



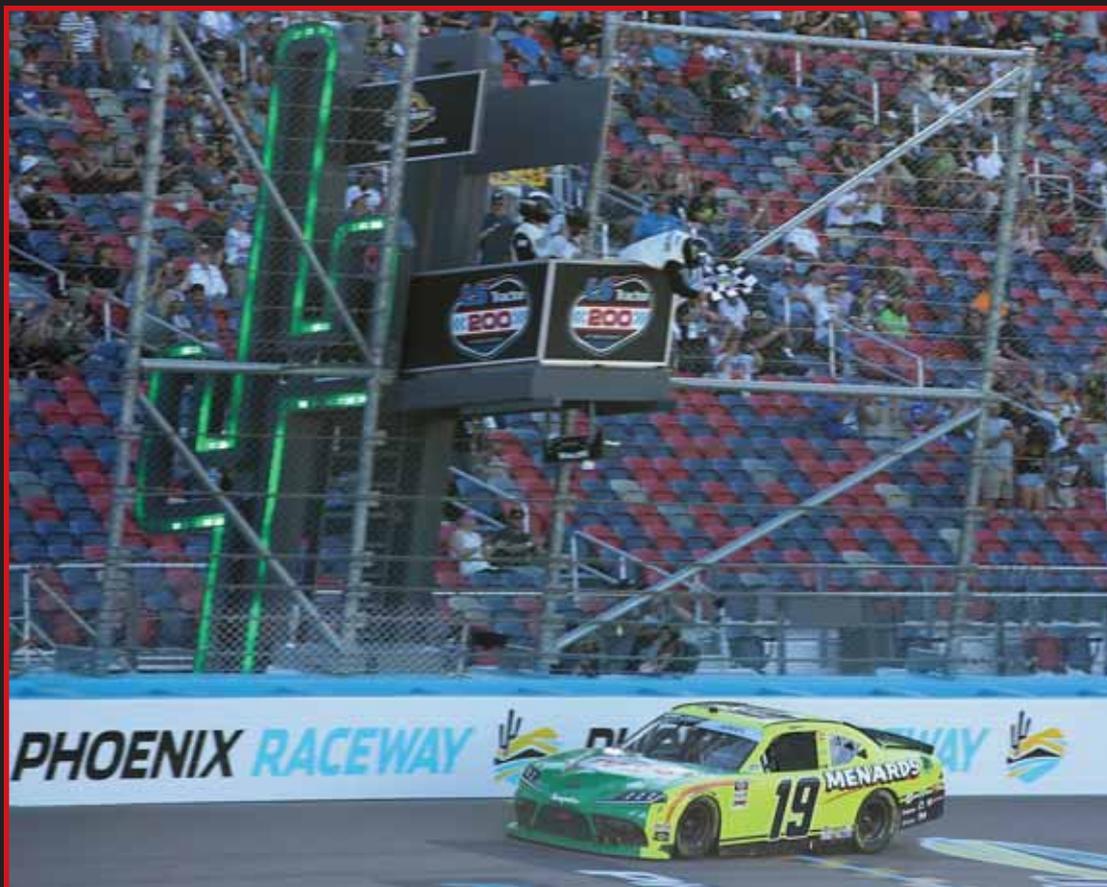
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NASCAR 2021; It's Going to be Great!

If last week's announced changes for Speedweeks is any indication, NASCAR fans may need to make sure their seatbelts are snug and their seat trays are in the upright position because it's going to be a wild ride.

Two weeks of racing to open the stock car season has been condensed to six action-packed days, starting with the Busch Clash on a Tuesday night on the track's famed 3.56-mile road course.

Think about it: stock cars on a Tuesday and under the lights. And the sanctioning body is just getting started.

NASCAR President Steve Phelps promised big things in a radio interview last year, saying:

"I think there was an industry buzz. The drivers were excited, the teams were excited and most importantly, the fans were excited, but we're racing at the same race tracks, the same number at each race track. Will we go to exactly the same number of race tracks, the exact same number of events? We probably won't. I don't think there are going to be massive wholesale changes.

"With that said, we're going to continue to listen to what the fans have to say because this is their sport and we need to make sure that we are giving them what they want."

The opening salvo came ahead of this season when the sport decided to race twice in as many days at the Pocono Raceway. The first 325-mile race will be on June 27 and coupled with a Gander RV and Outdoors Truck Series race. The second race is a 350-mile miler on June 28 as part of a doubleheader with the Xfinity Series.

Not only will race teams save travel and time by only making one appearance, the track will benefit from a very ambitious schedule. Instead of selling half of its seats twice a year, Pocono now can likely expect huge crowds for both days.

The season-opener next year is more of the same. The track will open on Tuesday, Feb. 9, with practice and the Busch Clash on the road course. Teams will return a

day later for Daytona 500 qualifying, then move into their customary routine of the twin 150-mile qualifying races on Thursday, the truck race on Friday, the Xfinity race on Saturday and the Daytona 500 on Sunday.

"Fans coming to the track will get to see six consecutive days of exciting NASCAR action, with no two days being the same," said NASCAR Vice President of Racing Development Ben Kennedy.

The Clash will feature cars from the current season. The Daytona 500 will mark the debut of the Next Gen race car that's supposed to put "stock" back into stock cars.



DON COBLE

"It's going to be different for sure," said defending Daytona 500 champion Denny Hamlin. "I guess I'll kind of reserve judgment on it for sure until – I think the schedule is a win, no doubt about it. We were really down there for an extended period of time where a lot of things just weren't happening. Love that. I can definitely see where these road course cars are no good anymore anyway, you might as well use them.

"There could be some hype and excitement because we're on the Daytona road course for the first time."

If Daytona is any indication, it's safe to expect the same kind of schedule reduction for the mid-season all-star race and Coca-Cola 600 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Speedway Motorsports Inc. CEO Marcus Smith, whose company owns eight of the tracks on the Cup Series schedule was instrumental in prompting sweeping changes by moving the fall race at Charlotte to the track's road course.

"The thing I think will be encouraging for race fans out there is that everybody involved wants to do something that is fantastic for racing. Wherever we end up will be something that is great for racing and NASCAR and race fans," he said. "I think we have a lot of great ideas, a lot of potential, but I am way, way, way more excited about the racing we'll see this year. I think that the No. 1 thing for all of us is the racing.

"Where a good race is doesn't



The Busch Clash 2021 will be on Tuesday night on the road course at Daytona International Speedway, with 500 qualifying on Wednesday and Twin Qualifiers on Thursday.

matter as much as how good the race is. If it's a great race, race fans will love it."

Fans have been turned off by the number of "cookie-cutter" tracks – 1.5-mile tri-oval and quad-oval tracks – on the schedule. NASCAR apparently will respond with more short tracks and road courses.

"Short answer, everything's in play," Phelps said. "We've heard from our fan base that they would like to see more short-track racing. They want to see more road courses. They want to see less cookie-cutter tracks. Whatever that

means.

"We are looking with our broadcast partners and with our tracks as well as our teams and drivers to see what each of them believes to be an ideal schedule.

"Will we see more short tracks, road courses, double-headers, mid-week racing, pulling the season forward. All of those things are in play. I don't know what's going to happen."

So buckle up. It's going to be a wild ride – and exactly what NASCAR needed to successfully steer itself into the future.

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Bounty Time!

For the past three weeks, the NASCAR “traveling racing show” has been out West. After Speedweeks in Daytona, NASCAR has raced at Las Vegas, Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California, and Phoenix. The top three divisions of NASCAR – Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series, Xfinity Series, and NASCAR Cup Series

– have shared the spotlight with incredible racing actions, first-time winners, and many outstanding human-interest stories along the way.

As exciting as the “West Coast swing” for NASCAR has been, the best just might be right around the corner.

When the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series raced at Las Vegas, Kyle Busch scored his seventh consecutive victory in the series over a three-year period. In his final 2018 truck race, he won at Pocono. Last year, the Las Vegas-native was a perfect “five-for-five” with wins at Atlanta, Las Vegas, Martinsville, Texas, and Charlotte. Now, in his first of five truck races this season, Busch wins at Las Vegas. The seven straight gives the reigning NASCAR Cup champion a total of 57 career wins in the series. Here’s where the excitement begins.

On Saturday after the Las Vegas truck race, Kevin Harvick decided to make things a little more interesting in future truck series events. He tweeted that he would put a “bounty” on Busch in his upcoming truck races.

“I’ll put up a \$50,000 bounty for any full time cup driver who races a truck and can beat Kyle Busch in his next four races,” Harvick stated.

Then, things started to really get interesting! Gander Outdoors CEO Marcus Lemonis sweetened the pot by saying that he would double that bounty.

“Sounds good to me, \$100,000 boys,” Lemonis stated.

It should be noted that NASCAR rules only allow full-time Cup drivers to compete in up to five truck series races per season. Therefore, only four more chances to claim to prize.

Kyle Busch plans to compete in four more truck races this season – Atlanta this weekend, Homestead on March 21, Texas on March 27, and Kansas Speedway on May 30.

As the excitement of earning a huge payday increased, Busch joined in the discussion

The 2019 Cup champion asked the question on twitter about what he would get if no one beats him. His wife, Samantha, was quick to suggest that the money (bounty) should go to charity if no one beats her husband. The Busch’s charity Bundle of Joy Fund was mentioned and Harvick and Lemonis agreed.



DENNIS PUNCH

As you would expect, there are certain stipulations. Busch made it clear at a press conference that he thinks if someone wrecks him out of a race, the bounty shouldn’t count. Every race has to be fair and square. It’s the first

full-time Cup driver to beat him. Can’t wreck him. Everything has to be fair as in any other race. Good friendly fun!

That brings us to next weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The Vet/Tix/Camping World 200 just got a lot more interesting. The truck series race will be half of the Saturday afternoon doubleheader with the Xfinity Series at the 1.5-mile Hampton, Georgia track. And, with Geor-

gia native Chase Elliott among the Cup drivers who will challenge Busch and compete in the truck race, Saturday promises to be a thrilling, high-stakes race.

“It’s going to be interesting, exciting, whatever you want to term it,” Busch said. “I guess Cup drivers in Truck Series races do sell tickets, so take that for what it’s worth. I think it’s a unique opportunity for more attention on the series, which is good. Maybe if more drivers had more teams and had rides, then there would be something else there besides just myself. I don’t remember who I told, but once Harvick kind of put the idea out there, I was like, ‘The guy that really has a shot is (Kyle) Larson at Homestead.’ Bring it on!”

Ironically, Larson has joined forces with GMS Racing to challenge Busch. He will compete in the Truck Series race at Homestead on March 24th.

“It’s really not about the money to me,” Larson stated. “I think it’s a cool, fun kind of challenge, and I look forward to trying to beat him. And, if the money is still out there when I get that chance, it’ll be a lot of fun. But, Kyle Busch is the best. It doesn’t matter what type of car he’s in, it’s not going to be easy. It never is, no matter what car or truck you’re in.”

While Harvick was the driving force behind the “Bounty” on Kyle Busch, it was for the right reason. Harvick did it because of his support for Busch’s desire to race at every level. By offering the bounty, Harvick also sparked some of the

excitement that some fans feel is lacking when Busch races.

“I messaged Harvick after I heard about the bounty,” Larson added. “I was glad to know that Busch’s domination in those truck races upset him enough to post the money, because it’s a good opportunity for us Cup guys. I wish that it would roll over to a Truck Series regular if they were to beat Kyle because it should be for the whole field, I think.”

“It’s brought a whole new chatter to it,” Busch commented. “Whether that’s excitement or just chatter, I’m not sure which. I think we’ll see when we get to Atlanta what the grandstands look like and how the race goes.”

Also, not to miss out on the promotion and marketing opportunities of this bounty, Speedway Motorsports President and CEO Marcus Smith and Atlanta Motor Speedway raised the stakes for Saturday’s race. They vow to give \$5 to a driver charity from each eligible ticket purchase. Fans can ensure their ticket purchase helps the driver charity of their choice by purchasing through the AMS ticket office or by going to their website and choosing an eligible driver.

Whether or not the bounty is claimed at Atlanta or one of the other three remaining Busch Truck races this season, the idea and concept has certainly placed an increased interest in the Truck Series. And, whether the money goes to a driver/team or the Busch’s Bundle of Joy Fund, it’s a win-win for our sport.



Kyle Busch (51) leads and wins the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoor Truck Series race in Las Vegas last month. The “Bounty” is on to see if he can win 4 more in a row in 2020. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

Joey Logano Gets Second 2020 Win in Overtime at Phoenix

AVONDALE, AZ - Joey Logano expected a bump from Kevin Harvick in the two-lap overtime Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, but the bump never came.

Instead, Harvick pulled up beside Logano in the center of Turns 1 and 2 on the final lap of the FanShield 500, but Logano sped away with a hard charge off Turn 2 and cruised to the finish line with a margin of .276 seconds.

With the victory—his second at Phoenix and the 25th of his career—Logano is the first multiple winner of the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series season, having previously taken the checkered flag at Las Vegas in the year's second event.

Logano won on Sunday at the one-mile track in the Sonoran desert despite snafus that might have thwarted a lesser driver. On Lap 133, Logano's crew was flagged for an uncontrolled tire, sending the driver of the No. 22 Team Penske Ford to the rear of the field for a restart on Lap 138.

After Logano drove through the field and regained his track position, a broken jack during a yellow-flag pit stop on Lap 268 dropped him to 18th for a Lap 272 restart. By staying on the track while other lead-lap cars pitted under caution

on Lap 279, Logano moved up to third in the running order, and on Lap 293 he passed teammate Brad Keselowski for the lead and took control of the race.

"Man, we had a really good car, really good Shell-Pennzoil Mustang," said Logano, who won for the second time with new crew chief Paul Wolfe after an offseason personnel shakeup at Team Penske. "We had more things go wrong today. Unfortunate situation with the jack breaking. No one's fault.

"Had some good restarts, got ourselves back up there, being aggressive, having some tires there towards the end. I knew racing Kevin was going to be hard. I was figuring I was going to get hit, so I throttled up in the corner so much, I thought he was going to give me the bump-and-run, which I expected, wouldn't blame him for.

"I'm out of breath. That was a pretty intense last 30 minutes or hour of the race. A lot going on. Couldn't be more proud of this team. Two wins already in the books. We've got to keep this thing rocking."

With arguably the fastest car in the race, Harvick got bottled up in traffic on the Lap 272 restart and never regained the top spot. Logano controlled the final two restarts, including the overtime, chose the bottom lane and cut the



Race winner Joey Logano takes time to sign autographs for some fans in victory lane. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

dogleg just beyond the start/finish line to maintain his lead.

"He just had control of the race," Harvick said. "After we pitted there (on Lap 268), I got stuck behind a couple of cars there, lost five or six spots. He got by and got control of the race. He got to restart where he wanted to.

"Our Jimmy John's Ford was better, especially when we could put it in front of his. We just didn't get the control of the race back there, and he was able to get by us on that restart where I got hung up."

Kyle Busch ran third, as NASCAR's new low-downforce competition package provided lively action throughout the afternoon.

"There at the end, obviously, making up some good spots on the bottom when everybody would get

bottled up there mid-pack... but once you get closer to the front, it's hard to make up those spots anymore on the bottom anymore like we were," Busch said.

"The guys did a great job. We weren't very good when we unloaded (on Friday), we made a lot of ground, but still not enough ground as I would have wanted to race with some of the top guys. I felt like we were a fifth- or sixth-place car probably, and we were able to come out with a third. Good for us with that effort. We need some points right now. We have to climb the ladder back and get back where we need to be."

Kyle Larson ran fourth, followed by Clint Bowyer and Kurt Busch. Pole winner Chase Elliott led a race-high 93 laps, but his No. 9 Chevrolet was forced to pit road for an unplanned stop under green on Lap 156 because of a loose wheel, and Elliott never recovered. He finished seventh after regaining the lead lap under caution on Lap 195.

Notes: Logano led 60 of 316 laps, fourth most behind Elliott (93) Keselowski (82) and Harvick (67)... There were 12 cautions for 73 laps, the last of which forced the overtime that extended the race by four laps... Ninth-place finisher Cole Custer was the top Sunoco rookie in the race, posting his first career top 10 in the Cup Series... Harvick took over the series lead by one point over Logano... Ryan Blaney, who entered the race as the points leader, was an innocent victim in a Lap 64 wreck involving Denny Hamlin and Keselowski and finished 37th in the 38-car field, dropping to sixth in the standings... Harvick won the first stage of the race, and Keselowski was the winner of the second stage.



Pits stops could have been Joey Logano's undoing Sunday, but the driver of the #22 Pennzoil Ford overcame them to win the FanShield 500. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Giant Killer Brandon Jones Knocks Off Kyle Busch to Win at Phoenix

AVONDALE, AZ - From race winner Brandon Jones' standpoint, it's too bad there wasn't a bounty on Kyle Busch in Saturday's LS Tractor 200 at Phoenix Raceway.

Buoyed by a strong run through Turns 3 and 4, Jones shot past Busch into the lead on the frontstretch on Lap 181 and pulled away to win by 3.556 seconds over Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Harrison Burton, who passed Busch on Lap 190 for the runner-up position.

Next weekend at Atlanta, there will be a \$100,000 bounty on Busch in the Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race, courtesy of NASCAR Cup veteran Kevin Harvick and Marcus Lemonis, chairman and CEO of Camping World.

On Saturday, Jones had to be content with the satisfaction of beating the career leader in NASCAR Xfinity Series victories, who rolled home third without adding to his 96 wins in the series. Jones was happy to settle for the trip to Victory Lane—after beating Busch and fellow NASCAR Cup Series champion Brad Keselowski, who ran fourth.

"These are two of arguably the best in the business," Jones said. "We just had a car to beat 'em

today. These guys just did an incredible job."

Crucial to the win was a quick pit stop on Lap 130 that got Jones second off pit road and fourth in the running order for a restart on Lap 134.

"I told (crew chief) Jeff (Meendering) kind of early in the race... I'm like 'Man, I'm just lacking track position—that's the only thing I'm lacking. The pit crew did a heck of a job, and they said, 'There you go. There's your track position, and it paid off at the end.'"

The 1-2-3 finish for JGR was the sixth in company history. More important, Jones' second victory in the series and first at Phoenix was the 500th win for Toyota in NASCAR's top three national series combined.

Burton's No. 20 Toyota improved throughout the afternoon, as the 19-year-old driver—fresh from his maiden win at Auto Club Speedway last week—posted his fourth straight top-five finish to start the season.

"Early in the day, we weren't good enough at all," Burton said. "We were running ninth, 10th, somewhere back there. We fought really hard and got a lot better by the end. The 19 (Jones) kind of did the same thing.

"We got better and better and better as the race went on, so I'm



Race winner Brandon Jones gets a congratulatory kiss from Ashley Safin after winning the LS Tractor 200 at Phoenix Raceway. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

really proud of that. That was Toyota's 500th victory, so that's really cool. Good to have a 1-2-3 when we do it. Proud of our guys. Proud of our effort.

"Not quite enough, but we'll be back (at Phoenix in November), hopefully with a chance to win the championship."

Keselowski recovered from an off-sequence pit stop and a brush with the outside wall to finish fourth, followed by Xfinity regulars Justin Haley, Chase Briscoe, Noah Gragson, Austin Cindric, Ross Chastain (who overcame a power-steering issue that put him a lap down) and Riley Herbst.

Star-crossed Justin Allgaier had perhaps the fastest car in the race, but the driver of the No. 7 JR Motorsports Chevrolet was trapped in a pit stop zugzwang after staying on the track under caution early in Stage 3. Subsequently, Allgaier pit-

ted for fuel only under the sixth yellow on Lap 139, but he failed to get a timely caution late in the race that would have allowed him to use his final set of new tires.

Allgaier, who led 51 laps and won Stage 1, stood by crew chief Jason Burdett's pit call.

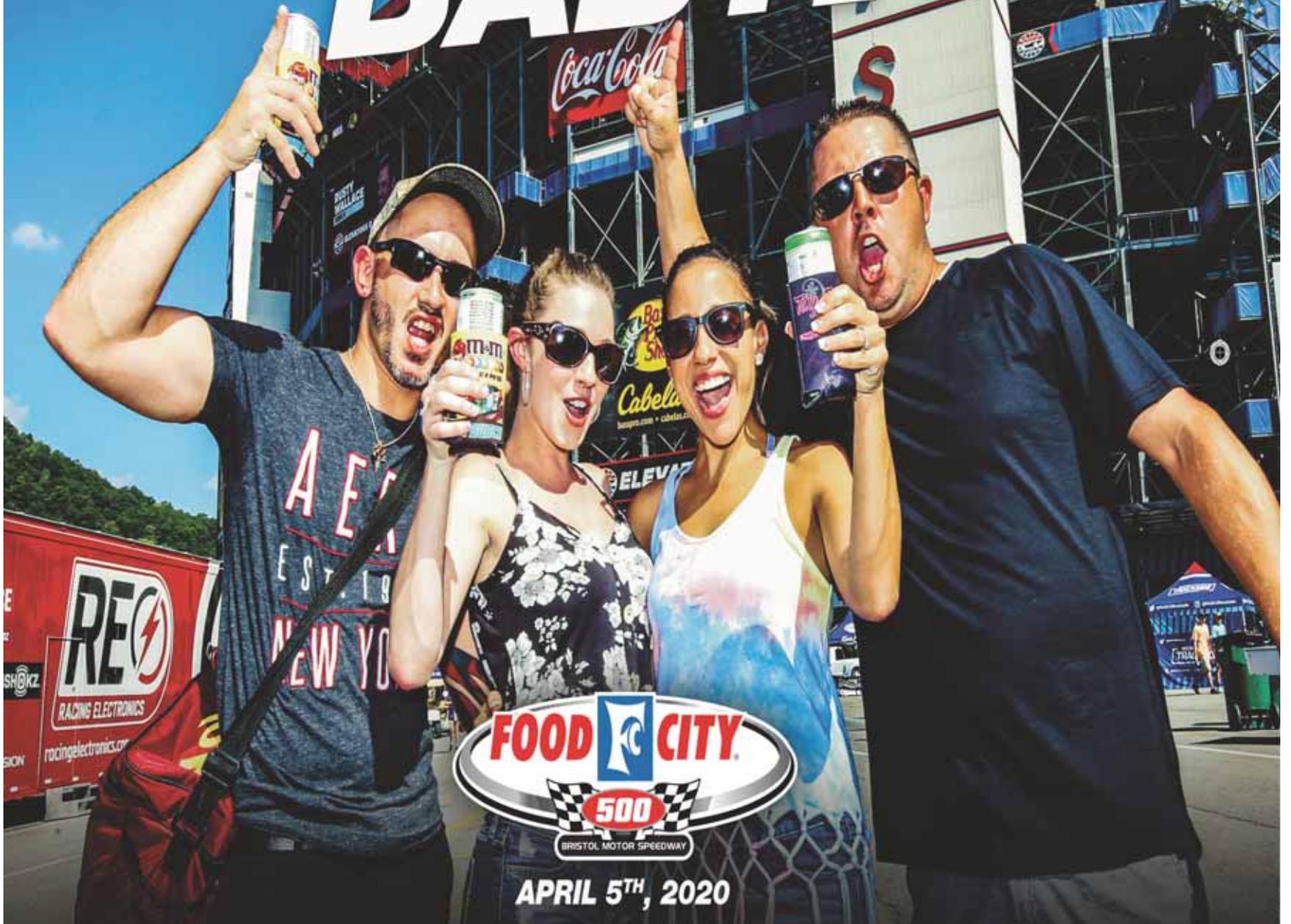
"I'm good with the decision," Allgaier said. "Obviously, it didn't work out, and to say that I'm not disappointed would be lying to you. We had a fast, fast Camaro today. I thought we made the right call. I told him (Burdett) multiple times that I thought we made the right call."

Notes: Busch led a race-high 78 laps... Gragson won Stage 2 and led 27 laps... Jones was fourth in laps led with 24... All told there were 12 lead changes among seven drivers... There were seven cautions for 45 laps, the last coming on Lap 143.



Brandon Jones (19) leads Chase Briscoe (98) and a line of competitors on his way to winning. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

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Right Call Puts Chandler Smith in Victory Lane

AVONDALE, AZ - Chandler Smith made a gamble call, and it paid off.

The 17-year-old from Talking Rock, Georgia, used pit strategy to get his No. 20 JBL Toyota out front of the ARCA Menards Series field, and he held off Ty Gibbs and Michael Self in a two-lap sprint to the finish to win Friday night's General Tire 150 at Phoenix Raceway.

The race was also the first of 10 races in the Sioux Chief Showdown.

On the last pit stop, Smith's team elected to change just two tires, which allowed him to start at the front.

The victory was Smith's eighth in 21 ARCA Menards Series starts.

He is running the full Sioux Chief Showdown schedule, as well as the ARCA Menards Series races at Kansas, Pocono and Springfield.

Michael Self, the Daytona winner, overcame early electrical issues to nip Gibbs at the line by .022 seconds for second. Gibbs, who was fastest in practice and won the General Tire Pole Award, settled for a disappointing third-place finish.

"I kicked their butts all day, the car was just so good," said Gibbs, who led two times for a race-high 22 laps. "We drove away from them and at the end there, we just got jacked. I was happy with how we ran. It just sucks what happened at the end."

Tanner Gray finished fourth and Zane Smith Smith.

Nick Sanchez wound up sixth, followed by Hailie Deega, Chase Cabre, Lawless Alan and Gio Scelzi.

The runner-up finish allowed



Chandler Smith, driver of the #20 JBL Toyota, celebrates winning the ARCA Menards General Tire 150 on March 6, 2020 at Phoenix Raceway in Phoenix, Arizona. (Adam Glanzman/ARCA Racing photo)

Self to leave with a 13-point lead over Deegan after two ARCA Menards Series races, while Smith leads the Sioux Chief Showdown standings.

The ARCA Menards Series will return to the track on Sunday, April 19 for the Kentuckiana Ford Deal-

ers 200 at Salem Speedway. The race will also be the second Sioux Chief Showdown race.

Friday's General Tire 150 aired live on FS1 and MRN. It will be available on Video On Demand (VOD) on TrackPass on NBC Sports Gold.

West to Return to Utah Motorsports Campus

TOOELE VALLEY, UT - Utah Motorsports Campus (UMC) is thrilled to announce that professional stock car racing will return to Utah in 2020 when the ARCA Menards Series West rolls into the Tooele Valley on Saturday, May 23, to headline the inaugural UMC Rock N' Race Fest.

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the series, formerly known as NASCAR Winston West and the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West prior to NASCAR acquiring ARCA in 2018, which raced here annually from 2007-14 and in 2016.

The race will headline the inaugural UMC Rock N' Race Fest, which is planned to be an annual Memorial Day Weekend celebration going forward. The one-day show will also include the Fourth Annual Cruzer Palooza Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, a drifting exhibition and a concert featuring Jagertown, with local phenom Carver Louis as the opening act.

Fans will be able to purchase rental karting sessions and ride-alongs in drift cars. In addition, the new UMC Family Fun Center will

be open, offering family-fun games like Archery Tag, Nerf Wars and Dodgeball. Food options will be plentiful, with both the Fast Track and Throttle cafes open for business as well as a variety of food trucks.

Admission to the Rock N' Race Fest will be FREE, however there will be a parking fee of \$10 per ve-

hicle. There will be camping options available for those who would like to make it a full-weekend getaway.

"We could not be more pleased to welcome NASCAR-style racing back to UMC," said Dixon Hunt, UMC Senior Vice President. "It's been way too long since we heard the sound of those big V8 engines reverberating off our mountains."

Utah native Michael Self, who grew up racing here and was a six-time winner in the ARCA Menards

West Series as well as a two-time and defending winner of the ARCA Menards Series' Daytona 200, was excited to hear that the series is returning to his home track.

The UMC race will be the fourth of 11 for the ARCA Menards Series West in 2020, and one of only two road courses on the schedule.

For event or ticket information, or for questions regarding UMC, call 435-277-8000 or visit the track's website at www.UtahMotorsportsCampus.com.

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Tickets On Sale for Big Race at Gresham

JEFFERSON, GA - Anticipation continues to build for the Peach State Classic at Gresham Motorsports Park on May 16-17. Now, fans can purchase tickets for the big event online to ensure they don't miss any of the action.

Tickets are now available by visiting www.racegmp.com/

tickets. There, fans will be able to purchase general admission or reserved tickets for the weekend of racing at the historic Georgia half-mile.

Along with admission tickets, options for purchasing trackside parking, trackside camping and reserved camping spots at the facility are also available.

All ticketing options are available online, with purchased tickets delivered via email. There will be no need to deal with the hassle of

shipping or visiting the will-call window on race day.

The Peach State Classic will be the first event at Gresham Motorsports Park since August 2014. Racing will begin on Saturday with the Wheelman Racing Series and Pro Trucks. General admission tickets are available for just \$10 for Saturday's racing.

Sunday's racing is headlined by the Super Late Models of the Southern Super Series and the CARS Tour. Sunday general admission tickets are \$20, with reserved seating available for \$25. The Modifieds of Mayhem will also take part in Sunday's program.

Two-day reserved tickets are also available for \$30, as an early bird special, giving fans the best value to watch all of the action in racing's return to Gresham.

Fans and teams can follow @RaceGMP on Twitter or Gresham Motorsports Park on Facebook, as well as @speed51dotcom, for more information regarding the Peach State Classic.

More information is also available at racegmp.com.

Don't miss out on being a part of racing's return to Gresham. Order your tickets today at racegmp.com/tickets.

PitBoxes.com to Continue Pit Crew Award Programs

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials have announced that PitBoxes.com will continue to support CRA teams with the ARCA/CRA Super Series Super Powered by JEGS and the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance for the upcoming

2020 race season. For the fifth season in a row PitBoxes.com will continue its Pit Crew Award Programs with both series.

"This is our chance to continue to directly connect with the crew members," said Pitboxes.com Owner Ricky Sanders. "The drivers get a lot of the recognition, and rightfully so, but at Pitboxes.com we relate to the hard-working crew members who are the driving force behind much of a car's success. We look forward to partnering with CRA again on this award and look forward to recognizing some of the awesome crews out there."

CRA officials will be looking to honor the pit crews that really put forth an extraordinary effort to get a good finish at each series event. The Pitboxes.com Pit Crew of the Race at each event will be awarded with a \$200 Product Certificate from Pitboxes.com. At the end of the season, each series will recognize a Pitboxes.com Pit Crew of the Year, each of those pit crews will receive a \$1,000 Product Certificate from Pitboxes.com, which will be presented at the 2020 CRA Awards Banquet. The Jack Dossey III Motorsports team was the Pitboxes.com Pit Crew of the Year

with the ARCA/CRA Super Series last season, while the Team Chick Racing team was the Pitboxes.com Pit Crew of the Year with the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour.

"This is a fantastic award that Ricky has come up with," remarked Glenn Luckett, Managing Partner with CRA. "As much as this sport focuses on the driver, stock car racing is still a team sport. Without a hard working pit crew, the driver is just not going to do well in our races. CRA is very competitive racing and it takes a good, dedicated pit crew to finish at the top each week or to make the best of a bad situation that has happened!"

With the popularity of the internet, Pitboxes.com was launched in 1999 with a goal to specialize in fabricating a high-quality line of standard and custom pit boxes. Since that time the boxes have gained such popularity that they have become standard equipment for almost any racer from Go Karters to Motorcycles to Upper levels of motorsports and everything in between.

The products offered by Pitboxes.com has also changed quite a bit over the years having started with a stick built steel frame with a store bought toolbox to a much more modern process of CAD drawn, Laser Cut, Computer formed, all aluminum construction, with an in house built drawer system that is built to with stand not only the use by the race teams but also the many miles on the highway that a race team has to do going from race to race.

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Additional information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Strange Oval to Continue Marketing Partnership with CRA

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials and Strange Oval representatives have announced that Strange Oval has agreed to continue as a marketing partner with CRA for the upcoming 2020 racing season. Strange Oval will support the ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS and the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance again in 2020.

Strange Oval will award the fifth place finishers at the following ARCA/CRA Super Series events with a set of Strange Oval Axles valued at over \$450: Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway on May 3rd, Bristol Motor Speedway on May 30th, Berlin Raceway on June 8th, Anderson Speedway on July 13th, Berlin Raceway on August 15th, Winchester Speedway on October 11th and the All-American 400 in Nashville on November 1st. In addi-

tion they will award the fifth place finisher in final series points with a set of Drive Plates valued at over \$500.

Strange Oval will award the fifth-place finishers at the following JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour events with a set of Strange Oval Axles valued at over \$450: Bristol Motor Speedway on May 30th, the Masters of the Pro's at Nashville on July 18th and the All-American 400 JEGS Tour race in Nashville on November 1st. In addition, they will award the fifth-place finisher in final series points with a set of Axles valued at over \$500.

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Tennessean Slides Weiss to Win at Smoky Mountain

MARYVILLE, TN - Just like on the college basketball court, Saturday night's World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series race featured two of the best in the sport up against each other with the pressure on the line and a big trophy awaiting the winner. By the time 60 laps around Smoky Mountain Speedway

were complete, the packed grandstands had been treated to an incredible race that saw home-state hero Mike Marlar regain the lead after a late restart and bring it back to the checkered flag for his first ever Tennessee Tipoff victory.

The 2018 Series champion made the winning move on 2019 Rookie of the Year Ricky Weiss in a big slidejob for the lead with just over two laps remaining to secure the victory, Weiss settling for the runner-up spot. Josh Richards crossed in third after a climb from 10th and strong presence inside the top-five all race long.

Polesitter Chris Madden, of Gray Court, SC, led the field to the drop of the green with Brandon Sheppard and Marlar, from Winfield, TN, on his heels as he pulled away to a nice gap before suffering a reported power steering issue on lap 25, ending his night early. By then, Weiss had made his way to the runner-up position from eighth, picking off cars one at a time down low before inheriting the lead from Madden's misfortune under the caution.

Weiss, of Headingley, MB, carried the lead for three laps after the restart until Marlar got a great run out of Turn 4 on lap 28 and drove it deep into turn one to take his first lead of the night. Much like he had been doing the whole race, Marlar posted his car up high and fed off the of the topside momentum.

"I definitely had it [set up] a little wrong for the bottom so I needed to run the middle to the outside," Marlar said. "I felt like I was really fast, even in open track. But when I caught the traffic, I don't know but for whatever reason, I was really loose."

That discomfort up high in traffic for Marlar became very apparent around lap 48, when Weiss had noticeably closed the gap Marlar made for himself before hitting

lapped traffic. Sticking to the low side, Weiss got a great run off of Turn 4 and beat Marlar to the stripe to regain the race lead.

"When we got to lapped traffic there, I was able to inch up on [Marlar] and was able to get by him," Weiss said. "I knew we'd have a shot at winning it if it stayed green, but of course we got a caution with about six or seven [laps] to go."

Weiss led for another five laps and could see the light at the end of the tunnel, until the caution came out with just six circuits remaining. Under the yellow, Marlar paced behind Weiss in his special throwback car number 57, honoring he and his father's original racing number, and pondered about the move he knew he had to make in an attempt to steal the victory.

"I was giving it everything I had. I had pretty good confidence that I could do it, but there's always that question mark. But I went ahead and went for it and it all worked out," Marlar said.

Just ahead of him, Weiss was making an equally difficult decision on what to do – try switching to the high line to hinder Marlar's momentum or stick to his guns down low.

After a bit of careful thought under yellow, Weiss made his choice to stay down low through Turns 1 and 2 in the hopes of defending the lead.

"It's real tough, you can only look at your [crew] guys so much," Weiss said. "The bottom was really good once we got rolling and once we got to lapped traffic because no one could run down there."

"I knew with the momentum, [Marlar's] line was quicker. It's just a tough decision to make whether to go up there and leave the line you just took the lead on, or you go down there and try to protect it."

In the end, Weiss' maneuverability down low just wasn't enough to hold off the high-flying Marlar. Out of turn two they raced, bumper-to-bumper, Marlar with the speed into Turn 3. Marlar threw a textbook slidejob on Weiss as they entered the corner and took the lead away permanently with two laps remaining. Marlar brought it all the way back to the checkered for his eighth career World of Outlaws Feature win and first in the Tennessee Tipoff.

In retrospect, Marlar was glad it worked out that Weiss was instructed to move up a bit to protect the lead, but also knows of the downsides of crew signaling.

"When you're running that outside and making ground on them, you're afraid that their crew will send them up in front of you and cause a wreck," Marlar said. "That's something you have to be aware of when you're racing, is the crews signaling the driver where to be... I wanted to make sure they were sending [Weiss] up and I was going down."

Looking back on it, Weiss said he might have considered trusting

the topside a bit more to defend the lead instead of sticking down low, but also noted the bottom lane's disadvantages in the same regard.

"I knew I was really good in [Turns] 1 and 2, I could hit the brown and take off," Weiss said. "But with 3 and 4, I've been here enough times to know that the momentum usually is quicker. But, when you get racing, sometimes the bottom can be quicker, so it's really hard to judge when you're in open air and there's no lapped cars and you're on the point."

Overall, a great finish for the young Canadian, who, with Saturday's finish, now trails Sheppard by just 58 points. Darrell Lanigan also dropped out early, and sits third in points, now 112 markers behind leader Sheppard.

UP NEXT: The Outlaws are back in action in just under two weeks' time for another Southeastern doubleheader weekend – March 27th at Tennessee's Volunteer Speedway for the Spring Thaw presented by Exel and March 28th at South Carolina's Cherokee Speedway.

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Richards Collects 77th Outlaws Win at Duck River

WHEEL, TN - As the field crossed Duck River Raceway Park's start/finish line with only five

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Mike Marlar (#57) takes back the lead from Ricky Weiss (#7) on his way to victory lane at Smoky Mountain Speedway. (Michael Moats photo)

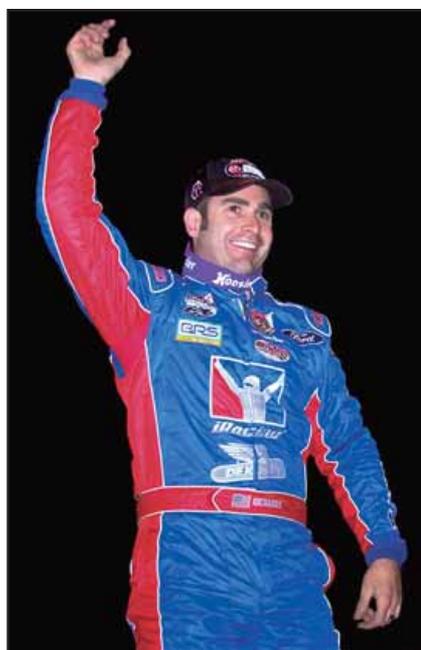
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laps remaining on Friday night, leader Josh Richards could see the light at the end of the tunnel. Waiting for him on the other side was his 77th career World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series Feature win and his first in 1,225 days.

There was just one problem – Dennis Erb Jr. was reeling him in fast. Richards was ripping the middle-top side of the high-banked bullring as Erb was smooth sailing down low, until Richards looked outside the fence and saw his crew guys signaling him to move down. Richards followed the advice to make the line switch and made it through final five laps untouched to collect his first World of Outlaws win in 134 tour races.

“At the end, I saw my guys, they were showing I had a gap when I was running the top. And then they were closing it up so I switched and went to the bottom and just tried to ride it out,” Richards said.

The last time Josh appeared in World of Outlaws Victory Lane, his father Mark was standing right there with him at The Dirt Track at Charlotte in October 2016. And on



Josh Richards celebrates in victory lane after winning at Duck River Raceway. (Josh James photo)

Friday night, Mark was right in Victory Lane again, watching his son smile for the cameras. A special moment for the both of them, despite being a part of two different teams.

“This one means a lot. To win the first Outlaws race since I’ve been in my dad’s [Mark] car, this one’s really special,” Richards said.

But this victory certainly wasn’t handed to Richards. A caution flag on lap 14 re-stacked the field and put him behind polesitter Erb for the restart. Richards swooped up some

high-side momentum and drove by Erb two circuits later to regain the lead he would never relinquish.

“I was gonna commit and just charge and try to roll the top, just kinda see what we had,” Richards said. “It was a good gauge because I knew [Dennis] was gonna be really consistent on the bottom, and he was. So I was able to move around and just find a couple little spots.”

Through the next 34 laps, Richards fended off multiple challenges from behind on several restarts. The most intense of which came on lap 31, where Erb pulled up beside him and briefly took the lead down the backstretch but was quickly shut down by an untimely caution flag.

Erb wouldn’t get another good run at the Bowyer Dirt iRacing #14 until he began reeling in Richards in the final laps. The top line seemed to not be as effective as it had been earlier for Richards, and Erb said he knew the line change had to be coming.

“I was hoping [Richards] wouldn’t [move down], but I kinda was thinking that he should’ve. When he moved down there, it was going to be pretty tough for me to get around him,” Erb said.

Overall, a great race on a beautifully prepared racetrack for the great Tennessee crowd.

“The track was phenomenal tonight, as far as being able to

move around and race on. I’ve never been here when it’s been that good. It was a lot of fun,” Richards said.

While Richards and Erb played cat-and-mouse out front, Brandon Overton, of Evans, GA, had been grinding it out against the rest of the top-five. He had been running inside the top-three since the halfway point and with the white flag in the air, he set his sights on Erb’s runner-up spot.

“I got a good run off of [Turn] 2, and I don’t think I ever saw [Erb] in the middle of the racetrack,” Overton said. “So I knew if I could just go in there hard enough to beat him to those little crumbs that blew across the middle of the racetrack, I knew I was gonna drag race him back to the flagstand.”

And that’s exactly what he did. Erb moved up ever so slightly as Overton slid underneath and beat Erb to the line, his last-ditch effort to break into the top-two in the final corners paying off.

A youthful favorite in the Southeast Super Late Model ranks, Overton knew coming into Friday night that he had to be on his A-game if he wanted to get a good finish.

“To come up here and run with them, these are some of the best guys out, I know there’s a lot of heavy hitters here, and run second, that’s not bad for the first night on a new car,” Overton said.

Florida Winners Look To Ride Momentum To Texas

PAIGE, TX - Donny Schatz, Brad Sweet and Logan Schuchart already got the hardest task of the season out of the way – earning the first win of the year.

Now they’ll try to ride that momentum into the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series Texas doubleheader on Friday,

March 13, at Cotton Bowl Speedway and on Saturday, March 14, at LoneStar Speedway.

“I love Cotton Bowl Speedway,” Sweet said. “It’s a 3/8 (mile track), exciting, high banked, tight corners. I was able to win there a couple of years ago with a last lap pass. Always ran good there. Looking forward to getting back there for sure.”

The reigning champion has picked up where he left off in 2019

as the current point leader – earning three podium finishes in a row at the season opening DIRTcar Nationals, including his 51st career win. Those results also earned him his second Big Gator championship.

Cotton Bowl Speedway could be another successful stop for the Grass Valley, CA driver in his pursuit for back-to-back championships. He won the Series’ first race at the speedway in 2016 and finished second at the second race in 2018 – won by David Gravel.

Sweet attributes his success at the speedway to its similarities to California tracks.

“Cotton Bowl reminds me of tracks back home, especially Tulare (Thunderbowl Raceway), which I grew up racing a lot at Tulare” Sweet said. “Lots of slide jobs. Good grippy racetrack. It should be a lot of fun. I think no matter where we go nowadays, we tend to put on a pretty good show.”

Sweet will be making his 600th career World of Outlaws start at Cotton Bowl Speedway.

Schatz will be going for his first win at Cotton Bowl Speedway and second at LoneStar Speedway. The 10-time Series champion won the first World of Outlaws race at LoneStar in 2017. He is also currently the only full-time Series driver to have a win at the 3/8-mile track.

“It’s a fun place, I’ve always enjoyed going” Schatz said about LoneStar Speedway. “Anytime you get to go to the great state of Texas it always has a different vibe in the air. LoneStar is one of them places that has changed over the years. They’ve done a lot of great things to improve it and it’s awful fast and races really well. We’ve had great success there and naturally anybody looks forward to that one when you go to a racetrack you’ve had success at.”

Schatz won the first race of the 2020 season, his 295th career World of Outlaws victory. He brought Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing its 300th career

World of Outlaws win last year and now he’s on the path to hitting that milestone himself.

Schuchart has yet to finish inside the top-five at either track, but his performance in Florida demonstrated that his previous statistics hold little weight.

Before this year, Schuchart had never finished inside the top-five at Volusia Speedway Park or led a lap at the track. He left Florida this year with one win, three top-five finishes and 50 laps led.

The Shark Racing driver found his stride last year, winning eight races – doubling his total career wins. With his win in Florida, Schuchart goes into the Texas doubleheader two-points behind Sweet.

“You want to keep the momentum rolling,” Schuchart said. “We’ve had a good start to the season, so far. I’m looking forward to Texas. Hopefully we can keep our momentum rolling, stay consistent, stay on the podium and knock out a few wins.”

Tickets can be purchased by going to WorldofOutlaws.com/tix.

Andy Forsberg Wins at Petaluma Speedway With The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series

PETALUMA, CA - The top of a California podium sweep Sunday night with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Andy Forsberg finally broke into Victory Lane at Petaluma

Speedway.

"It's a freaking miracle we got a race in at Petaluma the first weekend of March, so heck yeah! We appreciate this win, we appreciate all the fans for coming out," stated Andy.

The 151st different winner with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Forsberg is the eighth from California to top the series.

Taking the point from Sam Hafertepe, Jr. in slower traffic on Lap 16, after falling to third on the start, Forsberg kept pace over the field until a Lap 25 restart. Biking the Autism Awareness No. X1 into the first two turns on the restart, Sean Becker shot to the lead only to have the caution negate the pass as the field reverted to the last fully completed lap.

Asked about the caution and

getting the lead back, Andy said, "I'm old enough to admit, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good so we definitely got saved by the yellow for someone running over Willie [Croft] so whoever ran over Croft and caused the caution thank you because you saved my ass."

Keeping tied to the bottom line of the three-eighths-mile oval, Forsberg opened his advantage to 0.901 seconds at the drop of the checkered flag. Cutting a massive diamond through the first and second turns in the closing laps, Shane Golobic raced to his second runner-up finish of the weekend in the NOS Energy Drink/Matt Wood Racing No. 17x.

Sean Becker ended up third with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. holding on to finish fourth despite the car getting tighter as the race progressed. Rolling from 10th, Justyn Cox completed the top five.

Scott Bogucki crossed sixth with Carson Macedo coming from 11th to finish seventh. Blake Carrick from 14th made it to eighth with his brother, Tanner Carrick in tow. Hard Charging from 19th, Penngrove's Chase Johnson completed the top-ten.

With a field of 42 drivers on hand Sunday night, five SCE Gaskets



Andy Forsberg celebrates in victory lane at Petaluma Speedway after his win Sunday night. (Devin Mayo photo)

Heat Races were won by Jordon Mallett, Chase Johnson, Chelsea Blevins, Willie Croft, and Sam Hafertepe, Jr. Hoosier Tire Qualifiers went to Dylan Westbrook, Sean Becker, and Andy Forsberg. A pair of BMRS B-Features were topped by Tony Gualda and Willie Croft.

The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network returns to action at the Devil's Bowl Spring Nationals on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21.

Live coverage is available for those who cannot make the trip on www.racinboys.com.

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on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

Sweet Unstoppable at Merced Speedway

MERCED, CA - Earning the right of the front row for Friday's Saw-Blade.com A-Feature at Merced Speedway, Brad Sweet clawed his way to the lead and never looked back for his fourth career victory with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

On his run to the checkered flag, Sweet stated, "Biggest thing was getting out front, working through lapped traffic, and avoiding a couple of close calls, and obviously holding off a fast closing Shane Golobic but I can't thank the Mains enough. This one is for Kyle. We

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lost him last year and this was his true passion, so this is really neat.”

Getting the run over Andy Forsburg for the top spot, Sweet steadily worked away from the field as Blake Hahn worked into second. Giving chase into traffic, Hahn closed on the No. 35m while Shane Golobic stalked the pair.

Working the low line of the quarter-mile through turns one and two, Golobic got the run for second as the trio diced through heavy slower traffic. With Sweet in sight, the caution brought the run to a halt on Lap 15. In clean air on the restart, Sweet again started inching away from the field before the caution lights came on again on Lap 19.

Again, able to keep the NOS Energy Drink No. 17x at bay, Sweet's night nearly went sideways on Lap 24 when Grant Dunkerkin got wadded up in the turn-four cushion; sending the No. 67G on its side directly in the path of the No. 35m. Able to avoid, the final six revolutions were quick for the Grass Valley driver as he opened his run to 1.394 seconds over Shane Golobic with Blake Hahn holding off Carson Macedo in the closing laps for third. Macedo in fourth was trailed by Andy Forsburg to complete the top five.

Ryan Bernal to a sixth-place finish with Roger Crockett seventh. Blake Carrick made up the most ground from 14th to eighth with Dominic Scelzi posting his third top-ten in as many races to take over the point's lead with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network. Alex Hills held on to complete the top ten.

A field of 51 drivers assembled for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network debut at Merced Speedway. The fifth California oval to host the series, Brad Sweet is the seventh different winner in eight previous trips to the "Golden State".

Six SCE Gaskets Heat Races were topped by Michael Faccinto, Brad Sweet, Justyn Cox, Tanner Carrick, Thomas Kennedy, and Andy Forsberg. Hoosier Tire Qualifier wins went to Blake Hahn, Shane Golobic, Justin Sanders, and Dominic Scelzi. BMRS B-Fea-



Brad Sweet raced his way to victory lane at Merced Speedway Friday night. (Devin Mayo photo)

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Cling Goes Back To Back With ASCS Desert Non-Wing Series

CASA GRANDE, AZ - Three starts on the season with the San Tan Ford ASCS Desert Non-Wing Series, and just as many podium finishes, Tempe's Sterling Cling made it back to back visits to the top of the podium with his win Sat-

urday night at Central Arizona Speedway.

Cling's third career victory with the San Tan Ford ASCS Desert Non-Wing Series, Saturday's run to the checkered flag saw repeat performances of third to first runs in Heat and A-Feature action. Leading all but the opening lap of the night's final event, Cling gapped the field by 3.963 seconds.

Rick Shuman settled for second with Joe Scheopner crossing third. Ryan Murphy picked up four positions with Joshua Shipley advancing from 13th to complete the top five.

Dustin Cormany moved up from 10th to cross sixth with Jonas Reynolds, Aaron Jones, Ronald Webster, and Randy Nelson completing the top ten.

Up next, the series will be at

USA Raceway in Tucson, Ariz. on Saturday, March 21. Information and directions can be found at <https://www.raceusa.net>

The San Tan Ford ASCS Desert Non-Wing Series can be found online at <http://santanforddesertsprintcars.myracepass.com/points/?y=2018> as well as <http://www.ascsracing.com>. The series is also on Social Media at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/919363801451560>

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Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series Return To Placerville Speedway Falls To Mother Nature

PLACERVILLE, CA - With the forecast for Saturday, March 7 worsening to a 90% chance of rain, and an hourly forecast that shows rain extending throughout the day and into the evening, officials with Placerville Speedway have made the call to cancel the Gold Strike Stampede.

Officials with the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network and Placerville Speedway are looking a possible date to reschedule the event.



Sterling Cling celebrates in victory lane after winning at Central Arizona Speedway, his third with the San Tan Ford ASCS Desert Non-Wing Series. (Roger Toops photo)

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - With 950 miles of racing between NASCAR's top three series, there's plenty of on-track action during the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

The high-speed thrills on Atlanta's high banks are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to fun opportunities at AMS – here's 10 things you won't want to miss during race weekend!

- **Bootleggers Bar:** When: All weekend Where: Earnhardt Grandstand

The newest, coolest place to hang out during race weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway is Bootleggers Bar. Situated in the Earnhardt Grandstand, Bootleggers features a massive 360 bar open to any fan with a race ticket. Bootleggers will be open during the races and keep the party going into the night on Friday and Saturday.

- **Dog Park:** When: All weekend Where: Legends Campground

If you have a furry four-legged companion, make sure you take them to the brand new dog park, located next to The Gathering Place in the Legends Campground. Spot and Fido will love having room to run, plus there's a colorful assortment of obstacles for them to play through, too!

- **Bocce & Cornhole Courts:** When: All weekend Where: Legends Campground

Adjacent to the new dog park and The Gathering Place is a new set of bocce ball and corn hole courts. These games are open to anyone gathering in our campgrounds during race weekend.

- **Ferris Wheel:** When: All weekend Where: Trackside Terrace

The massive Ferris Wheel will tower 150 feet above Atlanta Motor Speedway once again this year! The whole family will enjoy taking in the sights and sounds of NASCAR from atop the Ferris Wheel – and the best part is it's FREE and just a quick shuttle ride away!

- **Chris Lane:** When: Sunday @ 12 p.m. Where: Pre-Race Stage

Rising country music star Chris Lane headlines the pre-race concert for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 on Sunday. The performer behind smash hits "Fix" and "I Don't Know About You" will get fans

revved up and ready to race - and pre-race pit pass holders get stage-front access for this live concert.

- **Car Intros:** When: Sunday @ 11:30 a.m. Where: Pit Road

An all-new addition for 2020, car introductions will highlight these iconic machines and the teams that prepare them as the starting field rolls out onto the grid for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500. Fans can get closer to the festivities with a pre-race pit pass.

- **Judd Lormand:** When: Sunday @ 10:45 a.m. Where: Folds of Honor QuikTrip Fan Stage – Fan Zone

Judd Lormand, who portrays Lt. Commander Eric Blackburn each week on CBS's SEAL Team, has several prominent roles to play during Georgia's NASCAR weekend. Lormand will serve as the Honorary Pace Car Driver for the Atlanta 250 NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Saturday and as the Grand Marshal Car Driver on Sunday. Plus Lormand will appear on Trackside Live! with Austin Dillon, who will make a guest appearance in an episode of CBS's SEAL Team on Wednesday, March 11. Fans can see Lormand and Dillon's Trackside Live! discussion live at the QuikTrip Stage on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

- **Thrill Zone:** When: All weekend Where: In front of the Petty Grandstands

Feel the rush and hear the roar of NASCAR from up close in the Thrill Zone. Brand new for 2020, the Thrill Zone allows fans to get closer to the action – just feet from the racing surface – as cars slide off the corner and down the frontstretch. This must-see experience is located just in front of the Petty Grandstand near the Pedestrian Tunnel and is FREE to all ticket holders.

- **Lindsay Ell:** When: Saturday @ 11:00 a.m. Where: Folds of Honor QuikTrip Fan Stage – Fan Zone

QuikTrip and Monster Energy present a concert by singer-songwriter Lindsay Ell on the Folds of Honor QuikTrip Stage on Saturday at 11 a.m. Ell is best known for critically acclaimed debut album, *The Project*, which debuted at No.1 on the sales charts. This FREE concert aims to raise awareness for QT's longtime charitable partner Folds of Honor, a nonprofit organization which provides educational scholarships for the children and spouses of America's fallen or disabled service members.

- **Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Victory Lane:** When: Sunday post-race Where: Frontstretch victory

lane

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- **Honorable Mention: AMS 20 in 20 Initiatives:** Atlanta Motor Speedway is making 20 individual enhancements for its 2020 NASCAR race weekend. Several of these initiatives are already represented on this list, but there's several more that will add value to the fan experience at AMS this year. 19 have been announced so far (all are listed on the Atlanta Motor Speedway website) and the 20th and final enhancement will be revealed during race weekend.

These are just some highlights within a weekend full of fun for everyone in the family. If you don't have your tickets yet, you can get them by calling 877-9-AMS-TIX or visiting www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway has announced that The Jebb Mac Band will perform at the track's Speed & Feed BBQ Festival and Car Show presented by Raldex on Friday, March 13 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Friday night concert, which will take place in the Cale Yarborough Garage in the track's infield, will be sponsored by Bud Light Seltzer.

"To be able to play at a venue like Darlington Raceway is special for all of us in The Jebb Mac Band," lead singer and group founder Jebb Mac said. "Darlington is a historical place and has great tradition and history. We are honored to be performing at their Speed and Feed BBQ Festival on March 13."

The Jebb Mac Band release their energy to a packed crowd at a laid back watering hole, with raucous covers ranging from Johnny Cash to Eminem, and original tunes evoking lazy river days and hot Southern nights.

Jebb Mac launched full-bore into the music industry as a member of Justin Smith & the Folk-Hop Band – a dynamic 8-piece from Columbia, S.C. With his former band, Jebb Mac toured with and opened for such

national acts as Snoop Dogg, Collective Soul, and more. Ultimately deciding to branch off on his own, Mac released two solo albums (*Alcohol & Agony* and *The Suburban Chronicles*) before eventually putting together his own band.

Led by Jebb Mac on vocals and rhythm guitar, the Jebb Mac Band features Emery Henderson (trombone, vocals), Emma Hamilton (keys, vocals), Tyler Roberts (lead guitar, vocals), Nelson James (drums), Jeff Springs (vocals, lead guitar), Barry Carmichael (bass guitar) and Don Colton (saxophone).

The band already has one album release under their belt, *Business As UNusual*, produced by Cory Plough; and recorded, mixed, and mastered at Plough's House Recording Studio (Irmo, SC). The album features the singles "Inner Tube" and "Buzz On," which have garnered the attention of regional country and country crossover radio stations. They have recently been in the studio in Nashville, TN with Grammy-nominated producer Kent Wells. Their new single release, "Sip of That," evokes warm memories of an enchanting summer romance.

In 2019 the band opened for country stars Randy Houser and Easton Corbin, and has also played at the prestigious CCMF (Carolina Country Music Festival) in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on numerous occasions.

"I had the opportunity to see The Jebb Mac Band play in Florence last year and they are a spectacular group that's full of energy," track President Kerry Tharp said. "If you haven't seen The Jebb Mac Band perform before, this is the perfect time to come out and watch them play. They are extremely entertaining."

The Speed & Feed BBQ Festival and Car Show presented by Raldex will host a barbeque competition, featuring nearly 50 teams representing eight different states. Thus far, states represented include South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, Massachusetts, West Virginia and South Dakota.

Next week's barbeque competition will be judged by the nationally recognized Kansas City Barbeque

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Society (KCBS).

The event will be FREE and open to the public on Friday, March 13 from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. and Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Individual tickets will be sold for the BBQ tasting, which starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Those tasting tickets are \$1 each. A \$1 per car parking fee will also be administered on both days. The track also

plans to have amusement rides and food trucks available both days.

Friday activities will include the Bud Light Seltzer concert, plus pace laps around the famed 1.366-mile track for \$10 per person with proceeds benefiting the track's non-profit arm – Darlington Shares.

Saturday will feature driving experiences in actual race cars through the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience, which will be on site that day. Experiences can be purchased in advance through the driving school by visiting www.RaceWithRusty.com or on the day of the event. Driver experiences are scheduled for 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The track will host a car show on Saturday. Registration for the show can be made in advance by downloading the application at www.DarlingtonRaceway.com/SpeedandFeed. Participants may also sign up on site for the show on March 14.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available by contacting Tyler Grube, Director of Corporate Sales, at 843-395-8877 or tgrube@darlingtonraceway.com.

You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway](https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TooToughToTame](https://twitter.com/TooToughToTame).

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Pocono Raceway announced today their 25-acre, three-megawatt solar farm has produced 35 Million kilowatt hours (kWh.) The Raceway's solar farm annually offsets more than 3,104 metric tons of carbon dioxide and generates enough electricity, beyond the power needs of the track, to power 300 local homes and businesses. To celebrate this milestone, 'The Tricky Triangle' is offering a 35-hour ticket discount

on 100-Level Saturday and Sunday Grandstand tickets for the historic 2020 NASCAR Doubleheader Week.

Pocono Raceway's solar installation consists of 39,960 American-made photovoltaic modules, otherwise known as solar panels. The energy produced by the Raceway's solar farm equals the offset of over 1 million propane cylinders or 2.8 million gallons of gasoline, as well as the amount of carbon dioxide taken in by over 629,600 trees.

"It is remarkable how much energy the solar farm has produced in nine years," said Pocono Raceway CEO, Nick Igdalsky. "This project started out as our first step in sustainability. Since the solar farm went on line in 2010, we have added more initiatives including robust recycling and composting programs. These programs now divert approximately 75% of all waste generated each year at the facility away from landfills. Pocono Raceway will continue these efforts, adding new technology and initiatives along the way, to ensure we are one of the most sustainable motorsports and entertainment facilities in the world."

In celebration of the 35 million kWh produced, Pocono Raceway will host a 35-hour ticket discount on 100-Level Grandstand tickets for their Saturday and Sunday NASCAR Doubleheader Week events. Kids, ages 12 and under, receive FREE admission to the 100 Level and Fan Fair for all NASCAR Doubleheader events. Four kids' tickets can be selected, free of charge, for every Saturday and Sunday adult 100-Level Grandstand ticket purchased. Additionally, all NASCAR Cup Series race day tickets come with Raceway's Worry-Free Weather Guarantee.

Discounted tickets can be purchased by visiting www.poconoraceway.com/promocode and by using promo code SOLAR. The adult ticket, discounted from the original price of \$45, can be purchased for a limited time and until 12 a.m. ET on Wednesday, March 11.

The Raceway's solar farm is located along Long Pond Road, adjacent to the storied 2.5-mile triangular shaped track. To learn more about Pocono Raceway's sustainability efforts, visit www.poconoraceway.com/green.

The 2020 NASCAR Doubleheader week will open with ARCA Menards Series practice, qualifying and the General Tire #AnywhereIsPossible 200 race on Thursday. On-track action on Friday will in-

clude NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series (Gander Trucks) practice and qualifying, along with two scheduled NASCAR Cup Series (Cup Series) practice sessions. Saturday's events will feature NASCAR Xfinity Series (Xfinity Series) practice, Cup Series qualifying to set the field for that day's race, a 150-mile Gander Trucks race and a 325-mile Cup Series race. Xfinity Series Qualifying, the Pocono Green 225 Recycled by J.P. Mascaro & Sons Xfinity Series race and a 350-mile Cup Series race, with the starting field being set by a lead-lap invert based on the finishing order from Saturday's Cup race, rounds out the bucket-list motorsports week on Sunday.

Michigan Int'l Speedway

BROOKLYN, MI - Michigan International Speedway is adding two new campgrounds in 2020 to enhance the guest experience. The prime locations of the new campgrounds will allow guests convenient access to the fan plaza and grandstands at NASCAR's Most Entertaining Track.

The High Banks Campground includes:

- New 30 amp electric service and nonelectric 35' x 45' campsites allowing for tents, pop-up campers, RVs and motor coaches. The High Banks Camping Package that includes a campsite, two grandstand tickets for all three days of on-track action and two Pit/Driver Introduction Passes starts at \$533 for nonelectric sites and \$703 for electric campsites. The campground will open Monday of race week at 9 a.m.

- Glamping combines the idea of camping and luxury to create a unique experience in a fully furnished tent. The track has created three glamping options in the High Banks Campground starting at \$988. The package includes the campsite, glamping-set up, two grandstand tickets for all three days of on-track action and two Pit/Driver Introduction Passes.

The Turn 4 Campground includes:

- New 30 amp electric service 35' x 45' paved campsites making it the perfect spot for RVs, motor coaches and pop-ups. Prices start at \$683 for a campsite, two grandstand tickets for all three days of on-track action and two Pit/Driver Introduction in the Turn 4 Campground. Guests can enter at 9 a.m. on Monday of race week.

"We are excited to add two new campgrounds with electric service for our guests to choose from dur-

ing two great weekends of racing this summer," track President Rick Brenner said. "These campgrounds are located close to the fan plaza and grandstands, where the campers can enjoy entertainment in the fan plaza and during pre-race ceremonies."

Fans can visit www.mispeedway.com/camping or call 888-905-7223 to reserve their sites and seats today. If guests already have a campsite and tickets, they can call their ticket representative at 888-905-7223 to upgrade their order.

The free Saturday post-race concert is moving to the fan plaza in 2020 with the addition of the High Banks Campground. The Saturday concert is free to every Saturday and Sunday ticket holder. In addition, the concert will end with a fireworks show that will light up the night sky.

Tickets start at \$39 for the Fire-Keepers Casino 400 on June 7 and the Consumers Energy 400 on Aug. 9. Fans can find the perfect campsite for their families and friends in any of the different campgrounds at the track starting at \$160. Campers have the option to move into select campgrounds on Thursday of race week starting at \$130. Fans can visit www.mispeedway.com or call 888-905-7223 to get the best deals.

Kids 12 and under are admitted free on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays, kids 12 and under tickets start at \$20. Kids 12 and under can attend three days of NASCAR action for just \$20, ensuring families a weekend of fun at affordable prices.

Any guest who purchases a kids 12 and under ticket to the Fire-Keepers Casino 400 on June 7 or the Consumers Energy 400 on Aug. 9 will automatically receive a Free Kids Pit and Driver Introduction Pass added to their order courtesy of Henry Ford Health System.

Nestled in the lush Irish Hills of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan International Speedway is NASCAR's fastest racetrack. It has been the love of NASCAR racing and the thrill of a great time for race fans and drivers alike for more than 50 years.

Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS - Country music artist Lauren Alaina will kick-off the May 31 NASCAR Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway in a pre-race concert.

Her sophomore album, Road Less Traveled, landed on multiple

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"Best Of" lists including Billboard, Rolling Stone and Amazon and it became the top-streamed female country release of 2017. She released new music last year with the songs "Getting Good," "Ladies in the '90s." and "The Other Side."

Alaina was named the 2018 ACM New Female Vocalist of the Year and took home the CMT Collaborative

Video of the Year Award for "What Ifs," the four-time platinum selling No. 1 hit with childhood friend Kane Brown. She is also one of CMT's Next Women of Country and received her first CMT Music Award for Breakthrough Video of the Year with her No. 1 hit "Road Less Traveled."

She has shared the stage with Alan Jackson, Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan, Martina McBride and Jason Aldean and just completely sold out her first ever headlining tour, THAT GIRL WAS ME. She also rejoins Blake Shelton's tour this year.

Tickets for Kansas Speedway's first NASCAR Cup Series race of the season on May 31 are currently available by calling 866.460.RACE (7223), online at www.kansasspeedway.com or at the Kansas Speedway Ticket Office. Tickets for the May 30 NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race are also on sale.

Kansas Speedway, a premier motorsports facility in the Midwest, hosts two NASCAR race weekends a year, in addition to hosting approximately 200 other events throughout the year. Kansas Speedway's first race weekend of the season is in May with the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series and NASCAR Cup Series. In the fall, the NASCAR playoffs return in with the NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Cup Series. To purchase season or single day tickets, call 866.460.RACE (7223) or log onto www.kansasspeedway.com.

General parking is always free at Kansas Speedway and fans can bring in one 14x14x14-inch soft-sided cooler with their favorite food and beverages.

Fans can follow Kansas Speedway on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kansasspeedway, Twitter (@kansasspeedway) and

Instagram ([kansasspeedway](https://www.instagram.com/kansasspeedway)).

Daytona Int'l Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - In a response to fans' increased interest in road-course races, Daytona International Speedway announced today that the Busch Clash At DAYTONA will move to the speedway's 3.56-mile road course and be held under the lights on Tuesday, Feb. 9, making the annual preseason NASCAR Cup Series event one of the most unique in all of motorsports.

The 2021 Busch Clash at DAYTONA, an exhibition-style event, will be held on the same course as the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA and the DAYTONA 200, North America's premier races for sports cars and motorcycles, respectively. Road-course racing has always been a vital component on the speedway calendar, with the Rolex 24 first held in 1962 as a three-hour race called the Daytona Continental while the DAYTONA 200 moved off the old Daytona Beach-Road Course to the speedway in 1961.

"The famed road course at Daytona has a long and storied history with sports cars and motorcycles, and now we can write a new chapter on it with stock cars," NASCAR Vice President of Racing Development Ben Kennedy said. "Fans coming to the track will get to see six consecutive days of exciting NASCAR action, with no two days being the same."

In contrast to the tightly packed competition on the speedway's famed 2.5-mile high-back-tri-oval, the reimagined Busch Clash will utilize approximately three-quarters of the tri-oval along with the challenging infield portion of the road course. That translates into 12 turns instead of the usual four.

"Having driven on the road course at Daytona in the Rolex 24, I know how difficult the circuit can be," said NASCAR Hall of Famer and current FOX NASCAR analyst Jeff Gordon. "It will present a real challenge to the drivers and teams, and I'm looking forward to calling what I believe will be a lot of action from the booth."

That challenge entails the high-speed entrance into Turn 1, as drivers dive left off the front straight to begin the twists and turns the infield offers, including the east and west Horseshoe turns and the trick negotiation of the back stretch chicane prior to a climb back atop the bank in Turn 3.

"NASCAR fans have asked for more road-course competition and the industry is listening," Daytona

International Speedway President Chip Wile said. "With the talent level the Busch Clash brings to the table, the race will now clearly have its own look and feel during DAYTONA Speedweeks Presented By AdventHealth in 2021 and beyond.

"The new placement on the Speedweeks schedule also adds to the anticipation. That switch will make for a fuller Speedweeks calendar. Fans also will have the opportunity to engage in a festive infield atmosphere, similar to the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, with many prime viewing opportunities."

The Busch Clash At DAYTONA was held for the 42nd consecutive time on Sunday, February 9, featuring NASCAR Cup Series pole winners and playoff participants from the previous season, former Busch Clash champions and former DAYTONA 500 champions and pole winners who competed full time in 2019.

"Busch Beer is excited to play an integral role in this historic shift for NASCAR and its fans," said Nick Kelly, vice president partnerships, beer category and community, Anheuser-Busch. "Moving the Busch Clash to Daytona's road course will differentiate the event from every other race during DAYTONA Speedweeks and drive even more attention to the first NASCAR Cup Series race of 2021."

"We know how passionate our viewers are about both Daytona International Speedway and road course racing," said Brad Zager, FOX Sports Executive Producer, EVP/Head of Production & Operations. "Additionally, fans have been craving mid-week races. These changes to the 2021 opening slate of races will provide new and unique story-telling opportunities when we kick off the season on FOX Sports."

In addition to the changes to the Busch Clash, it was also announced the Lucas Oil 200 Driven By General Tire ARCA Menards Series season-opening race shifts to Saturday, Feb. 13, as part of a doubleheader with the NASCAR Xfinity Series race, the NASCAR Racing Experience 300.

DAYTONA 500 Qualifying Presented By Kroger will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 10, to set the front row for the DAYTONA 500. The Bluegreen Vacations Duel at DAYTONA qualifying races will remain on Thursday night, Feb. 11, followed by the NextEra Energy 250 to open the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series season on Friday night, Feb. 12.

Tickets for the 63rd annual DAY-

TONA 500, the 43rd annual Busch Clash and all other speedway events can be purchased online at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP. Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube and Snapchat, and by downloading Daytona International Speedway's mobile app, for the latest Speedway news throughout the season.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Before the green flag drops on this year's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, 7-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson and Voices of Service will play key roles in the pre-race festivities.

Johnson - who is making his final start at Atlanta Motor Speedway as a full-time NASCAR Cup Series competitor - will be the grand marshal of the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 on March 15. That means once the field of starters for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 have strapped into their cars, Johnson will give the command to start engines from the cockpit of his No. 48 Chevrolet.

When the 500-mile race begins, Johnson will be pursuing his sixth victory on the historic 1.54-mile oval. Johnson's five victories at AMS are the most among active drivers.

Before Johnson utters the most famous words in motorsports, Voices of Service will perform Sunday's National Anthem. Popularized by their appearance on America's Got Talent, Voices of Service is an acapella group composed of veteran and active military service members.

Tickets and camping locations for the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway March 13-15 are available now by calling 877-9-AMS-TIX or visiting www.atlantamotorspeedway.com.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - At the dawn of its 24th season as one of the world's premier sites for motorsports, Texas Motor Speedway went live Tuesday with the new [texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com) in a move meant to improve the fan experience both before and after arriving for the speedway's many events.

With an emphasis on ease of use, the new [texasmotorspeedway.com](http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com) is streamlined for what

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race fans desire: speed. Specific tabs for ticket information, events, camping, and media, as well as an all-inclusive Fan Guide and information about business opportunities that provide the ability to get where you're going with a single click.

For the first time, camping in No Limits, Texas, can be accessed from its own tab. The thousands of

fans who love to spend their weekend (or even their entire week) on the grounds of Texas Motor Speedway no longer need to waste time scrolling and hunting through tabs to find their destination. The Camping tab at the top of the page immediately redirects them to call/text a TMS Ticket Office representative to close the deal. Within the tab is information about any kind of camping race fans are interested in: from pup tents to party zones, family friendly to backed up along the speedway's backstretch in Burnout Alley.

Another fan-friendly item highlighted on the homepage is the Fan Guide. Within this tab are two need-to-see areas for both first timers and long timers ready to attend TMS, the "Need to Know" and the "At the Track" sections. Found within are race weekend schedules, information about the always free parking at TMS, weekend driver appearance locations and times, a race fan checklist and more.

For the cherry on top, fans need only look to the upper-right corner of the screen for the countdown clock to the next big race. The O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 is a mere 24 days away.

For tickets to the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 NASCAR tripleheader weekend, call 817.215.8500.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - As Charlotte Motor Speedway gears up for an action-packed 60th anniversary season, America's Home for Racing is doubling down on its "Fans First" mantra with a bevy of new enhancements designed to deliver the ultimate race day experience for fans during the biggest back-to-back weekends in motorsports.

As fans look ahead to the NASCAR All-Star Race and Coca-Cola 600 weekends in May, here's

a look at five fabulous fan enhancements coming in 2020:

VIP All-Star Garage Experience: New for 2020, fans can get the ultimate access to drivers, cars and crews with exclusive entry into the Cup Series garage on All-Star race day before the track goes hot. The VIP All-Star Garage Experience includes premium grandstand tickets for the N.C. Education Lottery 200 on May 15 and the NASCAR All-Star Open and All-Star Race on May 16. Additionally, the package includes a scanner rental, stage-front access to the Chris Janson pre-race concert and a driver intro pass (All-Star Race only).

Enhanced Grandstand Seating: Newly installed food and beverage trays will greet fans throughout the frontstretch grandstands this May. The new enhancements not only provide visitors added room to accommodate beverages and snacks, they also create ample leg room and storage for coolers, purses and souvenirs. In addition, select seating areas will feature new, breathable mesh seating surfaces for added fan comfort.

Speedway Marketplace: A new concept in concessions at Charlotte Motor Speedway, fans will enjoy a first-of-its-kind grab-and-go concession stand as part of the latest facility modernization efforts. Located on the General Motors concourse, the new stand will offer fans a quick and easy alternative for snacks, beverages and more, getting them back to their seats without missing a minute of the action on the track. In addition to refreshing Coca-Cola, ice-cold water and beer, fans will have their choice of chips, candy and other pre-packaged snacks.

Improved Infield Public Address System: Whether camping in the infield or visiting for the pre-race pit party, fans won't miss a beat thanks to the newly upgraded public address system being installed throughout the infield. From pre-race concerts and Trackside Live to Speedway TV programming, the sounds of NASCAR weekends will come to life with the addition of 60 powerful new infield speakers. Suite guests will also reap the benefits as the upgrades will allow for added control and amplification for improved sound quality. The project will be fully integrated into last year's upgrades, which saw 228 new speakers added throughout the grandstands and concourse.

Every Ticket is a Pit Pass: When asked how their race-day experience could be improved, "access" is among race fans' most common

replies. Charlotte Motor Speedway has answered the call in 2020 with a first-of-its-kind program that makes every grandstand ticket a pit pass for the NASCAR All-Star Race on May 16. What that means for fans: before the track goes hot, fans will have access to the frontstretch infield for Trackside Live driver appearances, access to Chris Janson's high-energy, pre-race concert and access to cars racing in the All-Star Open minutes before they take to the track for a bumper-banging, last-chance qualifier to make the All-Star field.

TICKETS: To purchase tickets, camping and race-day upgrades to the NASCAR All-Star Race or Coca-Cola 600 race weekends, visit www.charlottemotorspeedway.com or call 800-455-FANS (3267).

FOLLOW US: Keep track of all of Charlotte Motor Speedway's events during its 60th anniversary season by following on Twitter and Instagram or become a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

MIAMI, FL - The U.S. Census Bureau and Homestead-Miami Speedway announced today the name of the track's Saturday, March 21 NASCAR Xfinity Series™ race – the 2020CENSUS.GOV 300. The race coincides with the timing of when most households in the United States begin receiving an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

The 2020CENSUS.GOV 300 will be broadcast nationally on FS1, and is headlined by Dale Earnhardt Jr. who retired from the NASCAR Cup Series in 2017.

Attendees at the 2020CENSUS.GOV 300 will be invited to learn more about the 2020 Census and how to respond. The Census Bureau will also be on site for the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series™ race on Friday and the Dixie Vodka 400 Cup Series race on Sunday.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The 2020 Census will count everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020 (Census Day). Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years. Starting

March 12, households will be able to respond online, by phone or by mail.

Tickets for the NASCAR weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway are now available and can be purchased by calling (866) 409-RACE (7223) or visiting www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com. The weekend includes the Dixie Vodka 400 (Sunday, March 22), the 2020CENSUS.GOV 300 (Saturday, March 21) and the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series race (Friday, March 20).

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Like a finely tuned diesel engine, Sidney H. Poynter's K-5 students started the year off slow but have since revved their reading engines, racing to the top spot in Turn 3 of this year's Texas Motor Speedway Speeding to Read competition.

The lone remaining school from last year's competition, Poynter (Crowley ISD) had 160 of its 183 participating students (87.4 percent) meet their goals of 300 minutes read (K-2) or 500 minutes read (3-5) during the Turn.

Poynter started the year seventh out of the program's eight schools with a 23-percent success rate, raised that total dramatically to 71 percent in Turn 2, and did it again for their best quarter since joining Speeding to Read.

Of the seven other schools representing four ISDs across DFW, Turn 1 winner Rosemont Park (Fort Worth ISD) was second at 62 percent, and Turn 2 winner Brandenburg Intermediate (Duncanville ISD) was third with 47.6% of its fifth graders getting their 500 minutes.

In all, 1,074 students from grades K-5 met their goals, and each of them receives a voucher for Texas Motor Speedway Uncaged, an event at the Fort Worth Zoo featuring NASCAR drivers interacting with fans and exotic animals. They also take home a motorsports-themed prize.

In the overall standings deciding the year's champion school, Brandenburg (62.8 percent) holds a slight edge over Rosemont Park (57.4 percent), with Poynter (49 percent) still in play. The final Turn of the school year ends April 23.

Other schools participating in Turn 3 include: Fairmeadows Elementary and Hyman Elementary from Duncanville ISD, George C. Clarke Elementary and W.M. Green Elementary from Fort Worth ISD, and Parkway Elementary of Lewisville ISD.

Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC – New Hampshire racer Cody LeBlanc hopes to ride the tides of March into victory lane in the 4-Cylinder Nationals, set to commence on Saturday, March 21st at Carteret County Speedway.

LeBlanc, 27, from Berlin, New Hampshire, finished second in the 2018 running of the 4-Cylinder Nationals. He was one of the

over 40 drivers who intended to compete in the race last November before the event was rained out and pushed back to March 21st. Now, the veteran racer is coming back to the beaches of Carteret County in the spring with redemption on his mind.

“A win would be huge redemption,” LeBlanc said. “I feel, in 2018, we had the best car and it showed. Losing that race with a pinhole in the right rear was devastating. I’m excited to give it another shot; these are some of the best Mini-Stock drivers in the country.”

LeBlanc dominated the inaugural 4-Cylinder Nationals race back in November 2018 which was eventually won by Adam Resnick. That performance gives him confidence that he can win despite coming with a different car than he ran in 2018.

“I’m feeling more confident this time after having experienced the first one in 2018,” LeBlanc stated. “I’m not as confident in the car because it’s a completely different car from the one we had so much success in. It’s a survival race and these cars aren’t meant to be pushed hard for 100 laps.”

For LeBlanc, the trip is all business – hard work that could pay off with a \$2,000 payday.

“We’ll fly in on Thursday and head to Brandon Clements’ shop to go through the car and make changes after we struggled at Southern National last weekend,” LeBlanc said. “Friday, we plan on getting as much practice as we can, get some laps in during the warm weather to see how it runs in qualifying, then run some laps later on in the cooler temperatures.”

While many other drivers struggle to adapt, Carteret County Speedway’s flat, bumpy surface is similar to many of the tracks LeBlanc races in New England.

“Carteret is very similar to every



Cody LeBlanc hopes to shine in the upcoming 4-Cylinder Nationals starting on March 21st at Carteret County Speedway. (CCS photo)

track in Maine, flat with sweeping corners,” LeBlanc explained. “The toughest part is that with inside walls, making it difficult to avoid any spins or wrecks in front. The majority of our tracks have a minimal amount of walls inside and out which can give you an escape route.”

LeBlanc is entering his 18th season of racing in a career that has netted 14 feature race wins, numerous heat race wins, and three championships. Following in the footsteps of his father, Jean LeBlanc, Cody began racing at the age of 10 and has raced Mini-Stocks, four-cylinder pickups, and Pro Late Models. He won a Strictly Stock Mini championship at White Mountain Motorsports Park champion and won the Northeast (NEMST) Mini Stock Tour and NEMST Maine Triple Crown championships in 2018 while also winning the Northeast Touring Division Driver of the Year award.

“I got started in 2003 at 10-years-old in a four-cylinder pickup truck division,” LeBlanc commented. “From then on, I’ve gone up and down the short track ranks, from stock four cylinders to Pro Late Models. My dad started racing in the 1980s until about 2008 when he moved into an official’s role. He’s the reason I got into it.”

The second running of the 4-Cylinder Nationals will commence at 4pm on Saturday, March 21st. Tickets for the race are available at the gate for \$15 for adults and \$10 for active-duty military or retired military veterans (w/ ID). Kids 10 and under are admitted free.

For more information about Bobby Watson’s Carteret County Speedway, visit the track’s official website at www.carteretspeed-

[way.com](http://www.carteretspeedway.com), “like” Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter and Instagram.

Franklin County Speedway

Racing in Virginia will officially kick off on Sunday, March 15th at 2:30pm at Franklin County Speedway in Callaway, VA with a race dubbed the Star City Stunner and promoted by Moonshine Capital Promotions.

The event will be the first official race in the state of Virginia for 2020 and will feature the first-ever Mini Stock Tour race. The new touring series for Mini Stock and modified four-cylinder cars, which have grown to be the largest car counts at many regional tracks. The new series which was created by Moonshine Capital Promotions founder Langley Austin and will be a part of a few events at Franklin County Speedway this season.

The “Star City Stunner” name for the season opener is a way for the track and race fans to honor the closest city to Callaway, which is Roanoke. Roanoke has several

nicknames but the most recognizable, the Star City, is a nod to the Mill Mountain Star which is iconic to tourists and locals alike. Event promoter Langley Austin says it’s important to recognize the communities around the track.

“Calling our business Moonshine Capital Promotions was the start of us recognizing what this community is all about,” Austin explained. “Everyone knows that Franklin County is the moonshine capital of the world, just like everyone knows Roanoke as the Star City. We’re embracing the community in many ways this season and this is just one of them.”

The Star City Stunner will feature two headline shows with a 60-lap Limited Late Model feature and the previously mentioned inaugural race for the Mini Stock Tour, which will compete for 50-laps and \$1,000 to win. Austin knows it’s important to give fans more bang for their buck.

“I think the fans who come to our events know that we’re doing everything we can to put on the best show,” Austin said. “This event will be no different. We looked at how things are in this racing region and felt we could draw a good field of Limited cars and with us launching the Mini Stock Tour this season, we knew it’d be a perfect double-header.”

That’s not all the racing that will take place on the high banked 3/8 mile track on Sunday, March 15th as the Limiteds and Mini Stocks will be joined by four additional divisions which will make for a full evening of racing action. The Chargers, Compacts, Stock4’s and Any Cars will all compete during this event.

This will be the first of several planned events by Austin and his Moonshine Capital Promotions team for 2020 and Austin says he hopes to release a season schedule in the coming weeks.

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A stout field of Charger cars lined up and ready to race during the Southern Turkey Derby at Franklin County Speedway last November. (STEVE CURTISS photo)

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“Everyone has been asking how many races we’re going to have this season and I’m excited to finally be able to say that it’ll be more than one,” Austin stated. “We really weren’t sure what we were going to do this year. Running a race track might be my dream job but it’s not the greatest business model in the world. My wife Kimberly and I love

Franklin County Speedway though and we’re going to continue to do all we can to put events on what I think is the best race track anywhere.”

Moonshine Capital Promotions and Franklin County Speedway will have a race car on display during the MDA Car Show in Roanoke, VA, along with information about the upcoming season during the three-day event at the Berglund Center.

For more information on the Star City Stunner event on Sunday, March 15th or additional events that may take place at Franklin County Speedway under the direction of Moonshine Capital Promotions this season can visit our website at www.FCSpeedway.com or call/text Langley Austin at 276.613.4208.

Hickory Motor Speedway

A familiar sound rang out through the Catawba Valley on Saturday as engines roared to life at Hickory Motor Speedway to start off their 70th season of exciting racing action. The offseason would bring an exciting announcement as Nitro Lubricants would come on board and offer a \$25,000 bonus to any regular NASCAR Whelen All American Series Hickory Motor Speedway Late Model driver who would go on to win the NASCAR National Championship. The season opening Twin 40 lap features would begin the quest with Round 1 for the Nitro Lubricants bonus.

Leading off the evening’s racing activities would be the first of the twin 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models. Charlie Watson in the #9 would set fast time and start from the top spot with 2019 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion Thomas Beane in the #31 lining up on the outside of the front row. Matt Piercy, 2015 Hickory Motor Speed-

way Track Champion in the #25, and 2017 Hickory Motor Speedway Track Champion, Ryan Millington in the #15 would make up row two for the green flag. As the green flag would fly, the front row would be side by side for the first couple laps as Watson would eventually use the preferred inside line to pull ahead to the lead. Piercy would follow Watson and move under Beane to take the second spot. Beane would settle in on Piercy’s bumper with Matt Leicht in the #2 moving up to fourth. Lap twenty would see Piercy pull alongside Watson in his pursuit for the top spot. The front duo would battle for several laps until the caution would fly on lap 25 with the cars of Mitch Walker in the #29, Annabeth Barnes-Crum in the #12, and Dexter Canipe Jr in the #5 all receiving damage. Canipe would be the only car to retire from the event. Watson and Piercy would pace the field to the green flag. The lead pair would go right back where they left off with a furious door to door battle for the top spot. Watson and Piercy would battle for the top spot over the next five laps until the caution would once again fly on lap 30 when Sam Butler in the #81 would come to a stop in turn three. Butler’s night would come to an early and sideline him for the rest of the evening. Watson and Piercy would bring the field back to the green flag with ten laps to go for the win. Battles would rage throughout the field but all eyes would be glued to the front duo as they would battle furiously for the win. Piercy would lead his first lap on the 39th revolution and pull ahead of Watson down the backstretch on the final lap. As the lead duo would come off the final corner Watson would make contact with Piercy and resulting in both cars spinning in front

of the field. Fortunately, no other cars would be collected as the field would go to caution instead of checkers. Beane and Millington would lead the field to the restart for a green-white-checker finish. The lead duo would not disappoint and battle door to door for the win in another epic photo finish. Millington would take the win in a great race by two feet. Beane would finish 2nd with Chris Hudspeth in the #28 working his way up to finish 3rd. Taylor Satterfield in the #40 would finish 4th and Leicht would come home in 5th.

The Street Stocks would be the next to hit the track for their 30 lap feature. Jesse Clark in the #5 would qualify first and start from the point with Mark Whitten in the #77 to his outside. Ethan Johnson in the #2 and Kevin Eby in the #03 would make up the second row. Clark would move to the early lead with Whitten close behind. Eby would move to third but face a constant battle with Johnson pressuring him for the position. Derek Fowler in the #31 would move up to Johnson’s bumper to make it a three way battle for third. Clark would hang on and be the first to take the checkered flag. Whitten would finish 2nd with Kevin Eby in the #03 in 3rd. Fowler would finish 4th and Johnson would finish 5th.

Next up would see the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models rolling off for their 35 lap battle royal. The front row would see fast timers Josh Kossek in the #44 and Chase Janes in the #47 starting up front. Row two would be made up of Todd Midas in the #50 and Zachary Dabbs in the #23 for the green flag. Kossek would move to the early lead with Janes close in tow. Midas and Dabbs would go nose to tail and face a charge by the #00 of Kyle Barnes.

Contact would send Dabbs spinning and bring out the caution on lap 4. All cars would be able to continue with minimal or no damage. Kossek and Janes would bring the field back to the green on the restart. Kossek would drive back to the lead as the battle for third would rage between Midas and Barnes. Barnes would take the spot and start looking for more. Lap 11 would see Barnes move around Janes for second position on the track. The battle for third would be a four way affair between Janes, Dabbs, Midas, and the #88 of Joshua Gobble. The caution would fly on lap 17 with debris on the track as a fender came off of Gobble’s hot rod and landed in turn one. Kossek and Barnes would bring the field to the green flag on the restart. After several laps of side by side battle Kossek would move back to the point. The caution would fly with a spin in turn one. Everyone would be able to continue. Kossek and Barnes would pace the field once again to the green flag. Kossek would move to the top spot as a three wide battle rage behind him for third between Gobble, Janes, and Midas. Contact would send Gobble spinning and bring out the caution on lap 20. The front row would see Kossek and Barnes for the green flag. Kossek and Barnes would battle side by side when contact between the two would send Kossek up the track. Kossek would maintain control of his car and the lead. Kossek would drive on to the win. Barnes would finish 2nd and Midas would take 3rd. Skyler Chaney in the #17 would finish 4th and Andy Holt in the #00 would come home in 5th.

The Carolina Custom Golf Carts Super Trucks would be the next to roar to life with their 35 lap slugfest. The front row would be made up of Charlie Watson in the #9 with Robert Tyler in the #88 to his outside. Joey Shuryan in the #30 and Zach Hale in the #97 would make up row two for the start. Tyler would take the high side and drive to the lead. Shuryan would face a challenge for third by the #28 of Dennis Trivette. Contact on lap 5 would send Shuryan spinning. Tyler and Watson would lead the field to the green flag. Watson would use the high side to take the lead but get pressure constantly from Tyler. The caution would fly on lap 11 as Hale would spin after contact with Shuryan. All competitors would be able to continue and Watson and Tyler would lead the field to the green flag once again. Watson

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Ryan Millington (behind the trophy) gathers with family and crew twice Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway after taking both Late Model races. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

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would drive back to the lead with Tyler close behind. Watson would hold on and drive to the win. Tyler would finish 2nd with Trivette finishing 3rd. Shuryan would finish 4th and Hale would finish 5th.

Closing out the night's racing action would be the second of the twin 40 lap features for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Models.

After the eight car invert from the finishing order of race one David Roberts in the #18 and Vince Midas in the #14 would make up row one. Row two would see Mason Ludwig in the #12 and Matt Leicht in the #2 side by side for the start. Midas would move to the early lead and bring Leicht with him. Taylor Satterfield in the #40 would work his way up to third and give battle for second. The battle for second would rage for ten laps until Leicht would nose back ahead for the position. Ryan Millington in the #15 would move around Satterfield for third position on lap 28 and around Leicht for second on lap 30. Midas would have the lead but Millington would be the man on a mission. Lap 35 would see Millington get to the leader's bumper and make his move to the inside. Millington would move to the lead on lap 38 and take the checkered flag on lap 40. Midas would finish 2nd and Leicht would finish 3rd. Beane would finish 4th and Satterfield would finish 5th.

Next week Hickory Motor Speedway will be back in action with full slate of racing scheduled including another exciting Twin 40 lappers for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series

In two weeks the CARS Tour comes back to America's Most Famous Short Track for the Tel-Med Race Face 300 presented by Cloer Construction.

For more information check us out a www.hickorymotorspeedway.com, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or call at 828-464-3655.

Lincoln Speedway

ABBOTTSTOWN, PA - Pole-sitter Billy Dietrich and Alan Krimes shared the front row of the 25-lap feature on a sunny March afternoon. Brandon Rahmer and Kyle Moody made up the second row.

Dietrich took the lead when the

green flag dropped with Brandon Rahmer moving into second and Krimes running third. A three way battle for fourth was under way between Brett Michalski, Brock Zearfoss and Moody.

Zearfoss took the fourth spot and started to reel in Krimes using the high line around the track.

Zearfoss got by Krimes for third out of turn 2 on lap 4. The caution came out on lap 5 for Anthony Macri who got turned around in turn 4. Macri rejoined the field for the restart.

Dietrich's 1.756 second lead over Brandon Rahmer was erased with the caution. Dietrich led Brandon, Zearfoss, Krimes and Freddie Rahmer for the single file restart.

Dietrich went low into turn 1 while Brandon rode through the middle of the turns. Dietrich held off Rahmer, but Brandon remained within striking distance. Rahmer tried the middle of the turns again on the next lap and was running side by side with the leader coming out of turn 2.

While Dietrich was holding off Rahmer, Krimes got back by Zearfoss for third on lap 7. Zearfoss got the spot back on the next lap.

The second caution of the race came on lap 8 for Chad Trout who got spun around in the same spot as Macri did earlier in the race in turn 4.

Brandon Rahmer had Dietrich's lead down to .223 seconds when the caution came out for Trout.

Dietrich got a much better jump on the restart and was able to pull away from Rahmer leaving him to fend off Zearfoss.

Rahmer pulled away from Zearfoss when Krimes came back into the picture. Krimes was hugging the inside guardrail through the

turns while Zearfoss went to the top making it a close battle for third.

Freddie Rahmer joined the battle at the front of the field and went to work on Krimes for fourth.

Brandon was reeling Dietrich in, gaining .2 seconds a lap on the leader.

Freddie moved into fourth on lap 15 after getting by Krimes. Freddie Rahmer went right to work on Zearfoss for third and took the spot on lap 17.

Brandon made the move to the high line around the track while Dietrich stayed on the bottom. The decision to move up the track allowed Rahmer to make a successful pass for the lead coming out of turn 4 on lap 19. Rahmer got by Dietrich just as the leaders were catching the tail end of the field.

While Freddie was working on Billy for second, Zearfoss was holding off a challenge by Danny Dietrich for fourth.

Zearfoss was still running the top while holding off Dietrich as he ran the bottom.

Brandon took the white flag with a 1.175 second lead over Billy, Freddie, Zearfoss and Danny. The last lap was action packed with Danny taking the fourth spot coming out of turn 2 and Freddie getting by Billy for second.

The top five at the line were Brandon Rahmer, Freddie Rahmer, Billy Dietrich, Danny Dietrich and Zearfoss. Two sets of brothers finished in the top four, with the Rahmer Brothers finishing first and second and the Dietrich brothers finishing in the third and fourth spots.

410 Sprint Car heat winners were Alan Krimes, Billy Dietrich and Brock Zearfoss.

Cale Thomas had engine trou-

bles in hot laps and was unable to compete in the racing action as the team did not have a back up engine at the track. Brian Montieth experienced engine issues despite his Consy win and opted to start and park the feature to avoid further damage.

Next Saturday, March 14, Lincoln Speedway is back in action with 410 Sprint Cars and the Central PA Legends. Racing starts at 2PM with pit gates opening at 11:30AM and grandstand gates opening at noon.

To get all the latest news, results, schedule changes and rule changes, visit Lincoln Speedway's website at <http://www.lincolnspeedway.com> to stay up-to-date on all the action or pending weather conditions at Central Pennsylvania's "Premier" Saturday night race track – The Fabulous Lincoln Speedway.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Selinsgrove and Williams Grove Speedways will join forces in 2020 to present The Civil War Super Late Model Series – North vs. South, presented by Modern Heritage of Mifflinburg, Pa., and RBS Auto & Trailer Sales of Eldersburg and McHenry, Md.

The inaugural series will consist of three races at each track, spanning April through August, carrying points for feature finishes that will award a premium to the champion at series' end and contingency prizes for finishers second through fifth in points.

Hooser Tire and Lias Tire American Racer will sponsor the series as well, joining forces with Modern Heritage and RBS Auto & Trailer Sales.

The Civil War Super Late Model Series, North vs. South, will kickoff on Friday, April 10 in the South, at Williams Grove Speedway when ULMS invades.

Ensuing southern Williams Grove dates will take place on June 5 as part of the Pennsylvania Super Late Model Challenge and on August 7.

In the North, Selinsgrove Speedway will pick up with the series when it hosts the Ron Keister Memorial on May 16.

Action will continue in the North for a Summer Championship on July 25 and for the series finale in the August 15 Ultimate Northeast Showdown on Sand Hill.

Since opening in late 2019, Modern Heritage has quickly become a region leader in kitchen and bathroom custom design work



Brandon Rahmer keeps his wheels on the dirt at Lincoln Speedway to win the feature. (PAUL ARCH photo)

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and installation, "Creating Beautiful and Timeless Spaces."

Offering not only full design and installation services, Modern Heritage carries full lines of flooring and cabinetry for every customer's needs at its showroom located at 321 East Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania.

RBS Auto and Trailer Sales offers a wide selection of trailers

and haulers from 10 major manufacturers, featuring anything from car haulers to dump trailers and custom designed enclosed trailers.

RBS' inventory has something to suit every hauling need with over 150 trailers and haulers in stock. RBS offers delivery and competitive financing.

For a complete 2020 schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit the speedway's official website at www.selinsgrovespeedway.com or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook.

The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Season seats for all Selinsgrove Speedway events are now on sale on a first-come, first-serve basis, via the speedway office and by US Mail.

Seats may be purchased for the season in the wooden, covered grandstand, on the bleachers and on the lawn chair terrace.

Grandstand season seats are priced at \$40 each while all reserved seating within the bleachers and lawn chair terrace areas are priced at \$35 each. Seats are good for all 2020 one-half mile oval races.

Seats may be purchased in person at the speedway office on race days or by US Mail.

To order by mail, send check or money order, along with desired seat rows and numbers indicated, a self addressed stamped envelope and a contact phone number to: Selinsgrove Speedway, PO Box 275, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Selinsgrove Speedway.

An effort will be made to accommodate all orders with like or similar seats if requested seats are not available.

A complete layout of the speedway grandstand, bleacher and lawn chair seating areas can be viewed on the "Admission" page of the speedway website at www.selinsgrovespeedway.com.

Reserved seating areas are indicated in orange within the seating diagrams.

Seats are currently available in Grandstand Sections B, C, D and E as well as in limited quantities within the top two rows of the bleacher areas.

South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - South Boston Speedway's March 21 season-opening WhosYour Driver.org NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150/NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program will be one of the track's most exciting events of the season, and discounted advance tickets are now available.

Advance adult general admission tickets are priced at \$10 each for the WhosYourDriver.org NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150/NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program, an event that features a 150-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Late Model Stock Cars.

The advance tickets will be available until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Tickets may be purchased by calling the South Boston Speedway office at 434-572-4947 or toll free at 1-877-440-1540 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Children 12-and-under will be admitted free with a paying adult.

Adult general admission tickets will be \$15 each on race day.

"The advance tickets offer our race fans a true bargain," said South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice.

"The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competitors always put on a great show here, and there is always great racing in the NASCAR Late Model Stock Car Division. Fans will be able to see one of NASCAR's touring series and the region's Late Model stars all in one afternoon, making this one of the bigger events of the season."

The race day schedule for the season-opening WhosYourDriver.org NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150/NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s on Saturday afternoon, March 21, has practice running from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., grandstand gates opening at 11:30 a.m., and qualifying starting at 12 noon.

An autograph session is scheduled for 1 p.m., and the first race is

slated to get the green flag at 2 p.m.

The first official activity of South Boston Speedway's 2020 season comes a week prior to the WhosYourDriver.org NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour 150/NASCAR Late Model Twin 75s racing program.

On Saturday, March 14 South Boston Speedway will host its annual Open Practice/Media Day event, weather permitting. Fans will be admitted free and can watch the day's activities from the frontstretch grandstands and from the tailgate section on the backstretch.

The Open Practice Day schedule has registration and pit gates opening at 9 a.m. Practice will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with the pit area closing at 4 p.m.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Tom Fearn has been a dominant force in Stafford Speedway's Late Model division. In the last five years dating to the start of the 2015 season, the East Longmeadow, MA native has won 3 track championships and notched 40 wins out of a possible 97 races, a winning percentage of 41.2%. With Fearn filling an entry for the Call Before You Dig Pro Late Model Open 81, scheduled for May 29, it would be safe to assume that he and his #92 King Gray Coach Lines team would automatically be the favorite to take the checkered flag, but Fearn says not so fast to the favorite status.

"We're not necessarily the favorites," said Fearn. "Maybe we have an edge over everyone else in track experience but the car I have is an older car that hasn't been run in a while and I've never driven it before. We'll be racing against guys who race at other speedways around New England so they might have the upper hand on us but we'll give it our all and see what happens from there. Most of the those guys have plenty of experience and they're all very good drivers but we'll be up for the challenge."

Just as Fearn has become the dominant force in the Late Model division on Friday nights at Stafford, he is also the most decorated ProStock driver in Stafford's history. In the 11 seasons that Stafford ran ProStocks from 1990-2000, Fearn won 3 track titles and 17 races, more than any other driver in that span. Despite all his years of experience, Fearn will have to reacclimate himself with the ProStock style Late Model machine that he will bring to the CBYD Pro Late Model 81 on May 29.

"It's been quite a few years since I've driven a ProStock style of car so I'll be looking to get the same feel that I have in my Late Model," said Fearn. "There's quite a few differences between the two cars. I might have to change my driving style a little bit but with our experience at Stafford between me as the driver and the all the crew guys with the setup, I think we should be able to get the car pretty close. Our plan is to come to the open practice before the Sizzler and put some laps on the car and see where we are with the setup so we can be in better shape for race day."

The car Fearn will bring to the CBYD Pro Late Model 81 is an old Todd Owen car that was put together by Butch Shea, who was also Fearn's chassis builder from his ProStock days at Stafford in the '90s.



TOM FEARN

"I put this car together pretty much for this one race and if there's another Open Late Model race at Stafford then we'll run that too but I don't plan on racing this car anywhere else," said Fearn. "My primary focus is our Late Model program and I don't want to take anything away from that. We're not afraid to throw things at the car. Butch from Chassis Pro, who was my old chassis builder, will be helping us out a little and my car is an old Todd Owen car that he put together back in the day. It might be the oldest car in the field, but it's a good car. Each car has 4 tires, 4 shocks, and an engine so everyone has the same thing and we'll see if we can put ourselves into the top-5 and be a contender for the win. I feel like we have everything we need going into the race and we'll go from there."

Fearn and the Pro Late Model field will take to the track for the CBYD 811 Pro LM Open on Friday, May 29. For more information, visit www.staffordspeedway.com, checkout Stafford Speedway on Facebook or Twitter, or contact the track office at 860-684-2783.