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Political Support May Backfire with Sponsors

The raucous reaction, good and bad, to Donald Trump's presidential candidacy has spread beyond college campuses and big arenas to NASCAR, an area where noise usually comes from an 800-horsepower engine.

And just like the general public, the people on both sides of Trump's run are dug in just as deeply as the revelers at his rallies.

NASCAR chairman Brian France, former champion Bill Elliott, Mark Martin, Ryan Newman, David Ragan and Chase Elliott are some who've come out recently in support for the billionaire businessman by appearing with him at rallies in Georgia and Florida.

Trump welcomed the endorsement, saying: "If the people that like and watch NASCAR vote for Donald Trump, they can cancel the election right now. Nobody [else] can win."

"I'm all for it," Bill Elliott said. "We need a change, guys. That's all there is to it. And I think this is the man for the job."

At the same time, the CEO of the company that sponsors the Camping World Truck Series and the Good Sam 500 at the Phoenix International Raceway is steadfastly opposed to the sport for supporting a candidate, especially Trump.

Marcus Lemonis, an immigrant from Lebanon, told ESPN Radio France "created ... this spectacle."

Lemonis said he didn't want to alienate potential customers by being connected to any endorsement for Trump, especially after France admitted to The Associated Press last week he wasn't clear on all of Trump's political positions.

"It's typical Brian in my opinion," Lemonis told ESPN Radio. "I've seen this happen before. He doesn't necessarily have all the facts and he picks up a vision and he does it with enthusiasm and exuberance."

"When he says he doesn't understand the policies, that to me, in itself, is a bit of a problem that he doesn't understand what people stand for, and he takes time out of

his schedule on a brand that I spend millions of dollars to support."

France's endorsement came a year after NASCAR pulled season-ending banquets for the Camping World Truck and Xfinity series from the Trump National Doral Miami resort after Trump made disparaging remarks about undocumented Mexicans.

When announcing his candidacy for the Republican nomination on June 16, 2015, Trump said: "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're sending people that have lots of problems and they're bringing those problems with us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists."



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Lemonis immediately sent an open letter to NASCAR denouncing Trump. NASCAR responded by moving the banquets.

France reacted to the latest dust-up by saying his organization has spent "tens of millions of dollars" in creating and supporting diversity programs in the sport. He also called his endorsement "routine."

France also said his support was not a blanket endorsement from NASCAR.

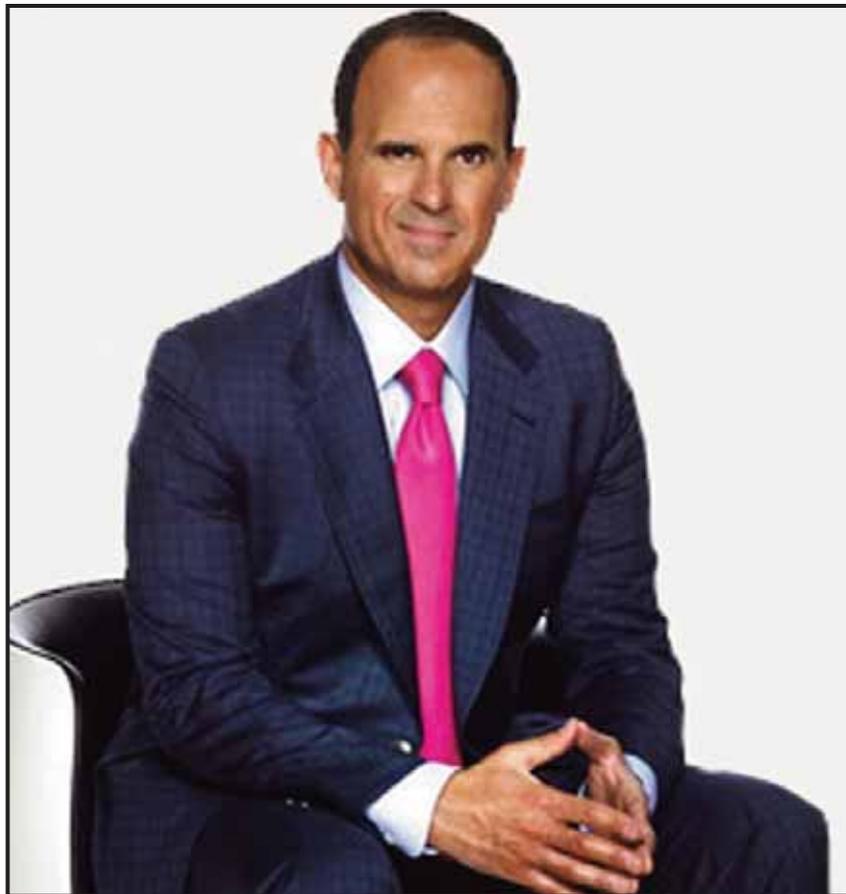
That wasn't good enough for Lemonis.

"I think it's insulting to think that regular citizens like ourselves do not have the education to think with our minds," he said.

"When you use a sport like NASCAR, you use a sport like the NFL or the NBA or anything like that where the fans are wildly loyal, and now you've essentially given the endorsement of a population that is made up of supporters of lots of different people, that's a problem."

Politics and stock cars have a long history. NASCAR drivers and car owners often endorse candidates, especially those from the Republican Party. And some have taken their political beliefs to the extreme.

Kirk Shelmerdine, the former crew chief for Dale Earnhardt who eventually drove a part-time schedule, was admonished by the Federal Election Commission for running a Bush/Cheney decal on his car in 2004 at the Martinsville



Marcus Lemonis, Chairman and CEO of Camping World and Good Sam Enterprises, is opposed to NASCAR supporting political candidates, especially Donald Trump. (MARCUS LEMONIS.COM)

Speedway. The FEC said since the race was televised, Shelmerdine was required to provide equal space to Bush's opponent, John Kerry.

Gov. Rick Perry's presidential campaign in 2010 sponsored Bobby Labonte's Cup car at Texas in 2010 and Elizabeth Dole's campaign sponsored Mike Harmon's Busch Series car in 2004.

In 2013 NASCAR was involved

in another political debate when it allowed the National Rifle Association to sponsor the Sprint Cup Series race at the Texas Motor Speedway. The NRA was dropped a year later and the sanctioning body has since told race tracks and teams it must approve all potential sponsorships.

The sanctioning body, however, is powerless to restrict political views – especially its own.

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Johnson Extends His Auto Club Speedway Record with Sixth Victory

FONTANA, CA - Driving in the Superman car and donning the Superman cape in the winner's circle, El Cajon, Calif. native Jimmie Johnson furthered his unmatched legacy at Auto Club Speedway in his Southern California homecoming.

Johnson (No. 48, Lowe's/Superman Chevrolet) drove to his sixth NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race win at Auto Club Speedway – three more than any other driver – by claiming the checkered flag at the 20th-Annual Auto Club 400 on Sunday.

Johnson won his first Sprint Cup race in his career at Auto Club Speedway in 2002, and grabbed his other four wins on Auto Club Speedway's two-mile oval in a six-race stretch from 2007-10. His five runner-up finishes at ACS are also a record.

"There's just nothing like coming back to SoCal," Johnson said. "It's very special. Many friends that I didn't expect to see here this weekend, didn't even know they were coming to the race, I ran into. Others, it's my one time of the year to see them and hang out. I even ran into a cousin that I didn't even know was going to be here until last night. Fortunately, as I was running to driver intros, I ran into her. It's great to be close to home. When we come to a track like we have here, an old surface, it's so much fun to drive the race car."

In winning his second Sprint Cup race in the 2016 season, the 40-year-old Johnson earned his 77th career Sprint Cup triumph, leaving Dale Earnhardt in his rear view mirror as he moved into seventh place on his own on NASCAR's all-time wins list.

"I feel like, physically and mentally, I'm the best that I've ever been in my career," Johnson said. "It makes me want to stick around and do this for a lot of years. I've been very, very fortunate to win 77 of these things, which blows my mind. I would love to just keep on going and just win, win, win. I know there's some more legends just ahead of me in this sport and I look forward to getting a chance to get up there and honor them as well and join them with the amount of

wins."

Starting on the inside of Row 10 in the 39-car field, Johnson led the race for 25 laps and benefitted from what turned out to be Kyle Busch's kryptonite this weekend at Auto Club Speedway – his tires.

Johnson was running 15th when defending Sprint Cup champion and three-time Auto Club 400 winner Busch (No. 18, M&M's 75 Toyota) blew a tire on lap 200, prompting the race's sixth and final caution flag.

"I really felt from the midpoint of the race on, we were one of the top two or three cars and the longer the run went, the better we were," Johnson said. "Kyle had more unfortunate luck there with the tire and it set up that final caution and pitstop. My guys just crushed the pitstop. That restart, those two laps, whatever Chad did with tire pressures and adjustments on that last stop, the car was incredible. I got a great launch out of the bottom of Turn 2. I realized I got a shot at this thing, which I didn't expect to have. At that point, I felt pretty good about bringing it home with just one lap to go. We saved our best for last."

The final caution and Johnson's ensuing pitstop allowed Johnson to position himself near the front of the pack on the restart on lap 204, where he passed Kevin Harvick (No. 4, Jimmy John's Chevrolet) for the white flag and held him off for the checkered flag on lap 205. Denny Hamlin (No. 11, Sport Clips Toyota) finished third.

"I think we were probably going to settle in about fifth or sixth. And when that caution came out, our pit crew guys, they knew what to do," Lowe's/Superman Chevrolet crew chief Chad Knaus said. "They knew they were going to have to get us some spots if we were going to have any shot at getting the victory. A fantastic pitstop. I think we gained two or three spots and it put us in third."

"I was telling Jimmie, just before that restart I said, 'Buddy, dig in deep and go find that cape.' On that restart, he did really well. He got up on the 4 car (Harvick) and they pushed past the car on the outside, and he was able to drive down to the inside and he was able to blow by the 4 car. Jimmie is, obviously, an amazing talent behind the wheel. For him to do what he did today, I think that speaks vol-



"Superman" Jimmie Johnson in Auto Club Speedway's victory lane beside one of the largest trophies in NASCAR Sprint Cup racing. (NIGEL KINRADE/NKP photo)

umes for what that man is capable of."

2011 Auto Club 400 champion Harvick led for 142 laps and appeared destined for a second Auto Club Speedway victory until the final caution flag dropped. While Harvick took runner-up honors in the Auto Club 400 for the second consecutive year, he does maintain an 11-point lead over Johnson atop the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series standings with 195 points.

Busch was running a comfortable second, behind Harvick, until he blew a tire in Turn 3 near the end of the race. He finished runner-up in Saturday's NASCAR Xfinity Series TreatMyClot.com 300 after suffering a flat tire while leading on

the final lap. The hard-luck Busch ran 25th overall and had his eight-race streak of top-5 results on NASCAR's Sprint Cup series end.

2015 Auto Club 400 champion Brad Keselowski (No. 2, Wurth Ford) got inside the top three in the final quarter of the race and wound up placing ninth. Polesitter Austin Dillon (No. 3, American Ethanol Chevrolet), who won Saturday's TreatMyClot.com 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series race at Auto Club Speedway, finished 24th. Auto Club Speedway hosted its 27th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race – second all-time among active California racetracks. The race featured 26 lead changes and eight different leaders.

Austin Dillon Saves Fuel, Wins XFINITY Thriller at Fontana

By REID SPENCER
 FONTANA, CA - Seconds after crossing the finish line .715 seconds ahead of runner-up Kyle Busch, Austin Dillon summed up Saturday's Treat-MyClot.com 300 by Janssen in one short sentence.

"I'd rather be lucky than good," Dillon chortled on his team radio after ending evading Busch's last-ditch attempt to pinch the winning No. 2 Chevrolet into the outside wall at Auto Club Speedway.

And that was just the final stanza of a crazy final lap that saw: 1) Busch slow to a crawl, short on fuel; 2) Daniel Suárez take the lead from his Joe Gibbs racing teammate on the backstretch, only to run out of fuel; 3) Busch regain the lead despite cutting a left front tire on his final lap; and 4) Dillon come from a half-lap down to pass Busch as the drivers approached the finish line.

Dillon led only one lap, but it was the lap that counted.

"Well, I just had to stay focused," said Dillon, who did a masterful job of saving fuel in snapping Busch's three-race winning streak. "(My team) said (Busch) had a flat. I was worried about our fuel and stayed focused on that the whole time.

"He tried to screw me right there at the end, but it didn't work out for him, did it? I'm proud of these guys. Man, that was fun. I didn't think we had a car to do that, and we didn't, but we did what we had to do to win the race..."

"Sometimes things just go your way, and today they definitely did."

Busch, on the other hand, led 133 of the 150 laps and appeared destined to tie Sam Ard's record of four victories in as many consecutive races. In fact, Joe Gibbs Racing seemed headed for its third straight 1-2-3 finish before Erik Jones ran out of fuel on the next-to-last lap, Daniel Suárez emptied his tank a lap later, and Busch cut his tire after taking the white flag.



Austin Dillon and crew enjoy Auto Club Speedway's victory lane celebrations with a Coke. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

The victory was Dillon's first of the season, first at the two-mile track and seventh of his career.

Darrell Wallace Jr. finished third, and Suárez limped across the finish line in fourth place, maintaining a 10-point lead over fifth-place finisher Elliott Sadler in the series standings. Kevin Harvick, Brendan Gaughan, Kyle Larson, Brandon Jones and Justin Allgaier completed the top 10.

Second with two laps left, Jones came home 15th, one lap down.

After pit stops under caution on Lap 101, Suárez came up a half-lap short of his elusive first victory.

"In the whole run we were saving fuel," Suárez said. "I knew that we were one to one-and-a-half laps short. I was saving fuel. I wasn't worrying about the 20 (Jones) or 18 (Busch). I was just trying to finish the race, because I knew that we were short. I knew that the 20 was a little bit shorter than us and eventually he ran out. When he ran out I started saving more because I knew that I had more fuel than him, but not a lot.

"I was just trying to save as much as I can. I passed the 18 when he blew the left front tire in (Turns) 1 and 2, and on the exit of 2 I ran out of fuel, and on the exit of four the 2 (Dillon) and the 18 passed me back. Very unfortunate, but it's part of racing. I really think that our first victory is coming and hopefully we can get it very soon."

The pole winner for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race (3:30 p.m. ET on FOX), Dillon will try to complete a career-first week-end sweep in the Auto Club 400.

Note: Wallace's car failed post-race Laser Inspection Station. NASCAR will determine next week if a penalty is warranted.



Kyle Busch limps back to the checkered flag after dominating the race all day only to see a cut tire on the last lap leave him in the runner's up position at Auto Club Speedway. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

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Gilliland Does It Again Now 3 for 3 with K&N Pro West Toyota/NAPA Auto Parts 150 Win

IRWINDALE, CA - Todd Gilliland is making it look easy to compete and win the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East and West.

Gilliland started from the pole and took the lead back from Ryan Partridge on Lap 123 to win the Toyota/NAPA Auto Parts 150 at California's Irwindale Speedway.

His victory was his second consecutive victory in his second straight start in the West.

More impressively, the third-generation driver from Sherrills Ford, N.C., now joins the history books as a driver to earn three wins in his first three career starts in both the

NASCAR K&N Pro Series East and West.

The 15-year-old collected his first two victories in his debuts at Arizona's Phoenix International Raceway in November during the West finale and in February at Florida's New Smyrna Speedway at the East opener.

Gilliland took the lead on Lap 1 and remained out front until he was passed for the lead by Gracin Raz on Lap 4.

Despite falling from the top spot, Gilliland remained in the top 10 throughout the race and worked his way back into second halfway through the race. He was able to pass Partridge on Lap 123 to kick start his trip to Victory Lane.

Gilliland withstood a challenge by Partridge on a restart on Lap



Todd Gilliland made it one for the history books collecting his third consecutive NASCAR K&N Pro Series victory. (Joshua Blanchard/Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

135 after the seventh and final caution flag was thrown to go on to win by nearly two seconds.

Defending series champion Chris Eggeston finished third with Noah Gragson and Johnny Borneaman completing the top five.

Riley Herbst was sixth with Hannah Newhouse, Julia Landauer, Cole Rouse and Trevor Huddleston rounding out the top 10.

The Toyota/NAPA Auto Parts 150 will be broadcast on NBCSN on Friday, March 25 at 9 p.m. ET.

Fitzgerald Glider Kits Sponsors Dash 4 Cash Heat Racing at BMS

BRISTOL, TN - The popular NASCAR XFINITY Series Dash 4 Cash heat race April 16 ratchets up the intensity with a new name, the Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300. Fitzgerald, a Tennessee-based company that is North America's leader in glider kit assembly, is

joining the Bristol Motor Speedway family as a multi-year entitlement sponsor of the NASCAR XFINITY Series race.

The Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300 is the first race of an XFINITY Series/K&N Pro Series doubleheader on Saturday during the Food City 500 weekend. The 2016 edition of the Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300 will feature the new Dash 4 Cash format, which will include two Heats and a Main event. Qualifying for the event will set the 40-car field with odd-numbered qualifiers competing in the first Heat and even-numbered qualifiers contending in the second. Finishing order from the two Heats will then set the final starting spots for the Main event of the Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300. The top two series regulars from each Heat will then battle for an additional \$100,000 Dash 4 Cash bonus.

"Fitzgerald is a great American company, a leader in the transportation industry and a good fit as the entitlement sponsor for our NASCAR XFINITY Series April race," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager for Bristol Motor Speedway. "The response to the new Dash 4 Cash heat racing has been outstanding and we are confident that the Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300

will be a fan favorite on the circuit this season."

For over 20 years, Fitzgerald has been the largest glider kit dealer in the country. They have refined their production of gliders, a new cab and chassis with rear axles but without an engine, transmission or accessory parts, into a steady enterprise, which earned them the name of "The Glider Kit Specialist". The company produces more than 4,000 trucks per year and offers various models of the Peterbilt, Kenworth, Freightliner, and Western Star brands.

"As a Tennessee-based company, it was hard to pass up the op-

portunity to sponsor one of the most exciting tracks on the NASCAR circuit," said founder Tommy Fitzgerald Sr. "We try hard to capture every opportunity we can to show pride here in our home state, so the partnership with Bristol Motor Speedway seemed like a natural fit."

The green flag for the first Heat of the Fitzgerald Glider Kits is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. with the second Heat beginning at approximately 1:10 p.m. Tickets for Saturday's doubleheader start at just \$35 for adults and \$17 for youth. For more information, visit BristolTix.com or call (855) 580-5525.

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Tony Stewart to be Honored at the 36th Annual Speedway Children's Charities Gala

CONCORD, NC - The 36th annual Sonic Automotive Speedway Children's Charities Gala presented by The NRA Teach Freedom Foundation will recognize one of NASCAR's great philanthropists during a truly unforgettable evening on Wednesday, May 25. Tony Stewart will be honored for his successes on and off the track, including his incredible contributions to Speedway Children's Charities across all eight Speedway Motorsports chapters.

Stewart announced last year that 2016 would be his final season as a NASCAR driver, with the three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion transitioning full-time into the role of owner at Stewart-Haas Racing, the title-winning Sprint Cup team he co-owns with Gene Haas.

Stewart will never be far from the racetrack, be it in NASCAR or in the other realms of motorsports where he has a presence. His sprint car team, Tony Stewart Racing (TSR), fields an entry for seven-time and reigning World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series champion Donny Schatz. And in addition to TSR, Stewart also owns the legendary Eldora Speedway. The half-mile dirt oval is where Stewart frequently raced as an up-and-coming USAC driver, and it hosts several of the year's largest dirt racing events, including the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series – the only national NASCAR touring series race on dirt.

But as impressive as Stewart's legacy is behind the wheel, his efforts outside the car are equally noteworthy. "For more than 15 years Stewart has wowed NASCAR fans across the country, but he rarely gets recognized for his philanthropic efforts," said Marcus Smith, vice chairman of Speedway Children's Charities. "The gala will be the perfect opportunity for us to thank him for all he's done for Speedway Children's Charities to help children in need around the country."

Since 2009, Stewart has raised more than \$1 million for Speedway Children's Charities with his annual "Smoke Show" event. This day-long stock-car fantasy camp gives attendees a chance to drive a stock car around the 1.5-mile Texas Motor Speedway, with personal instruction from Stewart, as well as enjoy a three-lap ride-a-long around the oval's high banks.

Stewart is also an annual participant in SCC's "Ride of a Lifetime" promotion. This online auction allows fans to bid on a chance to ride in the back of a pick-up truck with their favorite driver during the pre-race parade at speedways around the country. Stewart has participated in this fundraiser at each of the eight Speedway Motorsports facilities.

"The 'Smoke Show' and 'Ride of a Lifetime' fundraisers give me the opportunity to meet some amazing fans, all while having fun for a very worthy cause," Stewart said. "Speedway Children's Charities benefits thousands of kids every year, and I'm honored the organization would recognize me for the small role I played during my NASCAR career."

The Ritz-Carlton in uptown Charlotte, North Carolina will host the annual black-tie fundraising event. FOX Sports personality Krista Voda will serve as the emcee. The festivities are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

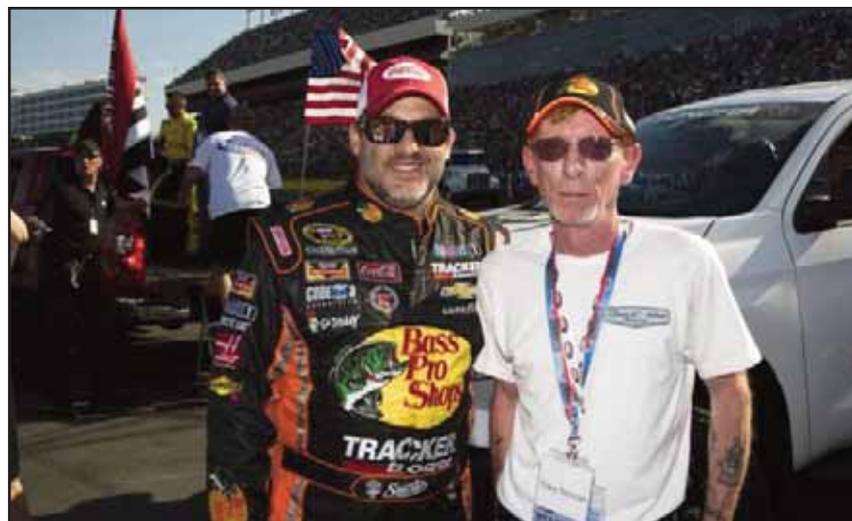
Speedway Children's Charities is a nonprofit organization that was founded by Bruton Smith in 1982. Since then, it has raised over \$46 million for other worthy nonprofit organizations across the United States.

For more information about Speedway Children's Charities and how you can get involved, visit www.speedwaycharities.org/.

Kevin Harvick and Cal Ripken Jr. Unveil Multi-purpose Park

BAKERSFIELD, CA - Kevin Harvick today continued his commitment to supporting his hometown of Bakersfield, Calif., when the Kevin Harvick Foundation and Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation opened a multi-purpose Youth Development Park in the city. Sport superstars Cal Ripken Jr. and Kevin Harvick cut the ribbon to unveil the Kevin Harvick Foundation Park, which will provide a clean and safe environment in which local youth can play, learn and grow. The Bakersfield facility marks the second collaboration between

the two organizations, which commenced their alliance by opening the Kevin Harvick Foundation Park in Greensboro, N.C., in November 2015. "The Kevin Harvick Foundation once again is honored to partner with the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation to provide an amazing facility for so many underserved children to develop physically and mentally," Harvick said. "Sports played a pivotal role in my youth and development later in life, and I am looking forward to seeing these children derive the same benefits from this facility, particularly the ones who wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to play and let loose in such a clean, safe atmosphere."



Tony Stewart poses with Ride of a Lifetime winner Michael Kiley during the 2015 Coca-Cola 600 pre-race show. (SCC photo)

Much like the Greensboro park, the Bakersfield state-of-the-art facility is designed for multi-sport use, featuring four outdoor fitness stations, a rubber track surface circling the field's perimeter and a digital scoreboard. The park, a gift to The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Kern County, will be maintained by the organization, with whom the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation and Kevin Harvick Foundation will collaborate to create and implement character education programming and clinics for the children who utilize the facility.

Guest speakers at Wednesday's ribbon-cutting ceremony included: Ripken, Baseball Hall of Famer and Ripken Foundation vice chairman; Harvick, 2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion and Kevin Harvick Foundation co-founder; Harvey Hall, Bakersfield Mayor; Jason Cohen, former President of Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Kern County; Vanessa Emo, President, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Kern County; and Steve Salem, President, Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

Following the ceremony, the group christened the new Kevin Harvick Foundation Park when Ripken, Harvick and the children hit the field for a Quickball clinic - a fast-paced, easy-to-learn version of America's pastime. "We are thrilled to have another opportunity to collaborate with the Kevin Harvick Foundation and continue to provide a safe place for our youth to play and learn," Ripken said. "It's very rewarding to unite with such a like-minded organization toward a greater cause. Together, we can continue to expand our reach and make a difference for kids everywhere."

The Bakersfield park marks the 52nd Youth Development Park completed by the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation for use by Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. The Kevin Harvick Foundation assists in funding the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, as the two charitable organizations share the common goal of supporting underprivileged youth across the United States in various ways. During the last five years, the Ripken Foundation has developed more than 50 multi-purpose turf facilities in 16 states, impacting more than 220,000 youth. Since 2009, the Ripken Foundation has had presence in numerous communities throughout North Carolina through its Badges for Baseball law enforcement youth mentoring program and Youth Development Park initiative. In addition to Kevin Harvick Foundation Park, the Ripken Foundation has three Youth Development Parks in use by youth-serving organizations in Charlotte, Greenville and Raleigh - two of which are adaptive fields to provide children with special needs a safe place to play and grow.

Kevin Harvick Foundation Park marks the second Ripken Foundation Youth Development Park in California, joining LA Dodgers Dreamfield adaptive field.

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Charlotte Motor Speedway CONCORD, NC -

The 1944 Mack fire truck street rod whose massive burnout video went viral on YouTube will turn heads as part of a special exhibit of unique firefighting vehicles during the Pennzoil AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway April 7-10.

The Mack will share the spotlight in the Showcase Pavilion with a collection of unusual and historic fire-

fighting vehicles chosen by Vintage Fire Truck & Equipment magazine as features.

The VFT&E display includes a 1922 Ford that has served the Farmland (Indiana) Fire Dept. since it was new; a tiny Scat emergency truck designed to reach fires in crowded buildings; specialized fire units built on an International Harvester Scout and a Ford Bronco; and two trucks that served nearby Kings Mountain in the 1930s.

Kids, who get in free with an adult ticket purchase, can also learn about fire safety through the Concord Fire Department's Fire Safety House, among other interactive displays.

The Pennzoil AutoFair features more than 50 car club displays and more than 10,000 vendor spaces offering an array of automotive parts and memorabilia.

More than 1,500 collectible vehicles of all makes and models will be available for sale in the car corral that rings the 1.5-mile superspeedway.

In addition, kids can enjoy face-painting, bounce houses, and other games and entertainment in the Play Zone.

Hours for the April 7-10 Pennzoil AutoFair are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

Ticket prices are \$11 per day for adults, and children 13 years of age and younger are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Fans who buy three tickets get the fourth day free. Parking for the event is \$5. For more information on the four-day event, contact the speedway events department at (704) 455-3205 or visit www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.

To purchase tickets, call the Charlotte Motor Speedway ticket office at 1-800-455-FANS (3267), or visit www.charlottemotorspeedway.com.



This 1944 Mack Fire Truck, made famous for its massive YouTube burnout, will be part of a unique display of 'hot rods' at the Pennzoil AutoFair April 7-10. (Courtesy of Vintage Fire Trucks & Equipment)

Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - In honor of the upcoming Food City 500 and the debut of Colossus TV, Bristol Motor Speedway is providing fans with a massive promotion to get race fans pumped up about the April race weekend.

Bristol Motor Speedway is giving away bigger and better prizes (each valuing at least \$500) with the "Colossal 500" through the end of March. The promotion's goal is to enhance the fan experience and give five lucky fans some incredible prizes from some of Bristol's most loyal partners.

Prizes will include a \$500 O'Reilly Auto Parts gift card, \$500 in Dale Earnhardt Jr. merchandise from Nationwide Insurance, a \$500 Bass Pro Shops gift card plus a weekend stay for two at the Big Cypress Lodge located inside the Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn., \$500 worth of Fitzgerald merchandise and \$500 in Food City gift certificates. The grand prize is the Ultimate Food City 500 experience which includes tickets to all April NASCAR weekend events, an RV and campsite for the weekend and weekend hot passes.

Fans can visit BristolMotorSpeedway.com to enter. The contest is open now and ends at midnight on March 27. Winners will be chosen once per day from March 28 to April 2.

The promotion is limited to one entry per person. A single entry is eligible for all prizes.

Tickets are still available for the Food City 500 weekend, April 15-17, which includes the Food City 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, XFINITY 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series race, PittLite 125 K&N Pro Series race and Bush's Beans Pole Day. Tickets start at just \$64 and are available by visiting Bris-

tolTix.com or calling (855) 580-5525.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Get ready for NASCAR's Most Competitive Track - Talladega Superspeedway - by booking your room through DEGARooms.com. It is the fastest, easiest and most economical way to find room reservations for the upcoming spring weekend (April 29-May 1) at the mammoth 2.66-mile venue, which will consist of the General Tire 200, Talladega 300 and GEICO 500. April 15 is the deadline to book, and rates are as low as \$99.

DEGARooms.com is perfect for anyone looking to stay in a quality hotel room in the area at a reasonable price. When it comes to race weekend it is important to know which hotels loyal Talladega Superspeedway fans can trust for a fair price. That's where DEGARooms.com comes in.

"DEGARooms.com provides an amazing service to our fans," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "By finding the least expensive hotel rooms closest to the track, all fans have to do is log on, reserve a room and then enjoy the amazing racing on the biggest and baddest racetrack in the world. Plus, there is so much to do in the Birmingham area before and after your visit to TSS. It's the ultimate win for our fans."

A map on the DEGARooms.com homepage displays a red zone that circles the surrounding area of the track where hotel rooms are costly. The great people at DEGARooms.com have done the work for 'Dega fans by screening hotels just outside that red zone (mostly in the Birm-

ingham area) for quality assurance. With over 20 hotels participating for the spring race, guaranteed lowest hotel prices for Friday and Saturday nights start as low as \$99 plus taxes per night at some hotels.

Some hotels as part of DEGARooms.com even offer shuttle service to and from the race track on Sunday for an additional \$55 per person. Shuttle services for guests with DEGARooms.com reservations at the following hotels include: Doubletree Downtown Birmingham, Fairfield Inn Gadsden, Hampton Inn Attalla/Gadsden, Hampton Inn Tutwiler Birmingham, Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport, Sheraton Birmingham and the Westin Birmingham.

To make things even more economical for race fans eager to be on their way to 'Dega, there are no booking fees and no change fees. The staff at DEGARooms.com will also send a hotel confirmation letter and follow up with you during race week to give you up-to-date schedules and weather information.

Simply log on to the website (www.DEGARooms.com), click on 'Reservations' and follow the quick steps. Click, click, and pack the cooler!

The Friday, April 29 slate at Talladega Superspeedway includes practice sessions for the GEICO 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race and the Talladega 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series event. In addition, practice, qualifying, as well as the start (5 pm CDT) of the General Tire 200 for the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards, will take place on the 2.66-mile venue. Qualifying for the GEICO 500 and the Talladega 300, which will later in the day get the green flag at 2 pm CDT, is set for Saturday, April 30. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., will try to make it two consecutive wins in the GEICO 500 on Sunday, May 1.

For ticket information, log onto www.talladegasuperspeedway.com or call 1-877-Go2-DEGA.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - Darlington Raceway's Turn 3 Theater Presented by Raceway Ford Chevrolet will return for its third season, once again offering free family-fun

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movies for the community.

This year's free movie lineup will feature two iconic Disney films, Aladdin on Friday, April 8 and Frozen on Friday, May 13. The events will take place in the track's hospitality village.

"This is the third year of Turn 3 Theater, which has been a big hit with our local community. It's a great way

to enjoy a night out with the family with our historical race track as the back drop," Darlington Raceway President Chip Wile said. "It's because of great partners like Raceway Ford Chevrolet and the City of Hartsville that these movie nights are successful."

Turn 3 Theater Presented by Raceway Ford Chevrolet will offer kids activities and a variety of other family fun events. Pace car rides for a \$10 per person donation and concessions will be available with all proceeds benefiting the track's 501(c)3 non-profit arm Darlington Shares.

For the showing of Frozen on May 13, the track is encouraging moviegoers to dress up as their favorite Frozen character. Prior to the start of the movie, the Darlington Raceway staff will select the best costume, with the winner receiving tickets to the Sept. 3 NASCAR XFINITY Series VFW Sport Clips Help A Hero 200.

"We are proud of our partnership with Darlington Raceway," John Isgett, President of Raceway Ford Chevrolet said. "Raceway Ford and Chevrolet share the same community values as Darlington Raceway and we are happy to participate and make Turn 3 Theater available to our local residents."

Guests may bring food, however, concessions will also be available with all proceeds benefiting Darlington Shares. Free popcorn will be distributed to families before the feature presentation (one tub per family). Lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are permitted (no glass bottles).

Movie fans will need to enter at the Gate 39A tunnel entrance, where they will be directed to park just west of the hospitality village. The gates will open at 6 p.m. with movies starting at dusk. The films will be played on a big screen courtesy of the City of Hartsville.

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.

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.

Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - Approaching next month is the third edition of the Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama on Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17. What has become "Georgia's Motoring Festival" and the largest automotive event of its kind in the Southeast, has already made a name for itself in both magnitude and variety.

Begun just two years ago as an already enormous motor-centric celebration of anything with an engine, the Atlanta Motorama boasts yet another year of growth, threatening to burst the boundaries of its Atlanta-Motor-Speedway-infield footprint.

"We said that last year's Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama will be bigger than the previous one, and 2016 is no different," said Ed Clark, Atlanta Motor Speedway president. "We've added even more exciting attractions to this year's show that will make the Atlanta Motorama a perfect and affordable family-friendly event."

The Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama, which descended on Atlanta Motor Speedway for the first time in 2014, is a massive celebration of all things with a motor. Attractions at the festival include the Pull-A-Part Swap Meet, a vehicle for sale corral, a massive vendor midway, the Million Dollar Salon, a show car garage, autocross competitions, live music, kids activities, celebrity appearances, racing and much more.

A fan-favorite returning to the Atlanta Motorama in 2016 is BIG-FOOT®, "The Original Monster Truck®," with thunderous car-crushing exhibitions and displays at the show. Also returning in 2016 is the Motorama Bikefest, a "show within a show," showcasing some of the nation's best custom-built,

vintage, competition, restored and special interest motorcycles, along with a one-of-a-kind biker build-off competition.

New to the Atlanta Motorama in 2016 is the high-flying freestyle motocross exhibition of Cowboy Kenny's Steel Rodeo in the Extreme Motorsports Park.

Freestyle Motocross champion Kenny Bartram brings the action-packed aerial acrobatics of the Steel Rodeo with daily shows, free with admission to the Atlanta Motorama.

Also new in 2016, attendees will have the opportunity to get climb behind the wheel for some friendly racing competition. No Limits Go-Karting will be on hand for guests to race one another on a dedicated karting track.

With everything from the overloaded lineup of show cars from every decade in the past century, to pinstripers' showcases, live entertainment, a kids-friendly attractions and everything in between, the 2016 Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama is a mecca for all ages and all interests.

Participant entry into the Atlanta Motorama is open to anything with an engine, ranging from classic cars, muscle cars, custom cars, imports, rat rods, hot rods, trucks, big rigs, motorcycles and even boats and RVs. Awards will be presented to hundreds of participants, and all participant entries will be eligible to win a portion of the nearly \$20,000 in cash and prizes handed out at the show. Registration forms are available at www.atlantamotorama.com.

Admission to the Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama is \$12 per day. Kids ages 6 through 11 will be admitted for \$5, with kids 5 and under admitted for free. For complete event information and to purchase tickets, contact the Atlanta Motor Speedway ticket office at (770) 946-4211, (877) 9-AMSTIX or visit www.atlantamotorama.com.

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Sprint Cup Series race. Call (800) 441-RACE for more details.

Talladega Superspeedway

TALLADEGA, AL - Only two weeks remain for NASCAR fans to save up to \$10 on Advanced Pricing tickets for the upcoming GEICO 500 and Talladega 300 at the Most Competitive track on the planet - Talladega Superspeedway.

April Fools' Day, Friday, April 1, is the final opportunity to purchase Advanced Priced tickets for the exciting GEICO 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, which is set for Sunday, May 1, and the Talladega 300 NASCAR XFINITY Series event, which gets the green flag on Saturday, April 30. No foolin', it's no joke! Below are the ticket pricing options available:

Advanced ticket pricing options available include:

- \$10 off regular pricing for the GEICO 500 set for 12:00 PM CDT (Sunday, May 1)
- \$5 off regular pricing for Saturday, April 30, which features NASCAR XFINITY Series and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series qualifying as well as the running of the Talladega 300 set for 2:00 PM CDT.
- Two-day ticket packages for both Saturday and Sunday start at only \$50!

"If fans want to see constant two- and three-wide racing with countless passing for the lead throughout the field, then our upcoming weekend at Talladega is the place," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "We are excited to offer our advanced pricing discounted rates to our fans so that they can go ahead and make their plans to be a part of these much anticipated events."

For kids 12-and-under, all grandstand and tower seats are free for Saturday's activities. On Sunday, all kids' tickets are \$50 off the regular adult price, including as low as \$10 in certain grandstands.

Anyone holding a Sunday admission ticket for the GEICO 500 will have access to the traditional Saturday Night Infield Concert, located in the heart of Talladega's infamous infield.

For more information on all ticket options at Talladega Superspeedway, including VIP Experiences, Premium Seating and more, visit www.talladegasuperspeedway.com. The weekend kicks off on Friday, April 29, with a full day of practice for the GEICO 500, Talladega 300 as well as the traditional ARCA Racing Series' General Tire 200, which will get a green flag at 5 p.m. CDT.



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Schatz Scores Back-to-Back Victories at Stockton

STOCKTON, CA - Seven-time World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series champion Donny Schatz completed the sweep of the FVP Western Spring Shootout Saturday night, as he passed leader Joey Saldana with just five laps remaining en route to capturing his second win in as many nights at Stockton Dirt Track.

Schatz, who started the 30-lap feature in the sixth position, continued to rebound from the missed feature event exactly one week ago at Thunderbowl Raceway in Tulare, Calif.

"I wish this race team was standing [in victory lane], these guys are so incredible in what they do," Schatz said. "These guys just keep working and digging and trying things."

Schatz's fourth win of the season did not come easy. The driver of the Bad Boy/Chevrolet Performance No. 15 qualified in the back half of the top 10 early in the night then finished second to Daryn Pittman in heat race two, which placed him in the dash for the second consecutive night.

Schatz struggled in the dash, as fast qualifier Joey Saldana started from the pole-position and dominated early, before handing the lead over to Pittman with two laps left. Pittman captured the dash victory and the first starting position for the feature.

Pittman, in the Great Clips/Sage Fruit No. 9, surrendered the top spot to Saldana, who powered around the leader on the outside exiting turn two on the opening lap.

Saldana, piloting the No. 83 Roth Enterprises/HR Livestock car, jumped out to an early lead following three quick cautions early in the race, including one for point's leader Brad Sweet. Sweet was able to continue, but struggled the rest of the night to rebound, eventually resulting in his first finish outside the top five this season.

At the front of the field, Saldana, a native of Brownsburg, Ind., appeared to have the car to beat, as he maintained a two second lead on second place Pittman at the halfway point of the feature.

At this point, Schatz had man-

aged to climb from his sixth starting position to third, just behind the leaders who started to encounter slower lapped traffic.

As Saldana and Pittman navigated the dense, slower traffic, Schatz managed to reel in both as a three car battle for the top position began to form.

Schatz muscled his way around Pittman for second with less than 10 laps remaining, which allowed Saldana to escape to almost a second lead as the two contenders jockeyed for position.

Saldana's lead on Schatz was short lived, as the Fargo, ND native closed in on the leader quickly as they both continued to fight through traffic.

With five laps remaining, Schatz made his move around Saldana for the lead, dropping Saldana to second, before both Pittman and Elk Grove, Calif. driver and teammate Kyle Hirst made their way away him for podium finishes.

Schatz held off Pittman and dominated the remaining laps to capture his second consecutive \$10,000 checkered flag at Stockton Dirt Track.

"The track was really tricky in the feature," Schatz said. "There was a little moisture on the top but it was hard to get in on it and it slicked off a little bit.

"I didn't know if I was going to be able to get them early in the race, I



Donny Schatz raced his way to back-to-back victories at Stockton Dirt Track during the FVP Western Spring Shootout. (PAUL ARCH photo)

was having trouble getting going, but we got into traffic and it forced everyone to move around...it doesn't matter who you race with, you just got to find a line they're not in and that was really tricky tonight."

Pittman, who finished 12th on Friday night, rebounded with a second place finish which was his first podium finish since the first night at The Dirt Track at Las Vegas almost three weeks ago.

"It was a decent run after how we ran last night," Pittman said. "Second is always disappointing, but I knew with whoever hit that middle line just right was going to win the race.

"All-in-all we had a really good car, we were right there in the hunt even after Donny [Schatz] got the

lead, we could hang right there with him. It was just a matter of who made the right moves at the right time in the race, but that's what it comes down to a lot of times."

Hirst charged from his eighth starting position to finish inside the top three, improving on his tenth place finish from the night before.

"I can't thank my team enough," Hirst said. "Dennis and Teresa Roth gave me a great car and the crew work their butts off.

"Congratulations to Donny [Schatz] and Daryn [Pittman], and awesome track work for the guys who got that done. I was excited to go racing tonight."

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days off as they head just 90 miles north to Placerville (Calif.) Speedway for the Brad Sweet presents Placerville Short Track Outlaw Showdown on Wednesday March 23.

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check out the latest videos at www.youtube.com/WorldofOutlaws.

Schatz Scores Win on Opening Night of FVP Western Spring Shootout

STOCKTON, CA - After missing the feature at Thunderbowl Raceway less than a week ago, seven-time World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series champion Donny Schatz returned to victory lane Fri-

day night, winning the opening night of the FVP Western Spring Shootout double-header at Stockton Dirt Track.

Schatz picked up his third victory of the season, which is his first win since winning on the second night at The Dirt Track at Las Vegas on March 4. Schatz's third win ties him with current point's leader Brad Sweet with most victories of the season.

"This race team is incredible. I guess that's why they work for Tony Stewart - an incredible boss and person," Schatz said. "[Stewart] understands that things like that happen when the stars line up, and the stars lined up [last week at Thunderbowl].

"We unloaded this car tonight and made all the right adjustments. We have been playing around with a lot of things, and some days it helps and some days it hurts, but we got a win tonight and that's big. I have always had a good time here at Stockton."

The Fargo, ND native showed his speed early in the night, capturing quick time in qualifying, which put him on the pole for heat one.

Schatz, in the Bad Boy No. 15, finished second in his heat to three-

time series champion Sammy Swindell in the Big Game Tree-stands/GoMuddy.com No. 1, who was fastest in hot laps at the beginning of the afternoon.

Following an invert draw of eight, Brian Brown, driving the No. 21, started the dash from the pole and led flag-to-flag for the victory. With the victory, Brown took the pole position for the 30-lap feature, with Sweet starting to his outside and Schatz starting third.

Once the green flag fell, the caution quickly came back out as local favorite Rico Abreu lost control of his No. 24, flipping multiple times exiting turn two. Fortunately, Abreu walked away from the wreck, but would not return to action.

Brown, Sweet and Schatz led the field back to green as the three battled side-by-side for the top spot.

Brown settled into the lead but could never pull away from Sweet and Schatz, even as the two battled for the runner-up position, which Schatz eventually took control of just before the halfway point of the feature.

After he secured the second position, Schatz quickly reeled in the leader and completed the pass a

few laps later. Brown continued to slide back, allowing Sweet and Shane Stewart to get around him, dropping him to the fourth position.

Schatz pulled away from the rest of the field as he approached lapped traffic. The slower traffic allowed Sweet to Stewart to close the gap on the leader but the two contenders could never pounce on the top spot.

Schatz seemed to have the victory in his grasp, eventually building a lead of over a second, but a caution with two laps remaining gave Sweet and Stewart their shot to steal away the victory.

Schatz managed to hold off both challengers on a green-white-checked finish, as he dominated the second half of the feature and claimed the opening night of the FVP Western Spring Shootout at Stockton Dirt Track.

Sweet continued his dominance of the top five, as he has finished inside the top five in every event this season.

Stewart, who made a motor change just before the dash, continued his streak of podium finishes, as he has now finished inside the top three the last three races.

Herrera Storms To Season Opening Win With The Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour

WACO, TX - The Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network opened the 2016 season with the series debut at the Heart O' Texas Speedway and New Mexico's Johnny Herrera rough riding the highline for 14th career National Tour

red working Lap 2, the No. 23 of Seth Bergman went upside down. He was okay, but unable to return.

Setting a torrid pace on the restart, Herrera was quick to find slower traffic while still opening up a nearly a straightaway advantage over Indiana's Parker Price-Miller. Slowed by caution on Lap 14, the cautions followed in droves afterwards with several drivers spinning in the closing laps.

Using slower cars as picks, Miller battled hard with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. giving up the position on Lap 23 to the No. 15h. Miller mounted a huge charge around the slower car of Steven Russell off the fourth turn, only to make contact with the Right Front of Russell's No. 91, flattening the Left Rear of the Indy Race Parts No. 2. Sam also received damage to the Left Front, and went to the work area. Hafertepe was able to return, but damage again on the front end on Lap 27 ended his night.

In the chaos of slower cars, Logan Forler, running well on the bottom groove, carefully brought his Steve Forler Trucking No. 2L into the runner-up spot. Working



Johnny Herrera celebrates in victory lane after winning the season opener for the ASCS National Tour. (Michael Diers/Pole Position photo)

the hub of the Heart O' Texas Speedway, Logan gave it all he had on the race's final restart with three go to, but would not be able to hang with the No. 45x.

Tommy Bryant posted his first career podium finish in National Tour competition, despite having mechanical issues the latter part of the event.

Coming from ninth, Matt Covington wrestled his way to fourth with Blake Hahn recovering from an early spin to place fifth despite the front end being knocked back on the right side.

Wayne Johnson claimed sixth

with Aaron Reutzel seventh after starting 13th. Terry Gray eighth was followed by team mate Morgan Turpen, who was the evening's Hard Charger from 19th to ninth. Brad Loyet was the first driver a lap down in tenth.

Overall, 26 drivers took part in the Lucas Oil ASCS presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network's opening night. Four Heat Races went to Logan Forler, Seth Bergman, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., and Wayne Johnson. The night's B-Feature was topped by Kyle Bellm. No provisionals were taken into the A-Feature.

triumph.

"This is incredible," said Herrera of this season opening victory. "All winter, we just looked forward to coming and racing. We did run a few races previous to this and kind of struggled, but to come back to my grassroots, ASCS racing, I tell you; it's just good to start off on the right foot. We got new Maxim Chassis this year. We switched to the "Big Max" design and so far, so good."

Chasing Tommy Bryant down the back stretch of the opening lap, the No. 28 saw his Sawblade.com entry nearly get out from under him off the fourth turn, opening the door for Herrera to take the lead. Going

Davenport Takes Atomic Buckeye Spring 50

CHILLICOTHE, OH - Jonathan Davenport successfully defended his Buckeye Spring 50 at Atomic Speedway on Friday Night. Davenport withstood an early race battle with Brian Shirley to take his fifth Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of the season, in front of a packed house.

Davenport and Shirley battled for the first 18 laps of the 50 lap race until Davenport pulled ahead. Shirley then held off Jimmy Owens to finish second. Owens came home third, followed by Mike Marlar, and Darrell Lanigan.

"We had a great car tonight. We had some trouble in traffic, but overall we did well tonight. I can't thank Kevin and Lee Roy Rumley enough for this opportunity to drive their car. Brian [Shirley] and I had a really good race for a long time. I threw that slider on him on the opening lap, but I give him credit, he fought back and got the lead back."

"We haven't raced since Speedweeks last month, so it feels good to be back behind the wheel of this car. Brian and I were running side-by-side there when we got up to traffic. I knew that I needed to get by him before traffic got too heavy. This is a new motor Lee Roy had in the car and I can't say enough about how well it ran."

"I would also like to thank Baird Transport, Elite Concrete, Mega Plumbing of the Carolinas, Mac Trailer Sales, and everybody else on the car. We are off to another great start and I am looking to getting back here in May for the \$50,000 to win race."

Shirley kept a slight advantage over Davenport until lap 18 when Davenport forged ahead for good. Shirley tried to stay with Davenport through heavy lap traffic for the rest of the caution-free main event.

Shirley could not get close enough to challenge Davenport in the final ten laps as he was being pressured by Owens for third.

"We are really happy to run second against these guys. Davenport is the best in the business right now. He slid by me on that first lap, but I came right back and got back around him. Not too many people in the last couple of years can say

they've passed him lately."

"This Longhorn car fits my driving style really well. The track was good tonight. We started off the season so well. I would like to thank Arnie Ranta, Bob Cullen, Thomason Express, and everybody on my crew. Hopefully we will have a really good season," said Shirley.

Driving with a new team this season, Owens, in the R&W Racing machine was extremely happy with his third place finish. "When we won that heat race it was like winning the World 100. The guys at R&W Racing have really stepped up. We had nothing right before we went to Georgia and Florida. We just announced this partnership before the new year."

"We are taking baby steps. I would like to give a big thank you to Barry and Lance Wright, Custom Race Engines, E3 Spark Plugs, Red Line Oil, and everybody else who helps. We are looking forward to Boyd's and East Alabama in a couple of weeks."

Completing the top ten were Dustin Linville, Jeep Van Wormer, Duane Chamberlain, Scott Bloomquist, and Devin Moran.

In preliminary action, Jared Landers set the overall Miller Welders Fast Time (Group A) amongst the 50 entrants, with a lap of 13.786 seconds. Mike Marlar set the fastest time in Group B with a time of 14.040 seconds. Brian Shirley, Jimmy Owens, Darrell Lanigan, Mike Marlar, Jared Landers and Devin Moran won their respective heat races. Nick Latham and Jackie Boggs won their respective B-Mains.

For the latest breaking news on the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, including the latest series standings, 2016 tour schedule, driver information, and more visit the official website at: www.lucas-dirt.com.

Indiana Icebreaker at Brownstown Speedway Postponed

BROWNSTOWN, IN - Saturday night's Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series-sanctioned, 19th Annual Indiana Icebreaker at Brownstown Speedway has been postponed. With the forecast for mixed precipitation and unseasonably cold temperatures, Speedway and Series officials have been forced to postpone the event.



Jonathan Davenport raced his way to his fifth victory of the season with his win at Atomic Speedway in the Buckeye Spring 50. (LOLMDS photo)

The 19th Annual Indiana Icebreaker will now take place on Saturday, April 9th. The event will feature an action-packed program that includes: Miller Welders Time

Trials, Heat Races, B-Mains, and a 60-lap, \$12,000-to-win main event.

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

2017 DIRTcar Nationals Date Changes Announced

BARBERVILLE, FL - The 46th Annual DIRTcar Nationals at Volusia Speedway Park in Barberville, Fla. kicks off 'Florida in February' one week later in 2017 as the event shifts to Feb. 14 to 25, 2017.

"It is important to the World of Outlaws and DIRTcar that we continue to align this event with all of the great motorsports events in Florida during the month and provide as much accessibility to our fans as possible," said World of Outlaws and DIRTcar Chief Operating Officer Tom Deery. "While the 2016 DIRTcar Nationals has been over for less than a month we are working hard to plan and prepare for

next year. 2017's event promises to be better than ever."

The annual event features 12 nights of doubleheader racing with the World's premier dirt track racers and series including the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series, World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series, Super DIRTcar Series and DIRTcar modifieds and late models.

Ticket renewals for the 2017 DIRTcar Nationals are on sale now through Thursday, March 31. Renewals are available by calling 844-DIRT-TIX (347-8849). Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 1 are available by calling 844-DIRT-TIX (347-8849), or by visiting WorldofOutlaws.com/Tickets.

For more information on DIRTcar Nationals, visit DIRTcarNationals.com.

Southern Sizzler At Concord Postponed Due To Rain; Rescheduled For April 2

CHARLOTTE, NC - With a forecast calling for at least a 60 percent chance of rain on both Saturday and Sunday, race officials had no other option but to postpone this weekend's inaugural Southern Sizzler at Concord Speedway.

The Southern Sizzler has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 2 and will feature the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour.

Both the Mid-Atlantic Limited Late Models and Mini Stock divisions will also be moved to Saturday, April 2. Details, including the revised weekend schedule for the Southern Sizzler on April 2, will be announced in the coming days.

Majeski Dominates Rattler 250, Visits Victory Lane at South Alabama Speedway

KINSTON, AL - Ty Majeski did something on Sunday that no Badger State driver had ever accomplished: find victory at South Alabama Speedway.

Majeski grabbed the lead from Stephen Nasse on lap eight and led the rest of the race en route to a dominant win in the Hardee's Rattler 250, the first event of the 2016 Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco season.

After quickly rocketing to the lead from his seventh starting position, Majeski was never seriously challenged through the remainder of the event.

"It's not too often that you get a racecar like this," Majeski said. "I just did my best to do my job. I just needed to hit my restarts and my marks on the first couple of corners to get a little bit of breathing room. I wanted to stay out front because track position is so important."

As a result of his performance, the Wisconsin native earned himself a date with an Alabama rattlesnake in victory lane, a long-standing tradition at the prestigious Super Late Model event.

The win continues a surge over the last two seasons for the 21-year-old Wisconsin wheelman. In the last 13 months, Majeski has scored wins in the Florida Governor's Cup and Dick Trickle 99, captured an ARCA Midwest Tour Title and World Series of Asphalt Stock Car Racing Super Late Model Championship, and set a new qualifying record at the Snowball Derby.

Now, he can also add "winner of the 40th annual Rattler 250" to his resume.

Even Majeski himself has a hard time putting the last few months in to words.

"The last year or so has been amazing," Majeski said. "We have done a great job getting the car where we want it. I am learning so much about what makes these things fast and that helps me as a driver. It's just been a really great couple of years."

Majeski's No. 91 machine was on rails throughout the 40th annual Rattler 250 Sunday afternoon. Following a competition caution at lap 100, Christian Eckes took four tires

compared to Majeski's two.

Eckes was able to keep up with Majeski for the majority of the next 100-lap-run, but never got close enough to make a move to unseat Majeski. Towards the end of the race, Christopher Bell got around Eckes to finish second.

"It was a gutsy call to put the tires on at lap 100," Eckes said. "We were able to get up to Majeski, but never could get by him. We probably could've used some tires there at the end, but we used it early. I wanted a top 10 out of this week, so third is great."

Bell, the defending winner of the race, agreed with Eckes that no one had anything for Majeski.

"We just didn't have enough this year," Bell said. "My hat's off to Majeski. He's been fast everywhere. If second place is a bad day for us, then that's pretty good."

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series rookie William Byron and Quin Hoff, a member of the LFR Driver Development Program, completed the top-five.

The Southern Super Series presented by Sunoco will return to the track April 8-9 at historic Fairgrounds Speedway Nashville in Nashville, Tennessee. For more information on the Southern Super Series, visit SouthernSuperSeries.com, follow the series on Twitter at @SoSuperSeries and like "Southern Super Series" on Facebook.

First Look at Entries for CRA/SSS Combo Event at Nashville

SALEM, IN - Officials from the ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS and the Southern Super Series Presented by Sunoco have released the first group of names that have already entered for the North/South Super Late Model Challenge 125 Presented by Team Construction, which will take place at Fairgrounds Speedway Nashville on April 8th & 9th. The event will be the first time ever the two series have used this format of racing separate point event features then racing a 75 lap feature for all the money.

Topping the entry list is the hottest late model driver in the country so far in 2016, Georgia's own Bubba Pollard. Pollard claimed the victory at SpeedFest



Ty Majeski celebrates with the rattlesnake in victory lane at South Alabama Speedway. (Speed51.com/Bruce Nuttleman photo)

2016 at Watermelon Capital Speedway in Cordele, Georgia, and then walked away with a \$40,000 pay day by winning the Winter Showdown at Kern Country Raceway Park in Bakersfield, California on February 28th. Pollard, the 2014 Southern Super Series Champion, looks to keep that hot streak going by possibly winning two Guitar Trophies at Nashville.

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series teammates Cody Coughlin and William Byron are both entered. Coughlin was the 2013 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Champion while Byron was the 2015 NASCAR K & N Pro Series North Champion.

Cole Anderson, winner of the Governor's Cup 200 and the Red Eye 100 at New Smyrna Speedway, is entered. Multi-time Southern Super Series winner and past series Championship contender Donnie Wilson has entered, one of his series victories came at Nashville in April of 2014. Zane Smith, one of the top up and coming late model racers, is entered along with Wisconsin veteran competitor Dennis Prunty, winner of the 2015 Slinger Nationals.

2013 and 2014 ARCA/CRA Super Series Champion Travis Braden, who scored an ARCA Racing Series victory in his first ever series start last July at Lucas Oil Raceway, is entered. 2015 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Drivers Champion Dalton Armstrong is entered, as is 2015 JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Rookie of the Year Quinton Bear.

Tennessee is already well represented with Brentwood's Mason Mingus, a former competitor in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, as well as Columbia's Michael House, driving for ARCA

Racing Series competitor Bo LeMastus. Other drivers already entered include Wes Griffith Jr., Cole Rouse, Thomas Woodin, and Matt Mills.

Teams are reminded that March 25th is the deadline to enter and receive the discounted advanced entry fee. Teams running for points with the ARCA/CRA Super Series or that reside North of Nashville should enter with the entry form from the ARCA/CRA Super Series. Teams running for points with the Southern Super Series or that reside South of Nashville should enter with the entry form from the Southern Super Series.

The North/South Super Late Model Challenge 125 Presented by Team Construction will consist of a combined two hour practice and qualifying on Friday, April 8th, along with a 50 lap points feature for the ARCA/CRA Super Series and North Teams and a 50 lap points feature for the Southern Super Series and South Teams. The top 12 finishing teams in each 50 lap feature will automatically transfer to the final 75 lap Challenge that will take place on Saturday, April 9th. Each series will also have two point provisionals for the 75 lap Challenge. There will be a last chance race on Saturday that will add four more starters completing the 32 car field for the 75 lap Challenge that will be for no series points, but will pay \$5000 to win.

Guitar Trophies will be awarded to both 50 lap feature winners and for the 75 lap Challenge winner.

For more information visit www.cra-racing.com or www.southernsuperseries.com.

For event ticket information, contact Track Enterprises at 217-764-3200 or at 651-254-1986 or at www.trackenterprises.com.

South Boston Speedway

S. BOSTON, VA - Austin Thaxton fended off last-lap challenges from defending NASCAR Whelen All American Series National Champion Lee Pulliam of Alton, Virginia and former NASCAR Whelen All American Series National Champion Peyton Sellers of Danville, Virginia to win Saturday's NASCAR Late Model 100 at South Boston Speedway.

Thaxton grabbed the lead on the final restart that set up a two-lap dash to the finish, and was just ahead of Pulliam and Sellers when they got together and crashed in the fourth turn as they headed to the checkered flag.

Defending South Boston Speedway Champion Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia, who was running fourth, ducked around the spinning cars of Pulliam and Sellers and followed Thaxton across the finish line to take second place.

Mark Wertz of Chesapeake, Virginia, Brenden Queen of Chesapeake, Virginia and Sellers rounded out the top five finishers.

Josh Oakley of Rougemont, North Carolina, Pulliam, Justin Carroll of Lanexa, Virginia, Dennis Holden of Roanoke, Virginia and Chuck Lawson of Providence, North Carolina completed the top 10 finishers.

Thaxton's victory, his first of the season at America's Hometown Track, came by a scant .573-second. He led 59 laps of the race that had to be extended to 101 laps to make the green-white-checker finish.

Throckmorton sweeps Limited Sportsman twinbill: Joey Throckmorton is now a perfect three-for-three for the season in the NASCAR Limited Sportsman Division at South Boston Speedway.

Throckmorton swept Saturday's pair of 25-lap NASCAR Limited Sportsman Division races, winning the pole and scoring a flag-to-flag win in the opener, and rallying from his sixth-place starting position in the second race to overtake race leader Tommy Peregoy of Clarksville, Virginia to earn the win in the second race.

The South Boston, Virginia resident edged fellow South Boston, Virginia resident Mike Jones by .990-second to win the opener, with David Latour Jr. of Advance, North



Austin Thaxton visits South Boston Speedway's victory lane for the first time in the 2016 season after last Saturday's win. (JAMES PRICE photo)

Carolina, Calvin Meadows of Martinsville, Virginia and Peregoy rounding out the top five.

Peregoy finished second in the second race, trailing Throckmorton by 1.271-second at the finish. Daniel Moss of Danville, Virginia, Mike Chambers of Timberlake, North Carolina and Latour completed the top five finishers in the second race.

Humblet Family scores big in Modified Division twinbill: Chris Humblet of Shiloh, North Carolina, and his father, Jimmy Humblet, also of Shiloh, North Carolina, shared a big family day Saturday at South Boston Speedway.

The younger Humblet won the pole and scored a flag-to-flag win in the first of the day's pair of 25-lap Modified Division races to earn his first victory of the season at the .4-mile oval.

Jimmy Humblet started on the outside pole in the second race and led all but one lap in winning the nightcap and scoring his second win of the season at South Boston Speedway.

Chris Humblet edged his dad by 2.402 seconds in winning the opening race, with Matt Slye of Williams-

burg, Virginia, Robbie Babb of Chesapeake, Virginia and Robert Conner of Colonial Heights, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Defending division champion Mike Rudy of Prince George, Virginia trailed Jimmy Humblet by .935-second at the finish of the second race, with Babb, Slye and Conner completing the top five finishers.

Hupp gains first Pure Stock Division win of season: Randy Hupp of Halifax, Virginia survived a tough late-race battle with Harrison Walker of Buffalo Junction, Virginia to win Saturday's 30-lap Budweiser Pure Stock Division race.

Hupp's first win of the season came by a narrow margin of .385-second.

Pole winner Bruce Mayo of Halifax, Virginia finished third after having led over half of the race, with Jordan Pickrel of Keeling, Virginia and Scott Phillips of Halifax, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Bralley wins Hornets Division race: Guy Bralley of Asheboro, North Carolina made his first visit of the season to South Boston

Speedway count in a big way Saturday by taking home the win in the 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division.

Apparent runner-up Kenny Mills Jr. of Alton, Virginia was disqualified after failing a post-race technical inspection by track NASCAR officials, giving the runner-up spot to apparent third-place finisher Kevin Currin of Chase City, Virginia.

Drew Dawson of Nathalie, Virginia, Justin Dawson and Brandon Radford completed the top five finishers.

South Boston Speedway will go under the lights for the first time in 2016 as it hosts one of its bigger events of the season, the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour 150 racing program, on Saturday night April 9.

A 150-lap race for the stars and cars of the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour will headline the action, with the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division being featured in twin 75-lap races. The four-race program will be capped by a 15-lap race for the Hornets Division.

The first of the night's four races will get the green flag at 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are on sale for \$10 each, with advance tickets being available until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 8. Adult general admission tickets on race day will be priced at \$15. Youth ages 7-12 will be admitted for \$5 each with a paying adult. Kids under six years of age will be admitted free with a paying adult.

For additional information about the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour 150 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.

Kingsport Speedway

KINGSPORT, TN - With a forecast of rain and cool temperatures for this weekend, the season-opening race scheduled for tomorrow, March 26 has been canceled. The Model City 175 will now take place next Saturday, March 26.

Pit gates will open next Saturday at 9 AM, grandstands will open at 12 PM, and racing will begin at 2 PM. A complete schedule will be posted in the near future.

For up-to-date information, visit newkingsportspeedway.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Franklin County Speedway

Moonshine Capital Promotions is set to "Make FCS Great Again" but opening day for the 2016 season will have to wait. MCP was set to re-open Franklin County Speedway this Sunday afternoon March 20th but the track isn't ready to go as a lot of work still has to be done.

"We want to put our best foot forward," said Moonshine Capital Promotions promoter Langley Austin.

"The track just isn't ready to go yet. The weather this off-season kept us from being able to get started on making improvements and getting the facility back to looking good."

Austin says the track will now open on Sunday April 10th.

"With a Sunday schedule we really can't have it next week on Easter and the following week we're up against the Sprint Cup race at Martinsville and we're not going to do that. So we'll just open up on April 10th, which was our next scheduled event anyways."

The March 20th date won't be made up.

"We've got a full schedule of races already and there's no real reason to make that race up," explained Austin. "We'd love to be racing this weekend but there's not enough time to get everything done. We wanted to let everyone know early so they won't be scrambling all week to get ready especially since over half the racers I've talked to aren't ready yet anyways."

"There's no use in getting in a hurry and opening up halfway ready. The racers deserve to have a nice place to race and the fans deserve for the facilities to be up to par. The extra time will give us the ability to be 100% ready come April 10th."

Open practice will be held at the track on Sunday April 3rd in advance on the opening race as well as Saturday, April 9th the day before the opening event. The Late Models will compete for 100-laps on April 10th with races in Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, Tunerz, U-Cars, Mini Cups and Future Stars Mini Cups as well.

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/Moon-](http://www.facebook.com/MoonshineCapitalPromotions/)

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Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - An unseasonably warm and pleasant March day greeted competitors and fans alike as the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series rolled back in to Hickory Motor Speedway for Round 2 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge.

Leading off the evening's events would be the Catawba Realty & Insurance Co. Classic Sportsman Racing Series hotrods and their 25 lap feature. Bill Webb in the #16 would lead the field to green after turning the hot lap in qualifying with the #95 of Eddie Gilbert lined up to his outside. Gilbert would grab the early lead but would face constant pressure by 2015 series co-champion Webb. The pair would set a torrid pace but in the end Gilbert would grab win #1 for the year with Webb finishing a close 2nd. Dennis Hinkle in the #90 would come home in 3rd, Bill Powell in the #71 would get 4th, and Tom Fenn in the #83 would round out the top 5.

The Limited Late Models would roar to life next as they would roll off for their 35 lap feature. Jeremy Pelfrey in the #51 would grab the pole and start from the point with Monty Cox in the #21 to his outside. Pelfrey would jump to an early lead as the green flag fell. The battle for 2nd would stay interesting throughout the event as it was contested by Cox, Evan Duggins in the #12, Evan Swilling in the #18, and Charlie Watson in the #9. Despite a late race caution Pelfrey would drive on for the win and celebrate in an emotional victory lane. A regular fixture at Hickory Motor Speedway, Pelfrey had missed the season opener with an unexpected hospitalization. A joyous celebration in victory lane with family and friends would help soothe any lingering effects and provide the story book ending that everyone wanted to see. Coming home 2nd for the second straight week would be Swilling. Rounding out the top 5 would be Watson in 3rd, Duggins in 4th, and Mitch Walker 5th in the #29.

The Street Stocks would take to the track with the #10 of Kevin Townsend showing the way and Cody DeMarmels in the #18 to his outside. At the start Townsend would jump to the lead and DeMarmels would battle with Kevin Eby in the #18 for 2nd. Townsend would hold on for win number two of the early season as DeMarmels



Josh Berry enjoys Hickory Motor Speedway's victory lane with his family and crew after he earned his first win of the 2016 season. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

would get around Eby for 2nd. Eby would grab 3rd, Eric Evans in the #7 would take 4th, and Marshall Sutton in the #64 would come in 5th after spirited battles with Jeremy Harrell in the #32 and Trey Buff in the #69.

Dexter Canipe in the #5 would set the fast time and grab the pole for Round 2 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Racing Challenge for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Models. Josh Berry in the #88 would qualify 2nd fastest and start to Canipe's outside, with the 2nd row being filled by the #21 of your 2015 NASCAR Whelen All American Series Bojangles Late Model Track Champion Matt Piercy and the #18 of Casey Pierce. The green flag would see Canipe lead the field for the first few laps as the field jockeyed for position behind him. Berry would finally create a small opening and drive in it to take the point with Canipe and Piercy close in tow. As the laps began to count down Piercy would get by Canipe and begin to reel in Berry. However, the lead would prove to be insurmountable as Berry would go on to grab his first victory of the 2016 season. Piercy would grab 2nd in his first HMS start of the 2016 season with Canipe coming home in 3rd. Christian Eckes in the #1 and Ryan Millington in the #17 would round out the top 5.

Closing out the night's events would be the 4 Cylinders with the #28 of Robert Trivette on the pole and the #17 or Curtis Pardue to his outside. Trivette would lead early until mechanical problems would force him to pit road and surrender the lead to Charlie Neill in the #2 who had charged through the field. Neill would hold on for the victory.

Pardue would grab the 2nd spot, Rob Lewis in the #98 would take 3rd, and rounding out the top 5 would be Rusty Fann in the #82 and Rodney Trivette in the #6.

Carteret County Speedway

SWANSBORO, NC - "Big Jim" Kelley is an icon in the Eastern North Carolina racing scene with 197 career victories. Now, Kelley has a brand new Late Model and is ready to get back in the saddle as he heads to Carteret County Speedway in 2016.

Kelley, 51, from Newport, North Carolina has won championships at East Carolina Motor Speedway in Robersonville, Southern National Motorsports Park in Lucama, Wake County Speedway in Raleigh and the now-defunct Wilson County Speedway in Wilson and Wayne County Speedway in Pikeville. Along with those North Carolina tracks, Kelley has won championships at Volusia County Speedway in Florida, when the track was asphalt, and the now-defunct St. Augustine Speedway in Florida.

This year, things will be different for Kelley. Most of his success has been in Super Late Models. Now, Kelley's iconic number K7 will be on a Late Model Stock Car, which Kelley says is a difference of 225 horsepower and close to 300 pounds of weight. Kelley tested at Carteret County Speedway on Saturday.

"We're gonna run a little bit with Carteret County Speedway, see what's going on with these Late Model things," Kelley said. "Just don't have the power we're looking for."

Kelley is excited to go racing again and at a facility that is close
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to home.

"I like the driving track for sure," Kelley stated. "It's a new facility, it's like 15 minutes from my house and I've traveled 100 miles to the closest track all my life, so, got one right in my backyard. We couldn't resist it. We tested in December but, Bobby Watson did a heck of a job on the track. It's a very nice facility. It's gonna be a real nice

track to race on."

Kelley retired from racing when Super Late Models were replaced by the Late Model Stock Cars and has spent the last three years taking care of his grandfather, who passed away at the age of 102 on December 2, 2015.

"Oh yeah, we've missed a lot. I've been taking care of my granddad for the last three years when we weren't running. That kind of kept me busy but I had to do what I had to do. He's passed now so we'll get back in a little bit and try it again. He was fully into the racing."

The green flag will fly on the 2016 season at Carteret County Speedway on Saturday, April 2nd.

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).

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSTVILLE, PA - "I mean, listen, we're talking about practice, not a game, not a game, not a game, we talking about practice. Not a game." That is the famous quote by basketball great Allen Iverson back several years ago. Perhaps Iverson did not feel practice was important but many racers do and that is why a large turnout of racers is expected for the Saturday, March 26th free-to-the-public practice session at NASCAR sanctioned Grandview Speedway in Bechtelsville, PA.

Activity is expected to get the green flag at noon with many different classes of competition expected to join the Grandview regulars of T.P.Trailers NASCAR 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars.

The Saturday afternoon practice

session will give racers the opportunity to test and tune their racing equipment for the new season, work out the kinks and just get a feel for the track before "official" racing action gets underway on April 2nd.

Fans will possibly get a chance to see what their favorite racer will be bringing to the Saturday night battles for the new season.

Season passes will be available, \$350 per person, and those who have season passes and have not done so already will have the opportunity pick their seat that will be good for every Saturday night stock car racing event, April through September (Freedom 76).

The battle for the 2016 NASCAR championships gets underway on Saturday, April 2nd, 7 p.m. with a stellar field of racers expected to be taking part in the lucrative championship chases for the T.P.Trailers NASCAR 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars.

Everyone can stay informed by checking at www.grandviewspeedway.com where a complete schedule of events can be found or on Facebook and Twitter. Racers are reminded that they can find all the rules of competition on the website. The track phone number is 610.754.7688.

Grandview Speedway is a one-third-mile, banked clay oval, one of the most successful short track operations in the nation, located on Passmore Road, just off Route 100, in Bechtelsville, PA, just 10 miles north of Pottstown.

Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Motor Speedway has announced that Casagrande Builders, Inc., of Stafford Springs, has become the newest member of the track's Contingency Program for the 2016 season. Casagrande Builders will supply a \$100 bonus to each third place SK Modified® feature finisher for a total contribution of \$2,200. Casagrande Builders' contingency bonus means that each third place finisher will take home \$700 in winnings and a \$25 gas bonus from New England Racing Fuel. Casagrande Builders' contingency award, combined with contingency awards from SK Modified® contingency partners Dunleavy Truck & Trailer Repair, Maybury Material Handling, Call Before You Dig, and

New England Racing Fuel means that the total SK Modified® contingency awards are in excess of \$13,000 for the 2016 season.

"I think that the SK Modified® division puts on some of the best racing in New England," said Rick Casagrande, owner of Casagrande Builders. "We have gained work through our presence at the track over the years and this is a great opportunity for us to advertise the business. I'm looking forward to seeing some great racing and exciting finishes and to provide an extra bonus to the 3rd place finisher in the SK Modified® division through the contingency program."

Casagrande Builders, Inc. is a family owned business that has been in business for over 50 years. They specialize in new construction, remodeling, residential and commercial building, cabinets and interior trim, and excavation work as well as snowplowing and sand/salt work during the winter months. Casagrande Builders is located at 31 Wales Road, Stafford Springs, CT 06076 and they can be reached at 860-684-2673 or you can find them on Facebook by searching for Casagrande Builders.

The first Casagrande Builders, Inc. contingency bonus of the 2016 season will be up for grabs during Stafford Speedway's 45th Annual NAPA Auto Parts Spring Sizzler Weekend on April 22-24. Tickets for the "Greatest Race in the History of Spring" are on sale now at the Speedway Box Office. Tickets are priced at \$38.50 for adult general admission tickets, \$5.00 for children ages 6-14, and children ages 5 and under are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. Reserved seating is priced at \$42.00 for all ages. As always, Stafford Motor Speedway offers free parking with overnight parking available. All tickets are good for both Saturday and Sunday admission. All ticket prices include 10% CT Admission Tax.

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

Talladega Superspeedway's New Sunday VIP Experience Offers Fans Exclusive Behind-The-Scenes Opportunity with Former NASCAR Driver Glenn Jarrett

TALLADEGA, AL - A behind-the-scenes guided tour by noted NASCAR personality Glenn Jarrett will be featured as part of Talladega Superspeedway's newest unrivaled experience - The Sunday VIP Experience - the morning of the GEICO 500 on Sunday, May 1.

The popular Jarrett, a former driver in NASCAR's XFINITY and Sprint Cup Series, has been a television and radio broadcaster of the sport for many years and is currently a pit road reporter for Motor Racing Network (MRN). He is the brother of two-time Talladega Superspeedway NASCAR Sprint Cup Series winner Dale Jarrett and the son of two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion Ned Jarrett.

As part of The Sunday VIP Experience, Jarrett will lead an exclusive 1.5 hour tour of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Garage area, Pit Road and the MRN Broadcast Hauler.

Each guest will be able to listen to the insights of Jarrett, who is well known throughout the NASCAR world, via headsets.

"We have had fans ask us how they can take their experience at NASCAR's Most Competitive track to an even higher level," said Talladega Superspeedway Chairman Grant Lynch. "Having someone who knows and understands the sport, and resonates with fans on such a personal level the way Glenn does, the Sunday VIP Experience is going to be an opportunity for our fans to see Talladega Superspeedway from incredible perspective."

In addition to The Sunday VIP Experience, the unmatched access of the weekend Unrestricted VIP Package that gives exclusive, up-close and personal access, returns with an unbelievable experience during the entire three days of Talladega Superspeedway's event weekend, April 29-May 1.

The Sunday VIP Experience with Glenn Jarrett is only \$399 with a very-limited quantity. The weekend Unrestricted VIP Package is available for only \$599. Both packages must be purchased in addition to a GEICO 500 grandstand ticket by calling the Talladega Superspeedway ticket office at 855.518.RACE!

