulled off a big sweep Saturday night, winning the twin 75-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division races at South Boston Speedway.

The sweep of the night's pair of 75-lap races ran Bowling's season win total at South Boston Speedway to eight.

Bowling took the lead from Austin Thaxton of South Boston, Virginia as they crossed the start/finish line to start the 14th lap. Moments later, Thaxton spun and crashed into the first turn wall after he and Bowling made contact while battling for the lead.

From there, Bowling got the best of Josh Berry on the ensuing restart and again on a restart that followed the race's final caution on lap 30.

Berry retired from the race after 52 laps as a result of mechanical issues, opening the door for Bobby McCarty of Summerfield, North Carolina to assume second place, with former NASCAR National Champion and South Boston Speedway champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Va., who started 18th, taking third place on lap 54.

With no further cautions to slow the race, Bowling drove away to a 2.1-second win over McCarty, with Sellers finishing third, Mark Wertz of Chesapeake, Virginia finishing fourth and Brandon Pierce of Oak Ridge, North Carolina rounding out the top five finishers in the 24-car field.

Bowling started fifth in the nightcap, took the lead from pole starter Danny Willis Jr. of South Boston, Virginia on the fifth lap and led the rest of the way to win the nightcap.

The second race proved to be a more difficult challenge for Bowling, A caution flag with 20 laps to go erased a comfortable lead that Bowling held over McCarty. Bowling overcame that challenge and saw a near one-second lead he held over young upcoming talent Christian Eckes, who was making his first appearance at South Boston Speedway, disappear when the left rear wheel broke on Eckes' car, resulting in Eckes spinning into the outside wall on the frontstretch with three laps to go.

Bowling fended off a hard



Matt Bowling continued his winning ways by sweeping both 75-lap Late Model Division races at South Boston Speedway this past weekend. (James Price photo)

charge by Josh Oakley of Rougemont, North Carolina on the ensuing restart and edged Oakley by .684-second at the finish to complete the two-race sweep.

Sellers finished third after starting 18th and Wertz claimed fourth place for the second time of the night. McCarty finished fifth.

Next Race At South Boston Speedway: NASCAR racing will return to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, Aug. 27, with the 7 p.m. running of the "Italian Delight Family Restaurant Presents Frutopia Not Just Frozen Yogurt" NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program.

A 100-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors will headline the five-race card. Also on the night's schedule are a 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division race, a 30-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division, a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division and a 25-lap race for the regional touring Southern Ground Pounders series.

Registration and pit gate opens at 2:30 p.m. and practice will start at 4 p.m. Grandstand gates open at 5:30 p.m., qualifying starts at 6 p.m. and the first race gets the green flag at 7 p.m.

Adult General Admission tickets are \$10 each, with youth ages 7-12 admitted for \$5 and kids ages six and under being admitted free with a paid adult.

For additional information about any events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at www.southboston-speedway.com or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

Eldora Speedway

ROSSBURG, OH - Heavy rains

and forecasted thunderstorms throughout the remainder of the day have canceled tonight's Family Fireworks Night at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio.

The popular pre-race autograph session activities and the largest fireworks show in Eldora Speedway history will be added to the Baltes Classic by Coors Light and Homestretch Sportswear on Sunday, September 4th. The event honoring Eldora founders Earl and Berneice Baltes features the Sunoco American Late Model Series, DIRTcar UMP Modifieds and Eldora Stocks.

Ticket holders for tonight's event can use them for full face-value credit towards another event purchase. Suite holders will be contacted individually to make accommodations.

Tickets for the Baltes Classic and all remaining 2016 events, including the World 100, can be purchased at www.EldoraSpeedway.com or by calling (937) 338-3815.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Current T.P.Trailers NASCAR 358 Modified point leader Craig VonDohren, the defending Pioneer Pole Building/Forrest Rogers Memorial race winner, gave himself a hefty birthday present when he scored the win in the 50-Lap NASCAR Whelen 358 Modified All-American Racing Series feature event Saturday night at Grandview Speedway. It was the seventh time he claimed victory in the event. VonDohren may have had a comfortable margin over runner-up Mike Gular, but his fourth feature win of the season didn't come easy for the defending point champion, since he had to deal with heavy lapped traffic on numerous occasions. In addition to the \$10,000 top prize he also pocketed

\$250 in bonus bucks from T.P. Trailers plus \$150 in product contingency awards from VP Fuels for running gas along with the Dan's Deli ½-way hoagie award. The racing activities were sponsored by Pioneer Pole Building and the 46th running of the event was in honor of race founder Forrest Rogers, the late father of current promoter and track owner Bruce Rogers.

Dylan Swinehart, a rookie this season in the Sportsman division and also a third generation of racing Swinehart's – his grandfather Ray, uncle Steve and now himself, became the tenth different winner when he scored his first 25-lap NASCAR Sportsman feature career win by defeating Ryan Higgs. Swinehart also has another famous racing grandfather - Dennis Bailey. Both Ray and Dennis were previous point champions. Throughout the season the youngster has endured so many obstacles and he finally was glad to get the monkey off his back. Last week he had failed to qualify for the race. He also picked up an additional \$100 from T.P. Trailers and the ½-way Dan's Deli hoagie award.

In BRC Late Model action Ron Kline overtook leader Brian Shuey on the 19th lap and went on to claim back to back feature wins in the 25-Lap race. T.P. Trailers also awarded him \$100.

There have now been 24 different feature winners in the Saturday night NASCAR sanctioned events presented this season.

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Due to rain and lightning, Stafford Speedway has cancelled its August 12 CBYD Night / FB Friday racing program. Tickets and pit passes that were sold for this event will be honored for the next 3 Friday night events at Stafford Speedway. If an event has a higher ticket price than the August 12 program fans must pay the difference at the gate.

Next Friday night, August 19th will have the SK Light Xtra Mart Xtra D feature as well as the DARE Stock Xtra Mart Xtra D feature event along with Fireworks as well as the SK Modifieds®, Late Models, Ltd. Late Models, and Legend Cars all in feature action. Tickets are priced at \$17.50 for adult general admission, \$5.00 for kids 6-14 and FREE for kids 5 & under. Reserved seating is \$20.00..

For more information, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at www.staffordspeedway.com.

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON - SALEM, NC - He may refer to himself as a semi-retired racer, but Chris Fleming of Mount Airy showed on Saturday night that he still knows how to get it done at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Fleming was the third-fastest qualifier for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series on Saturday, with Brandon Ward of Winston-Salem and Jason

Myers of Walnut Cove being slightly faster. But when the top six competitors redrew for starting position, Fleming was the fortunate one to pluck the pole for his start. "I was lucky enough tonight - everything went in my favor," said Fleming.

When the green flag dropped, Fleming powered out to the lead and never looked back. He fought off four outside-row challenges from Jason Myers, but Fleming said there was never a point where he was sweating it.

"I was just riding - the car is just so fast," said Fleming. "All you've got to do is get it pointed down the straight away. It does all the work for you."

Fleming was quick to attribute the victory to the support and dedication of car owner William Smith. "The car's just unreal," said Fleming. "It makes me look like Superman, but I'm the same old Chris Fleming that used to run eighth and tenth."

The "Madhouse Scramble" had Ronnie Clifton of Walkertown starting on the pole for the second race with Pffaftown's Randy Butner on the outside front row. Butner motored into the lead at the beginning of the race and put on a driving clinic as he held off Clifton and Stadium legend Junior Miller of Danbury.

Disaster struck for Miller as he passed lapped traffic and collided, sending him to the pits. But Miller's bad luck was good luck for Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem, moving Brown up to second and allowing him to challenge Butner from the outside during the restart.

Brown came within inches of overtaking Butner but couldn't make the pass stick. The victory-hungry driver then tried a different strategy: giving a few stiff shots to the rear bumper of Butner. With just two laps to go, Brown finally moved



Chris Fleming (16) defending his lead against Jason Myers (4 - outside row) during Saturday's first Modified 50-lapper. (Eric Hylton Photography photo)



Jonathan Brown smiles in Winner's Circle after taking the checkered in the second Modified 50-lapper. (Eric Hylton Photography photo)

Butner out of the groove enough to allow the 27 car of Jonathan Brown to slip inside and grab the win.

"Obviously I had to run Randy as hard as I could because he's got a good car," said Brown. "His stuff is just that good, and Randy's a good, smart driver. He knew if he held that bottom there was no way I could get by. So I kept having to work it."

"Finally, I had the bumper to him getting in and washed him up where I knew I could make my move," said Brown. "I drove him as cleanly as I could drive him but as hard as I could drive him because I knew he would drive me the same way."

The victory was a welcome relief to Brown, who hadn't claimed the checkered in over four years. Butner finished in second, with Brandon Ward taking third.

The Yates Grading & Paving Sportsman Series had one of the wildest nights in memory, with hard collisions setting the tone for the night's racing. Robbie Brewer of

Winston-Salem and Zack Clifton of Walkertown traded the lead back and forth.

But as Clifton fought with Dylan Ward of Winston-Salem for position, a hard-hitting chain reaction was set off that caught six cars in a massive pileup.

Robbie Brewer went on to claim the checkered for the first race, with John Holleman of Winston-Salem coming in second.

Zack Clifton's crew went to work repairing their car and amazingly got it into racing shape by the start of the second race. Clifton tangled with John Holleman in another fight for the race lead, but Clifton was ahead when the checkered flag fell - leading to an emotionally charged Victory Lane for the racer who went from a wreck in the first race to the win in the second race.

"All I can say is that you can take one away from me, but you can't take them all. I don't care how hard you try," said Clifton.

Steven Berrier of Germanton held off Brian Wall of Winston-

Salem to win the 20-lapper for the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series.

And in the McDowell Heating & Air Stadium Stock Series, Wesley Thompson of Advance and Tim Evans of Clemmons each claimed a win.

Rockford Speedway

With a near-capacity crowd looking on, the racers of Rockford Speedway did not disappoint.

With each division sporting a solid field of entries and the action in each division thrilling in its own way, fans were treated to excitement aplenty on Kar Korner World Famous Figure 8 Trailer Race Night.

When the final checkered flag waved, Mike Lloyd (Stanley Steamer NASCAR Late Model), Chad Smith (Bargain Hunter Sportsman) and Arlyn Roush (Kickstart Roadrunners) all made their first trips to victory lane in 2016, while Miller Lite American Short Tracker point leader Zach Rodriguez made his fourth appearance in the winners circle this season.

Capitalizing on a front row starting spot and more importantly, staying ahead of the early-race madness behind him, veteran racer Mike Lloyd navigated his way to the finish line, holding off a late-race charge from Adam Peschek to capture victory in the evening's 30 lap main event. Lloyd led all 30 laps of the race which saw three caution flags in the first five laps, before going the final 25 laps without a hitch. The Davis Illinois resident rode the extreme high-side of the track to victory, holding off Peschek's late rally over the final two laps. The runner up finish was a career-best for Peschek at Rockford.

Matt Lundberg turned in his second top-three finish in as many Late Model starts at Rockford, while Jim Olson fought to a fourth place finish, his best-ever Saturday night finish at the famed quarter mile. Defending track champion Jake Gille kept his name in the championship mix with a fifth place finish, while point leaders Michael Bilderback and Jon Reynolds Jr both had nights to forget. Reynolds acquired damage in the first incident on the race, a stack up on the first lap in turn four, while Bilderback found trouble shortly thereafter in an incident coming off the second corner. Bilderback took the brunt of the damage in that incident, retiring to the pits after the contact.

Lonesome Pine Raceway

COEBURN, VA - Wayne Hale continued to show his strength at Lonesome Pine Raceway on Saturday night. Hale swept the twin 35-lap features at Whelen Night at The Pine.

Hale and Nate Monteith started on the front row for the first 35-lap Late Model Stock Car feature.

Hale took the lead from Monteith on the first circuit when the duo exited Turn 2.

The first caution of the race waved on lap 13 when the engine in the No. 51 of Blake Orr exploded in a fire ball at the entrance of Turn 1. With oil covering the racing surface, the red flag was displayed for an extensive clean-up.

Back under green, Hale took the lead as the field barreled into Turns 1 and 2 with oil dry and dust flying up from the racing surface.

On lap 16, the caution would wave once again when Thomas Beane spun in Turns 1 and 2. Hale would again take the lead on the restart over Monteith and Beane.

Hale would pull away and claim yet another checkered flag.

Following an inversion of five positions from the first Late Model Stock Car feature, Mark Meade and Steve Deskins were on the front row. Deskins went straight to the lead at the drop of the green flag. One lap later, Monteith would take the lead.

By lap eight, Hale had moved into second from his fifth place starting position. Hale would look to the inside of Monteith on lap 12 and nudge his way into the lead on the same lap. At the lap 21 mark, Monteith was continuing to slide backwards, as Bohannon made his way into second place.

After taking the lead on lap 12, Hale led all of the remaining laps, racking up his eighth victory of the season.

"We had a really great car tonight," said Hale. "Our car was especially good in the second race."

"Since we start back in the field, the goal was to take it easy until I could make it to the front and not make any hasty decisions."

And that's exactly what Hale did, as the defending track champion continued to add to his points lead.

"This was another good points night," added Hale. "We just need



Race winner Wayne Hale is joined by a special visitor in Lonesome Pine Raceway's victory lane after winning both Late Model races Saturday night. (LPR photo)

to continue to have nights like this the rest of the season."

"The win is great, but it's even better having my [infant] son Wayne Jr. and my family here."

Joe Evans and Chris Tunnell were on point for the 25-lap Modified Street race. Tunnell would grab the lead on the opening lap, as Evans began to slip back. By halfway, Elby Harrison had worked his way into the second position. Harrison would close in on Tunnell in the remaining laps. With two laps remaining, Harrison was on Tunnell's bumper and the duo was set for a battle to the end.

With the white flag waving, Harrison began to look to the inside of Tunnell at the entrance to Turns 1 and 2. Racing down the backstretch, Harrison was to the left side door of Tunnell and looking for the checkered flag.

As the two raced off of Turn 4 door to door, Tunnell would claim the win by only a fender over Harrison. The win completed a weekend sweep for Tunnell. Tunnell won Friday night at nearby Kingsport (Tenn.) Speedway.

John Ketron and Jackie Jackson made up the front row for the 25-lap Pure 4 feature. On the first lap, John Ketron would take the lead from Jackson, with Jason Ketron and William Hale charging hard from third and fourth, respectively.

The only yellow flag of the race would be displayed on lap 11 when the No. 0 of Cody Blackwell stalled on the frontstretch.

Back under green, John Ketron would again take the lead over Jackson. John Ketron would lead the remaining laps to win over Jackson and Jason Ketron.

Following the invert, David Brown was on the pole for the 15-

lap Mod 4 race. Rocky Yates took the lead from Brown on the first lap but Brown stayed glued to Yates' rear bumper. The duo raced nose to tail throughout the race but Yates would drive on to take the win and continue his undefeated streak.

BJ Large and Marty Tunnell made up the front row for the Pure Street race. Tunnell charged hard on the first lap and took the lead from Large. Racing hard from the rear of the field was Duke Bare, who took over the top spot on lap three.

Midway through the race, Bare's car would begin to produce heavy white smoke from a malfunctioning power steering pump. With fluid being laid down onto the racing surface, track officials would be forced to black flag Bare and display the caution to check the surface.

Doug Austin would inherit the lead when Bare was forced to pit.

On the restart, Austin would take straight off into the lead and lead the entire second half of the race for his fourth race of the season.

Blayne Harrison led flag-to-flag in the Bandeleros division, winning his sixth race of the season.

Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - Jimmy Mac #23 from Mooresville blistered the field leading every lap on his way to Victory and the Blue Ridge Outlaw late models special event. Timbo Mangum pressured Mac early but broken drive shafts dropped him from competition. Richard Lynch #L87 finish second, Billy Lambert #9 third, Sean Nelson fourth and Rick Neece rounded out the top five.

John Reynolds # 55 from Connelly Springs won a very competitive Heintz performance Renegade v8 race. Reynolds jumped out front at the drop of the green with David Menton #90 close behind. Joey Barker #16 who had won the last six races came from the rear of the field to finish second, Menton finish third, Mike Lemley #41 fourth and Adam Gragg fifth.

Tim Moretz #4 led flag 2 flag easily winning his second consecutive TJ's Motorsports Warehouse pure stock/thunder bombers event. John McElrath #63 crossed the line in second, Mike Brown #11 finished third and Dwayne cook #17 finish fourth.

Jason Potter #59 from Cottsville LED every lap on his way to Victory in the RPM Graphics pure stock 4 events. Larry Martin #92 work his way from mid-pack to finish second, Cody Barber #29 out battle Mark Towell #97 to finish third Towell fourth and Josh Baldwin #17 rounded out the top five.

Chris Parsons #10 from Jefferson made his first trip to Antioch pay off by winning the Tire Max extreme front wheel drive race. Blake Walker #828 finish second, Corey Wheeler #69 third, Jason Potter #39 fourth and Randy Olson #2 crossed the line in fifth.

Jacob Tarrin #2 from Mooresville won his this first race of the season in the East Burke towing Young Guns event. Mason Pugh #22 led the first few laps until Pugh and Tara Chatham #9 Tangled in Turn 2 causing Chatham to hit the wall breaking her wrist. The race ended under red flag with Train declared the winner. Pugh second and Chatham third.



The gang is all here to help Jimmy Mac celebrate his victory in the Blue Ridge Outlaw late models special event at Antioch Speedway. (Antioch Speedway photo)

Hickory Motor Speedway

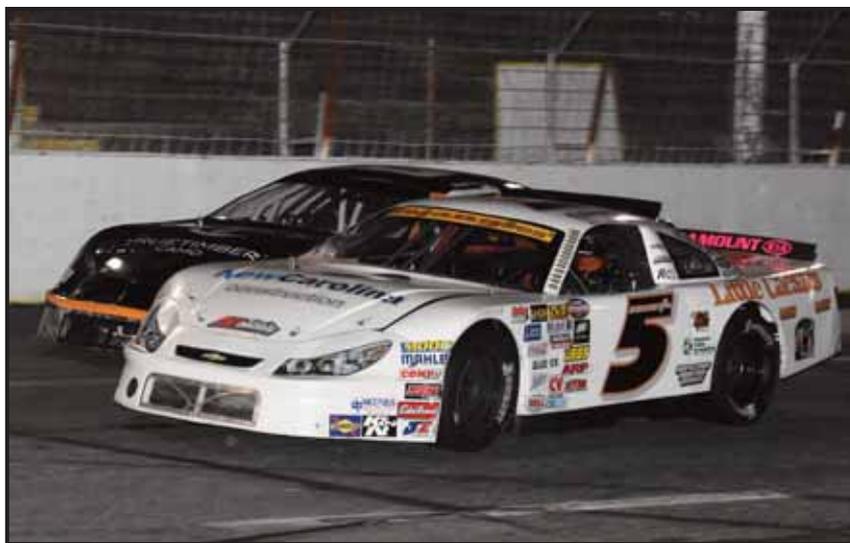
NEWTON, NC -

Hot weather and great racing would be on tap for LiftOne Night @ the Races on Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway as the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Chase for the Championship with the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models winds down featuring Round #9 in the 10 race series.

The rowdy Renegades would start off the evenings festivities with their 20 lap feature. Pole sitter Charlie Neill in the #6 would lead the field to the green flag with the #83 of David Hasson to his outside. Hasson would give battle but Neill would eventually pull away and Hasson would then compete with the #8 of Kenneth Roberts who would take the 2nd spot. Neill would hold on to take the checkered flag with Roberts finishing 2nd. Hasson would finish 3rd, Kyle Divanna in the #71 and Robert Divanna in the #71d would make it a father-son finish as they would end up 4th and 5th respectively.

Next up would be the Limited Late Models and their 35 lap feature. Chase Cabre in the #2 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the point with the #21 of Monty Cox to his outside. The pair would fight a spirited battle for the lead until Cox finally made his way to the top spot. Cabre would then get a challenge from the #34 of Pat Rachels, with Rachels eventually moving by him for 2nd. Cabre would settle in the 3rd spot waiting for the front duo to make a mistake. Cox and his Caddy wouldn't be denied as they would drive on to the win and celebrate it with a lengthy crowd pleasing burnout on the frontstretch. Rachels would hold on for 2nd as would Cabre for 3rd. Rounding out the top 5 would be the top 2 in points, Evan Swilling in the #18 and Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51.

The Street Stocks would roll off next for their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #18 would set the hot lap in qualifying and start from the pole with the #75 of Danny Gibson to his outside. At the drop of green flag DeMarmels would move to the point while Gibson would keep a close eye on him. The #64 of Marshall Sutton would have to start shotgun on the field due to an infraction found after



Dexter Canipe Jr. (5) battles to keep the lead and on to the win a Hickory Motor Speedway. (Sherri Stearns photo)

qualifying but that only fired up the elder statesman of the division as he would make a valiant run through the field in the caution free race. Sutton would make it all the way to 3rd with a couple laps to go but would be unable to catch the young DeMarmels who has been on a run as of late. DeMarmels would go on to grab the victory with Gibson in 2nd and Sutton in 3rd. The #9 of points leader Kevin Townsend would finish 4th and the #33 of Mark Whitten taking 5th.

Round #9 of the Paramount Kia "Big 10" Chase for the Championship would roll off next for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models. Christian Eckes in the JR Motorsports #1 would set the fast time in qualifying and roll off P1 for the feature with Dexter Canipe Jr. in the #5 to his outside and the #88 of Scott Bishop and the #25 of Kate Dallenbach making up the 2nd row. Canipe and Eckes would race door to door for several laps before Canipe would pull to the front and Eckes would settle in his tire tracks. Bishop and Dallenbach would have a battle for 3rd while Charlie Watson in the #9 and Anthony Alfredo in the #5 would close in to join the fray. 2016 Hickory Motor Speedway winner Dallenbach would have a great run going but would spin and collect the #15 of Omar Jurado. Both cars would be able to continue after a pit stop for repairs. During the caution period the #1 of Eckes would pull in to the pits and after several minutes park his ride after locating the broken suspension component. After the race resumed Canipe and Bishop would go toe to toe for the win. Canipe would drive on for the win and lengthen his point lead on the season. Bishop would hold on for the runnerup position in his second visit this year to the Birthplace of the NASCAR stars. Watson

would hold on for the 3rd, Alfredo would take 4th, and Dallenbach would bounce back from her earlier spin to grab 5th.

Saturday, August 20th, the Sun-Down Audio Competition will be held at America's Most Famous Short Track. Admission is \$20.00 for your automobile and \$5.00 per person.

Saturday, August 27th, the NWAAS returns to action at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars with DirecTV Night @ the Races. Twin 40 lap races for the Bojangles Late Models will be in store along with the Limited Late Models, Street Stocks, 4-Cylinders, and the Renegades.

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Kalamazoo Speedway ARCA/CRA Super Series

SALEM, IN - Veteran Michigan racer Brian Campbell overcame the extreme heat on Wednesday night and a tough battle with NASCAR Xfinity Series points leader Erik Jones to grab the win in the Kalamazoo Klash 125 as part of the Kalamazoo Klash XXIV at the famed Kalamazoo Speedway. On a day that saw heat index's rise to over 105 degrees, the real battle was on the track as Brian Campbell put on a show with Jones to finally take the lead on lap 89 and go on and score his second ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS win of the season and his 20th career series victory.

"It felt like a 125 laps of qualifying tonight, we never let up and there was no time to breathe tonight," said Campbell, in victory lane.

"At the beginning it was just mediocre and then it really started to get fast towards the middle, and I never let up. I'm telling you, I

never took a breath. It was a good clean race and a great battle with Erik, obviously where he is in his career, he's one of the best!"

Chris Koslek led the field to the green flag from his pole starting position after EDCO Welding Fast Qualifier Jones pulled the nine pill for the events invert. Koslek took the lead and held it until Jones was able to battle through the field and pass Koslek on lap 38 with Campbell following closely behind. A caution on lap 88 set up the final battle as Jones and Campbell battled side by side for several laps before Campbell was able to slip by and finally take the lead, but Jones pressured Campbell all the way to the checkers.

Campbell picked up the AR Bodies Cool Move of the Race for his pass of Jones to get the lead. Jones picked up the Hamner Racing Engines Hardcharger Award and a Hoosier Racing Tire Performance Award for coming from his scheduled ninth place starting position to finish in second. Jones also picked up the VanDoorn Racing Development Lap Leader Award for leading the most laps. It was announced earlier this week that Jones, the 2011 inaugural JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Champion, will compete full-time in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series in 2017 for Furniture Row Racing.

Johnny VanDoorn overcame a pre-race radio issue that saw him duck on pit road on the first parade laps. VanDoorn's crew was able to put in a new radio harness and get VanDoorn back on the track before the green flag flew, earning the Pit-Boxes.com

Pit Crew of the Race Award. VanDoorn was able to come through the field and get a third place finish earning him the Sweet Move of the Race Award.

Koslek would finish in fourth after some tough battles throughout the race. Koslek picked up the Senneker Performance Rookie of the Race Award and the Fluidyne High Performance Cool Under Pressure Award. 2015 series Champion Grant Quinlan would finish in fifth place holding off series point's leader Cody Coughlin who finished in sixth, one position in front of second place in points Dalton Armstrong.

The next ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS event will be on Saturday, August 27th at Flat Rock Speedway.

More information on the ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS is available at www.cra-racing.com.