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There is an “I” in Team When it Comes to Winning Races

Even on a perfect race day, Joe Gibbs knows at least three of his teams will lose. For every high-five and gulp of champagne in Victory Lane, there will be even more pacifying pats and sympathetic looks in the garage area.

But nothing stirs a race shop like a victory coming at the expense of a teammate.

The former NFL coach had to play competing roles again two weeks ago when Carl Edwards bumped Kyle Busch out of the way in the final turn to win at the Richmond International Raceway. Gibbs not only had to be the happy car owner in victory, he had to be disappointed for another driver in defeat.

“It’s a tough thing because it’s certainly painful for one side,” Gibbs said. “You’re on such a high with the other side. It’s a tough thing. You kind of know what we’ll do is kind of go to work and work our way through it.”

And it’s not the first time this year Gibbs has had to simultaneously deal with victory and defeat. Matt Kenseth was leading in the final turn of the season-opening Daytona 500 when Denny Hamlin ganged up with Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. to overpower him.

Hamlin went on to beat Truex in a photo finish, while Kenseth was shuffled back to a 14th-place finish.

Hamlin and Kenseth also drive for Gibbs.

“Coach said it: It is a tough thing,” Edwards said. “The double-edged sword of having great teammates is sometimes you have to race like that.”

Last Sunday’s race at the Talladega Superspeedway usually highlights the pros and cons of teammates working together. But it didn’t work out that way.

In what proved to be an every-man-for-himself Battle Royale, there were no teammates among the top seven finishers. The Gibbs cars worked together early in the race, but crashes and the typical Talladega shuffle meant nobody could count on anyone else.

But as long as car owners are al-

lowed to own multiple teams, difficult finishes among teammates are a certainty – especially since they’re expected to give each other more room despite an underlying competition to be the lead driver.

“I think when something like this happens, I don’t think there’s a game plan for it,” Gibbs said. “You have no real organized way of handling it. What you do is you start out and work your way through it.”



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Roger Penske, Rick Hendrick and Junior Johnson are a few of the other car owners who’ve had to deal with dueling teammates.

Penske did it in 2005 with Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman. Hendrick did it in 2010 with Jimmie Johnson and Jeff

Gordon. And Johnson did it in 1986 with Darrell Waltrip and Neil Bonnett.

The Wallace-Newman problems simmered throughout the season, but it boiled over in the stretch drive at the Martinsville Speedway. Wallace was running second, while Newman was third with six laps to go.

Newman then bumped Wallace out of the way.

“I don’t guess Rusty and I are on speaking terms right now,” Newman said at the time. “I know I was underneath him, and I know he came down on me. I wasn’t going to give him anything, so he got loose and lost a bunch of spots. Then he came up and hit me after the race. Our car was faster than his at the end. I’m not sure if he’s aware of that, but he will be.”

As Jimmie Johnson quickly rose to an elite level in NASCAR with his fourth of six championships, it may have come at the expense of Gordon. Both clearly wanted to be the alpha-male at Hendrick, and they let that rivalry get out of control.

The two ran into each other at the Texas Motor Speedway. Gordon smugly told his team over the radio: “Four-time [series champion] is a little upset. No, he just expects to be treated different than everybody else.”

A week later at the Talladega Superspeedway Johnson pulled down to block Gordon’s final-lap charge, forcing Gordon to pull out of line.

“The 48 [Johnson] is testing my



Teammates until it is time to win is the norm in racing. Here at Richmond International Raceway, race winner Carl Edwards (19) makes his way around teammate Kyle Busch (18) after giving him the Richmond tap for the pass. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)

patience, I can tell you that,” Gordon said. “It takes a lot to make me mad and right now I’m [p-oed].”

It was clear from the start Waltrip and Bonnett weren’t going to work as a tandem. The two combined to lead 104 of the final 160 laps at the North Carolina Motor Speedway before Bonnett eventually pulled away to lead the final 62.

After winning, Bonnett was asked if he had extra motivation to beat his teammate. His answer was terse:

“If I need motivation to beat him, somebody needs to kick me in the [rear].”

Like others before him, Edwards wasn’t willing to apologize for knocking his teammate out of the way. After all, he would expect Busch to do the same.

“You’re left as a racecar driver: What do we do here? We’re here to win the race,” Edwards said. “You can either finish first or second. It’s a tough decision. At this point in the season, we both got wins. Really it’s about just going out for trophies and having fun.

“But you can’t just sit there. If the roles were reversed, I’d expect him to bump me the same way. That’s hard racing.”

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Brad Keselowski Takes Checkers in Action-Filled Talladega Race

By REID SPENCER
TALLADEGA, AL - Taking control in the final three laps of Sunday's wreck-filled GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, Brad Keselowski claimed his fourth NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory at the

2.66-mile race track and solidified his spot in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup. So 'Thank you' to them. It's Talladega. This is my fourth win here. I never thought I'd win at Talladega four times, and I'm super-pumped. This is awesome."

In claiming the 19th victory of his career, Keselowski became the fourth two-time winner in the Sprint Cup series this season.

The race ended under caution, with Kyle Busch in second place and Austin Dillon bringing his battered No. 3 Chevrolet home in third as the survivor of two early crashes. McMurray ran fourth, one spot ahead of polesitter Chase Elliott, who worked his way up from ninth to fifth after the final restart.

Ty Dillon finished sixth after taking over for Tony Stewart under the first caution on Lap 51, a move that proved wise given the combination Stewart's recent recovery from a broken back and the chaos that followed late in the race. Clint Bowyer was seventh—his best result so far this year—and Kurt Busch was shuffled back to eighth on the final lap.

With drivers jockeying for position and making risky moves throughout the race—with a sense of urgency exacerbated by the threat of rain that never came—Sunday's event featured 10 cautions and more torn-up race cars than one can count on a full complement of fingers and toes.

and solidified his spot in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup.

Choosing the top lane for a restart on Lap 186 of 188, Keselowski powered his No. 2 Team Penske Ford past Kurt Busch with two laps left and crossed the finish line as a gaggle of cars wrecked behind him coming to the stripe.

"The last three or four restarts before that, the high lane had went, and as the leader a lot of it is out of your control," Keselowski said in Victory Lane. "You need the cars behind you to push and a couple of them they did and a couple they didn't. That's just part of racing, and there was nobody at fault with that.

"We actually lost the lead and got a better run. Jamie McMurray behind me gave me a great push, and then Kyle Busch gave me a push that was big to clear the 41 (Kurt Busch), and without those two I couldn't have made it to the front.



Race winner Brad Keselowski is pumped after surviving the race at Talladega and taking his fourth win of the season. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

There wasn't just one "Big One." There were three massive wrecks at Talladega on Sunday, with one melee on Lap 161 involving 21 cars, more than half the field. Kurt Busch ignited that accident by tapping Jimmie Johnson's bumper in the wrong place, turning Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet into Paul Menard's Chevy and triggering a wreck that ended with chassis strewn across the racing surface and on the infield grass.

On Lap 181, a 12-car chain-reaction incident took out hard-luck Matt Kenseth, who had led 39 laps, second only to Keselowski's 46.

Earlier, on Lap 96, Chris Buescher's No. 34 Ford took the brunt of a seven-car crash that ended with Buescher barrel-rolling three times after contact from

Michael Annett's Chevrolet.

"I thought we were clear of the wreck," Buescher said after leaving the infield care center. "I saw it happening in front of us and checked up, and the next thing I knew I was upside down.

"We felt we were decent this race. We were holding our own and waiting, but here we are. It's unfortunate. I really hate it for the guys."

By the time Buescher flipped, Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s winning chance already had evaporated. Fighting a loose handling condition in heavy traffic, Earnhardt lost control of his No. 88 Chevrolet on Lap 50 and wiped out Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kasey Kahne.

Earnhardt returned to the race only to be ridden into the Turn 1 wall when Carl Edwards' damaged Toyota blew a right front tire and shot up the track into Earnhardt's path.

That was a two-car incident, a small one relative to the multicar crashes that followed in the second half of the race, which, in true restrictor-plate racing fashion, produced 37 lead changes among 17 drivers.

"You know, it's just Talladega," Kyle Busch said, summing up the afternoon. "It is what it is. These cars, you try to get a little bit aggressive, start bumping people and pushing people, they're real easy to get out of control.

"I really don't know why we're bumping and pushing and everything else, because these cars, they go slower when you push. Makes a lot of sense. That's how stupid we are."

Keselowski might argue that point, because pushes from both McMurray and Busch got him to the front when it counted most.



Brad Keselowski (2) heads for the checkered flag as many in the field are taken out in yet another "big" one including Kevin Harvick (4) and others. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Elliott Sadler Ends Drought with Wild Win at Talladega

By **REID SPENCER**
TALLADEGA, AL - On his 41st birthday, Elliott Sadler got an unexpected present.

When Saturday's Sparks Energy 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series race ended under caution in over-

time with the front-runners just short of the finish line, Sadler had the lead, after Joey Logano's last-ditch attempt to block Sadler in the tri-oval ended with Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford plowing nose-first into the outside wall.

Brennan Poole got to the finish line first and thought he had won the race, until NASCAR officials reviewed the video of the finish and determined Sadler was ahead when the caution lights illuminated before Poole's No. 48 Chevrolet reached the stripe.

"It's a great birthday gift to me," said an emotional Sadler, who broke a 65-race winless streak dating to May 2014 at Talladega. "We really needed this win. I told everybody this morning, 'We've got the car to win this with. Things went our way, we had a little luck, and we were able to make it at the end.'"

The victory was Sadler's second in the series at Talladega and the 11th of his career, and it came with

a deft move as the cars roared into the tri-oval on the second overtime lap.

Logano had the lead and blocked Sadler's move to the outside. Sadler dived to the inside and contact between the cars sent Logano's Ford out of control. The two cars collided again, and Logano's No. 22 shot up into the wall, but Sadler was able to maintain control with his left-side tires on the infield grass and kept his JR Motorsports Chevrolet moving forward in the lead until NASCAR called the caution that ended the race.

"I was going to try to get to the outside of Joey," Sadler said. "He made a great block, I went back to the inside and then I just held it straight."

"I've had some races I've done some good driving and some I've probably done some bad, but I feel like that was one of the best saves I've ever made through the grass to keep it straight."

In fact, JR Motorsports got an unexpected double, because Justin Allgaier's JRM Chevy was inches ahead of Poole's car when the caution flew.

Poole took the disappointment with extremely good grace.

"I think I'm upbeat today because I had so much fun racing with everybody," he said. "It was



Elliott Sadler is all smiles as he puts his winning decal on his JR Motorsports #1 after being named the winner of the Sparks Energy 300 at Talladega Super Speedway, ending his winless drought and insuring him entry in the NASCAR XFINITY Chase. (MATT SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES photo)

just a blast. As I was waiting there (for the decision), I was thinking, 'Man, hopefully the caution didn't come out as early as I think it came out,' and I'm hoping we raced to the line."

"But at the same time, (I thought) hopefully NASCAR gets it right. I want the guy who deserves to win the race to be the winner and go by the rules. And according to the rules, Elliott was the winner. I can't be mad about it. It is what it is."

Logano likewise harbored no ill feelings toward Sadler, despite his hard crash into the outside wall.

"I know Elliott is a great speedway racer, and he knew what he had to do to win the race, and I knew what I had to do to try to keep him behind me," Logano said. "He

went to make the move on the top, and then he pulled it down to the bottom and got it underneath me, and then I was a little late to the block."

"He was already there. Around I went and hit a bunch of other stuff along the way."

Jeremy Clements finished fourth, a career best, as Chevrolets claimed the top six positions, with Brendan Gaughan fifth and Austin Dillon sixth.

Notes: Sadler leaves Talladega tied for the series lead with seventh-place finisher Daniel Suarez—and with a spot in the first NASCAR XFINITY Series Chase... The victory was the second straight for JR Motorsports, piggy-backing on Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s win last week in Richmond.



Joey Logano (22) takes a wild ride on the safer barrier wall after spinning out on the last last of the over-time finish in the NASCAR XFINITY Series race at Talladega. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)



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CARS - MISCELLANEOUS

Bobby Labonte Roller decked out with Decal Package – purchased from MWR. Chassis is 4 years old, has all suspension, rear calipers, fuel line, some oil lines, steering column, all windows, no dash; Chassis Center Section used for seat mounting

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Cindric Earns Hard Fought Victory; Wins In His NASCAR K&N Pro Series East Debut at VIR

ALTON, VA - Austin Cindric had the dream NASCAR K&N Pro Series East debut at VIRginia International Raceway.

The 17-year-old muscled his way to victory over a charging Justin Haley to capture the checkered flag at the 2.250-mile road course and his first NASCAR victory.

Cindric, the son of Team Penske President Tim Cindric, started in the top position after winning the 21 Means 21 Pole Award earlier in the day. He battled Haley and Noah

Gragson throughout the 55-Lap race for the lead and led a total of 29 laps.

The Mooresville, North Carolina, native also dominated the sole practice session of the day with a time of 87.792 seconds to almost break the track's qualifying record.

His trip to the winner's circle marked the second consecutive trip for his team, Martin-McClure Racing. A team owned by NASCAR XFINITY Series drivers Eric McClure and Hal Martin.

Haley and Austin Theriault finished second and third consecutively, while Kyle Benjamin and Ronnie Bassett Jr. rounded out the

top five.

Hunter Baize, Jairo Avila Jr., Ruben Garcia Jr., Brian Henderson and J.P Morgan completed the top

10.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series East will return to action on May 30 at Virginia's Dominion Raceway.



Austin Cindric and his crew chief Chris Carrier celebrate their win in Victory Lane at VIRginia International Raceway. (Bob Leverone/NASCAR photo)

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - While many in the professional football world are focused on the NFL Draft, Carolina Panthers Pro Bowl tight end Greg Olsen will lead a different kind of draft when he drives the Toyota Camry pace car prior to the unforgettable, action-packed May 21 NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race during the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder at Charlotte

Motor Speedway.

way in the past, but never in a dignitary role. Last season, the veteran tight end earned his second Pro Bowl nod after recording a career-high 1,104 receiving yards and seven touchdowns. Olsen's efforts helped the Panthers finish with a franchise-best 15-1 record in a season that also saw Carolina advance to Super Bowl 50.

Olsen joins linebacker Luke Kuechly as the second Panthers player in the last three years to pace the field prior to the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, a battle among NASCAR's biggest stars for a \$1 million prize and the sport's ultimate bragging rights.

Frontstretch tickets to the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race start at just two for \$99 and include a pre-race concert by triple-platinum recording artist Andy Grammer. Fans can purchase tickets, camping and race-day upgrades to the entire 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder at Charlotte Motor Speedway by calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267) or shopping online at www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

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Greg Olsen

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"Since arriving in Charlotte I have developed a great admiration for NASCAR and their athletes," Olsen said.

"Their concept of teamwork and commitment to excellence is second to none and I have a great deal of respect for the drivers and their teams. I am honored to be included in such an event and I am looking forward to driving the pace car to kick off the 2016 NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race."

Olsen, one of the NFL's premier pass catchers, is no stranger to NASCAR. For the past two years, the Charlotte, North Carolina, resident has participated in fundraising efforts with NASCAR Sprint Cup Series superstar Dale Earnhardt Jr. to support The Dale Jr. Foundation and The Greg Olsen Foundation's HEARTest Yard campaign.

Olsen has also attended race events at Charlotte Motor Speed-

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Dover International Speedway

DOVER, DE - NASCAR XFINITY Series star Erik Jones was on hand today at W.B. Simpson Elementary School in Wyoming, Del., to help announce the winner of the inaugural Monster Mile Youth Nation Design Challenge.

More than 100 fifth-graders lined the parking lot as Jones drove up in the official Dover International Speedway pace car,

which featured a design by one of their classmates, Sabrina Marelli.

Marelli's concept featured a yellow-base, a ladybug on the roof, a rainbow on the hood, and an orange-and-yellow checkered pattern in the back.

"All this attention is insane but really exciting," said Marelli, who was greeted by her mother, Jessica, and younger brother Jack, 8, a third-grader at W.B. Simpson. "I can't wait to see the cars on the track."

Jones, 19, will be one of the top contenders in the NASCAR XFINITY Series Dash 4 Cash race at the Monster Mile on Saturday, May 14, part of the upcoming May 13-15 NASCAR tripleheader weekend. After the pace car arrived, all attendees went inside the school for an assembly which was attended by more than 200 fourth- and fifth-graders.

A video featuring Jones' success from 2015, including his championship in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, was shown, and Jones took questions from the students, such as what his favorite subjects were in school (history and English), how fast he goes in his NASCAR XFINITY Series car (200-205 mph on certain tracks, 160-170 mph at Dover) and how old he was when he first started racing (go-karts at 7).

"I was fortunate my parents were able to support my racing career in a lot of ways," said Jones, who drives the No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing. "I was in the third grade when I started racing and I love it. I've been pretty lucky."

Almost 600 fifth-graders from 11 schools from across Delaware participated in the Monster Mile Youth Nation Design Challenge, which saw students draw designs for the Monster Mile's official pace car during national "Youth Art Month" in March.



Erik Jones poses with design winner Sabrina Marelli at W.B. Simpson Elementary School. (Dover Int'l Speedway photo)

The winning design, selected by a team from the Dover International Speedway marketing and communications departments, was placed on the pace car earlier this month.

Marelli's grand prize includes a VIP experience for the May 14 NASCAR XFINITY Series Dash 4 Cash race. Marelli will be on stage for NASCAR XFINITY Series driver introductions on Saturday, and she also received tickets for the "AAA 400 Drive for Autism" NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, May 15.

The May 13-15 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Dover International Speedway also includes a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on Friday, May 13.

For tickets or more information, call (800) 441-RACE or visit DoverSpeedway.com. You can also keep up with the Monster Mile at Facebook.com/DoverInternationalSpeedway, or on Twitter and Instagram at @MonsterMile.

Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, KS - NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Brad Keselowski, a past Kansas Speedway winner and NASCAR Champion, is scheduled to participate in a Q&A session in The Finish Line, Kansas Speedway's Fan Hospitality area on Saturday, May 7 at 4 PM.

Tickets to The Finish Line include the Truex Q&A session, a guided Garage and Pit Tour, free food and drink, and a great view overlooking Turn 1! Tickets for the weekend are \$225 and you must have a grandstand ticket to purchase.

Tickets are currently on sale for the Go Bowling 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on May 7, and the Toyota Tundra 250 NASCAR Camping World Truck

Series race on May 6. In October, the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series returns with the Hollywood Casino 400 on Oct. 16. The Kansas Lottery 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series race will take center stage on Oct. 15, while the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards championship race will run on Oct. 14. Tickets can be purchased online at www.kansasspeedway.com or by calling 866.460.7223.

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 at www.facebook.com/kansasspeedway or follow us on Twitter (@kansasspeedway).

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway and its food and beverage provider, Americrown Service Corp., are partnering for the second consecutive year to offer fans signature southern food items from the 1975-1984 era as part of the track's award winning throwback celebration.

All the items will be sold at or below five dollars.

The food items featured will be Brasington Bites, a Darlington Dog and Southern 500 Egg Roll. The track will also bring back the pimento cheese sandwich, which was popular with fans during the 2015 Bojangles' Southern 500 race weekend. The food as unveiled to the media at Talladega Superspeedway on Friday.

Below are the details of each item:

- Pimento Cheese Sandwich - \$3.00 -

Made with scratch-made Palmetto-style pimento cheese spread served on fresh white bread

- Brasington Bites - \$4.00 - Ground beef, diced onion, smoked gouda and Yancey's Fancy buffalo cheddar cheese rolled, breaded and deep fried

- Southern 500 Egg Roll - \$4.00 - Smoked pulled pork, blend of cheddar and Monterrey Jack cheeses, black eyed peas and collard greens wrapped in a tortilla and deep fried to a golden brown

- Darlington Dog - \$5.00 - All beef hot dog topped with BBQ chili, bread & butter pickle relish, Darlington white slaw, bacon bits and fried onions

All will be featured in concession stands across the track property for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 event weekend, scheduled for Sept. 2-4, 2016.

"We appreciate Americrown partnering with us for the second year to come up with these signature food items," Darlington Raceway President Chip Wile said. "These items embrace the history and culture of Darlington Raceway and the deep southern roots the track had in the 1975-1984 era, which we are celebrating during our throwback weekend."

All the signature food items have a southern flare with ties to the 1975-1984 era. The Brasington Bites for example are inspired by the Betty Crocker favorite, Hamburger Helper. Hamburger Helper was founded in 1971, but exploded in popularity in the late 1970's and early 1980's and is still popular in households today.

"The creation of signature food items for Darlington Raceway is something our chefs are really having a lot of fun with," Americrown Vice President Rishi Nigam said. "For the second consecutive year, we've developed food offerings that are fun and affordable for our fans, yet also ties to the historical time period of Darlington's celebration."

The Tradition Continues on Labor Day weekend as the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® is set for Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016. The NASCAR XFINITY Series VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016.

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You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway and on Twitter at Twitter.com/TooToughToTame. Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles' Southern 500 stories and memories at #TraditionContinues, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.

Michigan Int'l Speedway

BROOKLYN, MI - Michigan International Speedway has launched this year's Fan Appreciation program.

Through this summer's events at MIS, all guests have the opportunity to win prizes online at www.MISpeedway.com/goldenticket.

All guests who purchase a ticket to the any of the track's June 10-12 and Aug. 27-28 events including the FireKeepers Casino 400 or the Pure Michigan 400 may enter online for a chance to win. Guests in their party, even if they're not account holders, can also try.

"It's important we recognize our fans who choose to come to MIS," track president Roger Curtis said. "They allow us to make this a destination and there's no better way to say thank you than with the golden ticket. We are race fans and it is fun to offer special opportunities to our guests."

In its ninth year, the Fan Appreciation Program continues to grow and reward fans with prizes and experiences.

Prizes range from one fan being selected as the Ultimate Winner for June or August. Other prizes include NASCAR Sprint Cup Series cold garage passes for the weekend, Busch Acceleration Club tickets, FanVision rentals, "Michigan Money" food vouchers, NASCAR XFINITY Series garage passes, access to the XFINITY Series drivers' meeting and an invitation to the XFINITY Series open garage session, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series cold garage passes, access to the truck series drivers' meeting and an invitation to the truck Series open garage session, Racing Electronics scanner rentals and more!

Winning guests will need to bring their winning golden ticket to

the Fan Appreciation Booth to collect their prize.

Guests who did not win, are automatically entered into the second-chance drawing for other prizes.

In June, the Fan Appreciation booth will open at 10 a.m. on Friday and run until 5:30 p.m., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

In August, the Fan Appreciation booth will open at 11 a.m. on Friday and run until 5 p.m., from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Curtis and his staff are committed to providing its fans with memorable experiences each trip to MIS and the Fan Appreciation Program is an extension of that commitment. Fan feedback has also played an important role in many of the facility improvements that the speedway has invested over the last few years as well as the creation of the Fan Advisory Board (FAB) and Fan Advisory Network (FAN), which weighs in on many MIS initiatives. In addition, MIS created the Youth Fan Advisory Board to share their insight and ideas to improve NASCAR's fastest racetrack.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

LOUDON, NH - The North East Motor Sports Museum, which broke ground last September amidst a who's who of New England auto racing that included Ricky Craven and Joey Logano, made its long-awaited arrival to New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Wednesday. With NEMSM President Dick Berggren on hand, a fleet of four flatbed trucks made the 500-mile trek from Gettysburg, Md., to the speedway's south entrance on Route 106.

More than 500 people and organizations have contributed money, artifacts, cars and time to the museum, which was constructed by Morton Buildings in Gettysburg, Md. The museum will initially measure in at just over 9,500 square feet, with an additional 10,000 square feet to be added at a later date. The building will be used to house the history of motorsports from the Northeast area with multiple displays of racing vehicles and racing related artifacts.

"This project is unique in that virtually every museum in the country has one or several wealthy individuals behind it," said Berggren, who plans to have the museum open for business by NASCAR race weekend Sept. 23-25. "This museum is

being built with funding provided by hundreds of racers and race fans rather than a few wealthy individuals. The support of local companies that have donated or reduced the cost of their goods and services has been huge to help the project get where it is."

A considerable amount of work has already been completed on the museum's site:

- Thousands of yards of gravel has been moved to level the property (equipment for that work and payment of the equipment operator has been donated by Bentley Warren)

- Well is in ground (donated by Capital Well) - Storm water evacuation system is in ground (pieces donated by EJP and EF Shea corporations)

- All under-floor plumbing has been installed (donated by Total Climate Control)

- All under-floor electrical conduit as well as conduit to carry wiring from the on-property pole to the building has been installed (labor donated by Doherty Electric)

- Footings and foundation have been back-filled (concrete donated by the Michie Corporation)

- On Wednesday, a crew from Kendall Construction arrived to prepare the underfloor sand for the five-inch thick concrete floor with plans to pour the floor later in the week.

The floor will take approximately a week to cure, after which Morton's crew will begin to erect the building. The pre-fab will take roughly six weeks to set up and once the building is established, the work will begin to frame the bathrooms, library and offices. Interior plumbing will be finished and electrical wiring will then be installed, followed by sheet rock installation and paint.

Cars, motorcycles, books, photos, helmets and the rest will begin to be moved in.

Tickets, pre-race pit passes and camping are now on sale for all events and races on New Hampshire Motor Speedway's event calendar. For more information on all events, or to purchase tickets to July's New Hampshire 301 or September's New England 300 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series weekends, please stop by our Ticket Office, visit the speedway website at www.nhms.com, or call our Ticket Hotline at (603) 783-4931.

Texas Motor Speedway

FORT WORTH, TX - Texas Motor Speedway debuted a new line of animated videos on the

world's largest television known as "Big Hoss" during the recent Duck Commander 500 NASCAR doubleheader and the humorous spots not only were a hit with the fans but also with the Sprint Cup Series drivers that were featured.

Kyle and Kurt Busch, along with Austin Dillon, were featured in the videos that utilized "Head Over Body" animation using the drivers' heads coupled with memorable scenes from popular movies. During NASCAR Media Day in February, the speedway video production team asked the drivers to make various facial expressions on camera and those were employed in the segments. The "Head Over Body" videos were produced by Dallas-based "The Well" Creative Productions.

Dillon was highlighted in the 50-second "Austin Dillon - International Man of Motorsports" video that featured scenes from the 1997 hit Austin Powers - International Man of Mystery starring Mike Myers. The Austin Dillon/Austin Powers tie was a natural and the segment features Austin's head on Powers' body for his "shag-a-delic" dance moves and his attempt to make a three-point turn with a golf cart in a confined area.

"It was really funny to look up at 'Big Hoss' and see the video," Dillon said. "I remember filming with the production crew at Media Day in Daytona and making a bunch of silly faces at the camera for them. Just having fun in the middle of a long day. I guess I inspired a mini-Austin Powers video. I hope the fans enjoyed it. I know I did!"

Kurt and Kyle Busch co-starred in the 45-second episode called "The Busch Brothers," where they played the roles of Jake and Elwood Blues from The Blues Brothers starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd in 1980. The segment features the two Sprint Cup champions in their hair-raising drive to get the money to the tax man on time as well as some of the epic dance moves of Jake and Elwood.

Stars of the Verizon IndyCar Series will be featured next during the June 9-11 Firestone 600 INDY-CAR/NASCAR doubleheader. The weekend will be highlighted by the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Rattlesnake 400 on Friday evening, June 10, and the Verizon IndyCar Series Firestone 600 on Saturday night, June 11.

Tickets for the Firestone 600 race weekend are available by visiting www.texasmotorspeedway.com or by calling the ticket office at (817) 215-8500.



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DJ Shaw Bests Joey Doiron on Restart to Score Southern Maine Chrysler Jeep Dodge PASS North Super Late Model 150

SCARBOROUGH, ME - DJ Shaw drove from third position to first on a restart with four laps remaining in Saturday's Southern Maine Chrysler Jeep Dodge 150 at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway to

nail down his first Pro All Stars Series Super Late Model win of the season.

Shaw, the 2014 PASS North Super Late Model champion, watched Doiron blast on by earlier in the race after the eventual runner-up, charged from his 14th starting position into a lead threatened only by hometown racer Garrett Hall – the opening day PASS Super Late Model winner at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway until the final pair of restarts took place, with six and four laps remaining, respectively.

Shaw had been a healthy distance behind Doiron, but the once-dominant JBJ Machine 73 didn't have the handles on cold tires. That opened the door for Shaw, who stepped through and into vic-

tory lane.

Doiron had mixed emotions, claiming runner-up honors after dominating the second half of the race. Hall's third-place finish was his second PASS podium appearance in three races contested thus far in the 2016 campaign.

Dave Farrington, Jr., of Jay, led several laps and battled among the contenders all day, finishing fourth. Reigning PASS North Super Late Model champion Mike Rowe of Turner earned another improbable top-five finish after starting the race 23rd position.

Trevor Sanborn of East Parsonsfield, six-time series champion Johnny Clark of Farmingdale; Bobby Timmons of Windham; four-time champ Ben Rowe of Turner and Windham's Brandon Barker rounded out the top ten.

Mike Hopkins and Farrington won heat races. Ben Rowe aced the last-chance qualifier. Hopkins tuned in the quickest lap of the race, leading the early circuits in the main event before spinning in fluids dropped by a rival's racecar.

Ben Tinker of nailed down his first victory in the 40-lap feature



DJ Shaw (center) celebrates his PASS North win at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway over second place finisher Joey Doiron (left) and third place finisher Garrett Hall (right). (PASS photo)

race for PASS Mods. Tinker, who was championship runner-up at the second-tier Sport Series level at Beech Ridge last season, decided to go touring this year, and was the class of the field on the Southern Maine Chrysler Jeep Dodge undercard.

Tinker started seventh in the main event and maintained a comfortable advantage once in front of the field, outrunning 11th-place starter Ryan Robbins, the 2015 champion of the class at Oxford Plains Speedway.

Multi-time PASS Mod champ Andy Shaw wheeled to a third-place finish, with early race leader Mike Carignan and Shapleigh's Dana Reed rounding out the top five. Ricci and Tinker won the 10-lap heat races for PASS Mods.

The Pro All Stars Series North Super Late Models race next at Star Speedway on Saturday, May 7, followed by a Sunday, May 15 150-lapper at Speedway 95. For more information visit proallstarsseries.com or call (207) 539-8865.

Roderick Bests Smith in Battle of the Caseys at Five Flags

PENSACOLA, FL - Race number three for the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco came down to a battle of the Caseys on Friday night at Five Flags Speedway. Defending Southern Super Series champion Casey Smith and defending Blizzard Series champion Casey Roderick duked it out throughout the 125-lap race, before Roderick eventually prevailed.

Three lead changes highlighted the battle between the Caseys before Roderick, the 'local' champ, stood on top of the podium after taking the lead on lap 78 and holding off Smith through three late restarts.

"We had a really good car

tonight," said Roderick with a smile after the 125 lap event. "That's the best car I've ever had here."

Roderick set fast-time in qualifying, picking up the \$500 Engine Builders bonus, and started back in seventh after the re-draw.

The race opened with former series winner Kyle Grissom on the pole and he took off at the drop of the green, opening up a 12 car-length advantage before Smith ran him down and got by to lead lap 6.

While Roderick was making his way to the front from the drop of the green flag, Smith appeared to have the dominant car during the early stages of the race.

Smith led the most laps (63) of anyone in the 27-car field, but Roderick was just too strong in the end.

Zane Smith rounded out the podium after breaking his left pinky finger earlier in the afternoon.



Casey Roderick was number one on Friday night at Five Flags Speedway. (Speed51.com photo)

Bubba Pollard and early leader Kyle Grissom completed the top five.

For Roderick, the race winner, his weekend is not yet complete. He has another race on his schedule for Saturday night in Alabama.

The next event on the Southern Super Series schedule will be a

Gulf Coast double-header beginning on Friday, May 27 back at Five Flags and then on Saturday May 28 at Mobile International Speedway in Irvington, Alabama.

For more information on the Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco, visit www.southernsuper.com.

Gus Dean Wins ARCA Thriller at Talladega

TALLADEGA, AL - Bluffton, South Carolina rookie Gus Dean had just enough momentum to inch ahead of Josh Williams when it counted most to win the action-packed General Tire 200 Friday afternoon at Talladega Superspeedway.

Dean, in the No. 98 GREE-Cab Installers Chevrolet, powered ahead of

Williams down the backstretch just as the final caution came out for a multi-car crash behind the leaders. With weather approaching, accompanied by lightning, series officials put a period on the race two laps shy of the intended finish. The margin of victory – about two feet.

It was quite a turn-around for Dean, who was part of a multi-car wreck in the opening laps at Daytona, his only other ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards start.

“For such a build up to that race at Daytona...it was such a heartbreak to go out that way,” Dean said.

“I’m just so grateful for my sponsors GREE and Cab Installers. They took a chance on me and allowed me to come back and take another shot at this. I can’t thank Mason Mitchell Motorsports enough. No one is more meticulous when it comes to building race cars...piece by piece...he’s such a pro. It’s such a privilege to have a past ARCA champion as my driver coach. He’s really helped me through the learning process.”

When the race was over, both Dean and Williams circled the speedway side by side while series officials determined who was ahead at the exact moment the caution lights came on.

“Initially, I heard on the radio that Josh Williams had won the race. But we felt very strongly that we were ahead at that moment. We asked for a review. Those moments felt like hours to me.”

Williams, in the No. 6 Musselman’s Applesauce Ford, was credited with the second finishing position after leading six laps.

“We had a really fast race car today,” Williams said. “We thought we were ahead at that moment, but that’s not the way the officials saw it. Toledo’s next up...we’ll just go win there. This is still really big for us. This is a little family-owned

team...low budget deal. When you look at what we have compared to most everyone else, it’s very humbling. Thanks to Musselman’s for their help. We’re going to win some more this year...I guarantee it.”

Chase Briscoe finished third in the No. 77 Cunningham Motorsports Dodge and unofficially took over the points lead after previous points leader John Wes Townley cut a right-front tire early on after making contact with Bobby Gerhart. Townley finished 29th.

“It was definitely intense out there,” Briscoe said. “There was a lot of four-wide racing. We got out of line early in the race and fell back but Will (Kimmel) got behind us and got us back up there...got us back in contention. It was a really good points day for us. Last year I was here volunteering for Cunningham Motorsports. Briggs Cunningham and Kerry Scherer (team owners) took a chance on me and here I am. I couldn’t be more grateful for this opportunity.”

Tom Hessert, who won the Menards Pole by Ansell, led the most laps (23), but got shuffled back late in the race. The Cherry Hill, New Jersey driver battled back to finish fourth in the No. 25 RelaxWraps.com-Cometic Toyota.

Will Kimmel was also a factor all day, leading 16 laps before settling into the fifth finishing position in the family-owned No. 69 Chevrolet.

Dalton Sargeant finished sixth in his superspeedway debut in the No. 55 Toyota Racing Development Toyota. Sean Corr steered the No. 48 Nesco-Support Our Troops Ford to seventh in the final running order, ahead of Matt Kurzejewski in eighth in the No. 52 Ansell-Menards Chevrolet. Shane Lee finished a career-best ninth in the No. 32 LeeBoy Toyota. Local Munford, Alabama favorite Bret Holmes finished 10th in the No. 23 Southern States Bank-Veteran’s Oil Chevrolet.

Dean led 21 laps to Hessert’s 23, making just one pit stop for fuel only.

“That’s all we needed was gas because these General Tires are just as good on the last lap as they are on the first. These are, bar none, the very best tires I’ve ever raced on. With the General Tires, you can race from start to finish and go as hard as you want to.”

Bo LeMastus led eight laps but was part of a multi-car wreck, also on the backstretch that also in-



Gus Dean celebrates in victory lane after he earned his first career win on Friday afternoon at Talladega Superspeedway. (TSS photo)

involved George Cushman and Terry Jones. The multi-car wreck that prompted the finish included the cars of Dustin Knowles, Bobby Gerhart, Mark Thompson and Korbin Forrister. There were no injuries.

Just three cautions slowed the

race for 19 laps of the 74 total. There were 13 lead changes among five drivers.

The next event for the ARCA Racing Series is the Menards 200 presented by Federated Car Care at Toledo Speedway May 22, live on the American Sports Network.

CRA Releases Entry Form for the Battle at Berlin 251 Presented by Primera Plastics

SALEM, IN - June 11th there will be Battle at Berlin 251 practice and first round qualifying to lock in the top 20 starters. Also on Saturday there will be a 100 lap JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Presented by Chevrolet Performance event.

On Sunday, June 12th the track has scheduled an open practice from 2 to 5pm, pending township approval to make that official. The track is preparing for numerous fun activities for anyone on that Sunday, including a Pit Party and Michigan Cup Race viewing party in the Left Turn Lounge located at the track, a Michigan Cup race trip to Michigan International Speedway, a golf outing at Western Greens Golf Course and Go Karts, Mini-Golf, Lazer Tag and food at Craig’s Cruisers.

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For more event and track information on the Battle at Berlin 251 Presented by Primera Plastics visit www.berlinraceway.com. More information on all the CRA Series is available at www.cra-racing.com.

Sides Scores Home Track Victory at I-30 Speedway

LITTLE ROCK, AR - With friends and family standing next to him in victory lane, Jason Sides exited his car after scoring the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series win on Tuesday night at I-30 Speedway in Little Rock, Ark.

The victory, his first since night one of the Boothill Showdown at Dodge City Raceway Park in July 2015, was especially memorable for Sides, who is just over a two hour drive from his hometown of Bartlett, Tenn.

"I am glad everyone made it over from the Memphis, Tenn. area," Sides said. "I guess Pevely (Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55) is the next closest to home, but this is our home track now and I just appreciate everybody coming out on a Tuesday night."

In the closing laps of the 40-lap feature, Sides had to hold off a late race charge from the Big Game Tree Stands/Nyce Crete & Landis No. 5 of David Gravel, who had overcame a deficit of over a second to get to Sides' back bumper. Gravel, who tried a last lap dive bomb for the lead, came up just short and settled for a second-place finish.

"I thought we had something for him," Gravel said. "A couple more laps with those lapped cars and we maybe could've gotten him. But we will take a second, it was a good run for us and we will see what happens in the future."

"We were just trying to do some things different. Sometimes people get too tentative and just run around the bottom, so you just got to keep your momentum up and keep your wing speed up."

Added third place finisher Daryn Pittman on Sides' home track victory:

"I was probably Jason's biggest fan there the last four laps cheering him on. I knew this would be a pretty big win for him, obviously being from close to here, and one of his home tracks. Pretty cool to see him win in front of all the people he has here - his friends and family."

To start the night, Gravel's CJB Motorsports teammate and World of Outlaws champion, Sammy

Swindell, set quick-time at the track he has won at three times in series action: twice in 1981 and again in 1992.

Swindell continued his early-night dominance as he led every lap of his heat race and easily earned a spot in the dash.

The invert draw proved to be unlucky for Swindell, as he had to start at the rear of the six-car field following an invert of six. To make matters worse, Swindell eventually lost a motor on the opening laps of the eight-lap dash, and had to take his car to the pits where his team hastily started replacing the motor for the feature.

Oklahoma driver, Brady Bacon, won the dash, which gave him the best view of the green flag for the feature. Unfortunately for Bacon, he lost the lead to the King Racing Products/East Coast Logistics No. 7S of Sides on the opening lap, as the second-place starter easily rocketed to the top spot.

Sides dominated the feature as he led all 40 laps, the victory did not come easy for the 43-year-old driver. Multiple cautions early in the feature never allowed the leader to build up a lead, but also kept Sides from encountering heavy lapped traffic at the 1/4-mile track.

Sides held off challenges from Bacon on the early restarts, then had to fight off challenges from Pittman in the No. 9 Great Clips/Sage Fruit car, who had started third and stayed glued to the front of the field all race long.

Pittman eventually lost the runner-up position to Gravel on a late-race restart, as Gravel jumped from fifth to second in one lap.

"The caution flags hurt and helped, I hated the restarts but it kept us out of lapped traffic," Sides said. "I didn't know [David Gravel] was out there in the closing laps. I saw Daryn [Pittman] on the restarts but I never knew that [David] Gravel got by him on the restart."

"That's good for him, but I am just happy we got the win here. It's as close as we get to home, and I love this place!"

Gravel tried everything he could to rattle Sides for the lead, but Sides held firm at the front of the field, as Gravel settled for second, his first podium finish since Bak-ersfield (Calif.) Speedway on April 15.

"You can't complain with second," Gravel said. "We had a really



Jason Sides gets the home track win at I-30 Speedway, getting his first victory since July 2015. (Paul Arch photo)

good car there early, it got tight and scared me a little bit, but I got a few more laps under me and got more confident.

"We got a little free in one and two on those last three laps. We had something there but came up just a little bit short. It really would've been good to get a win there. My buddy Tyler back home got in a real bad car accident and he's still in a coma, so we were trying to get a win here for him but we will get one soon."

Pittman continued his recent podium domination, as he picked up his fourth top-three finish in the last four races.

"It was a good race, we kept making gains on our car all night," Pittman said. "This is a track I have never had a lot of success at, so we were able to run up front and contend for the win."

"That last restart we kind of got pinched on the bottom and just didn't get a good start and got beat, and then [David] Gravel got by us. The car just went away on us a little bit at the end, but all-in-all a great night for our Great Clips team. We will take third and go on to Friday. [Salina Highbanks Speedway] is a really cool track and one that I look forward to going to and hopefully we will be able to improve a few spots there."

Heavy Rain Postpones World of Outlaws at Salina Highbanks

SALINA, OK - Heavy and persistent rain has forced the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series to postpone the series event at Salina (Okla.) Highbanks Speedway scheduled for today.

The event will be rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22. All advance ticket purchasers for Salina will be able to use their tickets for the

makeup event.

Wet Weather Forces Cancellation of World of Outlaws at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55

PEVELY, MO - Rain and heavily saturated grounds at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 have forced the cancellation of the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series event.

The event will not be rescheduled.

Fans who purchased advance tickets have several options available to them. Tickets can be converted to Ironman 55 weekend (Aug. 5 and 6) tickets at face value. They can be converted to 2017 Spring Classic tickets. Or tickets can be exchanged for another event at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 to include the World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series event on July 2.

The ticket office at Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CST). All buyers who purchased tickets through the track should call (636) 479-3219.

The World of Outlaws ticket office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST) and will handle all ticket requests made by those who purchased online or over the phone with the World of Outlaws. To reach the World of Outlaws ticket office, call 844 DIRT-TIX (347-8849).

For more information on the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series visit WorldofOutlaws.com. Follow the series on Twitter at www.twitter.com/WorldofOutlaws, like it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WorldofOutlaws, or check out the latest videos at www.youtube.com/WorldofOutlaws.

Willie Milliken Masters Tar Heel 100 at Fayetteville

FAYETTEVILLE, NC - Former Hope Mills, N.C. resident Willie Milliken has logged thousands of laps at Fayetteville Motor Speedway. But the 50 laps he led during Saturday night's World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series Tarheel 100 met something more to him.

"We have a good piece," said Milliken about his No. 1M MJ Price Construction Co./ Longhorn Chassis car. "We don't get to showcase it all the time. [The win] was just getting on the gas, the car would take it and it would go."

This win was Milliken's seventh late model start ever - his first with the Outlaws. He takes home not only the \$10,000 purse, but also the pleasure of finishing first in each of his events. Milliken was the Fast Timer of the night (16.740), won his heat race, pulled the No. 1 on the redraw and led every lap of the A-Main.

Brian Shirley, who finished runner-up to Milliken, said there was no stopping him. Shirley used the two-car-lengths between him and Milliken to remain in the lower groove until Milliken made a mistake late in the race; it was not the case here.

"I don't know the guy who won, but congratulations to him," Shirley said. "I know how cool it is to win a race this big."

Shirley favored the lower groove throughout the race, but secured second-place on Lap 17 when he battled side-by-side with Earl Pearson Jr.'s No. 1P Dunn Benson Motorsports/ Longhorn Chassis car from the middle groove of the track on Turn 1.

"I was lucky just to duck down and get by Jr.," Shirley said. "Racing like that is really tough. It's nerve-racking. You're fighting side-by-side for the same position. I was glad when we went single-file."

When the 25-car field began to run single-file, Shirley waited for the time to make his move into first place. But, Milliken maintained a consistent distance away from Shirley, beating the No. 3s Bob Cullen Racing, LLC/ Longhorn Chassis machine by a 1.184 margin.

Rounding-out the podium was Earl Pearson Jr., who spent the

majority of the race in a battle with Shirley. Pearson said he was "glad to be in front of the standing room only crowd," battling for the win.

"Milliken did a great job getting out front, and he never made a mistake," Pearson said. "Me and Shirley got together on Turn 1 on the restart and once we went single-file, that's all we had."

Unlike Milliken, Shirley and Pearson said they do not get to compete at Fayetteville Motor Speedway as often. But the full-capacity crowds coupled with the fast racing conditions make this stop worth looking forward to on the Outlaws series schedule.

The World of Outlaws will travel to Ponderosa Speedway (5/6) and Smoky Mountain Speedway (5/7) next weekend.

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Richards Battles Track and Field in Carolina Speedway Win

GASTONIA, NC - Josh Richards battled from an eighth place starting position and through tough track conditions and cautions on Friday night at Carolina Speedway as he claimed the inaugural World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series win at the track.

"We were able to survive," said



Willie Milliken celebrates his Tar Heel 100 sweep at Fayetteville Motor Speedway. Milliken was the Fast Timer of the night, won his heat and every lap of the A-Main enroute to victory. (www.twitter.com/WoOLateModels photo)

Richards, who took home the \$10,000 purse. "We had a great car there. It was starting to get rough off Turn 4, but I want to thank all the fans for coming out. It's great to come out with a win."

Challenging track conditions proved to be a test for the 24 drivers that started the A-Main - in the 50-lap feature, there were 12 cautions with eight drivers finishing on the lead lap. A caution on Lap 24 allowed drivers to replenish their tear-off visor sheets, making track visibility less of a struggle through the remainder of the race.

Some of those earlier cautions however, made way for Richards to eventually claim the lead position on the restarts. Richards started eighth.

"That was the biggest thing: trying to find a clean spot," said Richards about finding a favorable groove. "Once you got up on somebody, you couldn't see anything. It was just a matter of trying to be smooth. You were forced to move

around a little bit."

Following the race's first caution on Lap 5, Richards' strong restart catapulted him into third position. Less than 10 laps later, Richards took over the second spot in turn 2 from Frank Heckenast Jr., who drifted up the track. Heckenast wheeled his car to a season-best fourth-place finish.

Richards claimed the lead on lap 16 after Greg Pursley, who started the race in the top spot, lost a right rear tire. There on, Richards never looked back.

Chub Frank's No. 1* Cory Rubber Corporation machine followed behind Richards for the latter-half of the race, recording his best finish in not only 2016, but also since his second-place finish at Delaware International Speedway in August 2015. The Bear Lake, Penn.-native said he'd rather be in victory lane, but rebounding from qualifying 14th earlier in the night made it a successful night.

"The track was choppy, but you could at least race on it," Frank said. "It was definitely a handful. I never knew which way my car was going. I don't think my car was bad, but [Richards'] car ran through all the rough stuff better than mine. He was more consistent."

Rounding-out the podium was Rick Eckert, who also took advantage of the lower groove earlier in the race. Eckert's No. 7 Paul Crowl Racing car claimed the third spot on Lap 17, passing Heckenast in Turn 2 like Richards did earlier.

Richard's win Friday night was his fifth of the season and 63rd-career series win which moves him one step closer to surpassing Darrell Lanigan on the all-time wins list for A-Mains. Lanigan has a record 72 wins in the series.



Josh Richards stands tall in victory lane after winning at Carolina Speedway. (www.twitter.com/WoOLateModels photo)

Bloomquist Best in Budweiser 50 at Tri-City Speedway

GRANITE CITY, IL - Scott Bloomquist took the lead on the 42nd lap of the Budweiser 50 on Friday Night at Tri-City Speedway, and then went on to win the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned event. Bloomquist and Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series points

leader, Jonathan Davenport, went toe-to-toe for several laps until Bloomquist pulled away at the end.

The 50-lap race went caution free as Bloomquist notched his third LOLMDS victory of the season. Davenport finished second despite losing his brakes and suffering a flat left rear tire. Dennis Erb Jr. came home in third, followed by Don O'Neal and Tim McCreadie.

One week after getting passed on the final lap at Hagerstown Speedway by Gregg Satterlee, Bloomquist made sure he crossed the finish line first tonight. "We had a good run. He [Davenport] got off to a good start and ran the top really well. I tried to make the bottom work, and I might have also gone too soft on tires. I took it kind of easy, because the car was rotating so well. I just tried to stay focused and get by the lapped cars," said the winner. Bloomquist now has 65 career LOLMDS wins, "this track was awesome tonight. They did a great job in prepping it after all the rain this week. There were several lanes to run on."

Davenport bolted from his outside front row starting spot to grab the lead at the start of the race. Bloomquist started right behind Davenport and caught up to the high flying Davenport in heavy lapped traffic. Bloomquist took the lead for the first time in the race on lap 18. Davenport then fought back while banging the outside wall several times in retaking the lead on lap 19. Davenport held the point until eight laps to go, when Bloomquist forged back ahead for the final time.

"I want to thank my sponsors: Crop Production Services, Reece Monument Company, Mark Martin Automotive, and everybody else with our race team. We cut into Davenport's points lead and we will just continue to improve as the sea-

son goes along." Bloomquist's Sweet-Bloomquist Race Car is powered by an Andy Durham Racing Engine.

When Davenport went to the scales after crossing the finish line, his left rear tire was completely flat. "With this tire going flat, I'm just glad we finished when we did. About halfway through I lost brakes, so I had to run the bottom. We are working on some stuff with these cars. I think it's going to be really good."

"I was just trying to take it easy when I lost my brakes. He [Bloomquist] showed me his nose. I split a couple of cars. I was trying to be aggressively patient. We pulled back away from him and it just got worse and worse and then the tire started going down. I couldn't hold him [Bloomquist] off. Good run for Scott and Dennis. It is always great to come here and race in front of such a large crowd!"

Erb was looking for a clean sweep of the night's activities as he set the Miller Welders Fast Time and won his heat race, but fell just short of the sweep. He passed Don O'Neal on the final lap to get third. "The car was good all night, and starting up front sure makes things a lot easier. I sort of lost track of the top two. We worked really hard on this car all week long, and we are making strides," said the driver of the Vomac Truck Sales and J.R. McBride Leasing Black Diamond



Scott Bloomquist raced his way to victory lane at Tri-City Speedway fending off points leader Jonathan Davenport for the win. (LOLMDS photo)

Chassis.

Completing the top ten were Darrell Lanigan, Shannon Babb, Jimmy Owens, Bobby Pierce, and Jared Landers.

In preliminary action, Dennis Erb Jr. set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 35 entrants, with a lap of 14.350 seconds. Jonathan Davenport set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 14.508 seconds. Dennis Erb Jr., Jeff Herzog, Jonathan Davenport and Scott Bloomquist won their respective heat races. Jim Shereck and Billy Laycock won their respective B-Mains.

St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100 at Macon Speedway Postponed

MACON, IL - Saturday night's Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned, 3rd Annual St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100 at Macon

Speedway has been postponed. With the forecast for continued rain throughout the day, Speedway and Series officials have been forced to postpone the event.

"We were holding out, hoping that forecasters were wrong all week, but it just wasn't meant to be. Now, we will regroup and look forward to the make-up date," said Macon Speedway Promoter, Bob Sargent.

The 3rd Annual St. Louis U-Pic-A-Part 100 will now take place on Tuesday, July 26th. The event will feature an action-packed program that includes: Miller Welders Time Trials, Heat Races, B-Mains, and the 100-lap, \$12,000-to-win main event.

For tickets and more information, visit www.maconracing.com.

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Hagar Pads Lucas Oil ASCS/SOS Lead With Duck River Raceway Park Victory

LEWISBURG, TN - Mother Nature tried, but this time she was merciful as the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints debuted at the Duck River Raceway Park this past Saturday night.

Increasing his advantage in the 2016 driver standings with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, Arkansas' Derek Hagar parked the DHR Suspension No. 9jr in Victory Lane for his first ASCS sanctioned victory of 2016 at the Tennessee oval.

The 15th different winner in overall ASCS competition in 2016, Hagar came from fifth to grab the win. Making it a pair of Marion, Arkansas drivers at the top of the A-Feature finish, Marshall Skinner crossed second. The win by Hagar dropped Skinner to a 49 point deficit in the 2016 standings. Completing the night's podium was the

Bobby Sparks Racing No. 91 of Steven Russell. Defending series champion, Michael Miller, and 12th starting Nick Snyder rounded out the top five.

Tennessee's Morgan Turpen came from 17th to sixth with Jeff Willingham, Tristan Lee, Kyle Amerson, and Casey Hinds making up the top-ten.

The Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints return to action on May 21 at the Southern Raceway in Milton, FL. For continued updates on the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Rain Cuts ASCS Warrior Region Short at Callaway Raceway

FULTON, MO - With cars headed to the staging area, it looked as if the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps was going to win the race against Mother Nature, but the top

came in and the bottom fell out as rain swept across the Callaway Raceway.

ASCS Warrior Region officials are currently working with the Callaway Raceway for a date to reschedule. The date, to be announced, will be a complete program.

Three Heats for 23 drivers did see action at the Callaway Raceway with plenty of racing to at least curb the racefan's appetite. In the first Heat alone, three drivers led laps with Randy Martin taking the win. Heat two saw Brad Loyet take the lead just before the half-way point for a runaway victory. The final Heat was all Evan Martin.

All drivers will receive show up points based off car count. As the A-Feature lineup showed all 23 starting, all drivers will receive 87 points.

The Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps will take on the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motor-

sports Network on Thursday, May 5 for the McCarthy Auto Group KC Klassic presented by Racinboys.com at Lakeside Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. Advance tickets are on sale at www.racinboys.com.

For continued updates on the Speedway Motors ASCS Warrior Region presented by Impact Signs, Awnings, and Wraps, log onto www.ascsracing.com.

Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints Rained Out at Moulton Speedway

MOULTON, AL - Mother Nature takes the win this Friday at the Moulton Speedway with the Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints, as incoming severe weather has forced officials to call off events scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016.

The Lucas Oil ASCS Southern Outlaw Sprints are scheduled to return to the Alabama oval on Friday, June 24, 2016.

Spring Fling Postponed at Terre Haute; New Date Announced

Officials from the MSCS Sprint Car Series and Track Enterprises, the promotion company of the Terre Haute Action Track, have announced that the 2016 Spring Fling scheduled for Sunday, May 1 has been postponed due to wet grounds and an unfavorable forecast on

race day.

A make-up date has been agreed upon. An appearance at the Terre Haute Action Track for the MSCS Sprint cars will now be held on August 14th. That program is also set to be on a Sunday and will include the UMP Modifieds.

The new August date at Terre Haute will provide for a great weekend of sprint car racing. On Saturday August 13th the Midwest Sprint Car Series is scheduled to participate in the Hoosier Sprint Nationals at Tri-State Speedway which pays \$5,000 to win.

The Terre Haute event the next day

will pay \$3,000 to win. That will be some big bucks for non-wing sprint car teams to race for over the weekend.

MSCS Race at Tri-State is Rained Out

HAUBSTADT, IN -- The racing program scheduled to be held at Tri-State Speedway Saturday evening has been cancelled due to rain. Weather conditions will not permit the Midwest Madness show to be held.

The next MSCS event scheduled to be held at Tri-State Speedway will be on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. The Memorial Weekend Classic on May 29th will pay \$2,500 to win the sprint car feature. The UMP Modified and MMSA Mini Sprints are scheduled for appearances that night also.

Arctic Cat All Star Appearance at Atomic Speedway Postponed Again until Saturday, June 4

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - With weather forecasts predicting high chances of precipitation in the Chillicothe, Ohio-area during most of the day tomorrow, April 30, mixed in with already heavily saturated grounds, Atomic Speedway and Arctic

Cat All Star Circuit of Champions officials have agreed to postpone the upcoming weekend's scheduled program to Saturday, June 4. The rescheduled date will set up a doubleheader for Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions travelers, concluding with a return to the Bedford Fairgrounds Speedway in Bedford, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, June 5.

"We haven't had much luck with weather so far this spring, but I'm sure things will change," explained Brad McCown, Atomic Speedway promoter. "We wanted to give our fans and race teams enough time

to make alternate plans this weekend. With the weather being an obvious factor, postponing ahead of time gives people an opportunity to save on travel and costs. We hope to see everyone here on June 4."

Updated information regarding the June 4 program at Atomic Speedway will be posted at a later date.

The Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions will now turn their attention toward a Western Pennsylvania doubleheader on Friday and Saturday, May 13-14. "America's Series" will visit the Lernerville Speedway, on Friday evening, May 13, all before trekking less than an hour north to the Mercer Raceway Park in Mercer, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, May 14. Each event will award a \$5,000 top prize and feature a complete Arctic Cat All Star Circuit of Champions program. Additional updates will be posted in the coming weeks. Stay tuned online at www.lernerville.com and www.mercerracewaypark.com.



Jason Hiett Scores First Career Southern All Star Win At Talladega

EASTABOGA, AL - The Southern All Stars Dirt Racing Series made its first stop of the 2016 season Saturday night at the Talladega Short Track for the annual NASCAR weekend show and Jason Hiett of Oxford, Al., pick up his first career series win as he dominated

from the drop of the green flag to the checkered flag worth \$4,000.

35 cars took laps in White Performance group qualifying and Hiett set fast time for his group at 14.564 with Dale McDowell second, Jake Knowles third, Terry Smith fourth and Tim Roszell fifth in group A, in group B Riley Hickman was the man on top with a lap of 14.732, with Dylan Ames, Cory Hedgecock, William Thomas & Todd Morrow rounding out the top five.

In four PPM Racing Products B Mains, Joseph Joiner took the win in the first one David Seibers in the second, David Breazeale the third one and Jason Wilson the fourth one.

In the 40 lap main Hiett and Hickman were side by side at the drop of the green but Hiett moved ahead of Hickman down the back-

stretch and then proceeded to build up a huge lead at time of Hickman who later discovered he had a slowly leaking tire, but Hickman said that he had nothing for Hiett as he was the dominate car.

Hickman brought home the second place and got him closer to the top of the points as he is in pursuit of his 4th straight series title which has not been done before as to a four in a row champion, but also will

put him in line to time Clint Smith as the only four time champion.

Cory Hedgecock of Loudon, TN., made a charge late in the race on the high side and got Dale McDowell of Chickamauga, GA., at the line to take third with McDowell falling to fourth and Jake Knowles of Rome, GA rounding out the top five.

Finishing in the sixth spot was Tim Roszell, seventh to William Thomas, eighth to Dylan Ames, ninth to Todd Morrow and tenth to Joseph Joiner.

Hiett was very excited in SUNOCO victory lane as he exited his car after making a victory lap

with the checkered flag. "We have tried awful hard to win a Southern All Star race, we have led a few of them over the years, but have never got here in victory lane, it feels great" said Hiett. Hiett is sponsored by Vinson Race Engines, Freestyle Graphix, Phillips Properties, Austin Trucking, and Capital Race Cars.

35 cars from 5 states were on hand for a very successful night of racing and the Southern All Stars Saturday night May 7th at the Thunderhill Raceway in Summer-town, TN., a 40 lap \$4,000 to win event along with a full racing program.



Jason Hiett celebrates in victory lane at Talladega Short Track after his dominating performance leading flag to flag. (SAS photo)

Inaugural NASCAR: The Cruise Set to Sail in 2017 with Richard Petty, Rusty Wallace, Bobby Allison, The Beach Boys, and More

MIAMI, FL - For the first time ever, NASCAR® and Entertainment Cruise Productions, the world leader in live entertainment at sea, will bring together some of the top names in NASCAR, including NASCAR Hall of Famers, iconic broadcasters and authentic race cars to create the first NASCAR-themed cruise.

NASCAR: The Cruise will sail the Caribbean January 29 through February 3, 2017, launching in Miami and spending six days and five nights sailing the sunny waters

with iconic and legendary names in the sport including NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty, Rusty Wallace, Bobby Allison and Petty's famed Crew Chief Dale Inman. Other NASCAR celebrities joining in on the fun will be renowned car owner and NASCAR Hall of Fame nominee Robert Yates, drivers David Ragan, Mike Wallace and Ken Schrader, along with broadcasters Jeff Hammond, Doug Rice and Brad Gillie.

NASCAR TV analysts Kyle Petty and Krista Voda will host the maiden voyage, and encourage guests to trade paint and rub elbows with NASCAR royalty aboard

a luxurious cruise. The iconic Beach Boys, southern rockers 38 Special, and winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing John Heffron will perform on the ship, making NASCAR: The Cruise the ultimate vacation for every kind of racing fan.

Fans will have unprecedented access to these historic giants of NASCAR, as they share their stories about life on and off the track while the cruise travels from Miami to Key West, Nassau and Great Stirrup Cay on the Norwegian Pearl, which will be transformed into the ultimate racing playground. Fans aboard will compete in virtual racing simulators, pit crew challenges, celebrate in victory lane and attend plenty of autograph and Q&A sessions with NASCAR legends and other fan favorites. Throughout the cruise, guests will be treated to world-class entertainment, concerts, special events, themed parties and more.

"Taking the amazing NASCAR

experience to sea is a dream cruise program," said Chris Sullivan, of Victory Management Group, consultant to Entertainment Cruise Productions on this program. "In working with Entertainment Cruise Productions, we are confident that their extensive cruise experience, having produced more than 60 full ship charters, together with our history with NASCAR will result in a truly amazing NASCAR experience at sea. The goal is to create The Ultimate Tailgate Party at Sea...a "Sailgate Party" for NASCAR fans."

Cabin rates for the cruise start at just \$975 per person and include access to all events, activities and parties onboard, along with all gourmet and casual fare meals, 24-hour room service, port charges, taxes and onboard gratuities. Reservations for NASCAR: The Cruise opened to the public on April 28.

Further information can be found at www.NASCARTheCruise.com or by calling (844) 886-2582.

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - Michael Adams grabbed the first checkered of the season at Bowman Gray Stadium. Mother Nature took the second.

The very first race of 2016 was a scorcher in the Yates Grading & Paving Sportsman Series. Kevin Neal of Winston-Salem started on the pole with John Holleman of Winston-Salem starting on the outside front row. Neal sped out as the green flag dropped and was able to hold the inside line.

John Holleman challenged Neal during a double-file restart but was unsuccessful and fell back. Michael Adams of Yadkinville made a smooth pass past Neal for the lead on lap 13.

Holleman attempted the same outside-row challenge against Adams but again couldn't make it stick. As the two fought for the lead, Zack Clifton of Walkertown took advantage of the situation to dash to the inside of both of them. But Clifton's lead was short-lived as Adams powered past him and reclaimed the lead on lap 35.

"Last year was our year. This year's going to be our year even better," said Adams after grabbing the checkered. Zack Clifton ended up finishing second, with Holleman taking third.

Adams not only had the special distinction of winning the first race of the season, but he also received his victory trophy from Governor Pat McCrory – who served as Grand Marshal for the event.

In the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series, the first 40 laps of the Hayes Jewelers 200 was also a wild contest. Tim Brown of Tobaccoville led the first few laps until Danny Bohn of Huntersville hammered his bumper and stole the top spot away.

Bad luck struck for Bohn as leaking fluid forced him to pit. He lost several laps, but then good luck smiled on Bohn: the new Lucky Dog rule allowed him to regain his lost laps over several cautions.

Then the skies opened up and rained, leaving Tim Brown and Burt Myers on the front row. The race will be completed next week in the continuation of the Hayes Jewelers 200 presented by 100.3 KISS FM.



Michael Adams takes his victory lap after winning the Sportsman race. (ERIC HYLTON PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Also on the schedule is another 40-lapper for the Yates Grading & Paving Sportsman Series, a 20-lapper for the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series, and two 15-lappers for the McDowell Stadium Stock Series. Rain checks from April 30 will be honored then.

Gates open at 6:00 for practice, and the first race begins at 8:00 PM. Ticket prices, directions, and more information can be found online at www.bowmangrayracing.com or by calling (336) 723-1819.

Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC – Chris Burns and Joshua Yeoman made sure the fans got their money's worth in Saturday night's race at Carteret County Speedway.

The two drivers swapped the lead several times during the 60 lap Late Model feature race which headlined the season opening event at the 4/10-mile track in Swansboro, North Carolina. The battle for the win ended up being decided with five laps to go when Yeoman got loose exiting the corner prior to the two drivers making contact, sending Yeoman around.

"Nothing against Chris, he drove me clean," Yeoman, who ended up finishing third, said. "My car was just really loose there at the end. It's really disappointing, really heartbreaking."

Burns went on to hold of a challenge from pole-sitter Kenneth Mercer in a five lap shootout to score the victory, his first of the season.

"We've worked our tails off," Burns said in victory lane. "Many long nights and many laps around this place. We've burned some fuel out here. This is a great place. Josh raced me great. To race side-by-side like that on the outside and not get run into, that's great. I got into him in turn two. He got a little loose and I checked up a little bit and thought he had it under control and he got back loose. I wouldn't

ever race anybody like that intentionally and I know he knows that."

Burns took the lead from Mercer in the opening laps of the race but surrendered the lead on lap six to Yeoman. Burns regained the position on lap 12 only to surrender it again on lap 30. Shortly after that, the two drivers raced side-by-side for around 15 laps, swapping the lead back and forth prior to the incident on lap 55.

"There's not as much grip up there as there is on the bottom but we made it work," Burns said about the thrilling side-by-side duel that excited a near capacity crowd. "It was a little free on the outside but we stuck it there for a little while. Saw Zach [Henshaw] coming up in the rear view mirror so we had to readjust our situation there and get back to the inside."

Henshaw finished in fourth place, behind Burns, Mercer and Yeoman. Jim Kelley was unable to start the race after a rear end gear broke during pace laps.

Jesse Council, who picked up a win in the inaugural race at Carteret

County Speedway last September, led the field to the green flag in the 35 lap Street Stock feature. Council appeared to have the fastest car until an early race caution and restart allowed Jonathon Belfiore to catch back up. Belfiore took the lead on lap 12 and never looked back en route to victory.

"The caution definitely helped me out," Belfiore said. "He was fast and I was trying as hard as I could and, honestly, I needed that caution. Once we got past a couple lapped cars, I gained a little room on him and I just kept pulling and saw him come back but I wasn't worried. This wins means a lot to me."

Michael Rouse led wire-to-wire to claim the victory in the 40 lap Mini-Stock feature over Travis Miller and Travis Provost. Former Southern National Motorsports Park U-CAR division champion James Stroud scored the win in the U-CAR feature over Travis Miller and Jesse Jones and Brent Irving scored the win in an entertaining Legends feature over Billy Hall and Justin Mitchell.

The next race at Carteret County Speedway will be on Saturday, May 28th, featuring Late Models, Street Stocks, Mini-Stocks, U-CARs, Legends, Bandoleros and the Southern Ground Pounders Vintage Racing Club.

For more information about Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at www.carteretspeedway.com, "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook (www.facebook.com/carteretcoswy) or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter (www.twitter.com/carteretcoswy).



Chris Burns (19) and Joshua Yeoman (2) battle for the lead and the win at Carteret County Speedway's season opener. (ALICIA HACKETT/FRAMEWORKS PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - Three weeks ago, Zeke Shell's race car left Kingsport Speedway in pieces. This time, it left with a trophy.

Shell grabbed the lead on lap 27 after a hard-fought battle with Justin Fontaine. The win was Shell's first on the season.

Joey Trent and Fontaine started the race on the front row.

Fontaine quickly took the lead from the outside lane on the opening lap.

By the completion of the tenth circuit, Shell had made it into second place, with VanDyke moving into third. Fontaine and Shell continued to battle back and forth, as Shell stayed glued to the rear bumper of Fontaine through lap 20.

On lap 27, Shell was finally able to move Fontaine up the racetrack and taking over the top spot, bringing VanDyke in tow for the second position.

Shell would pull away as the race came to a close, making his first trip to Victory Lane.

"My team deserves no less," Shell said on his team's determination to rebuild his race car.

"The last race, we were ready to throw in the towel," added Shell. "We were out of money and done. But everyone on this frontstretch that I compete against came together and gave us parts and helped us get back here."

Paul Shull took the lead with only two laps remaining to take the win over Chris Tunnell.

Jared Broadbent and Mark Christian made up the front row to start the 30-lap feature. Broadbent began to get pressure from Kirby Gobble near the race's halfway point.

Broadbent and Gobble made contact on lap 14 at the entrance to turn four, sending Broadbent's No. 74 around and forcing the yellow to be displayed. With the field set for the restart, Gobble would be placed at the rear of the field for rough driving, placing Chris Tunnell and Paul Shull on the front row.

With the green flag back in the air, Tunnell would take the lead on lap 15.

With two laps remaining, Shull would get to the inside of Tunnell between turns three and four, pushing him up the track and taking the



Zeke Shell and family enjoy their visit to Kingsport Speedway's victory lane for the first time in the 2016 season. (RANDALL PERRY photo)

lead. Shull would clear Tunnell and go on to take his first win of the season.

Billy Byington continued his dominance in the Pure 4 division, winning the night's Pure 4 feature.

Billy Ketron grabbed the lead on the initial start until the caution waved on lap three when the No. 99 of Bucky Smith slowed in turns three and four.

On the restart, Ketron grabbed the lead again but began to feel the pressure from Byington, who had charged into second place. Byington would take the lead on the eleventh circuit.

The caution would wave on lap 15 when John Ketron and Dylan Bates tangled at the end of the frontstretch, sending both cars into the outside wall in turn one.

Kevin Canter took the lead on the opening lap of the Mod 4 race from the outside lane. Canter would lead every lap of the race on his way to Victory Lane.

Duke Bare claimed the victory in the 25-lap Pure Street feature.

Dustin Smith and Jake Phipps made up the front row to start the race. The caution would wave on lap one when Smith made hard contact with the outside wall on the frontstretch.

Bare took the lead on the restart over Marty Tunnell and never relinquished.

Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - With six dirt-tracks in East Tennessee each racing on Saturday night, Volunteer Speedway decided to think outside of the box a little and move its regular racing programs featuring Steel Head Late Model, Sportsman Late Model, and Modified Street to Friday night. However, the touring

series Super Late Model events will remain scheduled for Saturdays throughout the season.

The first "Fast Friday @ The Gap" show proved to be a success with good fan and car count. Jason Trammell of Knoxville recorded the \$1,200 Steel Head Late Model victory, with Josh Henry of Newport banking \$800 for winning the Sportsman Late Model feature, while Skimp Henry from Newport collected \$500 for winning the Modified Street race.

Trammell set fast-time at 12.812 seconds in Steel Head Late Model qualifying to earn the pole position, with Jason Manley second quickest at 12.887.

Manley jumped out to the lead over Trammell, Greg Estes, Chris Barton and Drew Kennedy. Kennedy got around Barton for fourth on the third circuit, and just one lap later between turns three and four, Trammell passed Manley for the lead. A strong run for Kennedy ended when his car suddenly slowed on the backstretch on lap 8 to bring the caution out.

Trammell brought the field back

to green followed by Manley, Estes, Barton and Ryan King. King quickly got around Barton for the fourth spot as they raced off the second corner, and on lap 12 he passed Estes to move into third in the running order. Meanwhile, leader Trammell had a rearview mirror full of the hard-charging Manley.

Manley passed Trammell to take the lead on lap 18 as they raced off (turn) two down the backstretch. But Trammell battled back to overtake Manley for the point on lap 20. What was a two-car race between Trammell and Manley had now developed into a three-car run at front of the field as King was on Manley's rear bumper.

With Manley having to try and hold off King, that allowed the 40-year-old Trammell drive to victory over King, who passed Manley for the runner-up spot on the final lap. Estes and Barton finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Friday, April 29, 2016 will be a night the Henry family will never forget, as both Josh and his father, Skimp, each visited victory lane for the first time ever on the same night. The 25-year-old Josh Henry, a third generation (Runah, Skimp and Josh) racer, advanced from his tenth starting position to win the Sportsman Late Model feature.

The race got off to a rough start, as front-row starters Jason Welshan and Tim Byrd tangled between turns one and two working the second lap. Contact between the duo resulted in Welshan spinning, while both Adam Tolliver and Tyler Smith were also collected in the fracas. The machines of Welshan, Tolliver and Smith each sustained significant damage.

Back under green Byrd was riding on the point leading his teammate Jensen Ford, Marty Calloway, Tim Maupin and Josh Fields. Calloway got around Ford for second

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Jason Trammell takes the turn at Volunteer Speedway on his way to the Late Model win. (VOLUNTEER SPEEDWAY photo)

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place on lap 3, while Henry was making a charge into the top five as he passed both Fields and Maupin to get into the fourth spot. But he wasn't content to ride in fourth, and he quickly worked his way past both Ford and Calloway into second behind leader Byrd.

Henry got to the inside of Byrd racing off the fourth turn on lap 8 to take a lead he would never relinquish. With Henry out front, behind him the racing action was fast-and-furious with position changes all throughout the field.

It was a tough ending for both Ford and Maupin, who were running fourth and fifth respectively, just a couple of laps from the finish. Ford got into the first turn outside wall and spun directly in front of Maupin, and with nowhere to go, Maupin slammed hard into Ford and both cars were badly torn up.

With a green-white-checkered shootout for the win, Henry pulled the trigger to capture the victory over Byrd, Calloway, Brandon Miller and Warren McMahan.

Skimp Henry has won many races (Crate Late Model, Open Wheel Modified and Street Stock) over a distinguished 30-year racing career, though the 51-year-old hasn't been behind the wheel for the past few years while he focused on getting his son (Josh) started racing. But just like learning to ride a bicycle, once you know how to drive a race car, you don't forget.

Henry established a new Modified Street track qualifying record when he laid down a fast-lap at 13.770 seconds. With work still to be done, he rocketed out into the lead at start of the 20-lap feature and never looked back en route to capturing the victory in impressive style over Chris Rickett, Shannon Emery, Tony Horton and Vic Chandler.

Another "Fast Friday @ The Gap" racing program is scheduled for next Friday, May 6.

Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series roared back to life Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway with great racing and close finishes on 84 Lumber Night at the Races.

Leading off the night the mighty

4-Cylinders would scream to life as they rolled to the flag for their 25 lap feature with fast timer Charlie Neill in the #2 starting at the point position. Neill would take the early lead as the field would scramble to see who was going to give challenge. Winner of the last 4 Cylinder race, Curtis Pardue in the #17, would give chase and attempt to run down Neill. While Pardue would reel in the leader he would fall just short as Neill would grab win #2 on the season with Pardue finishing a close 2nd. Rob Lewis in the #98 would finish 3rd, Rodney Trivette in the #6 and Rusty Fann in the #82 would round out the top 5.

Rolling off next would be the Limited Late Models for their 35 lap feature. Setting the hot lap in qualifying and starting from the pole would be newcomer Chase Cabre in the #2 with the #26 of Nicholas Pope starting to his outside. At the drop of the green flag the inside row would be the way to go as Cabre moved to the lead with Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 close behind. After several laps 2-time winner

Pelfrey would pressure Cabre and move ahead for the top spot. The pair would race nose to tail for several laps as the race would be winding down. Cabre would look to the low side of Pelfrey several times over the last few laps, even making a lap last charge to the checkers coming off of turn 4 but would come up just short as Pelfrey was able to get enough forward bite coming up off of the final corner to maintain the top spot to the checkered flag. With the win Pelfrey would have 3 victories in 4 starts for the season to date. Cabre would grab a hard fought 2nd place finish in his 1st start at America's Most Famous Short Track in Taylor Stricklin's old Limited Late Model. Charlie Watson in the #9 would

come home 3rd, Nicholas Pope in the #26 would finish 4th and points leader Evan Swilling rounding out the top 5.

Next up would be a race down memory lane with the Catawba Realty & Insurance Company Classic Sportsmen vintage cars. Greg Butcher in the #0 would lead the field to the green flag after setting the fast lap in qualifying. Butcher would be challenged by Bill Webb in the #16 and Eddie Gilbert in the #95 for the lead but would hold them off for his first HMS victory of the season. Gilbert would hold on for 2nd, Dennis Hinkle in the #4 would grab 3rd, Bill Powell in the #71 and Robert Webb in the #6 would round out the top 5.

The Bojangles Late Models would line up to do battle with the #5 of Dexter Canipe Jr. On the pole, 2015 NASCAR Whelen All American Series Hickory Motor Speedway Bojangles Track Champion Matt Piercy in the #21 to his outside, and Ryan Millington in the #17 and Kate Dallenbach in the #25 filling out row 2.

Canipe would make the early move to the lead with Piercy close in tow while Millington, Dallenbach, and the #18 of Casey Pierce would continually do battle for the top 5. With a short caution, and a restart Piercy would move around Canipe for his opportunity to lead. Canipe would stay glued to Piercy's bumper until lap 45 when he would make the move to regain the top spot from Piercy and move back to the point. After a caution involving Millington and the #23 of Zachary Dabbs, a restart on lap 70 seemed to set up an epic finish involving Canipe and Piercy but in Classic Hickory Motor Speedway style would include a surprise or two. As the cars went back to green flag racing, Canipe would once again take the top spot but Piercy would

close quickly on the leader. Lap 90 would see Piercy begin pressuring Canipe for the lead, and on lap 95 Piercy would take the #1 spot back, but contact between the pair would cause Piercy to spin coming off of turn 4 and earn Canipe a trip to the back. Dallenbach would inherit the lead as a result of the spin. The 3rd generation driver had been running in the top 3 the entire race and never lost contact with the front running pair, patiently waiting for her opportunity. On the restart Dallenbach would have Millington and Pierce pressuring her hard for the top spot but would hold them off and add her name to the list of winners at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars, as she would grab her first NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Model checkered flag. Millington would finish 2nd and move back into the points lead. Pierce would bounce back with a 3rd place finish after a mechanical failure would sideline him early in the last race. Madeline Crane in the #2 would make a late race charge to grab a 4th place finish and Dabbs would grab a 5th place finish.

Closing out the night would be the Street Stocks and their 30 lap feature. Cody DeMarmels in the #18 would snatch the top starting spot with the fast qualifying lap and Kevin Townsend in the #10 would start to his outside. Townsend would use the high groove to get around DeMarmels on the start. DeMarmels would take several shots at the top position but Townsend would effectively hold off the challenges and take the win with DeMarmels coming up just a 1/2 car length short but still grabbing 2nd. Kevin Eby in the #03 would grab 3rd, Marshall Sutton in the #64 and Trey Buff in the #69 would finish 4th and 5th after a spirited battle over the closing laps.



Kate Dallenbach adds her name to the winner's list at Hickory Motor Speedway. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

South Boston Speedway

S O U T H B O S T O N, VA - Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia picked up his fourth win of the season at South Boston Speedway Saturday night, winning the 75-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division race.

Bowling edged former NASCAR Whelen All American Series National

Champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia by .811-second in a six-lap dash to the finish that followed the last of the race's four caution periods.

Danny Willis Jr. of South Boston, Virginia finished third with Mark Wertz of Chesapeake, Virginia and Austin Thaxton of South Boston, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Woody Howard, Terry Carroll of Williamsburg, Virginia, Justin Carroll of Lanexa, Virginia, John Moore of Pelham, North Carolina and Chuck Lawson of Providence, North Carolina rounded out the top 10 finishers in the 24-car starting field.

The race was a highly competitive one, with two lead changes among three drivers, with Bowling taking the lead for good with 25 laps to go.

The second race of the night's scheduled twin 75-lap races was rained out.

Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia took the lead with two laps to go and edged Harrison Walker of Buffalo Junction, Virginia by .344-second to win Saturday night's race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division that was reduced to 25 laps instead of the scheduled 30-lap distance as a result of numerous mishaps.

Bruce Mayo of Halifax, Virginia finished third, with Scott Phillips of Halifax, Virginia and Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia completing the top five finishers.

Chris Humblet Wins Modified Race

The father-son duo of Jimmy Humblet and Chris Humblet of Shiloh, North Carolina battled for supremacy in Saturday night's 25-lap Modified Division race, with the son, Chris Humblet, coming out on top.

Chris Humblet took the lead from his father on lap 15 and led the final 10 circuits in picking up the



Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia picked up his fourth win of the season at South Boston Speedway Saturday night. (JAMES PRICE photo)

win to score his second triumph of the season.

Robbie Babb of Chesapeake, Virginia finished third with Robert Conner of Colonial Heights, Virginia and Bobby Gary rounding out the top five finishers.

Rain washed out the second race of the night's scheduled twin 25-lap Modified Division races.

Kenny Mills Jr. of Alton, Virginia finished third in Saturday night's 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race, but later in the night, found out he was the winner.

The apparent race winner, Justin Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia, and the apparent second-place finisher, Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia, were both disqualified by track NASCAR officials after their cars failed to pass a post-race technical inspection.

As a result, Mills was declared the winner.

The win was the first of the season for Mills, who became the fifth different winner in as many races in the division this season.

Robert Burgess was awarded second place with Todd Garnett of Drakes Branch, Virginia, Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia and Stephen Trickey of South Boston, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Rain that moved into the region forced South Boston Speedway officials to have to wave off three of the night's scheduled races, including the night's scheduled second 75-lap Late Model Stock Car race, the second of the night's scheduled pair of 25-lap Modified Division races and the night's 50-lap Limited Sportsman Division races.

NASCAR racing will return to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, May 14, with the Bojangles NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program.

A 100-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors will headline the six-race card that includes twin 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races, a 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race, a 15-lap Budweiser Hornets Division race and a 25-lap race for the touring Southern Ground Pounders series which features vintage Modified and Sportsman racers.

Registration opens at 2:30 p.m., pit gates open at 3 p.m. and practice will start at 4 p.m. Grandstand gates open at 5:30 p.m., qualifying starts at 6 p.m. and the first race gets the green flag at 7 p.m.

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

For additional information about the Bojangles NASCAR Late Model 100 racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at www.southbostonspeedway.com or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

Canyon Speedway Park

PEORIA, AZ - Rain has forced the cancellation of Saturday night's scheduled Sixth Annual Canyon Clash featuring the USAC Southwest Sprint Cars along with IMCA Stock Cars vs. SCRA Stock Cars,

IMCA Hobby Stocks vs. Renegades, Mod Lites and Micro Sprints at the 1/3-mile Canyon Speedway Park clay oval.

Action resumes at CSP with next Saturday's 6th Annual Mother's Day Race for the Cure with a slate of action that includes Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Hobby Stocks vs. Renegades, Mod Lites and Micro Sprints.

Next Saturday's action goes green at 7:00 p.m.

To keep up on all the latest news and happenings, sign up for Canyon Speedway E-News. The track update registration can be found at the top of the www.canyonspeedwaypark.com home page.

Canyon Speedway Park is located in north Peoria, AZ, off Lake Pleasant Parkway, then 1.3 miles west on Carefree Highway. For more information, contact the track at 602-258-RACE (7223) or check online at www.canyonspeedwaypark.com.

Ace Speedway

The Third Annual Rodney Cook Memorial event will now take place on Saturday July 2nd at Ace Speedway in Altamahaw, NC.

RACE22.com founder Langley Austin, who also operates Franklin County Speedway in Callaway, VA will be promoting the event through RACE22.com. Austin knew Rodney Cook very well from Rodney's days of racing at Franklin County to covering him racing throughout the Carolinas on RACE22.com.

"Rodney was one of the coolest guys at the track," said Austin. "He was one of toughest racers in the country but he was one of the nicest guys off the track. It's an honor to be able to take this race and make it something that will truly honor Rodney's life and racing career."

Austin says he's wanted to promote this race since learning of Rodney's passing and appreciates the opportunity given to him by the Cook family and Ace Speedway General Manager Mike Dailey.

"Mike (Dailey) came to me and said 'Look I can't do this race the justice it deserves. It needs someone who knew Rodney and someone who can genuinely give this race the attention it deserves'. I knew right then that I wanted to do it but I also wanted to do my due diligence and get with Rodney's brother Nukey and make sure he was on board and go from there, he

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said he was 100% behind it and was looking forward to it."

RACE22.com will operate the event completely separate of other activities this season at Ace Speedway.

"We're looking forward to going in there to do this event but we want to do it our way," continued Austin.

"RACE22.com and Moonshine Capital Promotions are both

two companies that have done a lot for short track racing and we want this to be our crown jewel event. We will be handling everything except the concessions for the event and we're going to put a lot of man hours into the event and the facility ahead of the race."

The Late Model Stock Car race will be 114 laps honoring both numbers that Rodney competed in regularly 1 and 14. The race will be run by NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Late Model Stock Car rules and will be run on four new sticker tires.

The purse and additional divisions will be announced in the coming days but Austin expects it to be big event.

"I don't want to just do this race for the sake of running it. Rodney deserves this race to be like the old Ace Speedway. With big car counts and the grandstands full of people. We'll have the backstretch grandstands open and everything back the way it was when Rodney was winning races there. We'd like to run all the divisions that people have come to expect over the years at Ace and maybe a few more. It's going to be a big day of racing with a true Late Model race to highlight the event."

More details concerning the event will be released in the next few weeks but race fans Mark your calendars because the Third Annual Rodney Cook Memorial is going to be the biggest yet.

A new website for the Rodney Cook Memorial is in development at www.rodneycookmemorial.com. That will be your source for all information for the Third Annual Rodney Cook Memorial event on Saturday July 2nd at Ace Speedway.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Racing action was fan pleasing wild and fu-

rious at the "fast" 1/3-mile high banks of Grandview Speedway on Saturday night.

Duane Howard survived the numerous skirmishes to become the first repeat winner in the T.P. Trailers NASCAR 358 Modified All-American Racing Series 30-Lap feature. "We were driving like a bunch of animals and there wasn't one car that wasn't bent," commented Howard in victory lane. He also garnered \$250 from T.P. Trailers.

Late Model action also had a two-time season winner as Brian Shuey scored his second BRC 25-Lap feature victory in the Scott and Sue Lee-owned No. 177. He also received \$100 from T.P. Trailers and the Dan's Deli 1/2-way hoagie award.

Jordan Henn, who has been close on numerous occasions to winning a 25-Lap NASCAR Sportsman feature, finally was able to put the "Moose" Eisenhard No. 77 in the winner's circle by a narrow margin over runner-up and last week's feature winner Mike Lisowski to claim a well-deserved first career win. He also was awarded the T.P. Trailers \$100 bonus and the Dan's Deli 1/2-way Hoagie award.

VP Racing Fuels product awards went to the top finishing racers in each division that used their racing gasoline and carried the proper decals and patches.

NASCAR stock car racing action returns to Grandview Speedway on Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m. when the T.P. Trailers NASCAR 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars are in action. Spectator gates open at 5:30 p.m. The weekly Meet and Greet featuring three different drivers and their race cars each Saturday takes place at the main gate at 5:30 p.m. Adult admission is just \$15 while youngsters under 12 are admitted FREE.

Lebanon I-44 Speedway

LEBANON, MO - Defending I-44 and NASCAR Missouri State Champion, JC Newell ran down leader Joe Ross on the 27th lap and then held off a late caution along with a charge from current point leader Jake Griffin to become the 4th different O'Reilly Auto Parts Pro Late Model Winner in as many races this season.

The 40 lap feature event rolled off with Ross grabbing the early lead from pole setter Josh Woody with Jimmy Vanzandt, Brennon Willard and Brian Brown following early. With Ross making a strong run, Kevin Donahue moved into the

top 5 on lap 2 as the pack behind Ross was tight. The 1st caution waved on lap 4 as Woody and Vanzandt made contact in turn 4 while battling for position. On the restart, Ross found points runner-up Brian Brown glued to his bumper as Willard, Newell and fast qualifier Griffin were locked in a tight race along with Steve Holt and a fast moving Kyle Donahue who slid back early. On lap 7, Vanzandt retired to the pits after advancing 4 spots with suspension issues. Ross started to place some distance between himself and Brown as the Kansas City area veteran had his sights set on a I-44 feature win. From lap 9 through lap 20, the race was for 2nd through 5th. Brown held 2nd as Willard held a solid 3rd and Griffin began to move forward. Griffin and Newell raced side by side lap after lap. On lap 20 Newell got under Brown and used him as a pick to escape Griffin so he could concentrate on Ross as 2014 NASCAR Missouri State Rookie Kyle Donahue was locked in a battle with Griffin, Brown and Willard. On the 25th lap, Newell caught Ross and the duo ran extremely hard door to door as Griffin and Donahue tried to run them down. On lap 27, Newell shot to the inside of Ross to take the top spot. After a single car caution on lap 28 the field was all pulled together once again. On the restart, Griffin got under Ross as Donahue followed dropping Ross to 4th as Brown, Willard, Steve Holt, Terry Limberopolous and Woody were engaged in a battle for position. Griffin slowly closed on Newell until the final yellow waved on lap 37 placing him on the leader's bumper. On the restart, Newell got another strong jump and captured his 1st win of the season with Griffin, Kyle Donahue, early race dominator Ross and Brown completing the top 5. Thirteen cars finished on the lead lap of the 40 lapper.

"Newell, excited in the winner's circle, told the crowd this was not last year's championship car, but a Hamke car the they are running in the Champion Racing Oil Masters of the Pro's 144 on May 14th in the All-Star event at I-44. "I have never really felt at ease in this car, but the longer we ran tonight, the better it got. We changed the steering wheel and it felt better. I was really wondering if we could run down Joe tonight. He was so quick and smooth tonight and trying to keep Brown, Griffin and Donahue behind us. When they got side by side, it helped us out." Griffin was the quickest in qualifying with an amaz-

ing lap of 14.526 seconds on the 3/8ths mile asphalt oval.

Defending Budweiser Modified Champion Tim Swearengin got the early jump over David Bates on the start and then held the former 3 time Modified Champion at bay to take his 2nd straight win of the season. Swearengin withstood a bumper to bumper battle for 13 laps with Bates until a tire went down sending Bates to the pits. Bates rejoined the battle again working through the field and applying pressure as Swearengin held a tight groove all night. Bates would settle for the runner-up spot with Terry Taylor and Jimmy Poindexter following. A severe crash in an earlier heat race placed point's runner-up Chris Johnson, Brian Lewis and Chris Kerperien on the trailer with major damage. Heat race wins went to Terry Taylor and Bates.

Outlaw Motor Speedway

MUSKOGEE, OK - With Friday night's scheduled slate of action rained out at Outlaw Motor Speedway, next up atop the 3/8-mile clay oval near Muskogee is Thursday's NASCAR Night.

The Thursday night, May 5, NASCR Night will feature NASCAR stars Ken Schrader and Kenny Wallace making an appearance at Outlaw Motor Speedway as they both compete in the IMCA Modified division.

Added money will be up for grabs for each of the IMCA divisions as well on NASCAR Night with the IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars, Grand Nationals and Pure Stocks on the card highlighted by the IMCA Modifieds.

A NASCAR veteran of 30 years before retiring from the premier series at the conclusion of the 2013 season, Fulton, MO, native Ken Schrader has competed in essentially every form of racecar over the course of his career from Indy Cars and Sprints Cars to Late Models, Sports Cars, Modifieds and Stock Cars.

Likewise, Kenny Wallace of St. Louis spent 25 years in the NASCAR ranks and still keeps up a hectic schedule of dirt track racing throughout the nation.

Schrader and Wallace will take on the best that Outlaw Motor Speedway has to offer in the IMCA Modified ranks with Leroy Cook, Jr., currently leading the track championship points race by just two points over Danny Womack with Dalton Clay, Kent Bright and Ted Holt, Jr., among others in the

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title mix.

Several other invaders are expected as well for Thursday's NASCAR Night \$1,000-to-win IMCA Modified feature event.

The IMCA Sport Modifieds compete for \$500 to win on NASCAR Night with \$400 to win posted for the IMCA Stock Cars. The Grand Nationals race for a \$400 winner's share with \$300

up for grabs for the Pure Stocks.

While Leroy Cook, Jr., holds the current Outlaw Motor Speedway points lead in IMCA Modifieds, other current championship chase leaders include Caleb Edwards in IMCA Sport Modifieds, Dale Richardson in IMCA Stock Cars, Heath Weston in Grand Nationals and Brady Smith in Pure Stocks.

General admission tickets for NASCAR Night on Thursday, May 5, are available for \$15 with Senior Citizens and Military admitted for \$10. Children ages 6-12 are admitted for \$5 with children five and under free. Pit passes are available for \$35.

The complete Outlaw Motor Speedway 2016 schedule is available at outlawmotorspeedway.net/schedule/.

Outlaw Motor Speedway is located southwest of Muskogee, OK.

For more information, contact the track at 918-625-6200 or check online at www.outlawmotorspeedway.net/.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - On the night of the 36th annual Jack Gunn Memorial there were two races going on at Selinsgrove Speedway. One race was on the track and the other was against mother nature and an impending storm Saturday evening.

Although the racing was fast paced all night and moved along quickly, mother nature still got the best of the 30-lap Gunn Memorial. The race was past halfway and considered complete on lap 18 with Mark Smith of Sunbury declared the winner for the second year in a row in the \$2,200-to-win event. Brad Mitch of McClure also grabbed a Pro Stock win in the division's 15-lap main before the rains came.

Robbie Stillwagon of Burlington, N.J., started the night off with the

Fast Tees Fast Time Award (17,499) over the 28-car field for the Newville Family of Companies 360 Sprint Cars which were joined by the United Racing Club.

Rains hit before the Jeff's Auto Body & Recycling Center Super Late Model feature was held. The makeup feature will be run during the May 7 "Pack the Track" night. Chad Hollenbeck, Tony Adams, and Coleby Frye won the heat races for the stout 27-car Late Model field.

The Roadrunner feature was also postponed to a later date to be announced.

This coming Saturday, May 7, will be the annual PEPSI "Pack the Track" night featuring \$5 General Admission for all adults and students. Kids 11 years of age and younger will be admitted FREE. The May 7 racing card will include a full program of 360 Sprint Cars, Pro Stocks, Roadrunners and two late model features. Gates will open at 5 p.m. with racing at 7 p.m.

Once heat races and a B-main were completed the Sprint Car feature line up was set with Mark Smith bringing the field to the green flag as the defending winner of the race. A strong start for fourth-place starter Josh Weller shot him into the race lead.

A lap six caution flag gave Smith a chance to regroup and take a shot to regain the top spot. By the time the field returned to the flag stand for lap seven Smith was again showing the way while being chased by Weller.

On lap 12 Smith began to work into lapped traffic and that allowed Weller to begin to close up the gap along with TJ Stutts. Stutts was all over Weller when the yellow flag flew again on lap 17 for Curt Michael slowing with a flat tire. The yellow was good for Smith again giving him the open track.

Stutts was on Weller when the green flew again allowing Smith to get away a little bit before the yellow was displayed for the final time. Jim Shuster was slowing on the backstretch as the rain began to fall on the speedway. Drivers gave officials the sign that the racing surface was not what it needed to be for them to compete any further and they were sent to the pits and the race was called official soon after.

The win is Smith's 16th career victory at the speedway in 358-360 Sprint Car racing and his seventh in a URC sanctioned event at the track dating back to 2012. Weller came home in second followed by Stutts, Ryan Kissinger from the

13th starting spot, and Robbie Stillwagon. Jason Shultz, Cody Keller, Nate Snyder, Ed Aiken, and John Braim were the top ten in the rain-shortened event.

Rockford Speedway

With wet conditions over-sweeping the area and with more wet and cold weather expected throughout the day, officials at Rockford Speedway have cancelled tonight's "Dogs and Suds Night."

Racing resumes next Saturday night May 7 with "Ladies Night," where all adult ladies received \$5 admission and the first 100 ladies through the gate receive a FREE rose. Racing next weekend includes the Stanley Steamer NASCAR Late Models, Miller Lite American Short Trackers, Kickstart Roadrunners and Racer Girl Winged Women on Wheels along with the Sam's Drive In Roadrunner Challenge. Gates open at 5 PM with the Co-Lin Metals Fabricating Fast Dashes set to go green next weekend at 7:07 PM.

For more information on upcoming events at Rockford Speedway, please visit rockfordspeedway.com.

Franklin County Speedway

Franklin County Speedway's 2016 season has been off to a hot and exciting start but the month of May just got a little hotter as the temperatures begin to go up and the racing is only going to get better.

A race scheduled for May 8th has been canceled and moved to May 15th with the track not wanting to compete on Mother's Day out of respect for the racers, fans and neighbors who will be celebrating with cookouts, church and other activities.

"We didn't mean to schedule on Mother's Day to start with," said track promoter Langley Austin. "We're going to move that race back to May 15th and let everyone celebrate Mother's Day at home with their families or in whatever way they usually do."

Austin said a lot of racers had expressed concern with running on Mother's Day.

"Racers want to race all the time but family comes first and many of them were concerned about running on Mother's Day as their families have other plans and they wanted to be a part of that. We certainly agree with their concerns."

Racing will resume on Sunday May 15th at 3pm with the running

of the "Hometown Throwdown". The event will feature a 60-lap Late Model Stock Car feature race paying \$1,000 to win. Also on tap will be the Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, Tunerz, U-Cars, Mini Cups and Future Stars Mini Cups.

The month of May will be a busy one despite the first two weekends sitting idle as there will be three weekends in a row of racing with back to back races set for Memorial Day weekend. Plans for both Sunday, May 22nd and Sunday May 29th are being finalized now. Monday May 30th will feature a special 100-lap Late Model Stock Car race will details on the extended race coming in the next few days.

For more information on Franklin County Speedway be sure to check out our website at www.FCSpeedway.com and Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MoonshineCapitalPromotions/ and follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/franklincoswy.

Dodge City Raceway Park

DODGE CITY, KS - The 2016 racing season at Dodge City Raceway Park is in full swing with the initial three nights of the season logged into the books during the month of April.

With the page of the calendar, attention shifts to the month of May that features a pair of big events atop the 3/8-mile DCRP clay oval in Southwest Kansas.

The initial event of May takes place next Saturday night, May 7, with the initial appearance of the NCRA/Gomuddy.com NSL 360 Sprint cars along with a full card of IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

Rounding out the month of May will be the Saturday night, May 21, round of championship chase action featuring all five track divisions of Precise Racing Products DCRP Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars and IMCA Hobby Stocks.

Past NCRA champion Jeremy Campbell, a native of Michigan now calling Wichita home, topped last year's May event at Dodge City Raceway Park with Tony Bruce, Jr., reaching NCRA victory lane at the Steve King Memorial.

Next Saturday's NCRA/NSL card will the lone opportunity for the 360-ci powered Sprint Cars to get some DCRP laps before the \$10,000-to-win Steve King Memorial on July 1-2 featuring the NSL National 360's along with URSS 305's and 1200-cc Mini Sprints.