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## Furniture Row Goes the Extra Mile(s) to Find Success

Most team transporters pulled away from the Martinsville (Va.) Speedway March 29 following the STP 500 all had easy drives – most less than two hours – back to race shops throughout the Charlotte, N.C., area.



**DON COBLE**

One faced a longer haul and didn't get home until 9 p.m. on Monday.

Furniture Row Racing continues to enjoy trading proximity to the hub of stock-car racing for the seclusion of the Rocky Mountains, even at the cost of 100 cross-country drives every year.

The team is based in Denver, Col., and it has no plans to set up shop east of the Mississippi, team general manager Joe Garone said.

"There are some benefits, being away from the hub," Garone said. "We're not dead-center, but we're close to the middle of the country. That's very easy for us when we're in Las Vegas, California, Phoenix, Kansas and Texas.

"It's not like everything is lopsided. We have privacy. We're the only team out there. The mindset is different. We're family. We have each other's backs. It's just a different operation."

It takes four full-time truck drivers – five if you count director of transportation Charlie Krauch – to keep the wheels rolling for Martin Truex Jr.'s No. 78 Chevrolet. The team likes working out of sight, out of mind, from the rest of the sport. With top-10 finishes in all six races and a third-place position in the current point standings, Furniture Row Racing has no problem justifying the extra miles.

And they do it with just one transporter.

Team owner Bernie Visser turned Pillow Kingdom into the Furniture Row empire that now includes Sofa Mart, Oak Express, Denver Mattress and Bedroom Expressions, as well as a national trucking company with 120 trucks.

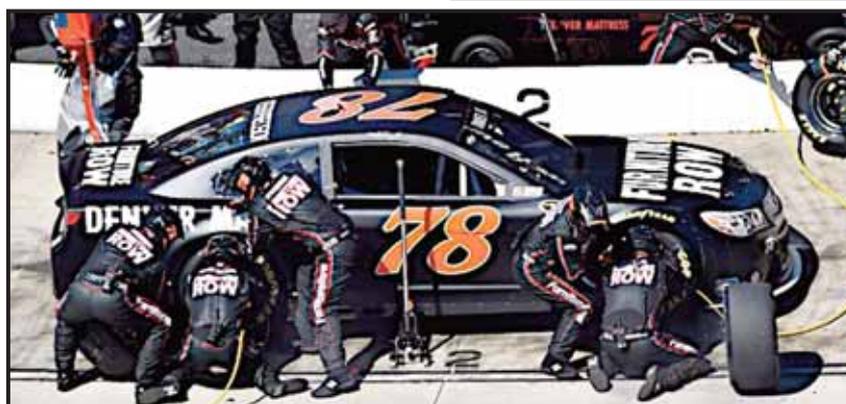
One of the transporters for Pillow Kingdom plays an important role in the race team's ability to do business 1,560 miles away from the rest of the sport in Charlotte.

"Bernie has a truck that runs

from Denver to Charlotte every week to bring back stitching," Krauch said. "We get the last six feet of that truck every week to run parts. We have a container in the back and we fill it with engines, transmissions, gears and other parts every week.

"Phil [Jackson, truck driver for Pillow Kingdom], is our secret weapon."

The race team does the rest. There are 36 roundtrip drives to regular season races and as many as 10 tire and wind tunnel tests. The team makes another 10 trips to Richard Childress Racing to pick



**Furniture Row Racing's crew and driver Martin Truex, Jr. work hard at every NSCS race. (N. KINRADE/NKP photo)**

up chasses. RCR sells chasses and engines to Furniture Row, and both teams share technical information.

Krauch left Tuesday morning for Charlotte to have a new car tested at a wind tunnel facility. His favorite spot along the way is the Iron Skillet restaurant on Interstate 70 at Salina, Kan. The portion of the drive he dreads most is a five-mile stretch of I-70 inside the Missouri state line where speed traps are all too-common.

"These trucks pretty much knows the way," Krauch said. "You could probably set it on cruise control and let them do all the work."

The team recently bought a second tractor. It will be used for tests or a possible second team, but if Furniture Row expands, the team won't leave the Denver area, Garone said.

"At the end of the day it really comes down to the trucking and being prepared," he said. "We run two guys up and down the road on one particular weekend and the following weekend we run the other two. We don't burn our guys out."

The longest run of the year is



Ganassi Racing, Roush Fenway Racing, Leavine Family Racing, Wood Brothers Racing and JTG Daugherty Racing – within 10 minutes of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Those six teams field a total of 12 cars, and they employ more than 1,500 employees. Furniture Row has 60.

"We attract a different kind of employee," Garone said. "Colorado is an outdoors state. We've got people who came to work because they like to go hunting. There's a Cup shop out here. You can be working, and an hour later you can be at 10,000 feet deer hunting.

"It's not that it's better or worse, it's just different. It's a different lifestyle."

And worth the drive.

2,097 miles, one way, to the Homestead-Miami Speedway. The shortest run is nearly nine hours – 600 miles – to Kansas City, Kan.

In contrast, there are six teams – Hendrick Motorsports, Chip

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## ARCA Returns to Nashville

When the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) teams and competitors travel to Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway on Saturday, April 11th for the Troop Aid 200, it will be the first time



**DENNIS PUNCH**

in 23 years that the sanctioning body has raced at the historic facility.

Roy Payne won the pole and David Green the victory on July 4, 1992 in the last ARCA visit to the Fairgrounds. However, ARCA and the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway have a rich history that began in 1959.

Nelson Stacy won the inaugural ARCA 300-lap race at the Fairgrounds on June 21, 1959. In the 23 ARCA races since Stacy's victory, the list of winners is a true log of champions. Former ARCA Champions Jack Bowsher, Harold Smith, Ramo Stott, Moose Myers, and Marvin Smith all won at Nashville. In fact, Bowsher has three wins at the Fairgrounds in ARCA competition; Harold and Marvin Smith, two each.

Bob Schacht, a 19-time ARCA winner, and former Nashville track champion Andy Hampton each won three consecutive races at the historic track. Hampton won in '67, '68, and '69. Schacht's wins came in '81, '82, and '83. Did I mention that Red Farmer and Coo Coo Marlin also won ARCA races at Nashville?

Fast-forward 23 years since the last ARCA checkered flag at Nashville Fairgrounds and the Troop Aid 200 will bring both history and a homecoming to the historic short track.

The Venturini Family has been one of the most legendary names in ARCA for many seasons. From father Bill to son Billy to the current stable of drivers, Venturini Motorsports has made their mark in the ARCA record book. Billy Venturini recalls that Nashville holds a special place in their family history.

"Dad (Bill) had no intentions in running the full ARCA schedule in 1983," Venturini said. "He went to Daytona and ran really well. The second race of the year was

Nashville. He decided to go and ended up finishing second. Because he was leading the points after two races, he decided 'what the heck' he'd chase points all year. He ended up running every ARCA race from then until he had a brief stint in (Winston) Cup in 1989. So, in a way, racing and doing well at Nashville turned out to be very pivotal in what Venturini Motorsports has become today. It's an historic

track with special meaning for everyone who races there. Winning the upcoming ARCA race at the Fairgrounds would be huge for our organization."

The Toop Aid 200 has a special meaning for another racer as well, but for different reasons.

Bobby Hamilton Jr. was born and raised in the Nashville area. Currently tenth in ARCA points after two events, he will race the Carter 2 Motorsports entry in the upcoming race.

"This is going to be a big deal," Hamilton Jr. stated. "There hasn't been anything this big around here (Nashville) in years, as far as I'm concerned.

"There are a lot of people talking; it's really exciting. Anybody that takes the green flag down there...you feel it. It's big, like Bristol or any one of those tracks. It's got that big-time feel to it."

"Just the history of this place is plenty enough to get your attention," he added. "All the great drivers who raced here. All my Dad's (Bobby Hamilton) championships ... Darrell Waltrip, Sterling Marlin, and all the rest. There's a lot of magic that comes with that place (Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway). To get the chance to come back .... It's such a big deal for me."

"The track's got so much character," Hamilton Jr. concluded. "These guys who have never raced there are going to fall in love with the place ... it's that cool. Another good thing is you can pass on the outside. There's a big ol' bump over the tunnel turn. If you don't hit that just right, you're going for a ride. Nashville Fairgrounds is the type of track where a lesser financed team can make it happen. All the guys who have won here over the years, Dad, Waltrip, Marlin, Casey Atwood, and other ... they all figured out how to use the gas through the

## NASCAR Honors Moms with Launch of First Mother's Day Campaign

**Fans Encouraged to Share Photos of the NASCAR Experiences They Had With Mom For a Chance to Win Once-In-A-Lifetime NASCAR-Themed Prizes**

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - Family has always been a pillar of NASCAR®, as the sport was built by the contributions of iconic family names such as France, Petty, Earnhardt and Jarrett. From nurturing young drivers in their aspirations for a career in motorsports, to bringing families together at the track, to celebrating in Victory Lane, moms have served as the bedrock of NASCAR.

To further celebrate this tradition and spirit, NASCAR today launched "NASCAR with Mom," a Mother's Day initiative aimed at sharing and celebrating memorable NASCAR moments with Mom.

Leading up to Mother's Day Weekend – through the #NASCARwithMOM sweepstakes supported by NASCAR's Official Partners 3M, Ford and Goodyear – fans are encouraged to share their most memorable NASCAR Mom photos on social media using the hashtag #NASCARwithMOM or by visiting [www.NASCAR.com/NASCARwithMOM](http://www.NASCAR.com/NASCARwithMOM) for the opportunity to win a once-in-a-lifetime NASCAR experience.

The Grand Prize package includes a ride in the Goodyear Blimp and an all-inclusive VIP experience for two during the 2015 Ford Championship Weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway, including tickets with VIP access. Additionally, five first place prize winners will receive a NASCAR Racing Experience Qualifier for two. Fans can enter to win starting today through May 9 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

"Mothers have made an indelible impact on our sport since the



**Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his mom. (NKP photo)**

moment it was founded in 1947 – from the legacies of Anne B. France and Lynda Petty to the modern-day accomplishments of others like Teresa and Kelley Earnhardt," said Kim Brink, NASCAR senior vice president, marketing. "NASCAR with Mom honors the moments and memories fans and families in NASCAR have had with their mothers, and recognizes the critical role moms will play in the future of our sport."

During Mother's Day weekend, NASCAR, 3M, Ford and Goodyear will be also surprising moms and their children with unique experiences at the Acceleration Nation Experience at the track leading up to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™, SpongeBob SquarePants 400 race at Kansas Speedway.

center of the corner. That's the trick, if you can do it."

The ARCA Troop Aid 200 event will also include a 100-lap race for the Southern Super Series cars. The companion event will feature many of the top Super Late Model drivers from the Nashville area as well as the Southeast.

Activities for the 24th visit to Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway for the ARCA Racing Series pre-

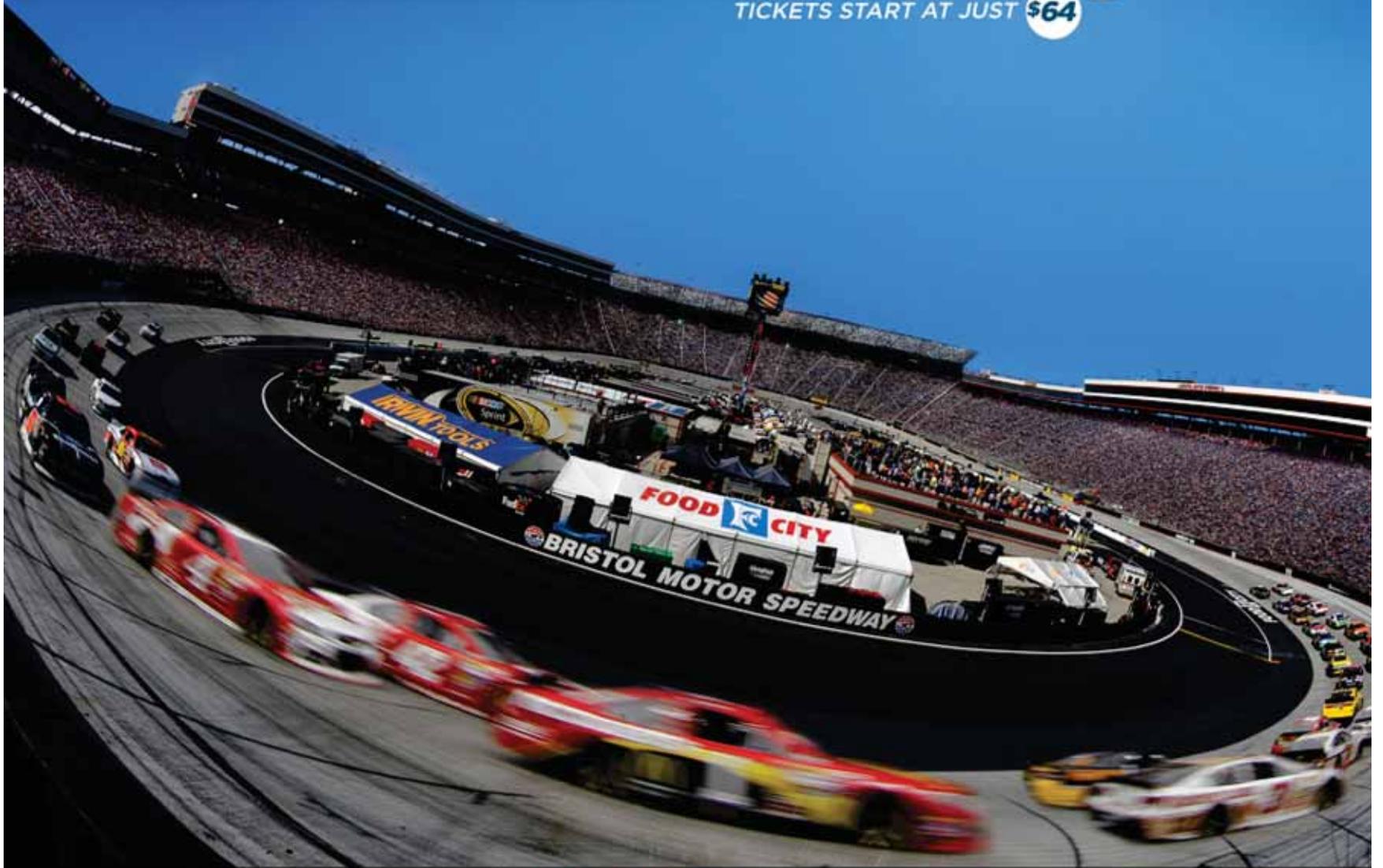
sented by Menards will consist of two practice sessions and qualifying prior to the 200-lap Troop Aid 200 beginning at 8 PM. Who will be the next ARCA racer to proudly place his name in the record books with a victory at the Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway? Not sure who it will be, but I'm betting a standing-room only crowd will welcome the winner, and ARCA, back to Nashville on April 11th.



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## Governor McCrory Proclaims March 31 "Richard Petty Day"

RALEIGH, NC - Governor Pat McCrory celebrated a living legend today at the Executive Mansion, proclaiming March 31, 2015 "Richard Petty Day" in North Carolina.

"It's an honor to have 'The King' of NASCAR here today to celebrate what Richard has accom-

plished for motorsports in our state," said Governor McCrory. "Richard retired in 1992 with the impressive record as the most decorated driver in NASCAR history. Not only that, but off the track he and his family have made great contributions to our state. One such contribution is Victory Junction, a camp which has brought joy to thousands of families of children with serious illnesses and medical conditions."

Petty was born July 2, 1937, in the Level Cross community of Randolph County. After watching his father on the race track, he joined NASCAR and in 1959 was named

NASCAR Rookie of the Year. Upon retirement, he had earned a record 200 career victories and 7 NASCAR Cup championships.

Governor McCrory visited Victory Junction in July of 2013 in Randleman. The camp is in memory of Adam Petty who died in a crash at the New Hampshire International Speedway while practicing for a race in May 2000.

The North Carolina General Assembly also celebrated Petty today with a resolution in his honor.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the State where we've always called home," said Petty. "It makes you feel good to be honored by the people who serve your city, county and state."

"Our entire family has grown up and lived here all our lives and we always tried to give back to our community. I'm proud and humbled by today."

Petty was joined by his daughters Rebecca and Sharon and son Kyle in Raleigh today. Both the State Senate and House of Representatives also paid salute to the late Lynda and Adam Petty for their contributions to North Carolina.

## No. 31 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Team Penalized for Rules Violations Following Event at Auto Club Speedway

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - The No. 31 team that competes in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series has been penalized for rules infractions discovered as a result of NASCAR's post-event tire audit conducted following the March 22 race at Auto Club Speedway.

These infractions amount to a P5 level penalty and violate the following Sections in the 2015 NASCAR rule book:

12.1: Actions detrimental to stock car racing

20.16: Wheels and tires

A. Any device, modification, or procedure to the tire or wheel, including the valve stem hardware, that is used to release pressure, beyond normal pressure adjustments, from the tire and/or inner shield, will not be permitted.

20.16.2: Tires

F. Modifications to the tires, by treatment or any other means, will not be permitted.

Section 12.5.3.5.1 lists P5 Penalty Violation examples that could include but are not limited to:

A. Effecting, modifying and/or altering the standard tires in any way, other than through authorized means such as tire pressure adjustments within the recommended range, permitted tire cooling when mounted on the race vehicle; or heat-cycling on the race vehicle on the race track earlier in the event.

12.5.3.5.2: Minimum P5 Penalty Options (includes all four points below):

A. Loss of 50 championship driver and owner points, regardless of whether the violation occurred during a Championship race or not

B. \$75,000-\$125,000 fine

C. Suspension for the next six series Championship Races, plus any non-championship races or special events which might occur during that time period, for the crew chief and any other team members as determined by NASCAR

D. Probation through the end of the calendar year for all suspended members, or for a six-month period following the issuance of the penalty notice if that period spans across two consecutive seasons

12.5.3.5.3: P5 Level infractions detected during post-race inspection:

If the infraction is detected during

post-race inspection, then the following penalty elements will be added to those listed previously in this section:

A. Loss of an additional 25 Championship driver and owner points; regardless of whether it was a Championship Race or not

B. Loss of an additional \$50,000

As a result of these violations, crew chief Luke Lambert has been fined a total of \$125,000 (\$75,000 plus \$50,000), suspended from the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship races, plus any non-championship races or special events which might occur during that time period, and been placed on NASCAR probation through Dec. 31.

James Bender, team tire technician, and Philip Surgen, team engineer, have been suspended from the next six NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship races, plus any non-championship races or special events which might occur during that time period, and been placed on NASCAR probation through Dec. 31.

Driver Ryan Newman and car owner Richard Childress each have been penalized with the loss of 75 (50 plus 25) championship driver and championship car owner points.

"NASCAR takes very seriously its responsibility to govern and regulate the rules of the sport in order to ensure competitive balance," said Steve O'Donnell, Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Development Officer. "We've been very clear that any modifications to race vehicle tires is an unacceptable practice and will not be tolerated."

### **Statement from Torrey Galida, President of Richard Childress Racing, Regarding Tire Penalties**

"We understand the seriousness of the penalty. In fact, RCR has been one of the most outspoken opponents against 'tire bleeding' since the rumors began to surface last season. Once NASCAR provides us with the specific details of the infraction we will conduct a further internal investigation, and evaluate our options for an appeal."



Richard Petty meets with Governor Pat McCrory and other North Carolina state officials as part of the creation of March 31 as "Richard Petty Day" in North Carolina. (RPM photo)

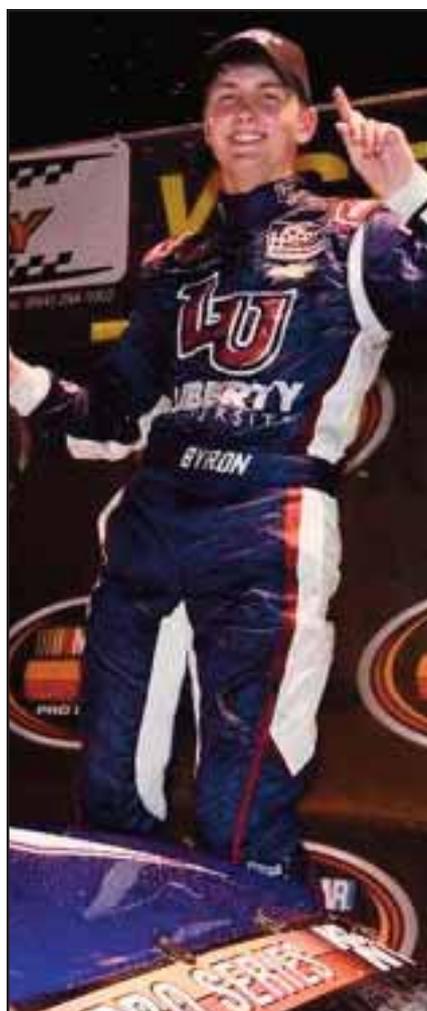
## Byron Bolts To First K&N East Victory

GREENVILLE, SC - A host of NASCAR K&N Pro Series East drivers have burst onto the scene via Greenville Pickens Speedway Victory Lane. Add William Byron to the list.

Joey Logano, Austin Dillon and Darrell Wallace Jr. headline a who's who of drivers that have captured their first series

checked flag at the historic South Carolina oval in the last 10 years. Byron, a 17-year-old from Charlotte, North Carolina, became the seventh member of that group as the victor of Saturday night's Kevin Whittaker Chevrolet 150.

It was a dominant performance for Byron behind the wheel of his No. 9 Liberty University Chevrolet. From his starting position on the outside of the front row, he outmaneuvered Coors Light Pole Award winner Daniel Hemric on the race's initial start and led the entire event in just his second series start.



William Byron emerged victorious in just his second career K&N Pro Series East start. (Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

Gray Gaulding crossed the line second while Dalton Sargeant, Austin Hill and Hemric rounded out the top five.

The remainder of the top 10 finishers in the second race of the year included Kaz Grala, Nick Drake, Ronnie Bassett Jr., Rico Abreu and Peyton Sellers.

With Byron's victory, the 14 all-time K&N Pro Series East races at GPS have produced 13 different winners. He joined Brett Moffitt as the only two of those 13 to lead wire-to-wire.

The K&N Pro Series East will return to action on Saturday, April 18 with the PittLite 125 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

## Preece Powers To South Boston Victory

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Ryan Preece attained what often seemed to be an inevitable result when he took the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour checkered flag Saturday at South Boston Speedway, but it wasn't without some late-race drama.

Preece led the South Boston 150 throughout en route to his second career southern tour victory, the majority of the time comfortably in the perch. Two late-race cautions provided an extra challenge for the Berlin, Connecticut, native, but he was able to emerge ahead in both green-white-checkered flag restart

attempts for the win.

JR Bertuccio crossed the line second and was joined on the podium by Burt Myers while Eric Goodale and Danny Bohn finished fourth and fifth, respectively. Kyle Ebersole, David Calabrese, Trey Hutchens, Gary Putnam and Jason Myers brought home the top 10.

Defending South Boston 150 winner and reigning tour champion Andy Seuss was involved in the first accident caution of the race and relegated to a 16th place finish, 57 laps down.

Preece, the 2013 champion of the northeast-based NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour where he regularly competes, has branched out to the southern sister tour on a limited basis in recent seasons. While he's consistently had fast cars - he earned his eighth Coors Light Pole Award in 12 career appearances earlier in the day at South Boston - Preece has had

defeat snatched from the jaws of victory on multiple occasions due to mechanical failures and accidents.

There were no gremlins for Preece on this sunny Saturday afternoon in the rolling hills of southern Virginia, however. It was a perfect day in the No. 98 Curb Records/Menards Chevrolet: fastest in practice and qualifying, and led the race throughout. If not for his pit box position being behind the start-finish line, Preece would have led all 160 laps, but Bertuccio was credited with one lap led under caution as his box was in front of the line.

Preece's previous Whelen Southern Modified Tour triumph came in 2013 at Bowman Gray Stadium.

The Whelen Southern Modified Tour will return to the Commonwealth of Virginia next Saturday, April 11 for the Pepsi 150 at Langley Speedway in Hampton.



Ryan Preece rolled to Victory Lane Saturday at South Boston. (Getty Images for NASCAR photo)

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**Selling Friday AM, April 17 -partial sale listing – Late Model GM Parts**

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boxes; Camaro rear spoiler; Camaro bumper bracing; air tank; brake rotors; drum brake assemblies; spindles; Camaro struts; trailing arms; backing plates; air boxes; rotors; car cover; carpet; brake lines; Corvette leaf spring; trim rings; tie rods; coil springs; axles; heater cores; door sills; radiators; clutch linkages; washer reservoir; starter; heater boxes; window regulators; heater hoses; tank straps; Camaro half shafts; shocks; coil springs; exhaust tubing; Z06 & ZR1 exhaust manifolds; oil cooler; torque converter; brake calipers; valves; sway bar; roller rockers; BBL timing chain – gears; push rods; valley tray; Camaro sway bar links; steering racks; brake boosters; driveshaft shocker; limited slip differential; voltage regulators; kick plates; lug nuts; dust covers; Victor V8 gaskets; Buick V6 intake & exhaust gaskets; Chevy V6 gaskets; Impala steering wheel; 67 El Camino heater core; wiper motor; wiper arms; cruise module; hub caps



**Selling Friday PM, April 17 -partial sale listing – Equipment/Chassis Pit Box; Toyota Front Clip;**

Crash Cart w/MAC Toolbox on end; MAC creeper; PTC Durometer Model 306L; Blue Point Borescope Kit; MAC Thread-Setter Kit; Intercomp Caster/Camber gauge; Starrett gauges; tire humidity meter; bump steer gauge; Bowman trays w/contents; Bowman stands; engine crate; height stands; Slip Roll; Pro-Star Oxygen/Acetylene Cutting Torch; MAC tools battery charger; Hoosier tires; 30" 3 in 1 Machine Combo of Shear, Brake & Roll; EZ-up tent; truck arm straightener; fuel can cart; engine stand; water heater; nose piece; Winters Q.C. rearend; Ram-Machinery Metal Cutting Band Saw; Irvan-Smith Shrinker/Stretch; Shelving; Rearend Racks; Brunnhoelzl gauge; Metal cabinets; Lista 3 drawer cabinet; Bowman wiring rack; Hyd jacks; Trans jack; Bowman 20 bin bolt bin; Bowman 40 bin bolt bin; Bowman 72 bin bolt bin; Coleman 10,000 watt generator; Featherlite tire cart; C & R cool down unit; Red roll-a-round shop table; Wilton 6" Vise; Wireless race car scales; 4 tier gray parts carts; MAC tool cart; 2 wheel dollies; 4 drawer gray cabinet; 2 drawer file cabinet; Cooper 35-1250/R18 truck tires; Reddy heater – Pro 100; Stainless steel grill; MAC tool box (top & bottom); Cylinder tanks – empty; Miller welder -Millermatic 200; Miller Spectrum 500 DC plasma cutter; KAESER SK19 Screw Compressor; RMC Block Washer – Model RMM SW4G; Michael Waltrip COT chassis – 110" wheel base



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## Preston Peltier Dominates For 3rd Easter Bunny 150 Win At Hickory

HICKORY, NC - Preston Peltier took the lead from Derek Scott, Jr. on a lap 44 restart and never looked back to take a dominating win in the 10th Annual Easter Bunny 150 Saturday night at Hickory Motor Speedway for the Pro All Stars Series

(PASS) Super Late Models. Peltier's third Easter Bunny 150 triumph was his sixth PASS South win at the speedway and pushed his series leading wins total to 14.

Texas rookie Derek Scott, Jr. paced the field in qualifying for his first PASS South Super Late Model race with a lap of 80.286 miles per hour around the legendary 3/8 mile speedway.

Following the top ten qualifiers redraw, Scott would slot into the seventh starting position, while Peltier and 3-time PASS National Champion, Ben Rowe, would move up to the front row.

Peltier would take the early lead, but Scott wasted little time working his way to the front moving into the lead by lap 17. The first caution flag of the race waved on lap 43 when Trevor Sanborn checked up to avoid Tate Fogleman and was tapped by Jeff Batten, sending Sanborn for a spin in turn four. At this point, 2006 Easter Bunny 150 winner, Mike Rowe, had made his way into the top 10 after starting back in 22nd.

When the green flag waved to resume racing, Peltier was able to power by Scott on the outside for the lead. The caution would wave

two more times for a spin on the backstretch by Nick Robinson on lap 78 and again for the stalled car of Jason Stanley on lap 89.

The most serious accident of the night occurred on the ensuing restart when Jody Measamer and Ryan Moore made contact on the backstretch while racing for fifth. Both cars hit the outside wall with Measamer's Aquavapor Chevrolet briefly going over Moore's hood and onto two wheels. Walker Yates and Jimmy Doyle both spun in turn three to avoid the accident.

Back under way, Peltier continued to lead over defending PASS South Super Late Model champion, Tyler Church. All eyes were focused on two veterans making their way up through the field though. Mike Rowe made it as high as third and Jeff Fultz, who had dropped back to 27th early in the race, was in the top 10 by lap 108.

Peltier worked his way through lapped traffic over the remaining laps and had a 10 car length advantage over Church when he took the checkered flag.

Following Peltier and Church at the finish were Mike Rowe, Ben Rowe, and Brandon Setzer. Rounding out the top 10 were Zane Smith, Fultz, Trevor Noles, Scott, and Shane Lee.

Kodie Conner swept both ends of a PASS Pro Late Model double-header by taking the wins on Friday and Saturday night. In Saturday night's 50 lap main event Chandler Smith finished second over Matt Murphy, Jake Spillers, and Ryan Krachun.

Matthew Lundstrom parlayed a big early lead to a win in the USAC



Preston Peltier celebrates his third Easter Bunny 150 win in victory lane at Hickory Motor Speedway. (LWpictures.com photo)

Eastern Midgets feature over Scott Hunter and Chris Lamb. Steve Johns, Jr. and Alex Pacheco were the Legends winners and Aaron Pierce took the checkered flag for the Must See Racing Sprint Cars.

The PASS South Super Late Models and PASS Pro Late Models

will be in action again on Saturday, April 25 for the Bash At The Beach 2 at Myrtle Beach Speedway, along with the Pee Dee/Coastal Super Trucks and Bell & Bell Vintage Modifieds.

For more information, please go to [ProAllStarsSeries.com](http://ProAllStarsSeries.com),

## Kyle Petty Charity Ride Announces 21st Anniversary Route

OffTrack

CHARLOTTE, NC - The Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America has announced the route for its 21st Anniversary motorcycle trek, taking place May 2-8, 2015. Kyle Petty will lead 200 motorcyclists along the 2,500 mile-route, stretching from Santa

Cruz, Calif. to Branson, Mo., to raise funds and awareness for Victory Junction - a camp created to enrich the lives of children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses.

Spectators, visitors and locals along the 2015 route are encouraged to attend one of the Ride's eight overnight stops or daily fuel stops to greet Petty and the riders, purchase Ride memorabilia or make a donation to Victory Junction.

The 2015 Kyle Petty Charity Ride Schedule:

- Day 1, Saturday, May 2 - Santa Cruz, Calif. to Bakersfield, Calif.
- Day 2, Sunday, May 3 - Bakersfield, Calif. to Tonopah, Nev.
- Day 3, Monday, May 4 - Tonopah, Nev. to Bryce Canyon, Utah
- Day 4, Tuesday, May 5 - Bryce

Canyon, Utah to Moab, Utah

- Day 5, Wednesday, May 6 - Moab, Utah to Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Day 6, Thursday, May 7 - Colorado Springs, Colo. to Hutchinson, Kan.
- Day 7, Friday, May 8 - Hutchinson, Kan. to Branson, Mo.

As a result of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride, 7,815 children have attended Victory Junction at no cost to their families. The camp has served as the Ride's primary beneficiary since its establishment by Kyle Petty in 2004 in honor of his late son, Adam.

This year, many celebrities plan to participate in all or part of the 21st Anniversary Ride, including: NASCAR Hall of Famer and seven time champion Richard Petty; NASCAR driver Matt Kenseth; NASCAR legends Harry Gant and Donnie Allison; former NFL great Herschel Walker; Harley-Davidson, Inc. President and Chief Executive Officer Matt Levatich; NBC Sports NASCAR analyst Rick Allen; co-host of History Channel's Top Gear America Rutledge Wood.

To follow the riders live, visit [www.facebook.com/KPCharityRide](http://www.facebook.com/KPCharityRide), or on Twitter and Instagram, @KPCharityRide.



Kodie Conner swept both nights of the PASS Pro Late Model Series action at Hickory Motor Speedway. (LWpictures.com photo)



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## Ogle Leads Flag-to-Flag for "Border Wars" Victory at Volunteer Speedway

BULLS GAP, TN - Volunteer Speedway opened its 42nd year of exciting dirt-track racing by hosting the Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series for the first of five scheduled visits by the series in 2015 to the legendary East Tennessee high-banked oval.

Chad Ogle of Sevierville proved to be class of the field in earning bragging rights for the Volunteer State, with a very impressive flag-to-flag run to the \$4,000 "Carolinas vs. Tennessee Border Wars at The Gap" victory.

Ogle set the standard in pole qualifying with a fast-lap at 13.435 seconds among the 20 cars present, with five-time Volunteer Speedway Super Late Model champion Vic Hill second-quickest.

Ogle grabbed the lead over Hill, Chris Madden, Mark Douglas and Mack McCarter at the start. Setting a blistering pace out front in the early going, Ogle pulled out to a full-straightaway advantage over Hill and Madden by lap 10. Bobby Mays spun in the fourth turn on lap 13 to bring out the event's first caution.

With Ogle showing the way out front on the restart, behind him Madden quickly got around Hill to take over second spot in the running order. Just behind the front-running trio, Douglas, McCarter, Riley Hickman, Jensen Ford and Mark Vineyard were battling three-wide at times jockeying for real estate.

Madden closed in behind leader Ogle and appeared to possibly be biding his time, just waiting to make a move at the opportune moment while they negotiated lapped traffic. However, Madden took several looks under Ogle on both ends of the track in the corners but couldn't pull the trigger to complete the pass.

The scenario of the race took a dramatic turn on lap 28, when a good run for Douglas ended as he suddenly began to slow just past the start-finish line entering the first turn, before finally coming to a stop high in the banking at exit of turn two to bring the caution out. While the field slowly circled the track, second-running Madden pulled into

the pits off turn four to attention from his crew. They removed the hood and looked underneath and shook their heads, their race prematurely had also come to an end.

Just one lap back under green the caution quickly waved once again, when Donald McIntosh looped his mount in turn four.

On the ensuing restart Hickman got around Hill for second place and set his sights ahead on leader Ogle.

But there would be no catching Ogle, driving the GEO Services, Geotechnical & Materials Engineers/Ogle's Neighborhood Service & Towing/Brooks Malone/Hoosier Racing Tire/Matlock Decal Co./Custom Race Engines/Rocket Chassis/No. 10 Chevrolet Corvette, as he won by right at a two-second margin over Hickman, Hill, McCarter and Vineyard.

Completing the top 10 finishers were Ford, Austin Smith, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series competitor Joey Coulter, McIntosh and Kyle Pierce.

"We had a really strong car tonight," said a smiling Ogle in victory lane. "This is really a great win for our team, just a good boost overall for our confidence. Bad luck, it seems like all we had last year was bad luck. We'd be having a good run and either have motor issues or get caught up in a wreck. It was kind of like we just couldn't catch a lucky break or something.

"We switched car (chassis) brands for this year, getting us a Rocket Chassis. And if tonight's any indication, we definitely made the right decision. We haven't won a race since back in 2013 when we won that Southern Regional Racing Series show here. That's what it's all about - winning races. With this new car we've got and how good it's performing, I'm excited about racing and can't wait until the next race. Hopefully we're really going to have us a good season racing."

The Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series will make its next visit to Volunteer Speedway in just two short weeks on Saturday, April 18 for running of the 14th annual Spring Thaw paying \$6,000-to-win. With NASCAR race fans in the region attending racing at Bristol Motor Speedway, round two of Border Wars at The Gap promises to be a must-see event.

Tim Byrd of Jonesborough, the



Chad Ogle celebrates in Volunteer Speedway's victory lane after leading every lap in the "Border Wars" event for the Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series. (Randall Perry/Volunteer Speedway photo)

2013 Crate Late Model track champion, led all 25 laps en route to capturing the \$700 Sportsman Late Model feature win.

Bryson Dennis of Greeneville, 18 years old and last season's Crate Late Model Rookie-of-the-Year, earned the pole position in time-trials over the stellar 23-car field. Byrd was second-quickest and started outside of the front row.

Byrd powered into the lead over Dennis, Warren McMahan, Josh Henry and Gary Crittenden on the opening lap. The veteran McMahan got around Dennis for second on the third circuit. Caution waved for McMahan on lap 9, which relegated him to rear of the field for the restart.

Back under green, Byrd once again smashed the loud pedal to pull ahead of Henry, Crittenden, Jordon Horton and Dennis.

While Byrd was in control out front, behind him back through the field racing action was intense. Crittenden spun late in the race on lap 22, which set up a three-lap sprint to the checkers.

Byrd, driving the Charles Byrd & Son Logging No. 24 Chevrolet Camaro, held the hard-charging Henry off for the victory.

Finishing third through fifth respectively were Horton, Tim Maupin and Dennis.

Chris Rickett of Morristown jumped out into the lead at drop of the green

flag over Gary Blanken and Kurt Owens in the Modified Street feature, with the trio in a tight battle up front. Blanken and Owens tangled between turns three and four on lap 9 to bring out the caution.

Rickett led Mike Mays and Jamie Whitt on the restart, but Owens and Blanken were hard on the throttle working their way back into contention.

Owens got around Mays with five circuits remaining and closed to Rickett's rear bumper coming to the white flag. But Rickett would not be denied a visit to victory lane as he won over Owens, Blanken, Mays and Tyler Smith.

The new Pure Stock division for 2015 had only four cars for their inaugural race, but you couldn't ask for a more exciting finish. Alex Vance of Waynesville, N.C., pulled off the race-winning move on the final lap between turns three and four to pass Jason Long for the victory, with Eddie Adams and Kevin Crane following.



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## Smith Opens UNOH All Star Point Season with Attica Win

ATTICA, OH - Ryan Smith of Kunkletown, Pennsylvania set out to experience different tracks in 2015. Well it paid off in a big way Saturday as the "Kunkletown Kid" led all 40 laps to record his first University of Northwestern Ohio All Star Circuit of Champions victory during the 24th Annual HD Supply/Construction Equipment and Supply Spring Nationals at Attica Raceway Park.

The win not only opened the season for Attica but was also the first point race for Tony Stewart's new UNOH All Stars who were making their 105th appearance at the track. It was Smith's first career win at "Ohio's Finest Racing" venue as well.

The cautions fell just when Smith needed them, keeping him out of heavy lapped traffic. He also made a spectacular move to get past a lapped car with eight laps to go to keep Andrew Palker from getting by.

"I wish we had something like this in Pennsylvania...this was great racing. Small track, elbows up, gas it up. It helped drawing a good number tonight. Laid down a good time and started up front but we were good enough to stay there," said Smith of his Warko Group #94.

Lodi, Ohio's Andrew Palker would stay close to Smith the entire

distance and would hold off Greg Wilson to score the runner-up finish aboard his Seneca Energy #57x.

Greg Wilson would bring his HerculesTires #W20 home in third.

Gary Taylor and Palker would bring the field of 26 to green for the 40-lap feature. But Taylor would clip an infield tractor tire on the opening lap and spin, collecting Byron Reed, Travis Philo, Chad Kemenah, Jac Haudenschild, Christopher Bell, and Kyle Patrick with Philo ending up on his side. Taylor, Patrick and Philo would be unable to restart the main.

On the second attempt, new pole-sitter Smith would jump into the lead with Palker, Cody Darrah, Wilson and Tim Shaffer giving chase. Wilson would take third on lap four with Dale Blaney also moving into the top five. With eight laps scored the leaders were getting ready to encounter heavy lapped traffic with Smith leading Palker, Wilson, Darrah and Blaney.

Smith would get a break on lap 11 when Caleb Helms spun, giving the leader a clear track. The caution would fly again on lap 12 when Paige Polyak coasted to a stop in turn four.

Again with a clear track Smith pulled away from Palker with Wilson, Darrah, Blaney, Danny Holtgraver, Shaffer, Sheldon Haudenschild and D.J. Foos in tow. Helms would spin again in turn two on lap 16 to keep the field close.

On the restart Smith again pulled away slightly from Palker

who was receiving pressure from Wilson. The car on the move was Cap Henry who started 20th and had worked his way to seventh.

Smith avoided near disaster at the halfway point when he jumped the cushion in turn three but was able to maintain the lead over Palker, Wilson, Blaney, Darrah, Holtgraver and Henry. With 15 laps to go Smith has raced into heavy lapped traffic again allowing Palker and Wilson to close. Palker was right on Smith's rear bumper as they tried to put T.J. Michael a lapped down. Smith would muscle his way under Michael on lap 32 and was able to pull away slightly.

The final caution flew on lap 37

with Smith leading Palker, Wilson, Blaney and Henry. That's how they would run the final three circuits with Smith getting the win over Palker, Wilson, Blaney and Henry rounding out the top five. Darrah, Holtgraver, Shaffer, Foos and Byron Reed would round out the top 10.

The UNOH All Stars will be back in action Saturday, April 18th at the Wayne County Speedway in Orville, Ohio.

Follow the All Stars on Twitter.com/@ASCoC, and www.Instagram.com/AllStarSprints using the hashtag #TheNewAllStars. An all new website has been launched at www.AllStarSprint.com.

## Ziehl Springs to Easter Eggstravaganza Win at CSP

PEORIA, AZ - Rick Ziehl took top honors in Saturday night's Easter Eggstravaganza event by racing to victory lane in the 25-lap ASCS Southwest Region winged Sprint Car main event atop the 1/3-mile clay oval.

While Ziehl continued his ASCS Southwest mastery, other Easter Eggstravaganza winners included Mike Strobl in 9th World Vapor IMCA Modified action, Matt Martinez in Arizona Differential Pure Stocks, Joe Vlasity in Scottsdale Muffler & Automotive Renegades and Tyler Merrill in AMA Mod Lites.

The reigning ASCS Southwest champion, Ziehl raced from the pole position to take the win ahead of eighth-starter Lance Norick with wingless ace R.J. Johnson racing from 13th to round out the podium in third. Ryan Linder and Kaylene Verville rounded out the top five.

Mike Strobl picked up his first 9th World Vapor IMCA Modified feature win of the year at CSP by racing to the checkered flag ahead of George Fronsman with Ryan Roath, Shawn Zelenka and Garrett Funk rounding out the top five.

Matt Martinez took Arizona Differential Pure Stock honors ahead of Zack Madrid and Chris McCurdy, Jr., with Joe Vlasity besting the Scottsdale Muffler & Automotive Renegade ranks with Joe Peterson and David Harrington also on the podium.

Tyler Merrill rounded out the night's winners by taking AMA Mod Lite honors in front of Adam Etcher

and Austin Kuehl.

Next up at Canyon Speedway Park is the Color Obstacle Rush on April 18.

## Reutzel Rockets to Victory with ASCS Red River Region

WICHITA FALLS, TX - Who ever said "you can't win a race on the first lap" has never met Aaron Reutzel.

Taking the green from third, the BC Funds No. 87 pulled a slide-for-life into the first two turns on Kevin Ramey and Jake Martens, clearing the pair and leading non-stop with the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products at the Red River Speedway.

Challenged for a moment by Jake Matens in the early laps, cautions and red flags fell Reutzel's way to keep the No. 87 clear from traffic. Despite rubber on the track, Johnny Herrera utilized restarts to climb from sixth to third with Tim Crawley doing the same to grab fourth from 12th. John Carney II completed the top-five after starting 10th.

Kevin Ramey crossed sixth with Wayne Johnson seventh. Sam Hafertepe, Jr. eighth was chased by Andy Shouse to the line. After flipping in Hot Laps, Kade Morton captured the final transfer into the night's A-Feature, and proceeded to climb from 20th to round out the top-ten.

The ASCS Red River Region competes next at the Creek County Speedway in Sapulpa, Okla. on Friday, April 10 and Super Bowl Speedway in Greenville, Texas on Saturday, April 11.



Ryan Smith raced his way to his first career UNOH All Star Circuit of Champions race at Attica Raceway Park. (PAUL ARCH photo)

## World of Outlaws Late Model Series News & Notes:

### Series Drivers Prepare For April Events At Duck River, Tazewell & Farmer City

CONCORD, NC - After his stellar performance during February's World of Outlaws Late Model Series action in Georgia and Florida, the last thing Shane Clanton wanted was for the national tour to take an extended break.

Unfortunately for Clanton, harsh winter weather that lingered into early spring forced WoO LMS events at Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway and I-30 Speedway to be cancelled and the Douglas Dodge Ram Truck Illini 100 weekend to be postponed, resulting in a seven-week layoff in the WoO LMS schedule following Clanton's February success.

"When you're running as good as we were you want the next race to be the next night so you can keep it going," said Clanton, the 39-year-old Zebulon, Ga., driver who won four of seven WoO LMS events contested during February's swing through Georgia and Florida, including a sweep of the three WoO LMS events during Volusia Speedway Park's DIRTcar Nationals. "It kind of gets frustrating when you're ready to get back going, but that's all part of it."

The good news for Clanton is when the WoO LMS gets back rolling later this month, the tour will make three consecutive stops at tracks where he's typically ran well and won races in the past.

Confident the extended time off hasn't cooled his early-season hot streak, Clanton will look to keep up the momentum when the tour returns to action with a April 10-11 Volunteer State doubleheader at Duck River Raceway Park in Wheel, Tenn., and Tazewell (Tenn.) Speedway. He's even more excited to return to Farmer City Raceway April 17-18 for the rescheduled Illini 100, an event in which he claimed a \$20,000 victory in 2009.

Clanton and his Weldbank Energy-sponsored race team have done their best to use the downtime to their advantage. With his sights aimed at claiming his first WoO LMS championship, Clanton and crew have worked hard to be as prepared as possible for the season-long points battle.

With top-five finishes in all seven

races this season, Clanton has firmly established himself as the early championship favorite. Considering no driver has ever come from more than 64 points down to win a WoO LMS championship, the veteran Clanton is in prime position to claim the title.

But as amazing as Clanton's 2015 performance has been thus far, it could also be the setup for a comeback that would likely be just as amazing. With a pair of three-time champions in Lanigan and Josh Richards of, behind him in the standings, Clanton knows that claiming his long-awaited first WoO LMS championship is far from a sure thing.

**Lanigan Primed For Historic Comeback:** If Clanton does stumble, he'll likely have a pack of drivers on his heels. While Clanton has separated himself from the other championship hopefuls, a group of drivers behind him are much tighter with just 32 points separating second-place Lanigan and fifth-place Chub Frank.

Lanigan, 45, has so far struggled to match the performance level that carried him to a record 17 WoO LMS victories in 2014, but he was still steady through most of the Georgia and Florida trip, especially considering he was recovering from a broken thumb suffered less than a month earlier. The good news for Lanigan is that even though his 2015 performance has been well off of his torching 2014 pace, he's not by any means out of the points battle.

The same stat that seems to make Clanton's championship coronation a near certainty could also point to another championship for Lanigan depending on how deep one reads into it. Although the largest deficit ever overcame to win a WoO LMS title is 64 points, that comeback was accomplished in 2008 by Lanigan, who went on to top Richards by a whopping 160 points that season.

From the 64-point deficit after the eighth race of 2008, to his 160-point lead at season's end, the '08 points battle swung 224 points in Lanigan's favor over a 35-race span for an average of six points gained per race. If all 41 races remaining on the 2015 schedule are ran, Lanigan needs only to average a gain of slightly more than two

points per race to overcome the current 90-point deficit. That's merely the difference in a single A-Main finishing position per race.

**Bagley Continues Upward Trend:** Continuing his upward trajectory from last year's fourth-place points finish, third-year WoO LMS regular Morgan Bagley, is off to a solid start in 2015 with three top-10 performances and no finishes worse than 13th.

The cancellation of I-30 Speedway's WoO LMS event means for the second straight year Bagley won't get to race at the track closest to his Texas home (last year's event at his home track of Lonestar Speedway in Kilgore, Texas, was also cancelled), but Bagley isn't letting that get him down. What was once a challenge for Bagley has become the norm as the 28-year-old racer continues to hone his ability to quickly adapt to tracks where he has little to no experience.

The next few WoO LMS races could go a long way in proving that Bagley is capable of remaining near the top of the series standings for the long haul. Bagley we'll look to continue a streak of top-10 finishes in both of his previous trips to Duck River and his lone visit to Tazewell.

**Richards Still Eyeing Title Run:** An up-and-down Georgia-Florida trip has put Josh Richards in a sizeable hole early in his quest for a fourth WoO LMS title, but there's been plenty of upside in his performance to suggest he's capable of climbing out of it.

Returning to the tour after sitting out 2014 due to medical issues, Richards scored three top-five finishes during the opening seven WoO LMS events, including his milestone 50th career WoO LMS victory at Ocala. But there was also a 15th-place finish at Screven and finishes of 19th (flat tire) and 17th (mechanical issues) at Volusia.

Even though he's farther from the points lead than he's been in any of his full-time WoO LMS seasons since claiming his first series title in 2009, Richards hasn't given up on his 2015 championship hopes.

Besides getting himself back in the title hunt, Richards will have some extra motivation when the tour gets back to action at Duck River. In his only previous visit to the tight quarter-mile oval, Richards led from the start of the 50-lapper until a lap-47 tangle with a lapped car sent him into the front straightaway wall and ended his run.

**Recovering Chub Thankful For Extra Downtime:** The wet and

cold spring was a boon for Chub Frank, who underwent knee replacement surgery on his left knee on Feb. 23. Frank, 53, had intended not to miss any WoO LMS events even though the March 20-21 doubleheader at Kentucky Lake and I-30 would've come just four weeks into a recovery process that typically requires at least six weeks of downtime.

Thanks to the extra time off due to Kentucky Lake and I-30 being cancelled and the Farmer City postponement, Frank has not only had extra time to recover but was also able to undergo an additional procedure to repair minor issues the original surgery didn't correct.

Expecting to recover in time for the April 10-11 doubleheader, Frank is anxious to return to racing. He's also confident he can continue an impressive start to the season that produced some of his best performances in years.

Quickly adjusting to his new Longhorn Chassis, Frank opened the year with four consecutive top-10 finishes including a fifth-place result at Bubba Raceway Park in Ocala, Fla., in which Frank led 10 laps and battled among the leaders before fading late.

The second WoO LMS feature at Volusia produced a third-place finish for Frank, but that came between finishes of 22nd in Volusia's WoO opener and 13th in the finale. Those two races, which are Frank's only two finishes outside the top 10 so far this season, came in races in which he was involved in a caution.

Frank hopes that his improved performance to start the season leads to a return to victory lane. For a driver looking to end a nearly six-year WoO LMS winless streak, that can't come soon enough.

**Upcoming Events:** The World of Outlaws Late Model Series returns to action Fri., April 10 as the tour returns to Duck River Raceway Park for the third consecutive season. The \$10,000-to-win event features a full slate of WoO LMS time trials, heat races, Last-Chance Qualifiers and a 50-lap main event. For more information, visit the track's website at [www.duckriver-racewaypark.com](http://www.duckriver-racewaypark.com).

From Duck River, WoO LMS competitors travel east through Tennessee for another complete program at Tazewell Speedway on Sat., April 11. The Ray Varner Ford 50 pays \$10,000 to the winner. Visit [www.tazewellspeedway.net](http://www.tazewellspeedway.net) for more information.

For more information on the WoO LMS, visit [www.worldofoutlaws.com](http://www.worldofoutlaws.com).

**Bristol Motor Speedway**

BRISTOL, TN - "The safety of our fans and competitors continues to be a focal point for Bristol Motor Speedway," said Jerry Caldwell, executive vice president and general manager for Bristol Motor Speedway. "SMI engineers and NASCAR reevaluated the track and made additional recommendations. We've been able to secure an additional 600 feet of SAFER (Steel and Foam Energy Reduction) barriers and will complete the build out of the front and backstretch outside walls before the Food City 500 race weekend."

**Darlington Raceway**

DARLINGTON, SC - The annual Taste of Darlington will take place at Darlington Raceway on Thursday, April 16, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the track's NASCAR Sprint Cup Series garage.

The annual culinary event benefits the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association (DDRA) and features some of the best cooks in the area. The event is attended by community members that enjoy great local food and drink.

"This is one of the most popular events of the year," said City of Darlington Director of Planning Lisa Chalian-Rock. "We always appreciate our relationship with Darlington Raceway. The track serves as a great historic backdrop for this annual community event."

For over 30 years, the Taste of Darlington has been a staple on the social calendar in the community. This year's event will feature more than 15 grillers preparing main courses and 10 stations featuring hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

"We enjoy supporting this fantastic event, which helps downtown revitalization right here in our backyard," Darlington Raceway President



**Workers at Bristol Motor Speedway install an additional 600 feet of SAFER barriers. (BMS photo)**

Chip Wile said. "The Taste of Darlington is always well attended and we're happy to be a part of it."

Walk-up tickets are \$30 each or can be purchased in advance at the following locations:

- Darlington Raceway Ticket Office
- The News & Press
- Main Street Jewelers
- Greater Darlington Chamber of Commerce
- Carolina Bank (Darlington, Hartsville, Society Hill and Lamar)
- Dedicated Community Bank

- City of Darlington Administrative Office
- The Jewelers Bench
- Porter's Gift Shop (Florence)

The event is only open for guests 21 years of age or older.

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

**Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

The Rolling Stones are back! The band has announced their new 15-city, North American stadium ZIP CODE tour and make a stop at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 13, at 10 a.m. ET. For ticketing information please visit [rollingstones.com](http://rollingstones.com).

"The Rolling Stones concert on July 4 will mark the first time the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has hosted a concert on a non-race weekend," said J. Douglas Boles, Indianapolis Motor Speedway president. "The biggest band in the world playing at the biggest sporting venue in the world will provide an unbelievable experience for our fans. It doesn't get any better than the Rolling Stones on Fourth of July Weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway."

The Rolling Stones ZIP CODE tour will see Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood head back out on the road after their critically-acclaimed 14 ON FIRE tour in Asia, Europe, Australia and New Zealand in 2014. The iconic band will treat their generations of fans to special one-night-only shows, with a set packed full of classic Stones hits such as "Gimme Shelter", "Paint It Black", "Jumpin' Jack Flash", "Tumbling Dice" and "It's Only Rock 'N' Roll", as well as special gems from their extraordinary catalog.

**Chevelle From Fast & Furious To Be Sold in Dallas**

TULSA, OK - Leake Auction Company just announced the consignment of a 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle that was featured in the fourth installment of The Fast and the Furious series. This car and 450 others will cross the auction block in Dallas Market Hall, April 17-19.

The Chevelle is in excellent condition. Purchased by the studio as an extra stunt car, this Chevelle was never jumped. The winning bidder will receive a letter of authenticity and a 6-disc DVD set of

the Fast & Furious series. The car was also seen on a recent episode of The Car Chasers on CNBC when Jeff Allen purchased the Chevelle from Frank Collins of Cinema Vehicles. Jeff promptly consigned it to the Dallas auction. Over the years, Leake Auction Company has sold six of the 14 cars from The Fast and the Furious franchise that Jeff Allen has owned.

"Furious 7 is the most anticipated movie re-

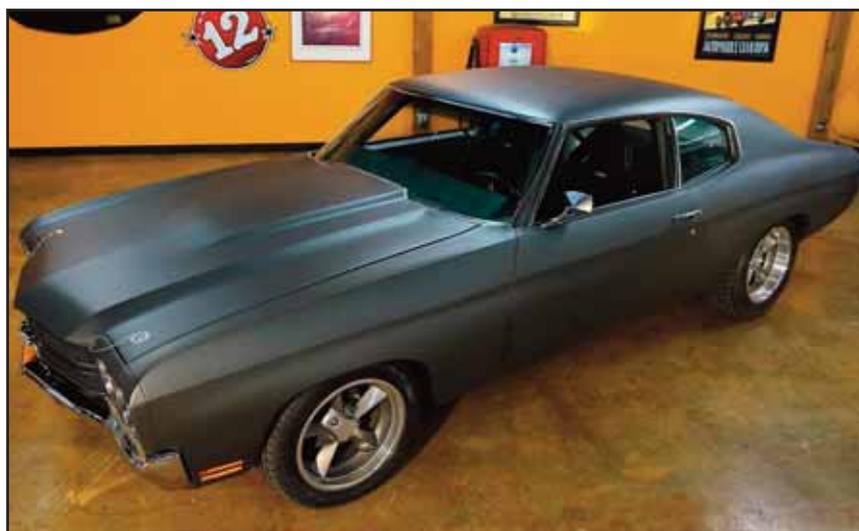
lease of 2015," stated Richard Sevenoaks, president of Leake Auction Company.

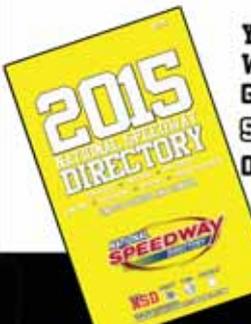
"The Fast and the Furious series has an enormous following that is very loyal. With Furious 7 being the conclusion of the saga, this is an excellent car to add to a collection."

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For a complete list of vehicles consigned to this auction, visit [www.leakecar.com](http://www.leakecar.com).

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## South Boston Speedway

Two-time NASCAR Whelen All American Series National Champion Lee Pulliam of Alton, Virginia became the third different winner in the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division at South Boston Speedway Saturday when he swept the day's pair of 75-lap NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division races.

Pulliam won the pole and led all but one lap in winning the day's first 75-lap race, pulling away from former South Boston Speedway NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division champion Matt Bowling of Ridgeway, Virginia in a 16-lap sprint that followed the race's third and final caution period. His margin of victory over Bowling was 1.291-second.

Bobby McCarty of Summerfield, North Carolina, Chad Finchum of Knoxville, Tennessee and Blake Stallings of Danville, Virginia rounded out the top five finishers.

Due to a drawing for an inverted start, Pulliam started sixth in the second race, took the lead early, and with no cautions to slow the action, sped away from the field. His margin of victory over McCarty was 3.256 seconds, or almost a quarter of a lap.

Stallings finished third with Taylor Stricklin and Quin Houff of Weyers Cave, Virginia rounding out the top five finishers.

Next Race At South Boston Speedway: NASCAR racing action will return to South Boston Speedway on Saturday, April 11, when "America's Hometown Track" hosts the 2 p.m. running of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center NASCAR Late Model 150 racing program.

All five of South Boston Speedway's racing divisions will be featured in the April 11 event, which will be headlined by a 150-lap race for the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Late Model Stock Car Division.

The five-event program will include races for the Limited Sportsman Division, Modified Division, Budweiser Pure Stock Division and Hornets Division.

Registration and pit gates will open at 9 a.m. with practice going



**Lee Pulliam takes the checkered flag Saturday at South Boston Speedway. (JAMES PRICE photo)**

from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Grandstand gates will open at noon and qualifying time trials will get underway at 12:30 p.m. The first of the day's five races will get the green flag at 2 p.m.

Adult admission is \$10, with kids ages six and under admitted free.

For additional information about the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center NASCAR Late Model 150 racing program or any other events at South Boston Speedway, please visit the speedway's website at [www.southbostonspeedway.com](http://www.southbostonspeedway.com) or telephone the speedway at 434-572-4947 or 1-877-440-1540.

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Former NASCAR 358 Modified track champion Duane Howard started from sixth-place in the 30-lap feature event, advanced to the number one position by lap 13 and went on to register his seventh career Opening Night feature triumph, most ever at the third-mile high-banked clay Grandview Speedway, and push Oley, PA racer's career win total to 65 on a windy and very chilly night, as the raceway celebrated 53 consecutive years of racing.

Wayne Pfeil of Mohnton, PA started outside the front row in the 25-lap Late Model feature event, took the top spot at the start and never was seriously challenged as Pfeil went on to easily score his seventh career victory and his first-ever Opening Night main event win at Grandview Speedway Saturday night.

Young Brett Kressley started the

25-lap Sportsman feature from ninth-place and picked his way through traffic to get out in front by lap 10 and continue on to an easy non-stop feature win in just 7 minutes, giving the Orefield, PA pilot 9 career wins at the Route 100 clay oval, completing an exciting and crowd pleasing tripleheader program in front of a strong fan turnout.

With opening night out of the way NASCAR 358 Modified racers turn their attention to the special 35-lap feature that will be offered on Saturday, April 11th. The race will offer the winner \$3,000 plus a T.P. Trailers bonus of \$250 and VP Racing Fuels bonus of \$150 in product (the winner must meet sponsor requirements to collect the bonuses). The BRC Late Models and Sportsman stock cars will be part of the special tripleheader show. Adult admission is \$20, youngsters 5 through 11 pay \$5 and children under 5 are admitted free. Racing will start at 7 p.m.

The first feature of the night saw Pfeil jump out in front at the wave of the green for the 25-lap Late Model feature beating Kory Fleming into the first turn, who started from the pole, and third-place starter Dan Green. Pfeil quickly pulled away with a large lead, as seasoned racer Dan Green tangled on the front straightaway with Cory Merkel to bring out a caution on lap 17. The new green saw Pfeil immediately jump in front, again, over Fleming and, now, former track champion Chuck Schutz, who started from fifteenth-place, was running solidly in third by lap 19. Schutz moved to second-place with

5 to go, just ahead of a yellow flag waving for Pottstown, PA chauffeur Cory Merkel, spinning in turn 2. Pfeil easily went on to win the event, with Schutz, Fleming, Sean Merkel and Joe Fanelli rounding out the top 5 finishers.

Heat race wins for the 16 Late Model entries went to Fleming and Pfeil.

Afterward, Pfeil announced, "I always seem to struggle here until, maybe, May or June, but tonight this thing was on rails. It is the first-time I have won here on Opening Night. I didn't hear any cars, so, I figured, I was out there pretty good. We'll take it, tonight."

A field of 26 Sportsmen racers saw third generation Fleetwood, PA racer Brett Gilmore, immediately jump out into a safe lead, after starting the race from outside the front row, and stay on top through the first 8-laps. Brad Arnold, who started from the pole, ran runner-up until the young racer pulled off and dropped out on lap 1. Brian Hirthler, who started third, on the next circuit replaced Arnold as the second-place runner and remained there until Kressley quickly moved past him and into second-place by lap 5.

Kressley and Gilmore raced wheel-to-wheel crossing the line on lap 9. On lap 10, Kressley moved into the lead, dropping Brett Gilmore to second-place just in front of his father, fellow Fleetwood, PA resident, Kenny Gilmore, who was the sixth-place starter on the initial green and moved up to third by lap 8.

Kenny Gilmore slipped by Brett Gilmore for second-place on lap 15 and hung on to finish the race solidly behind Kressley at the checkered, as Kressley made his way through a lot of lapped traffic, late.

Brett Gilmore finished up third in front of Mike Lisowski and Jim Housworth, who brought home his career best effort with a strong fifth-place finish.

Heat winners were Arnold, Brett Gilmore and Hirthler.

In Victory Circle, Kressley revealed, "It's unbelievable the way we started the year. The track was perfect tonight. My hat's off to the great job that the track crew did with the surface tonight. Everybody raced me clean and it produced a lot of good, clean racing. We fought our way through some lapped traffic there at the end, but everyone ran well and it worked out for us in a good way, tonight."

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Some 34 358 Modified entries were in the pits, with defending champion Jeff Strunk, Meme DeSantis and Jared Umbenhauer winning the heat races, as Jarred Miller captured the consolation win to produce a 27-car feature starting field.

With the green, second-place starter DeSantis was the early rabbit as the race leader over Strunk and

Craig VonDohren, who started from fourth-place for the first 2-laps. On lap 3, VonDohren moved into second, with Strunk now third and the Oley, PA pilot Howard up to fourth-place. A red flag was waved on lap 4 after Kyle Borrer took a wild ride into turn 3, tearing up his ride badly. Borrer walked away unhurt.

The restart saw DeSantis still out in front over VonDohren and Howard, as Strunk fell back into fourth. DeSantis, VonDohren and Howard got into a very entertaining 3-car battle for first-place for laps 7, 8 and 9, with Howard taking second spot away on lap 9. A caution after 12 circuits were completed for Jamie Speers spinning on the backstretch bunched up the field once more.

Howard assumed the top spot on a lap 13 restart over DeSantis and VonDohren, with Strunk squeezing past VonDohren on lap 15 to retake third-place. On lap 16 Speers spun on the backstretch again to bring out another caution flag.

Howard reclaimed first-place on the restart over Temple, PA veteran talent DeSantis and Oley, PA driver VonDohren, with Pottstown, PA veteran Strunk and Wind Gap, PA driver Frank Cozze, who started thirteenth, running as the top 5 in that order. Howard immediately pulled away and held a full straight-away lead over DeSantis by lap 21. VonDohren closed the gap and battled in a crowd pleasing, side-by-side battle with DeSantis on laps 23 and 24 and moved ahead into second-place on lap 24. On lap 28 Strunk slowed through turns 1 and 2 to bring out a caution, as the defending champion headed to the pits and did not return.

A single file restart saw Howard, easily, score the popular feature win. VonDohren followed in second and DeSantis was third. Cozze authored a strong effort for a nice

fourth-place at the checkered and third generation driver Mike Kellner rounded out the top 5, after starting the race in seventh-place.

"After the long, hard winter I am just so eager to get out on the race track again and I've got to thank the Petruska family for giving me one hell of a race car, plus the new Billy The Kid built engine under the hood," Howard was quick to note afterwards. "I got to meet him up at Syracuse and he builds one really wicked motor for these things. Fox Shocks and TEO Fabrications have it together right now, also, and Grandview gave us a great track to race on so I guess it sure showed.

"Tonight, with a heads-up start from the heats we were all bottled up there near the front and you really had to race for a win tonight. Normally, we are racing hard from somewhere like fifteenth or sixteenth-place on the start and going for it, but tonight we were all right up there. I was pretty good going around on the bottom and at the end we were good up on top, too. I knew once I had Meme beat on that restart by the flag stand I could clear him racing it into one. I just raced as hard as I could right to the end, tonight," Howard offered.

Grandview Speedway, a one-third-mile, banked clay track, is located on Passmore Road just off Route 100 in Bechtelsville, PA, 10 miles north of Pottstown. For information telephone 610.754.7688 or check in at [www.grandviewspeedway.com](http://www.grandviewspeedway.com), [Twitter@GrandviewSpeedway](https://twitter.com/GrandviewSpeedway) and [www.facebook.com/grandviewspeedway](http://www.facebook.com/grandviewspeedway).

## Wake County Speedway

RALEIGH, NC - Alex Fleming roared past Zachary Marks on lap 35 and held him off for the final 25 laps to score a very emotional victory at Wake County Speedway's 53rd season opener on Friday night.

Fleming celebrated his win with a spectacular John Force style burnout down the frontstretch which left the engine overheating after the race. He said in victory lane that the win was emotional because of the loss of his grandmother and because he may not be able to race much longer.

"It's amazing," Fleming said. "I don't know how much more we can race. This is a good win. My grandmother passed away about a month ago and we have a little girl on the way so it's blessings and heartache at the same time. This makes it a little bit easier. I know she was riding with me tonight."

The race was a back-and-forth duel between Fleming and Marks. Marks took the initial lead from pole sitter Adam Resnick on the start of the race. Marks held off a couple challenges from Fleming before Fleming was finally able to get by on lap 35. Fleming said the battle between he and Marks was amazing and he was excited to prevail because he was not even sure he had a winning racecar.

"It was an amazing race," Fleming explained. "The car wasn't the winning car tonight but I had a lot of people on my side and that was the difference between third place and first place tonight. I couldn't give up and the car couldn't give up. There was extra stuff pushing us. There were a lot of hands on the car during the race."

Zachary Marks had a strong enough car to score the win but, after a long hiatus from racing, Marks was content with second.

"We were doing alright; think I just got the right rear a little soft," Marks said. "I definitely had fun out there. It's been four years since I raced in anything and seven years since I've been out here. We're hoping we have something for them in the next couple weeks."

Adam Resnick prevailed in a three way battle for the third position in the closing laps while Steve Smith finished fourth and Joe Heigl rounded out the top-five.

Billy Hall prevailed in a thrilling Legends feature over Kenneth Tripp, Brenton Irvin, Stephen Ford and Shane Irving.

"From the qualifying times, I think the top-four were all within two-tenths of a second and that's how I knew it was going to be a pretty competitive race," Hall said. "Most of the time, we don't have good luck on our side but tonight

we did and that's mainly the reason that we won but we also had a good car. It was half car, half luck. It's just so great to be able to come here after a winter off and be so competitive."

Justin Fussell scored the win in the Min-Stock feature which looked a lot like the Daytona 500 at times with three-wide racing all throughout the event. Darrell Haynie won the U-CAR feature which was combined with the Mini-Stock feature. Blaise Brinkley won the Bandolero division race which was halted by a red flag after a scary crash involving Kaleb Bradley. Bradley was okay after the accident. Kris Sheer won the Bombers feature which featured a four car battle all the way to the checkered flag.

Wake County Speedway's next race will be held on Friday night, April 17th with 60 laps for the Late Model Stock Cars along with the Southern Ground Pounders Vintage Racing Club and racing for the Charger, Mini-Stocks, U-CAR, Legends and Bandolero divisions.

For more information about Wake County Speedway, check out the track's website at [www.wc-speedway.com](http://www.wc-speedway.com), "like" Wake County Speedway on Facebook or follow @wccspeedway on Twitter.

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - The 2015 season at Stafford Motor Speedway will mark the second season of weekly Legend Car competition around the track's mini-mile. In addition Stafford Speedway Management is proud to announce that the Legend Cars feature during the season ending NAPA Auto Parts Fall Final Weekend on Oct. 3rd will serve as a Legends Car Asphalt Nationals

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Alex Fleming celebrates in the Wake County Speedway's victory lane after winning the season opener. (ANDY MARQUIS/RACE22.com photo)

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Qualifier.

"It's great to have a Legend Cars National Qualifier event at Stafford," said Stafford Legend Cars promoter David Arute. "The Nationals is the biggest race of the year for the Legend Cars and our NAPA Fall Final Legend Cars feature event should see some exciting racing for the win. We're looking forward to awarding the race winner a spot in the Legends National race."

The 2015 Legend Cars Asphalt Nationals will be held at Anderson Speedway in Anderson, South Carolina, November 12-14. The 3-day Legend Cars extravaganza will give competitors a final chance to accumulate points for the 2015 season to determine their final position in the INEX National Point Standings. Stafford Speedway was represented by two drivers from the Young Lion class at last year's Asphalt Nationals at The Bullring in Las Vegas with Mike Christopher, Jr. finishing fourth and Joe Graf, Jr. finishing eleventh.

The Legend Cars division made a triumphant return to Stafford Speedway at the beginning of the 2014 season after a 20-year hiatus, Dana DiMatteo became the first ever Legend Cars Track Champion. The Legend Cars had 6 different feature winners last season with only 11 total races on the schedule. The race for the championship went down to the final race of the season with Dana DiMatteo beating out his brother Cory to claim the championship. Both DiMatteo brothers return to competition this season along with feature winners Jordan LaMothe and Devin O'Connell.

The first Legend Cars feature of the 2015 season at Stafford Speedway will take place on April 25 as part of the 44th Annual NAPA Auto Parts Spring Sizzler on April 24-26. 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 on the 44th Annual NAPA Auto Parts Spring Sizzler, or to order tickets, contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at 860-684-2783 or visit us on the web at [www.stafford-speedway.com](http://www.stafford-speedway.com).

## Lonesome Pine Raceway

COEBURN, VA - Kres VanDyke dominated the twin Late Model Stock features in Lonesome Pine Raceway's season-opening race. The 2014 Kingsport Speedway and NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Tennessee State champion led every lap and claimed the victory in both races.

VanDyke blistered qualifying with a pace of 16.376 seconds and 82.4 MPH to set him on the pole for the first LMSC feature.

VanDyke jumped to the lead early in the 35-lap race over the No. 97 machine of Zeke Shell. VanDyke would settle into a comfortable lead, leaving the remainder of the field to battle for position.

At the halfway mark, VanDyke continued his dominating pace as he worked his way through slower traffic.

VanDyke would lead the remaining laps for his first victory of the season.

After finishing second in the first LMSC feature, an invert of two positions would place Zeke Shell on point for the second feature.

Shell's inside line, however, would be no match for VanDyke. VanDyke would power off of Turn 2 on the opening lap to gain the lead.

Mirroring the first feature, VanDyke again pulled away for the field, while Shell also had a comfortable buffer in second-place. The entire race would go caution free and VanDyke once again found himself driving to the winner's circle.

Carnage seemed to be the key element in the Modified Street feature. The race saw numerous caution periods and plenty of dented sheet metal.

Nick Cole and John Harrell made up the front row to start the 30-lap race. Contact between Harrell and Cole would send Cole's No. 63 around on the frontstretch before the completion of one lap.

Harrell would take the lead from Rob Austin on the restart using the outside lane. Jared Broadbent would quickly move into second-place, while Cole began to work his



Kres VanDyke is all smiles in Lonesome Pine Raceway's victory lane. (SNF MOTORSPORTS photo)

way back through the field.

Harrell held a comfortable lead at the halfway point. But a transmission issue would force him out of contention and stall entering pit road, forcing the yellow flag out for the second time.

Back under green, Broadbent and Rob Austin would battle for the lead. Battling off of Turn 2, Cole and Jamie Meadows would tangle for third-place, causing a chain reaction wreck on the backstretch, and forcing the caution to be displayed on lap 22.

With the field once again reset, Austin would take the lead from Broadbent to restart the race. The yellow flag would fly once again the following lap when Joey Sykes and the No. 11 of Meadows made contact in Turn 4.

Broadbent would power by Austin on the final restart of the race. Broadbent and Austin would battle all the way to the checkered flag, with Broadbent edging Austin to the victory.

Jackie Jackson and John Ketron started on the front row for 25 laps of Pure 4 action. Only a partial lap would be completed before a spin in Turns 3 and 4 would force the caution out.

Jackson and Ketron battled on the restart, with Ketron taking the top spot on the fifth circuit. Billy Ketron and Jackson – battling for second-place – made contact, sending both cars spinning to the bottom of Turn 2 on lap 12.

John Ketron again would pull to the lead, but the yellow would wave once again on lap 13 when the No. 25 of Brandon Sutherland stalled high in Turn 2.

Ketron again would move into the lead on the ensuing restart. A hard crash in Turn 4, when Mark Meade slammed the outside wall,

would force the caution back out and temporarily stop the race.

The field was once again set for a restart and Ketron would again take his No. 27 to the lead over Kevin Darnell. Ketron would pull away and claim the win.

Billy Duty quickly pulled to the lead from the pole position to begin the Mod 4 feature. Rocky Yates would battle back on the inside to acquire the lead on lap seven.

Yates would not relinquish his lead for the remaining 13 laps to gain the victory.

Nasty Jones pulled to the lead on the first lap of the Pure Street race. Jones would go on to claim victory in the caution-free race over Robby Allison and Hunter Phipps.

William Hale started on the pole in the Rookie Pure 4 race. Hale would lead all 20 laps in route to the victory.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGSGROVE, PA - Defending champion Mark Smith of Sunbury drove to a convincing victory in Saturday's night's 25-lap 360 sprint car season opener at Selinsgrove Speedway.

Smith, who scored the prestigious "King of the 360s" victory at the East Bay Raceway in Florida earlier this year, was at the wheel of the Mach 1 Chassis No. 1 for his 11th career win in 358-360 sprint car competition at the track.

Former 10-time champion Jeff Rine of Danville wired the field for his 92nd career feature win at Selinsgrove in the 25-lap super late model feature.

Andrew Shoop of Mifflintown made a last-lap pass to score his second career pro stock win in the division's 15-lap feature, while Brandon Shultz of Milton held off

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numerous challenges to record his first career win at the track in the 12-lap roadrunner race.

Selinsgrove Speedway will swing back into action at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11, with the Empire Super Sprint (ESS) Mach 1 Chassis Spring Fling for 358 and 360 sprint cars paying \$3,000 to win. Time Trials will be a part of the qualifying format for the 30-lap feature event. The super late models and pro stocks will also be on the racing card. Track gates will open at 4 p.m.

Polesitter Cody Keller drove into the lead at the start of the sprint car feature. Keller was chased by second-place starter Jason Shultz for the first six laps of the race. The red flag stopped the race on lap six when Mallie Shuster slammed the outside guardrail in turn four and flipped over in his sprint car. Shuster escaped injury.

On the restart, Shultz made a dive to the inside of Keller entering turn one and emerged the race's new leader out of turn two. Meanwhile, a wheel-to-wheel race unfolded for the third position between fourth-place starter Robbie Stillwaggon and eighth-place starter Mark Smith, with Smith taking over the spot at the halfway point.

On the 17th circuit, a flat tire caused Shultz's car to go into a wild spin in turn three, narrowly escaping serious damage with the outside wall. Keller inherited the lead again for the lap 18 restart in which Smith made the winning pass using the inside lane in turn three. Smith went on to cross the finish line 3.5 seconds ahead of Keller, Stillwaggon, Davie Franek, and Michael Walter.

Polesitter Jim Yoder and second-place starter Jeff Rine dueled for the lead at the start of the late model feature. Rine powered into the front spot and kept his 2J in front of the pack for the duration of the race even while navigating his way through slower traffic.

Yoder kept Rine in his sights for most of the race only to get held up by the same traffic that Rine was working his way through at breakneck speeds. By the halfway point, Rine stretched his lead to a straightaway. On the 19th circuit, the caution flag waved for a three-car tangle involving Jeremy Ohl, Steve Campbell and Chad Hollenbeck in turns three and four.

When the race resumed, Rine kept his distance from Yoder and the rest of the field as seventh-place starter Dave Zona advanced to third in the final laps. At the finish, Rine was victorious by 3.6 seconds over Yoder, Zona, Hayes Mattern, and Jason Smith.

Outside front row starter Nathan Long pulled into the lead at the start of the pro stock feature. Third-place starter Andrew Shoop held onto the second position for the first lap until polesitter Brad Mitch took over the spot. A torrid battle for the lead unfolded between the top three drivers until the first caution flag of the event unfurled on lap

nine for Curtis Lawton.

When the race resumed, so did the war of wheels for the lead between Long, Mitch, and Shoop. On several circuits, the leaders were racing full-tilt and almost three-wide around the oval. The caution flag slowed the field again on lap 14, setting up a chase to the checkered flag. Exiting the final turn, Shoop pulled off a thrilling victory over Long and Mitch by just .22 of a second. Adam Campbell and AJ Stroup completed the top five.

In the night-cap roadrunner race, second-place starter Brandon Shultz, fourth-place starter John Fowler Jr. and third-place starter Bob Bussey put on a precision driving show for all 12 laps of the race. While Shultz edged out the field to lead most of the laps, Fowler was scored as the frontrunner for laps three and five.

Racing off turn four for the checkered flag, the leaders formed a three-wide formation as Shultz scored his first-ever win by the slimmest of margins over Bussey and Fowler. Jeremy Kline and Ed Capper completed the top five.

### Riverhead Raceway

There is no question that the off season between the 2014 and 2015 races seasons on Long Island as well as the entire Northeast was one for the ages featuring record breaking cold and snowfall. However, that will all be a distant memory at Barbara & Jim Cromarty's Riverhead Raceway come the final two weeks of April when Saturday afternoons April 18th and 25th the track will host two pre season practice days starting at 12 noon and as always feature FREE grandstand admission.

Track manager John Ellwood reports that despite the extreme conditions of the off season the facility appears to be in good shape leading up to the 65th Anniversary season of racing at the Route 58 oval which will begin with opening weekend Saturday evening May 2nd and Sunday afternoon May 3rd. While Ellwood and staff were handcuffed by the tough weather up until press time John did announce he has re-signed

Rapid Recovery Towing as a seasonal sponsor for the NASCAR Modifieds as well as Applebee's Restaurant of Riverhead who'll back the Late Models once again in 2015.

Saturday April 18th at 12 noon the sweet aroma of Sunoco Race Fuel will permeate the air as the stock cars of the NASCAR Whelen All American Series take to the track for the first time in 2015. The NASCAR Modifieds, Late Models, Figure Eights, Chargers Blunderbusts, Super Pro Trucks and Legend Race Cars will all take part in several rounds of practice until around 4:00 pm. At that time the Enduro race teams will take over the track gearing up for their 30th consecutive season of racing at Riverhead Raceway. The same time schedule will apply for Saturday April 25th.

Pit gates for both practice days will swing open at 9:00 am to allow race teams to go through the mandatory Safety Tech Inspection, no car can see any track time until it has gone through and passed that process. The track has also set aside Saturday April 4th and April 11th for Safety Tech Inspection only starting at 9:00 am weather permitting. NASCAR and INEX race teams will need their license from either sanctioning body for the practice days as well as the entire regular season.

All the off and on track activity during the month of April is only a prelude to what promises to be a very special 65th Anniversary season at Riverhead Raceway. Opening night for the stock car set on Saturday May 2nd will feature Twin 30 NASCAR Modified features with a full slate of Late Model, Figure Eight, Charger, Blunderbust, Super Pro Truck and Legend Race Car action being presented starting at 5:30 pm.

The second half of 2015 opening weekend will feature a Grand Enduro, Truck Enduro, two 8-Cylinder Enduros as well as a 4/6-Car Enduro which will get underway at 12:00 pm Sunday May 3rd.

For a complete 2015 schedule, rules or entry blanks please visit [www.riverheadraceway.com](http://www.riverheadraceway.com) or call us at 631-842-RACE

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