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## Bizarre Finishes NASCAR Style

Imagine driving down the interstate behind a tractor-trailer hauling lumber. Then, without warning, a stack of concrete blocks falls from the bed and you run over them at full speed, forcing you to lose control as the blocks tear your car apart.

You see engine parts and fender pieces littering the highway in the rearview mirror. Your ears are ringing from the collision; your confidence is shaken to the bone.

Now you know how many of the drivers in Sunday's road course race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway felt.

When the curbing lining the right-side of the sixth turn peeled from the pavement, it became racing's version of a lost load. Cars that hit the curbing became airborne. Those a little deeper in the field lost control trying to steer through the debris field. Track workers not only tried a couple times to reattach the curbing, but they also had to replace one of the tire walls after it took a relentless beating from 3,300-pound, four-wheeled wrecking balls.

And while the ending, which included the final four laps of regulation and 13 laps of overtime, will be remembered as one of the most-bizarre finishes in NASCAR history, it pales in comparison to some of the other crazy NASCAR memories. In fact, I saw all 10 of these in person:

10. Dale Earnhardt hits a seagull. The Daytona 500 was elusive to Dale Earnhardt for most of his career. He always seemed to have the best car, only to have his hopes crushed by some of the strangest circumstances, including his Chevrolet Lumina striking a seagull on the backstretch. The impact punched a hole in the nose near the left headlight area. He fell from the lead to a fifth-place finish. Earnhardt finally got a 500 win in 1998, and it turned out to be his only victory in the Great American Race in 23 attempts.

9. The Pocono Raceway once was a spinach farm built on top of a mountain. Despite the roaring noise and commotion of race cars and thousands of fans, there re-

mains an over-abundance of wildlife at the racetrack, including bears and deer. Neil Bonnett learned that the hard way in 1984. Flagman Harold Kinder stuck his thumbs in his ears at the start/finish line and extended his fingers in the air like antlers to warn drivers of a deer on the track during practice. By then it was too late. Bonnett struck the deer between the tunnel turn and Turn 3. The impact punched a hole in the nose of Bonnett's Chevrolet – and it vaporized the young deer. What was left of

the animal was embedded in his grill, and one of its hoofs was stuck in the radiator.

8. A.J. Foyt was a fiery Texan who didn't concern himself with other people's opinions. So, when he felt the urge to relieve himself during 1988 Winston 500 at the

Talladega Superspeedway, Foyt pulled onto pit road. He climbed from his Oldsmobile, went into a port-a-potty and returned to the race a few moments later. He wound up finishing 28th, finishing five laps down.

7. Mark Martin was known for being a calculating, careful and considerate driver. But one night at the Bristol Motor Speedway, he calculated poorly to create one of the most-embarrassing moments in what's now known as the Xfinity Series. In 1994, Martin was leading the Goody's 250 when the caution flag waved after Robert Pressley slammed into the third-turn wall with four laps remaining. Knowing the race would finish under caution, Martin didn't count down the laps properly and pulled off the track toward Victory Lane 300 short of the finish line. David Green inherited the most-unexpected win, leaving Martin to admit the obvious: "That's the dumbest thing I've ever done in my life, I think."

6. We all hate hitting a pothole, but nothing compares to hitting a hole at nearly 200 mph. Daytona International Speedway had several delays to fill holes with Bondo and epoxy during the 2010 Daytona 500.

A chunk of concrete ripped the front of Jeff Gordon's car to pieces in 2004 at the Martinsville Speedway. And year the race had to be stopped at the Atlanta Motor Speedway to fix large gaping holes



**DON COBLE**

on the frontstretch. Gordon was going for his third consecutive victory at Martinsville with a one-foot square, four inches thick chunk of concrete became dislodged and got airborne by Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s car – and into Gordon's front bumper. Gordon said the impact was so severe it, "jerked the steering wheel out of my hands."

5. Rusty Wallace and Dale Earnhardt loved pranking each other. In 2001, Earnhardt stuffed sardines under Wallace's seat padding before the Southern 500. It was 105-degrees and Wallace had to contend with the smell of rotting fish for more than four hours. A week later at the Bristol Motor Speedway, Wallace stole Earnhardt's steering wheel before the race. He didn't give it back until cars started rolling off pit road for the 500-mile race. Wallace also was credited with putting a bumper sticker on Earnhardt's car during practice at the Charlotte Motor Speedway that read: "How's My Driving? Call 1-800-Eat-\$\$@#."

4. Drivers generally don't like signing autographs when they're at work at the racetrack. Maybe that's why Matt Kenseth refused to sign for a fan who jumped the fence at Watkins Glen International during a red-flag period and ran up to Kenseth's window for the bizarre request. Kenseth didn't sign and the fan was "apprehended."

3. The inaugural race at the Chicagoland Speedway in 2004 was sponsored by Tropicana orange juice. PepsiCo decided to install a 20-foot orange balloon at the exit of the fourth turn to promote its product. During qualifying, a gust of wind pulled the balloon from its mooring, and the balloon rolled along the frontstretch as Todd

Szegedy tried to qualify for the Xfinity Series race. The balloon eventually deflated and landed on top of some motorhomes.

2. FOX's Skycams provided football fans with some spectacular aerial views during the NFL season, but the cable-operated camera became one of NASCAR's biggest headaches during the 2013 All-Star race. The cable holding the moving camera broke along the frontstretch and fell onto the track. A portion of the cable wrapped around Kyle Busch's rear axle. Ten fans were injured when they grabbed the cable before it was stretched tight by Busch's car. NASCAR gave teams 15 minutes to repair their cars while network and track crews gathered up the quarter-mile cable.

1. Of course, nothing tops Juan Pablo Montoya's fiery exit from the 2012 Daytona 500. The race was pushed back to Monday night by heavy rain. Jet dryers were used to help clean up a mess during a caution period following David Stremme's accident at the end of the backstretch. Montoya was alone on the backstretch when his Chevrolet suddenly veered into the emergency vehicle, rupturing the fuel tank for the jet engine. Montoya and Duane Burnes, the driver of the truck pulling the jet dryer, escaped ahead of a massive fireball. It took crews more than two hours to make repairs – all while the cars were parked on the backstretch. Brad Keselowski and Dale Earnhardt Jr. used the down time for a foot race to a port-a-potty behind the backstretch wall. Keselowski also used his cell phone to post photos of fire on his social media page. Kenseth eventually took the checkered flag at 1 a.m. Tuesday.

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# AJ Allmendinger Wins Wild Cup Race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - The first NASCAR Cup Series road course race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was full of drama – for A.J. Allmendinger, who led only the last two laps

of overtime to secure his second career NASCAR Cup Series victory Sunday, and for those who fell short of the cherished trophy in an action-packed final few laps.

Denny Hamlin was leading the race on the final restart with two laps to go before being hit from behind by rookie Chase Briscoe in Turn 10, just before Briscoe was supposed to serve a penalty for running off-course earlier in the lap. Instead of winning, Hamlin finished 23rd and Briscoe, 26th.

With those two cars derailed, Allmendinger moved up from third place to take the lead and hold off Ryan Blaney and Kyle Larson by .929-second.

Before the race, Allmendinger shrugged off any suggestions that he shouldn't be considered an odds-on favorite despite his impressive road course background. This season he's competing full-time in the NASCAR Xfinity Series for Kaulig Racing and Sunday marked only his fourth NASCAR Cup Series start of the year.

But the former open-wheel star has an Indianapolis 500 start, leading 27 laps in a seventh-place finish in 2013 and this iconic track has long been considered hallowed ground by the 39-year old Californian.

"We just won at Indy, what's up," Allmendinger yelled toward the grandstands after screaming in excitement on his team radio during his entire victory doughnut celebration in the No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet at Indianapolis' famed yard of bricks start/finish line.

"I mean, it was survival of the fittest," Allmendinger said. "We probably had like an eighth, tenth-place car, sped on pit road. I thought we were going to finish 12th to 15th and then those restarts were just insane.

"It's great when you have a car owner that just says, 'go get me tro-

phies'. He doesn't care if that thing is torn up."

As Allmendinger was in the midst of his victory celebration, Hamlin walked through the smoke, down Indianapolis pit road to find Briscoe and discuss the incident.

"It's just lack of awareness," Hamlin said of Briscoe.

"I agree it's not on purpose, but my team told me he had a penalty right away and to me, it's obvious. If you cut the race track and end up in the lead, you're going to have a penalty.

"Lack of awareness. Race me for a lap. He went right in the back of me. We can't race that way. I don't think he did it maliciously. I've raced with him for a year now and he's not that kind of person. Just bad judgement."

"I can accept it [Briscoe's explanation to him]," Hamlin continued. "The roles have been reversed a couple times, I mean I've been doing this a long time and I've been on the giving end of mistakes, so I get it.

"To me, it's just a lack of situational awareness. Obviously, you're going to get a penalty if you go off the race track like he did. I'm not like, furious, it just sucks."

For his part, Briscoe acknowledged his part of the incident but insisted he did not intentionally wreck Hamlin. He said he was glad to try and sort things out after the race.

"I explained to him that I didn't even know I had a penalty until I got to Turn 10," Briscoe said. "If I knew I had a penalty, there was no need for me to even try to pass him for the win. If I would have known that earlier, I would have done my stop-and-go and went on. As I understand it, at the moment in time I could still win the race and I was going for it and got into him accidentally.

"I think at the end [in discussing it] he kind of started to understand. He has been there when you are trying to get your first win and especially in our Playoff situation, you have to do what you have to do.

"That is what I get paid to do and that is what I was trying to do."

"I'm sorry it ruined his day, that was never my intention," Briscoe



**A J. Allmendinger (center), overcome with emotion, declares that "We just won at Indy!" This was a completion of one of his all time career goals either as an open-wheel or NASCAR driver. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)**

continued. "I don't want to wreck anyone for the win. I've never done that in my life."

After winning seven races last season, Hamlin is winless in 2021 with only two races remaining. And his 23rd-place finish cost him the championship points lead he'd held since the second race of the year in February. Briscoe was trying to win his first career NASCAR Cup Series race which is essentially the only thing that could put him in the Playoffs at this point as he is ranked

Larson's third place run was good enough to move the five-race winner atop the standings, but Hamlin still secured a Playoff berth.

A pileup on the first overtime restart forced the double overtime period with six cars – including the two Richard Childress Racing cars vying for the final Playoff position - collected and eliminated as they negotiated a tricky Turn 5-6 combination with curbing issues that troubled the competitors all day.

With 11 laps to go, it appeared Larson would be picking up his fourth road course victory of the year as he held a commanding 4-second lead on the field. But a debris caution came out forcing the team's hand in pitting or gambling on a better restart position.

All but five cars pitted. Hamlin stayed out to take the lead in front of Kurt Busch, Matt DiBenedetto, Ryan Newman and Briscoe.

Larson led the pit parade in for tires and came out first - sixth position on track; followed by his Hendrick Motorsports teammate

William Byron and Joe Gibbs Racing's Kyle Busch and Martin Truex, who filled out the top 10 for the restart with six laps remaining.

With a highly-motivated Hamlin out front – still looking for his first victory of the season after winning seven times last year – he fought off Briscoe to hold the lead on older tires. Battling furiously for position just behind them, a nine-car accident in Turns 5-6 brought out a red flag as NASCAR officials spent nearly 20 minutes actually removing some of the curbing that contributed to the melee.

The incident involved nine cars, eliminating frontrunners William Byron, Joey Logano, Daniel Suarez and Christopher Bell. Byron, had been in the top five when he hit the curbing. Just behind him Martin Truex Jr. spun then Logano and then Suarez.

Elliott finished fourth with DiBenedetto taking fifth place – his third top five of the season. Kurt Busch, Erik Jones, Allmendinger's teammate Justin Haley, Xfinity Series championship leader Austin Cindric and former Indy winner Ryan Newman rounded out the top 10.

"Wild is not a crazy enough term for what that was," DiBenedetto said of the afternoon.

With two races remaining to set the 16-driver Playoff field, the NASCAR Cup Series races returns to the big oval next in the Fire-Keepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway (3 p.m. ET on NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

# Austin Cindric Fulfills Dream with Win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course

**MAT** I N D I - ANAPOLIS, IN - It was essentially a story-book ending for Austin Cindric Saturday afternoon in the Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard and the 22-year old with Hoosier roots ap-

propriately celebrated his first win at the renowned Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course by singing "Back Home Again in Indiana" as he took a victory lap.

Cindric easily out-paced the NASCAR Xfinity Series field by 2.108-seconds to take his series best fifth victory of the year and 13th of his career. It marked the second win on the day for the Team Penske Racing, which won an NTT IndyCar race earlier at the renowned Indianapolis facility now owned by Roger Penske himself.

The president of Team, Penske, Tim Cindric, met his son in Victory Lane to celebrate - hugs, high-fives and pat-on-the-backs everywhere. Indiana is the Cindric family home for generations.

"Unbelievable and first of all I've got to thank Roger Penske for every opportunity I've had in my career and every opportunity he's given race fans to enjoy this beautiful facility," a grinning Cindric said.

"To win at this facility is amazing," Cindric said, adding, "What

this place means to me, I can't even put into words what this means.

"Proud to be here, proud to win for Roger and proud to win at The Speedway. There's nothing bigger."

Cindric led a race-best 29 of the 62 laps on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile Indianapolis road course, taking the lead for good with 17 laps remaining and pulling away to a nearly four-second advantage at one point. Polesitter and Stage 2 winner A.J. Allmendinger finished runner-up for the second consecutive week at a road course track.

Allmendinger's Kaulig Racing teammate - also an Indiana native - Justin Haley finished third and won Stage 1.

Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Chase Elliott rallied to a fourth-place finish despite finding out only hours earlier that he would substitute for Michael Annett, in the JR Motorsports No. 1 Chevrolet so Annett could continue recovering from a leg injury.

"I was actually still asleep this morning when I got the call," Elliott said, noting that when he saw Hendrick Motorsports Vice President Chad Knaus had called, he momentarily worried he'd slept through NASCAR Cup Series practice and was getting fired.

Instead he rallied to an impressive finish and got some time on



**An excited Austin Cindric parades past the fans at Indianapolis Motor Speedway after winning the Pennzoil 150. (STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES photo)**

the track in advance of Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race.

Another JR Motorsports driver, Noah Gragson finished fifth. NASCAR Cup Series regular Austin Dillon, Myatt Snider, Riley Herbst, Harrison Burton and road racing star Andy Lally rounded out the top-10.

That was an important finish for Herbst, who entered the 13th in the championship, one position outside the Playoff hunt. His work - which included 11 bonus points in the stage finishes - was good enough to move up into that 12th position, 10 points ahead of Annett.

The other two drivers still in

Playoff contention with only two races remaining to set the 12-driver field, Brandon Brown and Ryan Sieg, both had troubles Saturday. Brown was scored 34th of the 36 cars and did not finish after his car suffered damage in a first lap incident. Sieg spun out in the opening laps then had a tire go down later in the race, finishing 32nd. They are now -41 (Brown) and -73 (Sieg) points behind Herbst.

Burton's top-10 result was also impressive considering he was among eight drivers who got caught up in a first lap mishap - cars going airborne as they ran over a "speed bump" on the track's outside skirt. Lally, an IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship star and the 2011 NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year, has made only four previous starts on the season and now has a pair of top 10s.

Certainly, however, the day and the moment belonged to Cindric who ran his fastest laps of the race in the final few circuits - the victory one of the most cherished moments in his young career.

"It's a racer's dream," Cindric said. "It's not the win, it's getting to compete. I think everyone that walks into this place knows what this means."

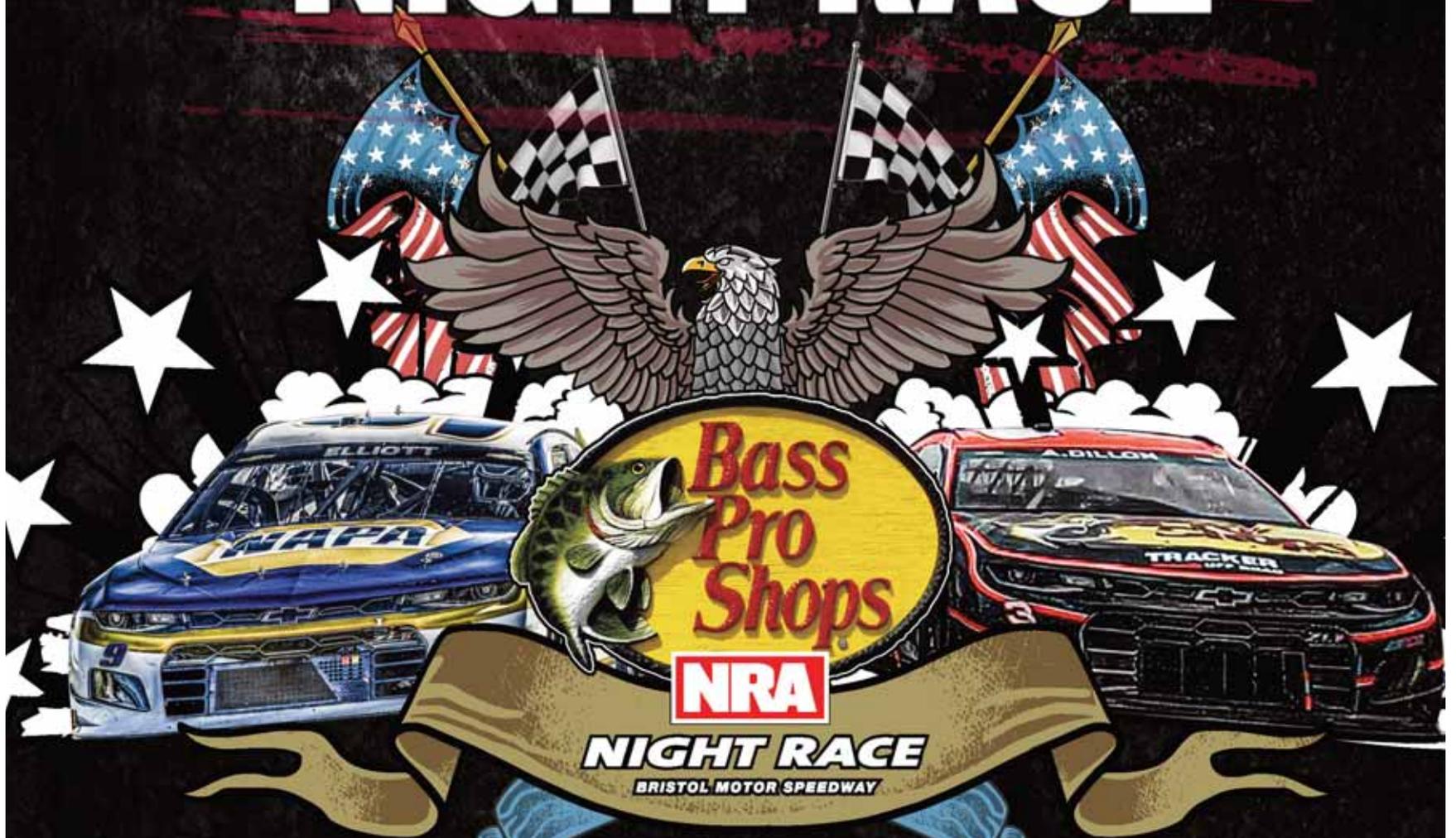
The NASCAR Xfinity Series heads to Michigan International Speedway next week for the New Holland 250 (Saturday, 3:30 p.m. ET on NBCSN, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).



**Austin Cindric (22) plays a little touch and go with A. J. Allmendinger (16) as he leads the field. (MATT THACKER/NKP photo)**



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## Fly Over States 150 Moved to Winchester's King of Highbanks Labor Day Weekend

The postponed Fly Over States 150 at Winchester Speedway has been rescheduled to the King of the Highbanks presented by JEGS weekend on September 4-5, 2021.

\$10,000 will be up for grabs to the winner of the 150 lap event on

Sunday, September 5th. Each of the 24 starters will be guaranteed \$750 to start for the one-day show sanctioned by the Champion Racing Association. There is an op-

tional practice session the night before, on Saturday, September 4 for Super Late Models.

All tickets purchased for the Fly Over States 150 will be honored for the Sunday portion of the event.

"This was the best fit for everyone to be able to have the big money Fly Over States race for the Super Late Models at Winchester in 2021," said Bob Dillner, Promoter of Winchester Speedway. "Its purse is significantly higher than Super Late Models traditionally race for during Labor Day weekend with the ARCA/CRA Super Series, so we

are expecting a good car count with several big names."

The Auto Value Non-Winged Super Sprints will also be in action on Sunday, September 5. A full schedule for the event will be announced this week.

The King of the Highbanks presented by JEGS will kick off on Saturday, September 4 with a full day of racing. The Vores Compact Touring Series will headline the day's card to see who will be the King of the Compacts.

Also on tap will be the ever-popular Van Hoy Oil CRA Street Stocks and the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour Pro Late Models. All tickets for the weekend will be General Admission except for the top-three rows. The top-three rows are reserved tickets only. Tickets for this event at the Lucas Oil Winchester 400 are available at [\[way.com/tickets\]\(http://way.com/tickets\).](http://winchesterspeed-</a></p>
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Partners interested in marketing opportunities at the speedway can email Claire Formosa at [claire@winchesterspeedway.com](mailto:claire@winchesterspeedway.com). Track rentals are now being booked for both King of the Highbanks and the Winchester 400 weekend. Email [claire@winchesterspeedway.com](mailto:claire@winchesterspeedway.com) for more information and to book your track time.

For more information regarding the event, please visit the track's website at [winchesterspeedway.com](http://winchesterspeedway.com).

You can follow along @FastestHalfMile on Twitter and Instagram, and be sure to like the Winchester Speedway Facebook page.

For additional info on the Champion Racing Association please visit [cra-racing.com](http://cra-racing.com).

## NASCAR and National Science Teaching Association Launch New Science and STEM Curriculum for Teachers

DAYTONA BEACH, FL - NASCAR and the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) today announced the launch of a new science and STEM learning curriculum for K-8 science teachers across the United States. The racing-themed science lessons will be available free of charge to educators nationwide on [NSTA.org](http://NSTA.org).

The collaboration between NASCAR and NSTA, the global leader in promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, is designed to arm educators with fun and engaging content and activities for teaching science and STEM. NASCAR and NSTA worked together to create a series of unique science lesson plans including lessons on aerodynamics, friction and motion, light, sound, and more.

"We are thrilled to partner with NSTA, a passionate community of science educators and professionals devoted to teaching and offering science resources to kids across the country," said Pete Jung, Chief Marketing Officer, NASCAR. "This collaboration provides NASCAR an incredible opportunity to make an impact in

science education while introducing new generations to the sport."

Teachers will be able to access 18 racing-themed lesson plans and a STEM at the Track resource guide featuring an additional three activities through a landing page available on NSTA's website. Educators will also learn about the newly available NASCAR curriculum through an ad that will run in Science Scope, NSTA's award-winning, peer-reviewed practitioner journal for middle level and junior high school science teachers.

For the second consecutive year, NASCAR will support the annual National Conference on Science Education, taking place in Chicago in 2022.

"It's very important to get students excited about the everyday science around them and the partnership between NSTA and NASCAR will provide educators with tools they can use to link important science concepts, such as force and motion and energy, to key elements of a sport so many students enjoy," said Erika Shugart, NSTA Executive Director. "We are very excited about this collaboration and urge all teachers to check out the free quality lessons and activities we have ready for them as they go back to school this fall."

Through its relationship with

NSTA, NASCAR will work to bring elementary and middle school students to race events via free and

discounted tickets and special family events hosted at NASCAR race-tracks.

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## Kyle Larson Achieves Dream of Winning 60th Knoxville Nationals

Kyle Larson first attended the Knoxville Nationals in 2005 when he was 13-years-old. He instantly fell in love with the aura of the place.

For 16 years since, the Elk Grove, CA kid has dreamed of standing on the stage at the race they call The Granddaddy of 'Em All. On Saturday night, that childhood dream became a reality, and Larson won the biggest race of his life.

What made it even sweeter for the 29-year-old sensation is that he had to beat Donny Schatz to do it. The Sprint Car superstar turned NASCAR Cup ace has made it clear in years past that he wanted to beat the 10x Knoxville Nationals champion at his own game while the Tony Stewart Racing #15 legend was still in his prime.

In front of a sold-out crowd of more than 20,000+ spectators, Larson did exactly what he dreamed of. He beat Schatz heads up on the Knoxville 1/2-mile, but Donny gave him everything he could handle.

A near last-lap, last-corner pass resulted in a margin of victory of 0.478-seconds, which ultimately netted Larson a cool \$176,000, the highest-payday in the history of the World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series.

His breakthrough makes him the 27th different champion in 60 runnings of the NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals pres. by Casey's General Stores.

"I've always dreamed of winning this race," Larson shouted in victory lane. "The atmosphere this week was unbelievable. I felt the energy all week long from you fans. It kept me excited and pumped up. I hadn't been this nervous leading up to a race in a couple of years. I had butterflies all day and during [NASCAR] Cup practice all I could think about is what I needed to do here at the Knoxville Nationals."

Before Larson stood on stage and soaked in the glamour, a 50-lap war had to be run first. He started the race from third while 19-year-old Giovanni Scelzi and his brother-in-law Brad Sweet occupied the front row.

From the jump, Scelzi took his KCP Racing #18 to the lead and

paced the opening 10 laps, which was worth an extra \$10,000 thanks to Knoxville's lucrative lap bonus money.

On Lap 11, fifth-starter Donny Schatz roared to life and rocketed from third-to-first in almost one full swing. He stormed by Larson and promptly passed the teenager prodigy down the backstretch to lead Lap 11. The Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing #15 proceeded to control the next 14 laps, until Larson went by on the 25th circuit.

Watching as Schatz slipped off the bottom, Larson railed the high side and drove his Paul Silva owned Finley Farms, Hendrick Automotive Group #57 to the lead off turn two as the crowd erupted. The halfway #OpenRed made it interesting when Silva elected to only change the right rear tire, while the TSR squad threw two new rear tires on the #15.

Larson ran the second half of the the race unchallenged, until the five-to-go signal was given and Schatz kicked it into high gear. The 10-time Knoxville Nationals champion erased a 3+ second lead and cut Larson's advantage down to a single-car length as the white flag waved on Lap 49.

Schatz gave it his all and pulled alongside Larson out of turn four, but fell short by a mere 0.478-seconds.

"I was thinking about how to beat Donny all day," Larson mentioned. "We're just a little California team. Paul Silva is the best there is. I'm so fortunate to be with him."

Schatz settled for a second-



Kyle Larson raced his way to victory lane and his first career World of Outlaws Knoxville Nationals, a dream he's had for 16 years. (Paul Arch photo)

place result worth a record \$89,000. The Ford Performance, Carquest #15 driver extended his miraculous streak to 18 top-two finishes in 23 A-Main starts at the Knoxville Nationals.

Brad Sweet ended up third with a \$37,500 check in hand. The Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts #49 now turns attention to finishing the chase for a third-straight World of Outlaws championship next weekend.

Rounding out the top-five at Knoxville Raceway was Giovanni Scelzi in fourth and Logan Schuchart in fifth.

Closing out the top-ten at the Knoxville Nationals was Brent Marks making \$20,000 in sixth, James McFadden banking \$19,000 in seventh, Kasey Kahne earning \$18,000 in eighth, Carson Macedo cashing \$17,000 in ninth, and Sheldon Haudenschild scoring \$16,000 in tenth.

UP NEXT – The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series will run three races through

the Dakota's next weekend. The Greatest Show on Dirt will visit River Cities Speedway on Friday, August 20, then Red River Valley Speedway on Saturday, August 21, and Huset's Speedway on Sunday, August 22.

### **Rico Wins Hard Knox as Macri, Stewart & Zearfoss Earn Transfers**

The Hard Knox portion of the NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals pres. by Casey's continues to be one of the most magical nights in sprint car racing, and that was proven once again on Friday night.

With 69 entries fighting for four coveted lock-in positions, the intensity was through the roof. A loaded program of split Qualifying, six Heat Races, two B-Mains, and a 25-lap A-Main greeted fans ahead of Saturday's sold-out finale.

Nostalgia was floating through the air when "GO JAC GO!" chants broke out as the legendary Jac Haudenschild put the Pennzoil #22 on the pole position of the A-Main in his final preliminary at Iowa's Knoxville Raceway.

The Wild Child led five laps, but ultimately this night belonged to Rico Abreu. The St. Helena, CA racer was dominant in every phase of the game as he ran away to a comfortable 4.645-second victory and locked-in for his sixth consecutive Knoxville Nationals A-Main.

"Everything happens for a reason." Abreu, who was one point away from locking in last night, acknowledged. "There's a reason I qualified 30th last night and there's a reason I missed the lock-in. I'll take this. I wasn't worried one bit

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Rico Abreu takes the checkered flag for the Hard Knox event Friday night at Knoxville Raceway. (Paul Arch photo)

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about it.”

Earning the outside pole of the A-Main after going QuickTime in Flight B and transferring through his Heat Race, the #24 was a lethal weapon all night long on the black zook clay.

He settled into second on the start as Jac Haudenschild led the opening five laps, but then made his move on Lap 6 and never looked back. He climbed up top to celebrate his third Knoxville Raceway victory and echoes of “RICO! RICO! RICO!” were shouted throughout Marion County.

“I just want to win races, man,” Abreu added. “I don’t do these championships or points, I just want to win. I knew last night being top five with those guys that we would be fine tonight. Also, I really think I’ve just matured in life as I’ve gotten older. I know how to react to these results and everything that happens in our sport. I think that has made me a sharper racer, too.”

Outside of Rico, the story of the night was 63-year-old Jac Haudenschild. In his 39th and final Knoxville Nationals attempt, he earned the pole position of Hard Knox and started pole with a chance to transfer to Saturday’s A-Main. He held a lock-in position for 22 of 25 laps before ultimately fading to run sixth aboard the iconic Pennzoil #22.

“I just made too many mistakes, and with these guys, you can’t make any,” Haudenschild offered. “We definitely learned a lot, though, and I feel better as well heading into tomorrow.”

Along with Abreu, additional lock-in positions to Saturday’s Knoxville Nationals A-Main went to Anthony Macri, Shane Stewart, and Brock Zearfoss.

For Macri, who was at a loss for words, he earned his first-career A-Main appearance at The Granddaddy of ‘Em All. The 22-year-old Dillsburg, PA native was in shock even at the post-race press conference.

“I really don’t even know what to think,” Macri said. “For a kid like me to put it in the Knoxville Nationals, that’s just unreal. I still can’t believe it. I’m struggling for words.”

Following Macri to the line and finishing third was Bixby, OK’s Shane Stewart in only his fourth



**Brian Brown raced his way to a wild win in the Knoxville Nationals Prelim on Thursday night. (Paul Arch photo)**

Sprint Car race of 2021. The now track owner of Port City Raceway has qualified for his 20th career Knoxville Nationals, this time with the Team Trackhouse #71 prepared by Bernie Stuebgen of Indy Race Parts.

“I knew this would be tough,” Stewart admitted. “Bernie is part-time. and this is my fourth race of the entire year. Guys like Kyle Larson come out and make it look like the easiest thing in the world, but let me tell you it’s not. I don’t know how many races I have left in me, so moments like this are special.”

Earning the fourth and final lock-in to Saturday’s Knoxville Nationals finale was Brock Zearfoss aboard the #3Z.

“This is everything for a team, just making the Nationals,” Zearfoss noted. “Moral wise, confidence wise, this can change seasons. Our

team has been through a bit of a rough patch, the whole year actually. This is really rewarding finding speed here.”

Those four, Abreu, Macri, Stewart, and Zearfoss, will start Saturday’s 50-lap finale from rows 11-12. Along with the \$4,000 they made tonight, tomorrow’s A-Main pays a world-best \$10,000-to-start.

Closing out the top-ten on Friday night was Scott Bogucki in fifth, Jac Haudenschild in sixth, Shane Golobic in seventh, Bill Balog in eighth, Kyle Reinhardt in ninth, and Lynton Jeffrey in tenth.

### Brian Brown Tops Thursday’s Wild Knoxville Prelim

All it took was a little motivating factor for Brian Brown to return to the stage he loves more than any

other.

On Tuesday evening, prior to any event of the 60th NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals pres. by Casey’s, Brown said “They’re already counting us out. They really don’t think we can do it. I hear what people say and I read it to. I love it. Keep motivating me.”

On Thursday night, which turned into Friday morning, Brown proved the doubters wrong and returned the FVP Parts, Casey’s General Stores #21 to victory lane at Knoxville Raceway in a wild and wacky Nationals prelim.

The Grain Valley, MO native scored his 56th career win at the iconic 1/2-mile by leading the final 24 of 25 laps, but it wasn’t without challenge from a man Brownie himself declares “The GOAT.” Kyle Larson. Charging from 21st-to-2nd, Larson put pressure on Brown in the closing stages, but there was no stopping “Blackjack” on this night.

Brown ultimately earned his third Knoxville Nationals preliminary win, locking himself into Saturday’s A-Main for the 11th time in his career, this time with a ninth-place starting position for ther 50-lap, potentially \$200,000/Win race.

“These two guys right here are probably the two hardest runners in the country,” Brown praised podium finishers Larson and Brent Marks. “I honestly didn’t think it was going to be a good race, but the Duncan’s made their magic work. I was overthinking myself early in the night, but we got that solved real

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quick. Once we were in clean air, I felt like we were as good as anyone at all."

Before the checkered flag flew at 1:10am CT, a whole barrage of storylines presented themselves in Thursday's second Knoxville preliminary.

To kick things off, substitute pilot Kasey Kahne drove the Roth Motorsports #83 throwback design of the 1998 Beef Pack-

ers machine to Slick Woody's QuickTime honors over Tyler Courtney by two, one-thousandths of a second.

Come A-Main time, it seemed near impossible to get the 25-lap race rolling. After the initial start was called back, the red flag flew when Parker Price-Miller was launched into the turn one fence and went for a scary ride. He climbed out under his own power, though.

From there, it only took one more lap to bring more carnage to the table. Shooting the gap in turn three, Carson Macedo made contact with Paul McMahan battling for fourth and sent both cars beelining to the wall. They hit the fence and flipped over, but more cars came piling in as Kerry Madsen, Sammy Swindell, Marcus Dumesny & Sawyer Phillips.

Once underway, Sam Hafertepe Jr. paced the opening circuit. His lead was short-lived, though, as Brown came firing in on all cylinders to slide by for the race lead on Lap 2. He had seized a lead that he would never relinquish.

The middle stages were plagued by more cautions, but finally the last restart resumed on Lap 13 and went the distance. Larson, who started 21st and charged to second, was catching Brown until the #21 found something extra and snuck away to win it 1.130-seconds.

For Larson, who had hoped for a seventh at best, the wreckage became his friend and allowed him to steal several positions away. Aboard the Paul Silva #57, he inched his way forward until he ran out of space once reaching second. Hell start Saturday's A-Main in the third position with his first Knoxville Nationals title on the line.

"I got extremely lucky missing that big wreck," Larson admitted. "That deal took out a lot of good people, so I think I came from like

10th, you know, not the very back. This is my favorite week of the year. I can't wait for Saturday."

Closing out the podium was Brent Marks in his own operation, who has earned the fourth-starting spot in Saturday's A-Main.

Rounding out the top-ten at Knoxville is Brad Sweet in fourth. Rico Abreu in fifth, Kasey Kahne in sixth, Austin McCarl in seventh, Ian Madsen in eighth., Kraig Kinser in ninth, and Sye Lynch in tenth.

## David Gravel Begins Knoxville Nationals Title Defense with Wednesday Win

The 60th NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals pres. by Casey's is beginning to look a lot like the 59th edition.

In 2019, when The Granddaddy of 'Em All was last held, the week started with a Capitani Classic victory and a preliminary win for David Gravel. He ultimately drove the Jason Johnson Racing #41 to his first Nationals title worth \$150,000 on a day that came exactly two years ago yesterday.

In 2021, Gravel's Nationals has started exactly the same way, except this time he's piloting the Big Game Motorsports, Huset's Speedway #2 owned by Tod Quiring. An equally potent machine that the Watertown, CT native is shining aboard.

Conquering Wednesday's prelim at the Iowa 1/2-mile, Gravel's victory was far from a surefire thing as Tea, SD native, and weekly Knoxville racer Justin Henderson led 21 of 25 laps in the A-Main before fading to 4th.

Gravel's saving grace was a car set up for the late stages, the timing of lap traffic, and a pitch-perfect slide job in turn one with four to go.

When it was all said and done, though, 19-year-old Giovanni Scelzi of Fresno, CA is who walked away as the Knoxville Nationals high point man following the first of two preliminary shows.

The kid they call "Hot Sauce," who just aced the 360 Nationals last week, was outstanding with a 410 under the hood of the KCP Racing #18. He racked up 487 points by qualifying second, finishing fourth-from-eighth in his Heat Race, and charging from eighth-to-second in the A-Main.

However, the talk of town remains 29-year-old Gravel and his ever-growing prowess on Knoxville's black zook clay. He walked away from the night sitting third in the point standings, signs of a Saturday starting spot in rows two, three, or four.

"Knoxville has always been good to me," Gravel noted in the post-race press conference.

"I've always felt comfortable here. Obviously winning on Sunday gives you that bit of extra confidence and that is huge at a place like this. My car felt great everywhere I went, so that's a good sign for Saturday."

For the locals, the story of the night was Justin Henderson, who ultimately finished fourth. He started outside pole aboard the Morton Buildings #7 and paced the opening 21 circuits before Gravel cleared him with a turn one slidejob in lap traffic. He leaves Wednesday night sitting seventh in the points with a strong chance to make his

fifth Knoxville Nationals A-Main.

"I just needed to be smarter, or maybe more aggressive," Henderson admitted. "David drove by us really because he was just better, but I gave those spots away to Gio and Donny by searching around when I didn't need to. I've got to make better decisions in that aspect next time."

Capitalizing on Henderson's mistake to claim podium positions was Scelzi in second and Donny Schatz in third.

For Giovanni, who is hot off a 360 Nationals title on Saturday and currently holds high point honors, it's only more momentum for him heading into the biggest race of his life on Saturday.

"I feel like I'm ten times the racer that I used to be," Scelzi said. "Knoxville is a huge confidence track and I have all the faith in the world in my car and my team right now when we unload here. I just love this place. I can't wait for Saturday."

Closing out the podium was ten-time Knoxville Nationals champion Donny Schatz aboard the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing, Ford Performance, Carquest #15. He leaves Wednesday second in the points with his 23rd consecutive A-Main appearance waiting for him on Saturday.

"This was a rewarding night," Schatz noted. "We have speed again. We're in a better spot than we've been all season long, I think. I'm looking forward to Saturday and hopefully competing for another title."

Closing out the top five on Wednesday night was Justin Henderson in fourth and Justin Peck in fifth, who pilots "The Pink Panther" Kramer Williamson throwback design for Buch Motorsports.

Rounding out the top-ten at Knoxville was Sheldon Haudenschield in sixth aboard the Krypto-NOS throwback, Logan Schuchart in seventh driving the Bobby Allen Shark throwback, James McFadden in eighth with his Kasey Kahne Racing #9, Cory Eliason with a new look Rudeen Racing #26 in ninth, and Spencer Bayston in tenth for Sam McGhee Motorsports.

Another headline on Wednesday was the story of 18-year-old Zeb Wise, who hadn't even planned on racing this week. A last-minute call from CJB Motorsports landed him in the #5XX and the rookie put it on the pole position. He led the opening lap of the A-Main and was running a solid fourth before the rear end broke on Lap 9 and shattered a dream run.



David Gravel (center) started the Knoxville Nationals off with a win Wednesday night. Giovanni Scelzi (right) finished second and Donny Schatz (left) rounded out the podium in third. (Paul Arch photo)

## Eckert Still Rolling on His Own Terms

MIDDLETOWN, NY - Rick Eckert may not be running a full series schedule anymore, but that's no sign of him slowing down. However, there is one pace he said he needs to pick up on: winning.

The York, PA driver, picks and chooses his schedule, chasing victories across the country and in the Northeast. One of the races "Scrub" has his eye on is the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series' return to the Orange County Fair Speedway on Thursday, Aug. 19.

Eckert won the only other stop at the "House of Power" in 2004. He remembers what the track was like but anticipates something different this time.

"Back then, it wore tires out, but they say now it barely wears the tires," Eckert said. "It should be a lot better race this time.

"It's probably four hours from home, so we'll make the trek up there and hopefully have some success."

The success Eckert's found this season comes with a balancing act. He's splitting time between an Allen Murray-owned car at higher-paying events and his own Late Model near his York, PA home.

"It's a little bit hectic, but [my crew] does a good job and keeps everything pretty well ready by the time we get here," Eckert said.

Eckert's already found Victory Lane with the World of Outlaws in 2021, cashing in on a \$10,000 prize at Plymouth Speedway in Plymouth, IN. "Scrub" stated he enjoys the competition every time he races with The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet.

"We've had some good runs, we've won one, and we've run up front a couple of times," Eckert said. "We've had our share of bad too, and that all goes with it. It's always fun to be able to run these races with these guys."

Eckert, the 2011 Series champion, has run well against the tour regulars this season, racking up a win, seven top fives, and 11 top-10s in 18 starts. While he's enjoying his consistent finishes, he only has one goal for the rest of the season.

"Just win races; we just like to

win races," Eckert said. "We haven't been doing a whole lot of that, so we need to pick the pace up."

If Eckert can pick that pace up, it likely won't be long until he finds Victory Lane again. There's no slowing "Scrub" down.

Eckert and the World of Outlaws return to the Orange County Fair Speedway on Thursday, Aug. 19, to kick off a four-race swing through three states.

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### Blair Gains Experience for World of Outlaws Run

MIDDLETOWN, NY - Author Isaac Marion once wrote, "Every experience, good or bad, is a priceless collector's item."

For Pennsylvania's Max Blair, those items equate to experience he's gaining for a full-time World of Outlaws run in 2022 – and for a run against the Outlaws in his home state, Aug. 19-22.

In April, Blair teamed up with car-owner Shawn Martin and Viper Motorsports. Since then, the Centerville, PA driver has racked up multiple victories—most of them coming throughout New York and Pennsylvania.

Despite that success, Blair struggled before his team started moving in the right direction.

"It took us about a month or so to get everything to start clicking, but the last month and a half or so has been real good around home," Blair said. "We've had some decent runs at these bigger races too; we're learning a little bit every night we race this type of stuff."

Those bigger races include the USA Nationals at Cedar Lake Speedway. Blair finished sixth in the \$50,000-to-win finale—a strong showing against some of the best Late Model drivers in the country during his first trip to the Wisconsin track.

Blair's decision to make the trek to the Badger State was a teaching moment, to gain more knowledge for next season. The Centerville, PA driver hopes the experience puts him on a path toward earning World of Outlaws Rookie of the



Rick Eckert hopes to make his way to victory lane when the World of Outlaws Late Model Series makes it's way to the Orange County Fairgrounds this week. (Jacy Norgaard photo)

Year honors next year.

"We're going to run that ULMS deal around the house, but anytime we can go to any racetrack that has a race we have to be at next year, we're going to try and hit them all just to try and build a notebook," Blair said.

"I'm going to see a lot of race tracks I've never seen before and a lot of stuff that I've never really dealt with before. So, the more we can do this year, the faster it's going to speed up that learning curve next year."

Blair is no stranger to Victory Lane with the World of Outlaws, leading The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet to the checkered flag three times in his career. The Series returns to his backyard for a four-race swing Aug. 19-22, including a stop at Eriez Speedway, where he's won three times this year.

Blair has some confidence heading into the Northeast swing but knows racing is a sport with many ups and downs.

"We've been running pretty good at all of the big races at Eriez this year," Blair said. "I've got a lot of laps around that place, so who knows. Hopefully, I like to think we have a chance at it."

"You just never know about the other ones either. It's one thing about this racing deal nowadays. Somebody could be really good today, and you're going to run 15th tomorrow, and then it can go the other way around too."

Blair leads a contingent of regional competitors who hope to keep drivers like three-time and defending champion Brandon Sheppard and four-time winner Chris Madden out of

Victory Lane.

It's already happened once this season, when Dave Hess won his second career Morton Buildings Feature at Stateline Speedway in June. Blair finished third in that race, showing how tough it is for the tour regulars to win.

"I've said it for years; we've got a group of really good guys up our way, especially at our racetracks," Blair said. "If you look back over the years, it reflects that. Anytime you come to our area, there's been a bunch of winners from our area, and even if they don't win the race, there's always local guys running in the top three or five at every single show.

"That just shows how good the competition is there week-in and week-out."

Between racing against the tough competition in the Northeast and battling the World of Outlaws, Blair learns more with every corner. It's valuable experience he's collecting—items he'll use to make a run toward a Series championship.

The World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Models return to action on Thursday, Aug. 19, at Orange County Fair Speedway in Middletown, NY.

If you can't make it to the track, watch all the action live on DIRTVision with the annual Platinum FAST PASS subscription for \$299/year or the monthly FAST PASS subscription for \$39/month.



## Overton Sweeps Sunoco North South Weekend

UNION, KY - Brandon Overton continued his outstanding 2021 racing season by winning the 39th Annual Sunoco Race Fuels North South 100 Presented by Lucas Oil on Saturday Night at Florence Speedway. Overton took the lead on lap 22 from Tim McCreadie and pulled away for a \$50,000 victory in the

Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series sanctioned event.

McCreadie, the current championship point leader and Jonathan Davenport battled side-by-side for several laps towards the end of the race, but McCreadie edged out Davenport at the finish for second. Davenport finished just a tenth of a second behind the defending race winner.

Jimmy Owens charged from 12th to cross the line in fourth. Josh Rice, the 2021 Ralph Latham Memorial winner, came home in fifth after running as high as second in the race.

Looking to become just the third driver in event history to win the race three times, McCreadie got off to a good start by grabbing the lead at the outset from the pole position. Overton started third but quickly moved into second on the opening lap and stayed glued to the back of McCreadie's bumper for the first 21 laps of the race.

Overton made the move for the top spot over McCreadie on the 22nd circuit. McCreadie lost ground to Overton as Rice was making his way into the top three, and into second on lap 61. Rice would try to chase Overton down, as he held the second position until lap 95.

With five laps to go Rice started to fade from contention as Davenport moved around him lap 96. Davenport brought along McCreadie as their battle went down to the final lap. McCreadie edged out Davenport for the runner-up spot at the finish.

In Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the second time this weekend at Florence Speedway and for the 11th time in his career, Overton added another crown jewel victory to his sparkling 2021 season. "The car was awesome. I think anybody could have drove it tonight, we've been working really hard on it, and it definitely paid off. Man, this is

cool with all of these people here and you all pumping us up before the race this is awesome. I love coming here, I appreciate every one of you."

Overton's 21st overall win of the year was special for his car owner David Wells, a native of Hazard, Kentucky. "This is for my car owners, David and Eric Wells, I know this place means a lot to them. I have been a nervous wreck all day because I really wanted this win one really bad, I know it's special to them. It makes me happy to see them happy. It is a dream to drive this thing. I just don't want to stop."

The winner's Wells Motorsports Longhorn Chassis is powered by a Clements Racing Engine and sponsored by Allstar Concrete, Convenient Lube, Crossfit Overton, Garnto Southern, Big Dog Stump and Tree, R.W. Powell Construction, Dirt Mafia, Clean Way Clearing and Grading, EZOGO, ATC Site Construction, and Hurst Construction.

With his second-place finish, McCreadie extended his championship point lead over Davenport. "I did the best I could. Brandon wasn't waiting around tonight, he figured he needed to get control of the race. That Rice kid is such a battler. I maintained but I wasn't good enough. Really, I just got

lucky at the end. To be sandwiched between these two guys tonight, they are the two winningest and hottest cars this year."

Davenport will maintain second in the championship points chase as the series heads to Batesville, Arkansas next weekend. "Me and Timmy had a pretty good race going there. It would have been awesome if it would have been for the lead. Congratulations to Brandon, he's been rolling pretty good this year. We just tightened up the car a little too much. The guys gave me another good race car, we just missed a little bit."

Completing the top ten were Kyle Bronson, Nick Hoffman, Tyler Erb, Stormy Scott, and Ricky Thornton Jr.

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### McCreadie and Chilton on Front Row for North South 100

UNION, KY - Tim McCreadie and Michael Chilton will make up the front row for Saturday night's 39th Annual Sunoco North South 100 Presented by Lucas Oil at Florence Speedway.

McCreadie, the defending race

winner, and Chilton, a Kentucky native, will lead the field for the \$50,000-to-win event after earning the top two spots in heat race passing points from Friday Night.

In heat one of round one, Kentucky native Michael Chilton ran off and hid from the rest of the field, leading wire-to-wire to pick up the victory. Gregg Satterlee crossed the line in second followed by Kyle Bronson and Dale McDowell.

The second heat of round number one saw Tyler Erb take the lead at the start as he powered to the win over Kent Robinson, Darrell Lanigan, and Earl Pearson Jr. Lanigan gained the most points in the heat after he started ninth and finished third.

In heat three of round one, Kyle Strickler took the victory ahead of a hotly contested battle for second between two Indiana drivers, Devin Gilpin, and Hudson O'Neal. Gilpin, who started fifth edged out O'Neal for second. Zack Dohm was fourth.

Jonathan Davenport raced to the win in heat four of round one, repelling the challenges of Stormy Scott. Josh Richards came from sixth to finish third with Johnny Scott finishing fourth.

Current Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt series point leader, Tim McCreadie, grabbed the fifth and final heat of round one. Brandon Overton was second followed by Dustin Linville and Mike Marlar.

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Brandon Overton raced his way to victory lane winning the 39th Annual Sunoco Race Fuels North South 100 Presented by Lucas Oil at Florence Speedway on Saturday night. Overton also won on the opening night of action at the track. (Michael Moats photo)

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McCreadie started off round two like he ended round one, by winning a heat race after starting in fifth. Matt Cosner ran second to McCreadie with Terry Phillips and Dale McDowell trailing.

The second heat of round number two was taken by Thursday Night's winner and sixth place starter, Brandon Overton.

Scott James finished second with Kyle

Bronson and Earl Pearson jr. rounding out the top four finishers.

The third heat in round two would see the 2021 Ralph Latham Memorial winner, Josh Rice take the win. Mike Marlar was second with Spencer Hughes and Todd Brennan following.

Hudson O'Neal took the win easily outdistancing the field in the fourth heat of round number two. Zack Dohm came from sixth to finish second, with Ricky Thornton Jr. edging out Nick Hoffman for third.

Jimmy Owens came from his third starting spot in heat five to take the win.

The big mover not only in this heat but of the night, was Michael Chilton who charged from 10th to finish second. Darrell Lanigan fin-



Friday night Tim McCreadie raced his way to a front row starting spot in the North South 100. McCreadie finished second in the race on Saturday night. (lucasdirt.com photo)

ished third and Shane Clanton took fourth.

### Overton Wins Sunoco North South Shootout at Florence

UNION, KY - Brandon Overton set Allstar Performance overall fast time, won his heat, and took the win at Florence Speedway for the Sunoco North-South Shootout Presented by Lucas Oil on Thursday Night for his third Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series win of 2021.

Overton passed race leader Ricky Thornton Jr. on lap 14 after Thornton had led the first 13 laps of the 50-lap main event. With lightning in the area for most of the night, Overton raced to the checkers 2.235 seconds ahead of Thornton.

Current Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series championship point leader, Tim McCreadie, came home in third followed by Jimmy Owens and Jonathan Davenport, who came from 23rd to finish fifth.

In Lucas Oil Victory Lane for the 10th time in his career Overton started the week off right with the \$10,000 victory, but has his eyes set on the \$50,000 pay day on Saturday Night.

"I guess I don't drive hard enough in those first couple of laps. It was actually good for me because I got to move around there to see where I was good at. I was way too tight, and the car started shoving there at the end, but we got it done."

Overton started on the outside of the front row but fell to fourth at the start of the race. He climbed to third

on lap 12, then to second a lap before his charge to the lead around Thornton.

"It's all about confidence, it just keeps rolling over and rolling over," said the 30-year-old Georgian.

"To win here Saturday Night would mean a lot to David and the whole Wells Family, to get us one here in Kentucky. I told them I would try my best and do all I can do."

Thornton, the Eibach Springs top rookie in the series, came home in second. "We had a really good car tonight. I want to thank Anthony Burroughs and everybody that helps us, they have been working their tails off. I feel like we have gotten a lot better here in the last week or so, hopefully we can keep this up."

The defending Sunoco Race Fuels North-South 100 winner, Tim McCreadie, ran third on Thursday Night.

"We are just not good enough right now. I was running the cushion early on, but I wasn't going anywhere. I didn't get the attitude to do what I needed it too do. It's a good start to the weekend. A little disappointing just because we should be better. Good job to the Lucas Oil and track officials for hurrying us along to get this in tonight."

Completing the top ten were Mike Marlar, Kyle Bronson, Hudson O'Neal, Spencer Hughes, and Zack Dohm.

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## Driever Delivers with ASCS Frontier at Sweetwater

ROCK SPRINGS, WY - Making his second trip to Victory Lane with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, Idaho's Tyler Driever topped Saturday night's action at Wyoming's Sweetwater Speedway.

Runner-up for the second time in as many nights, Logan Forler crossed second with Wyoming's Zac

Taylor hard charging from 20th to third. Damon McCune and Kory Wermling made up the top five.

Colby Thornhill was sixth, with C.J. Thorne in seventh. Colorado's Michael Bingham crossed eighth with Shad Petersen, and Darren Smith completed the top ten.

The Brodix ASCS Frontier Region is back in Montana for their next rounds of competition at Gallatin Speedway on Friday, August 27, and Big Sky Speedway on Saturday, August 28.

The 2021 season is the 30th year of competition for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

For other news, notes, and information on the American Sprint Car Series, from the National Tour to any of the Regional Tours that make up ASCS Nation in 2021, log onto [www.ascsracing.com](http://www.ascsracing.com), follow on Facebook, on Instagram, and Twitter (@LucasOilASCS).

### Thornhill Captures First Career ASCS Frontier Win at Sweetwater Speedway

ROCK SPRINGS, WY - The 41st driver to add their name to the list of winners with the Brodix ASCS Frontier Region, Washington's Colby Thornhill captured his first victory in ASCS competition Friday night at Wyoming's Sweetwater Speedway.

Topping the field of 21, Thornhill chased the opening six laps. Two tries on the start, Thornhill was quick into second once the race went to green. Pursuing Trevor Kirkland, Colby explored the top of the Rock Springs oval, with the pass coming on Lap 6 off the fourth turn.

Quickly by the No. 37 for second, Logan Forler began chasing the PGH Excavating No. 19. Clos-

ing to Colby's back bumper at the race's mid-point, the Washington shoe was able to slip by a pair of slower cars to keep Logan at bay.

Able to hold off following a late-race stoppage, Thornhill was chased to the line by Forler, with Trevor Kirkland ending up third. Nick Haygood was fourth, with Tyler Driever ending up as the final car on the lap in fifth. Shad Petersen crossed sixth, with Michael Bingham moving up a few spots to finish seventh. Kory Wermling from 15th made it to eighth, with CJ Throne and Mark Chisholm completing the top ten.

### Steven Shebester on Top with ASCS Elite Non-Wing at Lawton

LAWTON, OK - Bringing his season to .500 with win No. 5 over the course of 10 A-Feature appearances, Oklahoma's Steven Shebester paid another visit to Victory Lane Saturday night with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating at Lawton Speedway.

Winning at the quarter-mile on May 1, this past Saturday's visit saw the City Vending No. 22x roll from third to the point for his seventh overall victory with the wingless tour.

Working from fifth, Justin Zimmerman crossed second with Dalton Stevens following from sixth. Fourth had originally gone to Caden McCreary, but the No. 48 was disqualified for missing the scales after the races. Adjusting the remainder of the field up, fourth was awarded to Dillon Burks, with



Tyler Driever celebrates his win with the ASCS Frontier Region at Sweetwater Speedway. (Andrew Kunas photo)

Chase Parson in fifth.

Mason Smith was sixth, followed by Michael Day, Paul White, Spencer Martinez, and Dane Fields to round out the top ten.

The ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating rolls back into Arkansas for the Shot Track Wingless Nationals at I-30 Speedway on Friday, August 27, and Saturday, August 28. Pre-

liminary action pays \$1,000 to win, \$200 to start with Saturday's finale going to \$5,000 to win, \$500 to start.

### Paul White Captures Waco Win with ASCS Elite Non-Wing

WACO, TX - A hometown score for Paul White, the wheelman from



Steven Shebester celebrates in victory lane after winning at Lawton Speedway, his fifth win of the season. (Bobby DrRock Thomas photo)



Colby Thornhill raced his way to his first career ASCS Frontier Region victory Friday night at Sweetwater Speedway. (Andrew Kunas photo)

Waco, captured his second win of the 2021 season with the ASCS Elite Non-Wing Series presented by Abilene Powder Coating at Heart O' Texas Speedway.

Making the win even better is that Friday's showdown was the Wild Bill White Shootout.

His 10th win overall with the Non-Wing Tour, third starting White pulled to the lead on Lap 2 and never gave up the point from there. Following from the right of the second row, Jeb Sessums crossed second with Justin Zimmerman third. Chase Parson and Dalton Stevens made up the top five.

Mason Smith, Michael Day, Caden McCreary, Kade Taylor, and Blaine Baxter completed the top ten.

**Bristol  
Motor Speedway**

BRISTOL, TN -  
Legendary country music band Alabama christened the Thunder Valley Amphitheatre Saturday night, August 14, during the continuation of their extended 50th Anniversary Tour.

Alabama took the stage after an hour weather delay and a 45-minute set by opening act, America. The classic '70s rock band wowed the

crowd by performing many of their well-known hits including, "Ventura Highway," "Tin Man," and "Horse with No Name," to name a few.

Alabama opened their set with "Dixieland Delight" and the crowd went crazy when they belted out the verse of the song that perfectly captured the evening's setting: "On a Tennessee Saturday night."

They followed with the timeless gospel hymn "Will the Circle be Unbroken," and the crowd sang along with every one of the songs they performed during the night, most former No. 1 hits, including their ultra-popular classics "Tennessee River" and "Mountain Music."

For their encore they played "I'm in a Hurry (and Don't Know Why)" and the night ended with a spectacular fireworks show presented by Food City.

**Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

Veteran radio and television broadcaster Bob Jenkins, a former "Voice of the 500" inducted into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame in 2019, died Aug. 9 at age 73 after a valiant fight with cancer.

The voice of the Liberty, Indiana, native was heard globally over five decades on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network, serving several positions, including chief announcer from 1990 through 1998. Jenkins was one of only four people to serve as television play-by-play announcer in ABC's 54-year history of broadcasting the Indianapolis 500.

With an easygoing, friendly style that mirrored his personality, the beloved and respected Jenkins anchored NTT INDYCAR SERIES races on television and was a frequent contributor to the public address system at IMS. Jenkins also was a frequent master of ceremonies at "500"-related functions, including the Indianapolis 500 Victory Celebration.



**Alabama and America performed at the Thunder Valley Amphitheatre Saturday, August 14 in Bristol, Tenn. (Photo by David Crigger, Bristol Herald-Courier)**

In one form or another, Jenkins was connected to IMS for more than 40 years, and his most familiar call was the thrilling finish of the 1992 race between Al Unser Jr. and Scott Goodyear.

"The checkered flag is out, Goodyear makes a move, Little Al wins by just a few tenths of a second, perhaps the closest finish in the history of the Indianapolis 500," Jenkins said on radio, his baritone voice climbing a few octaves.

The victory margin of .043 of a second remains the closest finish in the race's 105-year history.

Jenkins attended his first "500" in 1960 and said he had only missed two races since – in 1961 when he couldn't get anyone to take him, and in 1965 when he was on a trip as a high school senior. He came to the track last May while fighting his illness to receive the Robin Miller Award, where he made a brief, poignant acceptance speech and was warmly received by a large group of friends and admirers from the racing community and media.

Indiana University graduate Jenkins turned his love of music into a job in radio, first as a news reporter at stations in Fort Wayne

and Valparaiso and then at WIRE in Indianapolis as the co-anchor of a nationally syndicated farm news show "AgDay."

Jenkins, who had attended Indiana dirt-track races with his father, landed his first position in motorsports in 1979 as the backstretch announcer on the IMS Radio Network. His friend Paul Page, a member of that broadcast team and an employee at rival WIBC, helped him land the job. Later, Page helped Jenkins start the USAC Radio Network.

Jenkins was one of the first on-air employees of ESPN when it launched in 1979. For more than 20 years, he was the lead voice of NASCAR races for ESPN and occasionally ABC, including the first seven Brickyard 400s at IMS. His pairing with former stock car drivers Ned Jarrett and Benny Parsons became one of the popular trios in motorsports broadcasting history.

If there was a form of motorsports on U.S. television, Jenkins likely was involved with it at some point in his career.

Along with his NASCAR and IMS work, Jenkins anchored for the Indianapolis-based company that produced ESPN's popular "Thun-

der" series broadcasts of USAC Sprint Car and Midget series races, and he was the host of "Speed-Week" on ESPN.

Jenkins' voice was used in several motorsports video games and films, including NASCAR-centric "Days of Thunder" and "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

Jenkins was a colon cancer survivor in the 1980s and retired from television in 2012 to care for his wife, Pam, who had her own cancer battle. She died that October. In February 2021, Jenkins revealed he had been diagnosed with two malignant tumors behind his right temple following a severe headache on Christmas night.

**zMAX Dragway**

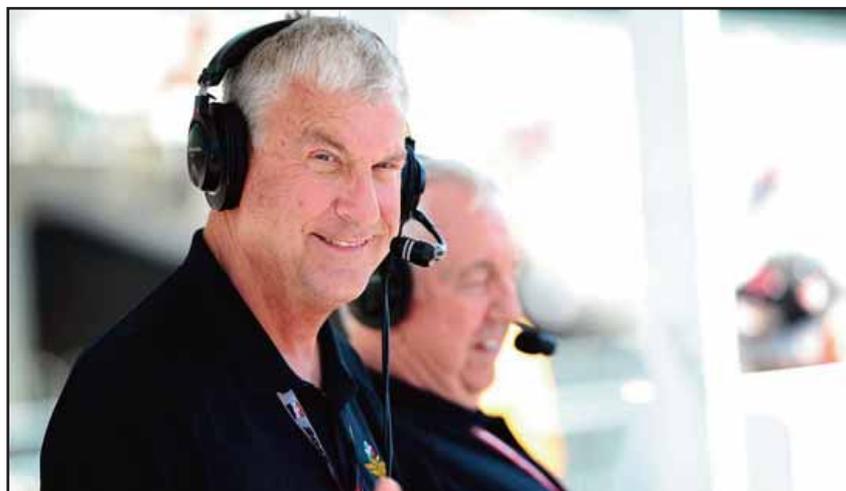
CONCORD, NC - As fans get geared up for the return of the NHRA's best to zMAX Dragway this fall, officials announced today that DEWALT® has signed on as the sponsor for the Sept. 17-19 DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals at the Bellagio of drag strips.

"We are elated to add DEWALT® to the Charlotte Motor Speedway family of blue-chip sponsors who help bring our world-class events to life," said Greg Walter, executive vice president and general manager at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "As leaders in the field of high-quality tools, our friends at DEWALT know a thing or two about power, toughness and innovation – characteristics that are equally vital to success in drag racing – so it's only fitting that we have them on board as title sponsors for one of the biggest drag races of the season."

DEWALT has a history of sponsorship in NASCAR dating back more than two decades and has recently announced a partnership to serve as the Official Tool and Storage Partner for the McLaren F1 team.

"As the world's largest tool company, we are thrilled to be the sponsor of the DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals, and look forward to celebrating the makers, our hardworking customers, who help build the world and bring our admired DEWALT brand to the racetrack," said Tony Merritt, Vice President of Sponsorship Stanley Black & Decker. "Like DEWALT, NHRA drag racing is built on power, toughness and innovation, and what better place to showcase our companies' shared attributes than at the sport's premier facility, zMAX Dragway, which is also located nearby our Fort Mill manufacturing facility,

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**Hall of Famer and legendary television broadcaster for Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Bob Jenkins passed away earlier this month. (IMS photo)**

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home to high-quality, guaranteed tough DEWALT tools built for our customers.”

In addition to naming rights, the sponsorship includes:

- Suite hospitality at-track during the DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals

- Sponsorship activation space in the event’s Nitro Alley Fan Zone

- At-track signage throughout the venue

- Inclusion in pre-event publicity and marketing efforts

The second race in the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series’ seven-event Countdown to the Championship promises to offer drivers cool September temperatures – providing the potential for track-record speeds when nitro-powered Top Fuel and Funny Car machines, Pro Stock and Pro Stock Motorcycles scorch zMAX Dragway’s pavement in search of a coveted Countdown triumph.

The DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals roars to life with back-to-back days of white-knuckled qualifying on Friday, Sept. 17 and Saturday, Sept. 18, setting up a pivotal elimination day on Sunday, Sept. 19. Every ticket is a pit pass, giving fans unmatched access to the drivers and crews who tame the 11,000-horsepower machines and up-close views as teams tear down and rebuild the dragsters between each run.

**TICKETS:** Tickets, camping and upgrades to the DEWALT NHRA Carolina Nationals can be purchased online at [www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets](http://www.charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets). or by calling 800-455-FANS (3267). Fans can catch all the action with a three-day pass starting at just \$99. Kids 13 and under get in free all weekend.

**KEEP TRACK:** Connect with zMAX Dragway on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram or get all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

### Atlanta Motor Speedway

HAMPTON, GA - You may not know Tony Harper, but you probably know his work. For the last 20 plus years, Harper has played a key role in the development of several NASCAR tracks.

“We’ve worked at Daytona, Talladega, Las Vegas, Martinsville,



**Workers take measurements during the repaving project underway at Atlanta Motor Speedway. (AMS photo)**

Charlotte, Kansas, Texas,” recalled Harper. “It’d be easier to probably name the ones we haven’t worked at,” he added with a chuckle.

While big machinery ripping up asphalt and carving into an embankment is eye-catching, Harper’s more modest looking work makes sure each step ends precisely the way it was intended to.

“Anything they build they have to know how far to dig down, how wide to make it – so we give them controls for that,” Harper said. “We’ll set this down, put a pink dot and say ‘cut two feet and go over to that line and stop.’ So we show them how to build.”

That’s exactly what Harper’s doing right now at Atlanta Motor Speedway. With his handheld computer and notepad, he’s meticulously checking and re-checking measurements around the track as the all-new 28-degree banked speedway takes shape.

“They remove the pavement and take it down to what we call sub-grade. Then it gets checked,” Harper said. “Then the next layer is to put stone base on top of the dirt. When it gets in, it gets checked. Then you’ve got your asphalt on top of that and it gets checked.”

This isn’t Harper’s first time working on Atlanta Motor Speedway. In fact, this year’s project at AMS is a return to where it all began; the 1997 reconfiguration of the speedway was Harper’s first job at a NASCAR track.

“It was pretty wild. I started out working on the grandstands and originally this was a true oval. So they were going to cut the track [at turn 4], cut the track [at turn 1] and just put the dogleg in it and leave the old track in place,” Harper recalled.

“Then as they got into the job more they decided, ‘Well, we’d really like to make it all new.’ So they asked me if I wanted to take on designing a best-fit grade for the rest of it and take the thing over. So I said ‘yeah’ and here we are.”

Of course, some things have changed in the last 24 years, not the least of which are the tools used to get the job done.

“The technology is substantially different. See all the equipment on this job is being run with what they call machine control. So it’s locked into a GPS signal and one of these handheld computers that has all the job parameters,” Harper explained. “It radio communicates with the equipment and tells the blade what to do to get the grade. So it saves a lot of time.”

That’s enabled the crews working on the Next Generation of AMS to make speedy progress, with the corners of the speedway already starting to be molded into their new 28-degree banked configuration. Still, several months of work – and countless calculations from Harper – remain to complete the new Atlanta Motor Speedway.

“I’m fortunate to have the opportunity to get to do this thing twice,” Harper said. “We’re gonna give it everything we’ve got to make this the best one on the circuit.”

The all-new AMS will debut during the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 weekend during the 2022 NASCAR season. Tickets and camping for Atlanta’s 2022 NASCAR events are available now at [www.AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com](http://www.AtlantaMotorSpeedway.com).

Keep track of all of Atlanta Motor Speedway’s events by following on Twitter,

Instagram, and become a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Atlanta Motor Speedway mobile app.

### Bristol Motor Speedway

BRISTOL, TN - Once the checked flag waved following the conclusion of the World of Outlaws first visit to Bristol Motor Speedway in two decades, Speedway Motorsports Senior Vice President of Operations and Development Steve Swift was already putting his crew into position to begin the all-important dirt removal process from around The World’s Fastest Half-Mile. With only a 20-week time period until The Last Great Colosseum was scheduled to be back in the NASCAR Playoff spotlight serving as host of the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Swift knew time was of the essence.

Along with the two World of Outlaws races in April, BMS proved to be one of the busiest dirt tracks on the East Coast. In March, the track hosted the historic Food City Dirt Race, the first time a NASCAR Cup Series race was held on a dirt surface in more than 50 years. Veteran driver Joey Logano claimed the signature BMS trophy and famed Gladiator Sword at that hotly contested race. Prior to that landmark event, BMS also crowned a bunch of winners in eight different classes during a week of grassroots dirt racing at the Bristol Dirt Nationals in early March.

No doubt, Bristol Motor Speedway made great use of the estimated 23,000 cubic yards of red Tennessee clay that was spread around the high-banked short track’s legendary racing surface.

With the clock ticking at a rapid pace, the dirt removal process began almost immediately after the last Victory Lane photo was taken following David Gravel’s thrilling back-to-back victories in the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series in late April.

Swift says the facility will be as shiny as new when the green flag drops for a Thursday night double-header featuring the ARCA Menards Series Bush’s Beans 200 and the Camping World Truck Series UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics on September 16 to kick

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off America's Night Race weekend. The Food City 300 Xfinity Series race will follow on Friday night and the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race for the NASCAR Cup Series will be the weekend's grand finale on Saturday.

Swift says relocating the dirt out of the facility wasn't the hard part. The real challenge, he said, has been power washing

and cleaning the facility from all of the dirt and dust that flies around as a by-product of the exciting racing action constantly churning on the clay surface.

"Taking 2,386 truckloads of dirt out of the oval was actually the quickest part of the process," Swift says. "Once we were given the green light to start taking out the dirt and loading trucks and getting it out of there, that part of the job went fairly quick. Within two weeks we had the mass dirt out of here minus the backstretch because we were using that dirt for the Dude Perfect event. However, we are still in the process of the actual cleaning side of things, which is really the harder part after you hold dirt events."

Following the 2000 and 2001 BMS dirt events BMS operations team members said they were still finding bits of dirt hidden in the most remote corners of the stadium several years after those races were over. Swift says he is well aware of all the stories from the past and is determined to get the grandstands and concourse areas as clean as possible for the Night Race.

Swift estimates that the dirt was off the track and out of the facility in about 10 days. He said there were multiple excavating machines moving the dirt around and pushing it down off the high-banks to a flat loading zone where it was then loaded into a rotating fleet of about seven dirt trucks making round-trips to the drop and storage location.

"To get the race team trucks in and out of the track easier we had to build a temporary ramp with the dirt," Swift explained. "One of the smartest things we did after the racing was over was leave that ramp in place to help us get the dirt out. It was really an efficient way to get the dirt out because the dump

trucks had a lesser grade to climb. That ramp stayed put until the very last truck load went out."

Swift says once the dirt was removed it was hauled a short distance from inside the oval across the BMS campus to a flat lower lot near the Bristol Dragway entrance off Highway 394. He said that site made the most sense because it is level for the dump trucks to move in and out. The dirt will sit there until January when Swift and his team will start the process all over again as they begin putting the dirt back on the track for the 2022 Food City Dirt Race.

"When the fans come in for the Night Race in September they are going to see two big lovely piles of red dirt over by the Dragway entrance and that was the dirt track," Swift says. "We stored it like we did for a reason to keep the life into the dirt and keep it as native as possible and to make sure less surface area is visible for the sun to hit. When we excavated it we made sure that we stored the very surface stuff on the bottom of the pile. What you see on top is the base layer."

With the dirt gone, Swift says the concrete looks better than ever. He noted that the layer of sawdust product that his team put down between the concrete and the dirt did its job remarkably well.

"The track is as clean as it has been since we placed the track around 2007-'08," Swift said. "It's back to that initial state with just a little bit more rubber on it now. It's amazing to look at the track pre-dirt pictures compared to what it is now and just what the cleaning process has done to bring it back to life."

Swift says he learned a lot from the past year about "dirt magic" and as a result expects to add additional surface layer dirt for the 2022 races and says the process will begin as soon as the annual Pinnacle Speedway in Lights show is completed in early January.

"We have started sourcing some new surface dirt with the goal being to have the best product on the surface to help keep the dust down as much as possible," Swift says. "To use a majority of what we've got and also bring in some new surface dirt to mix in with it is the plan."

Swift says there's as much or more buzz going on now for the 2022 Food City Dirt Race as there was last year. He says it's the topic he is most asked about as he travels around for his duties at every Speedway Motorsports facility.

"We received a lot of great feedback from fans on the '21 race and

I think we got to see a glimpse of what it really could be." Swift said. "With it being held on a Monday because of weather and having all the laps that it had, the track wasn't at its peak performance so to speak. There's still a lot of anticipation going into '22 in having that one day that the Cup cars get on it and run the amount of laps that the track is able to withstand. Even with the bad elements we were dealing with, it was still a great competitive show. I think everyone is looking forward to having a good weekend, with the right start time and having Mother Nature work with us. I think we can improve on what we had the first time around."

In the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race Cup Series event (Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN, PRN Radio), you'll get to see all of your favorite drivers racing hard to advance in the Playoffs, including Bristol dominator Kyle Busch, Food City Dirt Race winner Joey Logano, three-time Bristol winner Brad Keselowski, defending Night Race winner Kevin Harvick, Bristol All-Star Race winner and defending series champ Chase Elliott, and five-time season winner Kyle Larson, who is still looking for his first BMS Cup victory.

In the Food City 300, NASCAR Xfinity Series favorites Austin Cindric, A.J. Allmendinger, Noah Gragson, Harrison Burton and Justin Allgaier will be trying to lock in their Playoff positions in the season's final regular season race (Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN, PRN Radio). Meanwhile, headliners John Hunter Nemechek, Ben Rhodes and defending champ Sheldon Creed will battle for an elimination Playoff race victory Thursday night in the UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics Camping World Truck Series race (Sept. 16, 9 p.m., FS1, MRN Radio). The rising stars in the ARCA Menards Series also will take on the challenging half-mile oval in the Bush's Beans 200 as part of a Thursday night double-header (Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m., FS1, MRN Radio).

To purchase tickets for the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race weekend, please visit [www.bristolmotorspeedway.com](http://www.bristolmotorspeedway.com).

### World Wide Technology Raceway

World Wide Technology Raceway, the home of NASCAR, INDYCAR and NHRA in the St. Louis-Metro East region, is proud to announce the St. Louis Area Toyota Dealers as the title sponsor of its 2021 NASCAR Camping World

Truck Series 200, set for Friday evening, August 20. The race's full title will be the Toyota 200 presented by CK Power.

"We're proud to have the St. Louis Area Toyota Dealers as the title sponsor of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event at World Wide Technology Raceway," said Chris Blair, WWTR's Executive Vice President and General Manager. "This was a tremendous collaborative effort with Toyota, iHeart Radio and Tailored Media coming together for one of the most popular events on the truck series schedule."

"Toyota teams have enjoyed tremendous success at World Wide Technology Raceway since our return to the NASCAR schedule in 2014. As if those teams weren't already pumped up to win the first race of the series playoffs, bringing home the Mike Mittler Memorial Trophy in your manufacturer's sponsored event gives even more motivation to perform."

WWTR's Toyota 200 is the first race of the 2021 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship playoffs. Past winners of the event include Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr. (2014), Cole Custer (2015), Christopher Bell (2016), John Hunter Nemechek (2017), Justin Haley (2018), Ross Chastain (2019) and Sheldon Creed (2020).

Tickets now are on sale for the August 20-21 Bommarito Automotive 500 Weekend, featuring the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Bommarito Automotive Group 500 presented by Axalta and Valvoline (the cars and stars of the Indianapolis 500), NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Toyota 200 presented by CK Power, Indy Lights and Indy Pro 2000 races as well as vintage Indy car exhibitions. Tickets may be purchased by calling the WWTR ticket office at (618) 215-8888, online at [www.WWTRaceway.com](http://www.WWTRaceway.com) or at the WWTR ticket office at 700 Raceway Blvd., Madison, Illinois. WWTR is located just five minutes from downtown St. Louis. Follow WWTR on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram.

Spectator gates will open on August 20 at 11 a.m. with the Toyota 200 presented by CK Power set for 7:35 p.m. Spectator gates will open at 9 a.m. on August 21, with the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 presented by Axalta and Valvoline slated for 7 p.m. CDT.

**Indianapolis Motor Speedway**  
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including four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves, were named to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America (MSHFA) as the 34th class was unveiled on Friday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS). A ninth inductee, in the Historic Category, will be unveiled later this month in a separate announcement.

The Class of 2022 includes the designer of the 1965 World Champion Cobra Daytona Coupes, Pete Brock (Sports Cars), the first foreign-born four-time Indianapolis 500 winner, Helio Castroneves (Open Wheel), the only person in history to win NHRA Top Fuel championships as a driver and crew chief, Dick LaHaie (Drag Racing), "The Henry Ford of race cars," NASCAR builder Banjo Matthews (Business), the only woman to receive the Ken W. Purdy Award for Excellence in Automotive Journalism, Denise McCluggage (Media), NASCAR cofounder and championship-winning team owner Raymond Parks (Historic), "The Cat in the Hat" who has masterminded more than 300 NASCAR wins, Jack Roush (Stock Cars) and motorcycle racing innovators who have won NHRA drag racing titles, AMA Supersport and Superbike titles, two Daytona 200s and more, Terry Vance & Byron Hines (Motorcycles).

"Many of the members of the Motorsports Hall of Fame are people that I grew up idolizing and to now be invited to join this group, I just can't believe it," Castroneves said. "I'm so honored to have the opportunity to be inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame and I feel so lucky to be included with these legends."

The MSHFA Class of 2022 was unveiled in a press conference at IMS featuring Castroneves, IMS President Doug Boles and MSHFA President George Levy.

"Like so many legends before them," said MSHFA President Levy, "the Class of 2022 has left an indelible impression on the sport. We can't wait to welcome them into the Hall of Fame next March at our home on the grounds of Daytona International Speedway."

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America is the only hall that honors the entire sport and as such is the



**Clockwise from top left: Raymond Parks, Pete Brock, Banjo Matthews and Denise McCluggage. (MSHFA photo)**

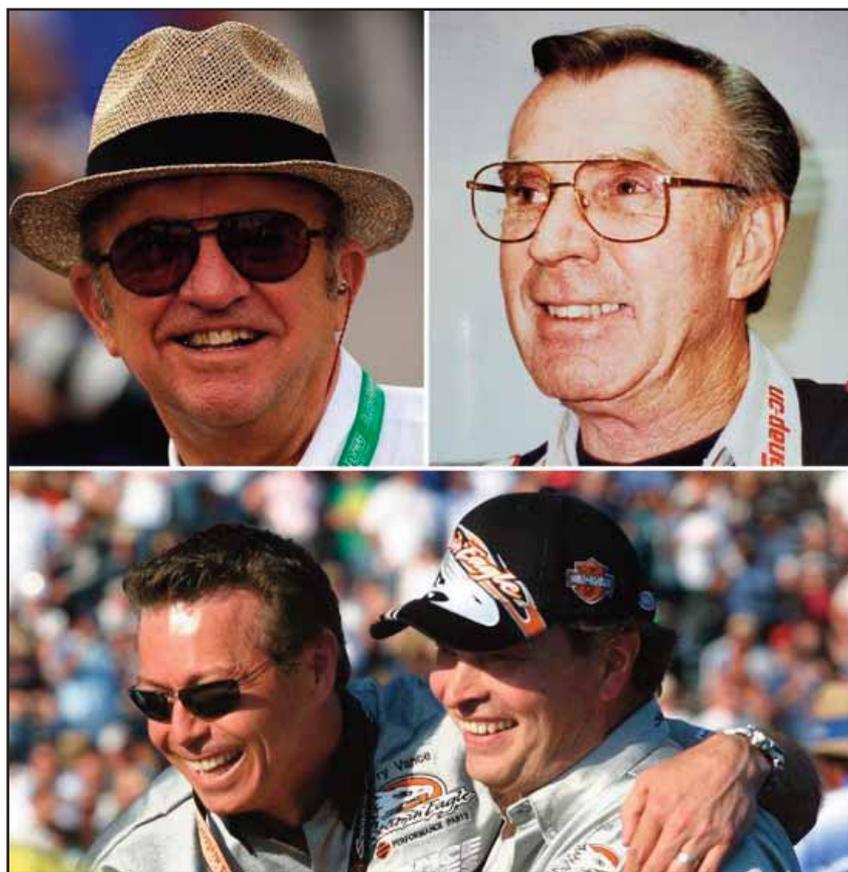
most exclusive. Each of the MSHFA's inductees is elected by a straight vote of 200 experts — half of them historians and other experts, half of them inductees themselves. Regular voters have included Hall of Famers Mario Andretti, Richard Petty, Tom D'Eath, Shirley Muldowney, Chip Ganassi, Don Garlits, Parnelli Jones, Scott Parker, Chip Hanauer, Don Prudhomme and other titans of the

sport.

Each year, MSHFA classes are formally inducted in a celebration featuring motorsports legends and fellow Hall of Fame members at a black-tie gala. The Class of 2022 induction will be in Daytona Beach on March 7 - 8, 2022.

Including the Class of 2022, 278 "Heroes of Horsepower" are in the MSHFA.

The Motorsports Hall of Fame of



**Clockwise from top left: Jack Roush, Dick LaHaie, Byron Hines and Terry Vance. (MSHFA photo)**

America Class of 2022:

- Pete Brock (Sports Cars) — Brock is best known for designing the 1965 World Champion Cobra Daytona Coupes and for his multi-time national champion Brock Racing Enterprises (BRE) Datsun 240Zs and 510s. At GM in the 1950s, Brock helped conceive the shape of the groundbreaking 1959 Corvette Stingray race car and 1963 production model. As Shelby American's first employee, he ran the Carroll Shelby driving school and worked on the Mustang GT-350 street and race cars. After the Datsun years, Brock became a photojournalist and wrote award-winning books on his Daytonas and the Corvette Sting Ray.

- Helio Castroneves (Open Wheel) — The Brazilian has one of the greatest records in Indianapolis 500 history, winning four times (2001, 2002, 2009 and 2021) (joining fellow inductees A.J. Foyt, Al Unser Sr. and Rick Mears), taking pole four times and finishing second three times. Castroneves is a four-time runner-up for the IndyCar championship and 12th all time in IndyCar wins with 30. He was dubbed "Spider-Man" for his victory fence-climbs and gained broad attention after winning the 2007 edition of Dancing with the Stars. Castroneves also won the 2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and the 2021 Rolex 24 at Daytona.

- Dick LaHaie (Drag Racing) — The only person in NHRA history to win Top Fuel championships as a driver and crew chief, LaHaie captured the 1987 Top Fuel championship in the cockpit and four more as crew chief for Scott Kalitta (1994, 1995) and Larry Dixon (2002, 2003). LaHaie's first major victory came at the 1980 Summer Nationals. In the early days, he'd sometimes dig through trashcans for parts the top teams had thrown away, then beat them with their discards. His 1987 Top Fuel title was won with daughter Kim as crew chief. LaHaie was No. 31 on NHRA's 2001 list of its 50 Greatest Drivers.

- Banjo Matthews (Business) — Smokey Yunick called him "the Henry Ford of race cars." The cars Edwin Keith Matthews built dominated NASCAR for more than a decade. From 1974 to 1985, he produced about 400 chassis and rebuilt about 200. Of the 362 races in this period, his cars won 262 — over 70% — including all 30 1978 contests. For years, the Akron, Ohio native was more proud that

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no driver was killed in a Matthews-built car. As an owner, he entered 160 Cup races, capturing 14 poles and nine victories, including three Firecracker 400s at Daytona with fellow inductees Fireball Roberts, A.J. Foyt and Donnie Allison.

- Denise McCluggage (Media) — Few fueled the rise of sports car racing in the U.S. more than McCluggage. Without her, there would've been no Autoweek, the sport's bible in the '60s and '70s. She also was a trailblazing female driver, winning her class at Sebring in 1961 and at the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally. (She was famously denied entry at Le Mans because of her gender.)

Joining the New York Herald Tribune in the '50s, she became the first female sports reporter for a major daily. In 1985, she became the only woman to receive the Ken W. Purdy Award for Excellence in Automotive Journalism for her piece on F1 legend Juan Manuel Fangio.

- Raymond Parks (Historic) — Without Parks, there might not have been a NASCAR. He was a key member of the group that met with Bill France at the Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach in 1947 to create NASCAR and helped keep the sanctioning organization afloat during its early years. Considered its first team owner, his entries set a standard for excellence. The former moonshine runner's cars won the first NASCAR (Modified) championship in 1948 and the inaugural NASCAR Strictly Stock (now Cup Series) title in 1949. When he died in 2010, he was the last surviving member of the sport's founders.

- Jack Roush (Stock Cars) — Roush has succeeded in more forms of motorsports than almost anyone. In NASCAR, his teams have captured more than 300 races and eight championships across all three major series, including back-to-back NASCAR Cup Series titles (2003-4). "The Cat in the Hat" left an engineering job at Ford in 1970 to team with Wayne Gapp. Over the next five years they won NHRA, IHRA and AHRA Pro Stock titles. In the '80s, Roush's incredible domination of SCCA and IMSA included 24 national championships. His two Daytona 500 trophies came with Matt Kenseth (2009, 2012).



**Open Wheel inductee Helio Castroneves after winning his record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500. (MSHFA photo)**

- Vance & Hines (Motorcycles) — Few rider/tuner pairings have dominated like Terry Vance and Byron Hines. From the early '70s until Vance retired from riding in 1988, they captured 14 Pro Stock and Top Fuel titles. Their popularity prompted NHRA to add motorcycle racing to its national series. Since 1980 they've made Vance & Hines a world-leading aftermarket parts supplier. Their road racing teams have won AMA Supersport and Superbike titles and two Daytona 200s. More recently, they've run the successful Harley-Davidson® Screamin' Eagle®/Vance & Hines Pro Stock drag team. Vance was No. 35 on NHRA's 2001 list of its 50 Greatest Drivers.

The MSHFA is housed in Daytona International Speedway's Ticket and Tours Building located in front of the famed 2.5-mile DIS trioval. Access to the MSHFA is included with every Daytona International Speedway tour, which run throughout each day, or as a museum-only ticket. The museum is open daily nearly year-round except major holidays.

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### **Atlanta Motor Speedway**

HAMPTON, GA - The biggest car show in the Southeast is set to kick off this fall at the 2021 Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Mo-

torama presented by American Force Wheels. The show will feature over a thousand cars in the Atlanta Motor Speedway infield with each one having a unique design and background.

Take for example Jay Gribble, an automobile enthusiast from South Florida who is the proud owner of a remarkable 1957 Ford Custom, which promises to be a hit at this year's event.

For 60 years Gribble had his sights set on such a car; he loved the looks of the 1957 model when he was in high school and for decades waited for the right opportunity to find one he could make his own.

"I got to a point where I finally started to look for cars that weren't in the best of shape and that you just don't see every day," said Gribble.

In 2013 Gribble finally found what he was looking for, and took it to Dream Cars of Naples, Fla. where he outlined an extensive list of modifications he had planned to make his 1957 Ford just right. Finally, in 2019, the car was ready, but due to the pandemic that began shortly thereafter, Gribble hasn't had many opportunities to share his creation with other enthusiasts.

"I've taken it to Raleigh and other car shows in the southeast and it's been a hit. But, due to COVID, that's been put on hold," Gribble explained. "So getting to bring the car to Atlanta Motor Speedway for the first time will be a real treat."

Attendees of Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama Presented by American Force Wheels are in for a treat when they see

Gribble's car. A close inspection of the 1957 Ford Custom will show how much effort Gribble put into the project to make the car his own. Up front, there's a custom grille forged from two stock 1957 Ford Custom grilles; under the hood, Gribble has installed a supercharged Shelby GT 500 engine boasting nearly 600 horsepower. Gribble has all of this riding on larger tires than would typically be found on 1957 Ford, and the wheel wells have been reshaped to make room for them.

Gribble's car isn't just a beauty on the outside; the interior has received plenty of attention as well. Inside you'll find brown custom leather, a pair of bucket seats, and a custom-made console in between. Behind the steering wheel is an instrument panel made up of Dakota Digital analog gauges, adding modernization to this classic automobile.

In its heyday, this kind of car was typically used by businessmen or salesmen making deliveries to other corporations, and few were maintained well, Gribble says. However Gribble always looked fondly at them and seized the opportunity to preserve and share its history.

"I really felt like I've given this vehicle a second life and there is truly not another like it," Gribble said.

Summit Racing Equipment Atlanta Motorama Presented by American Force Wheels returns to Atlanta Motor Speedway on October 16-17, 2021.

For more event information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.atlantamotorspeedway.com](http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com) or contact the Atlanta Motor Speedway ticket office at 877-9-AMS-TIX.

## Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA -

The Clinton County Speedway hosted the 410 Sprint Cars for the first time in over a decade at the 3/8th mile oval. The Kunkletown Kid, Ryan Lynn topped the field of 34 Sprint Cars to claim the \$4,000 payday presented by NAPA and Toner Auto Parts with stores in Mill Hall and Jersey Shore. AJ Stroup won the Pro Stock feature

and Maddox Smith won the 4 Cylinders feature.

Brandon Spithaler of Evans City, PA set a fast time during time trials with a lap of 13.233 seconds. Heat races were won by Ryan Smith, Joe Kata III of Goshen, NY, Todd Gracey of Glenville and Alex Bright of Collegenville. Adam Carberry of Hilltown won the consi.

Ryan Smith and Billy Dietrich of Aspers, PA were the front row starters for the 35 lap Sprint Car Main event. Smith took the lead at the drop of the green flag and raced hard with Dietrich through turns one and two. At the completion of lap number five, Smith continued to lead while Dietrich and Alex Bright battled for second with Darin Gallagher and Brandon Spithaler completing the top five. On lap number seven, Bright was able to pass Dietrich for the runner up position.

The first caution of the night occurred on lap number twelve when Tyler Bear spun in turn two. While under the caution, Spithaler's brakes caught on fire ending his night of competition. Smith again performed a flawless restart to pull away from Bright, with Dietrich in third and Mark Smith moved into fourth and Gallagher in fifth. Smith continued to pace the field, while Bright, Dietrich and Mark Smith were in a contested battle for the second, third and fourth positions. The caution came back out on lap number 26, when Joe Kata's car stopped in turns three and four. Smith was able to maintain the lead while Bright and Dietrich were in a fierce battle for second. Dietrich would make a pass for the second position in turns one and two, while Bright would make a comeback down the back stretch and reclaim the spot as the duo exited turn number four. On lap number 31, Dietrich was able to secure the runner up position forcing Bright to bat-



**Ryan Lynn raced his way to victory lane at Clinton County Speedway Saturday night. (CCS photo)**

tle with Mark Smith. Two late race cautions bunched the field back up with two laps remaining. Smith held off Dietrich for the win, over Bright, Mark Smith and Darin Gallagher. Sixth through tenth were Davie Franke, Ryan Kissinger, Mike Thompson who was the hard charger coming from the 24th position, followed by Derek Locke and Austin Bishop.

"It's awesome to be part of this," said Smith in victory lane. "The track was excellent; I could run high or low and this was a great event, and we look forward to coming back again." The top three finishers in victory lane were appreciative of the large crowd in attendance and appreciated the opportunity to be part of this historical moment at Clinton County.

In Pro Stock competition, AJ Stroup and Robert Tressler started on the front row for the 15 lap main event. Stroup led Tressler on the opening lap. On the second lap three cars tangled to bring out the caution. Following the restart, fifth place starter Cory Long managed to take the second spot from Tressler. On lap number 7, Brandon Moser passed Tressler for third, as the top four cars were in a close battle for the lead. A few laps later Tommy Dawson began to battle Tressler for the fourth spot. Stroup continued to lead every lap to claim the victory over Long. Dawson passed Moser on the final circuit to take the third position, Moser was fourth and Tressler completed the top five. Moser and Stroup won the qualifiers.

Lee Zook and Joey Snook

started on the front row of the 4 Cylinder feature event. On the opening lap Dillan Craft brought out the caution and had to take his car to the pit area. Upon the restart, two more cars got together to slow the field caused by Dustin Stimely and Zack Rill. Once the race was restarted Snook took the early lead, by the completion of lap number three, Maddox Smith advanced from eighth to take the front position. On lap number four, the red flag came out when Gage Wilson rolled his car. The driver was okay. Smith was challenged early by Lee Zook. The ninth place starter, Blake Snyder marched his way up to second by the completion of lap number seven. Smith, Snyder and Zook held the top three positions. Keith Haagen passed Skyler Witchley for fourth with two laps remaining. Smith held on to win his second feature event of the weekend, over Snyder, Zook, Haagen and Witchley. Sixth through tenth were Andrew Rickets, John Baney, Chris Small, Brain Snook and Kyle Strouse. Heat race winners were Witchley, Smith and Joey Snook

The Clinton County Speedway returns this Friday night with racing action. Leonard's Landscape and Supply will present the Pro Stocks in a \$500 to win summer championship. In addition, the Limited Late Models, 270 Micros, 600 Micros and 4 Cylinders will be part of the program. Gates will open at 5Pm, Hot laps are at 7PM and Racing begins at 7:30PM.

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## Clinton County Speedway

MILL HALL, PA -Jared Zionkowski from Wyalusing, PA claimed the Race Saver Sprint Car feature event Friday night for the first of two nights of racing at the Clinton County Speedway. The win was the third of his career at the 3/8th mile oval. Brandon Moser claimed the Pro Stock victory, Derek Swartz of Jersey Shore won the 600 Micro Sprints, Timmy Bitner of Beech Creek won the 270 Micros and Renovo's Maddox Smith won the 4 Cylinder main event.

Jarrett Cavalet and Jeffrey Weaver started on the front row for the 25 lap Race Saver Sprint Car main event. Weaver took command of the field and by lap five led Cavalet, Kyle Colwell, Mike Lutz, and Austin Greenland. On lap number 6, Lutz and Greenland brought out the caution flag for an incident in turn number four. On the restart, Weaver opened up a three car length advantage over Cavalet. On lap number 8, Colwell was in a battle for the runner up position and brought out the red flag when his car rolled onto its side and also collected Dakota. Both drivers were okay and able to rejoin the race. Jared Zionkowski, who started eighth moved into the top five on lap number 8 and secured the runner up position by lap number 10. Zionkowski used the high side of the speedway and began to reel in Weaver as the leaders began to encounter lapped traffic.

At the halfway mark of the race Weaver had Zionkowski glued to his rear bumper followed by Cavalet, Dylan Proctor and Ryan Lynn. Weaver and Zionkowski continued to battle through lapped traffic. After completing lap number 18, Weaver attempted to dive under a lapped car. The two cars touched, and Weaver's car flipped at the end of the front stretch. Weaver was okay. Zionkowski inherited the lead with Cavalet, Lynn, Proctor and Josh Beamer restarting in the top five. Lynn took the runner up position with two laps remaining. Zionkowski claimed the victory over Lynn, Cavalet, Josh Beamer and Dylan. Garret Bard, who started 19th rallied to finish sixth, Tylor Cochran, Dustin Pretyleaf, Matt Tebbs and Corey Brungard completed the top ten. Heat races were won by Reed Thompson and Dakota Schweikart.

Bradley Benton led the first lap  
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of the Pro Stock feature event. By lap number two AY Schilling took the lead. Two laps later, Brandon Moser raced this way to the front of the field. By lap seven, it was a four car battle between Moser, Schilling, Robert Tressler and Noah Jensen. On lap number ten, Corey Long entered the top five. Moser held off the challenges of

Schilling for the win. Tressler was third, Long fourth and Jensen completed the top five. Heats were won by Schilling and Tressler.

Mac Wert and Hayden Walizer brought the field of 270 Micro Sprints to the start of the feature event. A first lap caution occurred as the field exited turn number four involving six cars. All drivers were okay. With a complete restart, Timmy Bittner took the lead heading down the back straightaway. By the completion of lap number five, Bittner led Hayden Walizer, Jeffrey Weaver, Hunter Zimmerman and Skeetz Hockenbrock. On lap nine, Hockenbrock and Shawn Musser passed Zimmerman to take over fourth and fifth positions. The top five remained unchanged in the race to the checkered flag, with Bittner winning over Walizer, Weaver, Hockenbrock, and Musser. Sixth through tenth were Kyler Stahl, Levi Brungard, Brad Snyder, Hunter Zimmerman, and Cory Stabley. Heats were won by Weaver and Walizer.

Derek Swartz started on the pole position for the 600 Micro Sprint Feature. Swartz battled with Jeff Gyuina for the first three laps. Timmy Bittner took the runner up position on lap four. On lap number nine, Johnny Smith moved into third, making it a three car battle for the lead. With two laps to go, Smith passed Bittner but was unable to catch Swartz. The event went nonstop with Swartz winning his second feature of the year over Smith Bittner, Gyuina and Weaver. Heats were won by Swartz and Smith.

Coty Maines led the opening laps of the four cylinder feature. By lap number seven Larry Beecher took the lead. Two laps later Chris Small took the lead. Meanwhile Maddox Smith continued to work his way up through the field from his eleventh starting spot and took



**Lucama's Joseph Pittman celebrates in victory lane after winning the Carolina Mini Stock Summer Nationals at Goodyear All American Speedway. (GAAS photo)**

the lead with two laps to go. Smith claimed the win over Small, Blake Snyder, Hunter Flook and Larry Beecher. Heats were won by Small, Keith Haagen and Beecher.

## Goodyear All American Speedway

JACKSONVILLE, NC - Joseph Pittman was able to outlast the field, albeit barely, in the main event of Saturday night's Summer Nationals to score his first career win at Goodyear All American Speedway.

Pittman, who is a former champion at Southern National Motorsports Park, started in the second position in the 50 lap Carolina Mini-Stock Challenge feature and inherited the lead a few laps shy of halfway when race leader Brandon Clements fell out of the race due to a mechanical failure. From there, Pittman was able to drive away from Doug Barefoot and Matthew Brewer to pick up the victory just moments before running out of gas before an attempted polish victory lap.

"Man, this is awesome," Pittman said in victory lane. "I hate Brandon broke. I don't know what happened to him. I'll take it, this is it right here. We haven't run 50 laps this year. I hoped there was gas in it. I filled it up until it was running over, there was nothing more I could do. This is it right here."

The Lucama, North Carolina driver picked up his first win of any kind in 2017 at Southern National but was thrilled to come away with a win at a track he had not often raced at.

"I've been trying for this for a long time," Pittman remarked about winning in the Carolina Mini-Stock Challenge. "The monkey's been on my back here and this is awesome."

Jody Measamer remained unbeaten in Super Truck competition at Goodyear All American Speedway, but the issue was in doubt early on.

On the opening lap, Chris Burns drove to the inside of Measamer to take the lead, resulting in the two leaders making contact almost sending Measamer around. Seconds later, Measamer retaliated by hitting Burns' truck under caution. In the ensuing restart, the two traded paint again before racing side-by-side for several laps. Measamer was finally able to clear Burns and drive away with the victory – his second consecutive win.

"Honestly, the opening lap, my spotter cleared me and Chris jumped in at the last minute and I was already committed to coming down the hill," Measamer said. "None of that should have happened. We messed up two good trucks for no reason. Good show, love coming here, just hate that stuff happened. I ain't got a problem with Chris, we've always raced good."

Chris Burns ended up finishing third after being overtaken in the closing laps by Adam Fulford.

"Jody's so fast and we really had to try and capitalize on trying to get out front and trying to hold him off," Burns stated. "He says his spotter cleared him and there was a pretty big hole there and I tried to fill it and it just didn't work out. Then I guess tempers just got the best of both of us for a little bit right there under caution. We come to win and give it all we've got. We made a lot of swings at it after practice and got it better."

Chase Singletary also remained undefeated at Goodyear All American Speedway, driving away to a dominant Legends victory. Scotty Benford recorded a breakout per-

formance behind Singletary, racing his way from the rear of the field after an early incident to finish second.

Duane Walker held off Andrew Warner to score the victory in the Bomber division and, in Champ Kart action, Todd Grinolds took home his first win in Jacksonville after passing Sean Wales in the closing laps.

After the feature races were over, Goodyear All American Speedway held spectator drag racing, bringing fans closer to the action. After three rounds, a Chevrolet Camaro driven by Devon Nye-washkewits stood victorious.

Racing returns to Goodyear All American Speedway on Saturday, August 28, 2021, when Late Model Stocks bring the action along with the Super Trucks, Chargers, U-CARs, Legends, Mini Cups and more. In addition to the racing, Saturday Night Lights on August 28th will also feature an 80s retro outfit contest with a prize going to the best dressed 80s throwback.

Goodyear All American Speedway is Jacksonville's Action Attraction featuring racing and other events. For more information about Goodyear All American Speedway, check out the speedway's website, like/follow "Goodyear All American Speedway" on Facebook, or follow the track on Instagram.

## Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - Craig Von Dohren overtook leader Danny Bouc on the 31st lap restart during the running of the 51st annual Forrest Rogers Memorial 50-lap 358 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series T.P. Trailers feature on Saturday night at Grandview Speedway. Forrest Rogers was the man behind the vision to create the 1/3-mile banked clay Berks County oval. The 11-time and defending point champion went on to record his ninth victory in the event for a hefty \$10,000 payday. It was his fifth win of the season and Saturday night career win number 114. By winning the race Von Dohren regained the point lead by a narrow margin over fourth place finisher Brett Kressley who had the point lead most of the season, but through various incidents during the past few weeks Kressley saw his lead slowly dwindle down.

Brian Hirthler, the defending Sportsman point champion, came out of nowhere in the closing stages of the T.P. Truck Equipment 25-lap Sportsman feature to win his

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fourth feature of the current campaign.

Ron Haring Jr. took the early lead in the Modified feature and wasted no time pulling away from the pack.

Haring Jr.'s sizeable lead was erased on the fifth lap restart needed when Jeff Strunk brought out the yellow as mechanical problems continue to plague him and he was through for the

night. On the restart Haring Jr. maintained the lead, but now pressure was coming from Joe Funk III, Bouc, Ray Swinehart and Brett Gilmore.

Bouc got by Haring Jr. on the seventh lap, but the next lap Haring Jr. was back in front dueling side-by-side for first while Gilmore and Timmy Buckwalter had their own race for second.

An infield marker yuke tire was hit bringing it onto the track in turn one causing the tenth lap restart. This time Bouc got the edge on Haring Jr. and became the new pacesetter.

Positions were constantly changing behind Bouc and by the 15th lap Buckwalter, Swinehart, Gilmore and Von Dohren filled second through fifth.

Von Dohren overtook second on the 29th lap restart brought out when Haring Jr., who was having a strong run earlier in the race, stopped in the third turn and now Von Dohren set his goal at passing Bouc.

Kevin Hirthler was facing the wrong direction in the third turn on the 30th lap for another yellow. When action resumed Von Dohren put the Bruecher-owned/PPB/Haring Transportation/Nick Gatto powered No. 30 into the number one position and one lap later Buckwalter was in second challenging.

The order behind Von Dohren was exchanged several times until the checkered, but first never did as he pulled into the winner's circle where he commented he was thankful and blessed for the help from crew chief Jason Bashore and the rest of the crew for all their support. Buckwalter hung on for second trailed by Bouc, Kressley and Swinehart. Rounding out the top ten were Duane Howard, Gilmore, Jared Umbenhauer, Craig Whitmoyer, who used a provisional to get into the race and Ron Kline,



**Gage Painter celebrates in victory lane after winning The Heritage Finance Late Models event at Hickory Motor Speedway last weekend. (Sherri Stearns photo)**

who did a 360 spin in the third turn earlier in the race, but still finished tenth.

Funk III, Kressley, Swinehart and Buckwalter won the four qualifying heats. Consi winners were Brad Grim and Kyle Merkel.

In Sportsman feature action rookie female racer Adrianna Delliponti took the early lead as Steve Young, Mark Gaugler, Logan Bauman and Decker Swinehart tried to change the status.

Two-time feature winner this year Kyle Smith hit the backstretch wall with heavy impact bringing out the yellow on the third lap. He was uninjured, but the car sustained heavy damage. On the restart Delliponti was still in command and while Bauman, Young, Swinehart and Cole Stangle dived for spots, this allowed her to outdistance herself.

Stangle moved into second on the 15th lap and took to the topside to run her down. Three laps later he closed the gap and began to pressure her while Hirthler, who came up through the pack quickly in the last few laps; Bauman and Swinehart waited to see the results in hope of advancement.

Contact was made between the front two and Hirthler wasted no time putting the Green Lane/Wm. Penn Garage/Whitetail Disposal No. 4\* first on the 23rd lap.

Hirthler never relinquished the lead and went on to post another victory for career win number 11. Second through fifth were Stangle, Delliponti, Bauman and Swinehart. Dylan Hoch, Kenny Gilmore, Cody Manmiller, Young and Jimmy Leiby completed the top ten.

Delliponti, Young and Swinehart won the heats.

Lap and qualifying event sponsorships are available for the 51st Annual Freedom 76 set for Sep-

tember 18th. The winner will walk off with at least \$30,000. For info contact Tina Rogers or Tommy Kramer at the track or telephone Ernie Saxton at 267.934.7286.

Next on the schedule is Saturday, August 21, 7:30 p.m. T.P.Trailers Modifieds, T.P.Truck Equipment Sportsman and 602 Mini-Series Sportsman - \$18 for adults along with a Meet & Greet with Modified racer Darrin Schuyler and Sportsman racers Chris Esposito, Matt Clay and Logan Bauman

Thursday, August 26, 7:30 p.m. Tony Stewart's All Star Sprints and Modifieds.

Saturday, August 28, 7:30 p.m. Modifieds, Sportsman and Outlaw Vintage Racers- \$15 adults with youngster 11 and under free - Ron Kline will be part of the Meet & Greet with others to be announced.

Friday, September 3, 7 p.m. Outlaw Series Enduros and Vintage Racing

Saturday, September 4, 7:30 p.m. Modifieds, Sportsman and ARDC Midgates

Saturday, September 11, 7:30 p.m. Championship Night for Modifieds and Sportsman

## Hickory Motor Speedway

NEWTON, NC - The NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series roared back into action at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars with a huge night of racing. 292 laps of racing action spread across five divisions would keep everyone on the edge of their seat when they weren't on their feet!

Leading off the night's racing action would be the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models for 50 laps in the Paramount Kia 'BIG 10' Racing Challenge. Bryson Ruff in the #24 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Max Price in the #22 to his

outside. Row two would see Katie Hettinger in the #71 and Akinori Ogata in the #14 door to door for the start. Ruff would move to the early lead with Price close in tow. Ogata would move to third around Hettinger with Mason Maggio in the #12 following to fourth position. Price would pull to the bumper of the leader Ruff and wait for a mistake and an opportunity to take the position. Hettinger would pressure Maggio for fourth and eventually make the pass on lap 18.

The leader Ruff would tangle with the #32 of Josh Stark and bring out the caution when he rolled to a stop on the front stretch. Price and Ogata would lead the field back to the restart. Ogata would challenge for the top spot and nose slightly ahead coming off of turn two, but Price would take the preferred low line and pull to the lead when they came back around to the start finish line. Lap 42 would see Ruff move around Hettinger for third. Price would drive on to take the win. Ogata would finish 2nd and Ruff would take 3rd. Hettinger would finish 4th and Maggio would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Street Stocks would roll off next for 30 laps of fender rubbing racing. Jesse Clark in the #5 would pace time trials and start from the point with the veteran Marshall Sutton in the #64 to his outside. Gary Ledbetter in the #48 would make an appearance at Americas Most Famous Short Track and DJ Hamby in the #17 would make up row two. Clark and Sutton would duel door to door for several laps until Jesse Clark would nose ahead to the lead. Ledbetter would challenge and pass Sutton for second.

The caution would fly on lap 16 for debris on the track. Jesse Clark and Ledbetter would bring the field to the green flag for the restart. Jesse Clark would move back to the lead as Sutton would challenge Ledbetter for second. Sutton would face a challenge from the #31 of Derek Fowler for third. Jesse Clark would hang on for the win. Ledbetter would finish 2nd and Sutton would take 3rd. Fowler would finish 4th and John Clark in the #5 would take 5th.

Rolling off next would be the Carolina Pro Late Models for 75 laps of over the edge racing action. Nick Loden in the #43 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with William Sawalich in the #43s to his outside. Row two would see Katie Hettinger

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in the #71, doing double duty and Grayson Ward in the #9 door to door for the start. Loden and Sawalich would go begin the battle until Loden would pull to the lead. Ward would move around Hettinger for third until lap seven when Hettinger would decide it was time to show some muscle. Leland Honeyman Jr would follow Hettinger and move to fourth.

Hettinger would move around Sawalich for second on lap 19. A great battle would ensue between Loden, Hettinger, and Sawalich over the next 47 laps. The caution would fly on lap 66 when Ward would go up in smoke and Hettinger would spin in the oil. That would put Loden and Sawalich up front for the restart. Loden would pull to the lead as Josh Lowder in the #63 would move around Sawalich for second. Loden would drive on to the win. Lowder would take 2nd and Sawalich would grab 3rd. Tyler Church in the #1x would finish 4th and Honeyman would come home in 5th.

The Heritage Finance Late Models would be the next to thunder into action for a 75 lap event. Gage Painter in the #8 would pace time trials and start from the point with Josh Kossek in the #44 to his outside. Taylor Satterfield in the #40 and Gracie Trotter in the #1 would make up row two. Painter and Kossek would have flashbacks to their days a few years back running in the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models against one another and battle side by side for the first five laps until Painter would pull to the lead. Trotter would move around Satterfield for third and look to try to catch Kossek for second. Painter and Kossek would set the pace over the middle stretch of the race. Painter would prove too strong and drive on to the win. Kossek would finish 2nd with Trotter taking 3rd. Satterfield would grab 4th and Jessie Cann in the #19 would snatch a top five in 5th.

Finishing off the night's festivities would be the Carolina Crate Modifieds for 62 laps of open wheel action. Cayden Lapcevich in the #99 would set fast time in qualifying and start from the pole position with Dean Lowder in the #63 to his outside. Row two would see Tanner Young in the #33 and Junior Snow



**Dustin Mitchell raced his way to victory lane at Lake View Speedway Saturday night, his fourth win of the year at the track. (LVS photo)**

in the #51 door to door for the start. Lapcevich would move to the early lead, but Sparks would quickly fly as contact between Young and Lowder would bring out the early caution in an incident that would gather up Snow and Kevin Orlando in the #00 as well. Orlando's night would be finished after hard contact with the wall. The restart would see Lapcevich and the #9 of Dan Speeney leading the field back to the green flag. Lapcevich would move back to the lead. The caution would fly on lap 34 when Lowder, who was running third, would crash hard into the backstretch wall.

Lapcevich and Cody Norman in the #12 would bring the field back to the restart. Lapcevich would move quickly back to the lead. Lapcevich would go on to take the win. Norman would take 2nd and Speeney would grab 3rd. Young would finish 4th and Rich Klimarchuk in the #74 would come home in 5th.

The NAAPWS will return to action on August 21st with a special event to come.

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### Lake View Motor Speedway

LAKE VIEW, SC - Pine Level, NC's Dustin Mitchell parlayed a bold three-wide move to take the lead into the FUEL/I-95 Challenge Series Late Model win Saturday night at Lake View Motor Speedway. It was Mitchell's fourth win of the year at Lake View, but first this Summer.

Beaverdam, VA's Russell Erwin got the advantage over Mitchell at the start to take the initial lead. Behind them, Willie Milliken lived up to his "Wild Child" moniker making a three-wide move entering turn one to go from fifth to third. The first caution of the night waved on lap

four win Dustin Perritt spun exiting turn four. After a run of cautions for simple spins, Erwin led the field to a restart on lap six. Milliken would make a run down to the inside in an attempt to take the lead, but Mitchell would go even lower. As they raced three-wide out of turn two, Mitchell went to the lead followed by Erwin and Milliken. Milliken eventually retired from the race due to fuel pump problems. At the checkers, Mitchell would race to the victory over Banjo Duke, Milliken, Michael Rouse, and Michael Batten. Rounding out the top 10 were Cameron Norris, IV, Shaun Harrell, Timmy Blackwell, Dustin Perritt, and Blake Sanderson.

Cameron Norris, IV remained undefeated at Lake View winning his fifth straight Carolina Outlaw Super Series win of the year. David Royal and John Proctor were running in the top ten until contact in turn three on lap 5 sent the two spinning. Following Norris at the finish were Ron Pope, Michael Freeman, Benji Thompson, and Scott Patterson.

Josh Fields got the advantage over polesitter AJ Belanger, leading every lap for his first 602 Open Wheel Modifieds win of the season. Rounding out the top five were defending track champion, Case Daniels, Belanger, Jonathan Ward, and Ethan Wilson.

Veteran Everette Dunlap made the trip down from Concord, NC a successful one, starting from the pole and leading every lap for the Crate Racin' USA Street Stock win. Several contenders, including Mike Manes, Michael Butler, and Rocky Gasque, were caught up in an incident when the second place car of Darryl Moran slowed exiting turn two. Finishing behind Dunlap were Joey Wilkes, Jordan Lewis, Donald Williams, and Butler.

Derek Kemper got the lead at the drop of the green flag and dom-

inated to win another Morrisonbuilt Performance SCDRA Sport Compact race. Rounding out the top five were Trent Herring, Troy Hill, Collin Brown, and Jason Brown.

James Smith rebounded from a spin to win his first Stock V-8 race of the year. Smith grabbed the lead from the pole, but spun by himself in turn two with six laps to go. Mark Compton inherited the lead but spun after contact with Jaden Locklear with three laps to go. Smith bypassed Christopher Smith following the restart, leading the rest of the way to win over Compton, Daniel Wallace, Jake Legett, and Locklear.

The next event at Lake View Motor Speedway will be next Saturday night, August 21st, featuring the Late Models, 602 Open Wheel Modifieds, CRUSA Street Stocks, Stock V-8, and SCDRA Sport Compacts. For more information, please "Like" Lake View Motor Speedway on Facebook, follow @LakeViewDirt on Twitter or by visiting [lakeviewmotorspeedway.com](http://lakeviewmotorspeedway.com).

### Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - It was a Saturday night of high-speed, high-efficiency racing as nearly 100 race cars stormed around Selinsgrove Speedway with three of the four main events going non-stop and one of them producing a new track record!

Andy Haus of Easton secured the lead on lap 14 of 30 in the rescheduled 23rd annual Late Model Open and held off former six-time winner Jeff Rine of Danville for his first victory in the race. Haus earned \$4,075 for the win and became the seventh different late model feature winner in as many races this season.

Trent Brenneman of Port Royal, who started his racing career on Selinsgrove's one-fifth mile kart track, earned his first career win on the half-mile track in the 20-lap limited late model feature and set a new track for distance in 7:21.351.

Domenic Melair of Warrington wired the field for his first-ever win in the 20-lap 305 sprint car feature, while Brad Mitch of McClure repeated in the roadrunner division's 12-lap race.

Selinsgrove Speedway's next race is Saturday, Aug. 28, for The Acme Companies 41st annual Jack Gunn Memorial for the 410 sprint cars plus limited late models and roadrunners at 7:30 p.m. Track gates will open at 5 p.m.

In the Late Model Open,  
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second-place starter Andrew Yoder beat out polesitter Andy Haus for the lead entering turn one. In the opening laps Yoder set the pace ahead of Haus, third-place starter Jeff Rine, and fourth-place starter Austin Berry.

At lap 10, Haus caught Yoder and the pair drag raced for the lead for several laps, with Haus moving into the front spot on lap 14 with an inside pass in turn two. A lap later, Rine advanced to second and worked on closing the gap with the leader. Then sixth-place starter Dan Stone showed some speed and took over the third position.

The second half of the race saw Rine and Stone close within striking distance of Haus. The last five laps were the most suspenseful as the leaders snaked their way through slower traffic. Haus held off Rine to post a mere .32 of a second victory in the non-stop race. Stone, seventh-place starter Brett Schadel, and Yoder rounded out the top five.

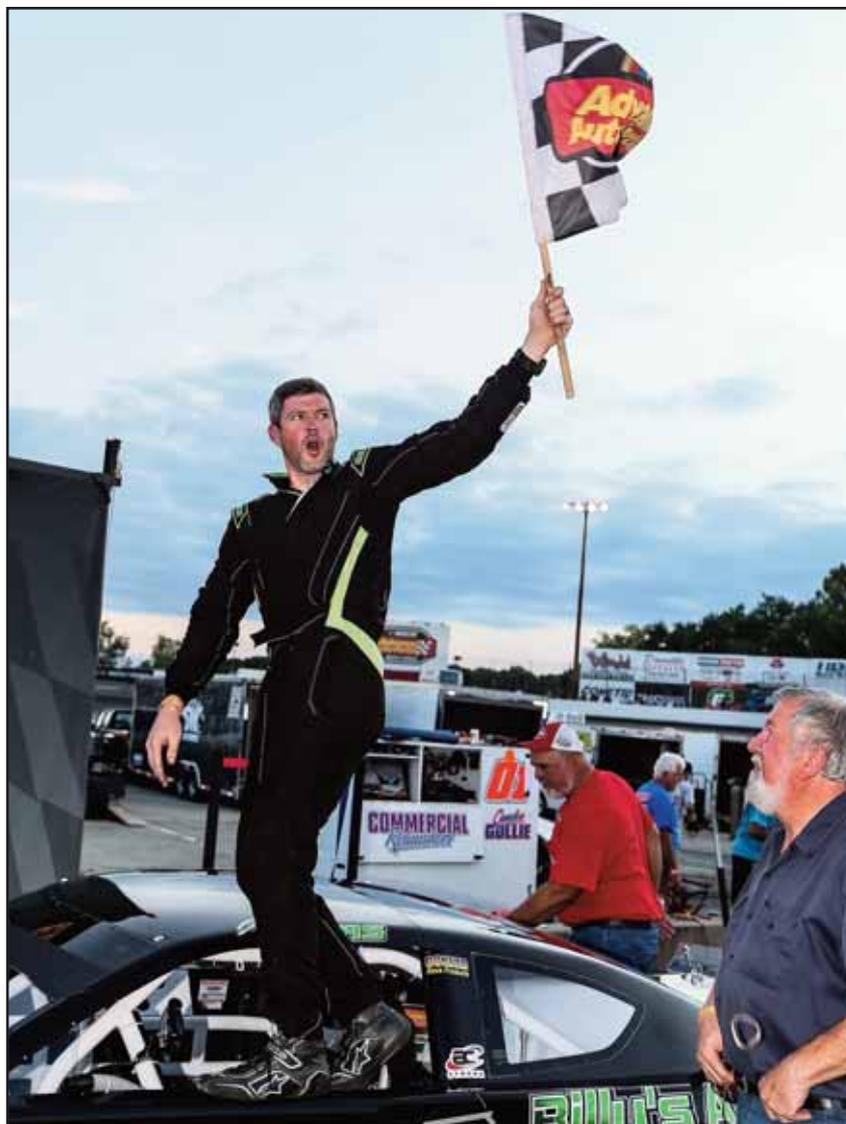
Front row starter Kassidy Kreitz edged out polesitter Domenic Melair for the early lead at the start of the 305 sprint car feature. Kreitz led the first four laps of the race before Melair made the winning pass using the outside lane down the backstretch on lap five.

Melair continued to set a torrid pace at the halfway point with Kreitz and fourth-place starter Kruz Kepner in tow. With five laps to race, Kreitz and Kepner see-sawed for the runner-up position with Kreitz clinching the spot at the finish.

Melair's margin of victory was 2.8 seconds over Kreitz, Kepner, eighth-place starter Garrett Bard, and 14th-place starter Ken Duke.

Trent Brenneman started on the pole and grabbed the lead from front row starter John Schoch at the drop of the green flag in the limited late model feature. Third-place starter Danny Snyder quickly moved into the second spot and set his sights on Brenneman.

At the halfway point, Brenneman encountered slower traffic as Snyder and fifth-place starter Shaun Miller attempted to reel in the leader. Even as Brenneman navigated his way through traffic he maintained a solid lead and posted a 4.6 second margin of victory and



**Jason Myers, with his father Billy Myers (right) proudly watching, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the first race of the twin 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races on August 7 at South Boston Speedway. Myers went on to score a sweep of the twin races and collect the first two wins of his racing career. (Joe Chandler/South Boston Speedway photo)**

set a new 20-lap track record for the division. Snyder, Miller, Shaun Shoemaker, and Casey Steinhoff rounded out the top five.

Front row starter Brad Mitch pulled into the early lead in the roadrunner race. Mitch was chased by polesitter Smith Cope for the first three laps until fourth-place starter Jake Jones took over the runner up position.

Jones offered the most serious challenge to Mitch, who held on for his second straight win at the track. Jones settled for second with Keith Bissinger, Adam Campbell, and Cope rounding out the top five.

### South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - When Jason Myers started his racing career in the Limited Sportsman Division ranks four years ago he had one primary goal – win a race.

The Hurt, Virginia resident accomplished that goal, and more, at South Boston Speedway on August 7 when he won the pair of 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races and became the first Limited

Sportsman Division driver to score a sweep of a twinbill this season at "America's Hometown Track."

"I could have never dreamed this," Myers remarked after scoring the sweep. "Four years ago, when I started racing, I wanted to get one win in my career. To get two in one night, it's special."

In sweeping the South Boston Speedway twinbill Myers joined his father, Billy Myers, as a race winner at South Boston Speedway. Billy Myers won numerous Limited Sportsman Division races at South Boston Speedway and won the South Boston Speedway Limited Sportsman Division title three times, the first time in 1997, and later scoring back-to-back championships in 2000 and 2001.

As he grew up Jason Myers watched his father race and win races. Myers has had his father working beside him on his racing team throughout his racing career. He said he was happy to finally deliver a win to his father and his racing team.

"I'm super proud of my team,"

the double race-winner said, "and super glad I got this win for them. I'm super proud of everyone. I'm so thankful for the people around me and the equipment that I have."

Winning the pair of 25-lap Limited Sportsman Division races is a huge bright spot in Jason Myers' racing career and in his 2021 season. Myers has had a fast car all season, but tough luck and unexpected misfortunes have virtually taken him out of contention to win the division title.

"We'd been really good all season, but we just had a lot of bad luck," Myers pointed out.

"It's been horrible. We keep throwing money at it (the car) and hope that it sticks. All year we've been very competitive and just haven't had a lot of results to show for it."

Myers was winless entering the August 7 twinbill, had two poles, and had managed only two Top-Five finishes in nine starts. He had not scored a Top-Five finish since May 15 and was virtually out of contention for the division championship. It was a tough situation to swallow after having entered the 2021 season on an optimistic note with the hope of scoring a win and being in the thick of the battle for the division championship.

"We always come into the season with big expectations," Myers said.

"You have to. With another season dwindling away where we hadn't had a win you start to put doubt in your mind. You're like 'can I really win?' Everything just came together tonight."

Myers will be looking to add to his win total when NASCAR racing returns to South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, August 21 with the Italian Delight Family Restaurant Night at the Races presented by Southside Disposal racing program.

The six-race program will be headlined by twin 75-lap races for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors. A 50-lap race is set for the Limited Sportsman Division. Twin 15-lap races are slated for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race is set for the Budweiser Hornets Division.

Registration and pit gates will open at 2 p.m. Practice will begin at 3:45 p.m. and grandstand gates will open at 5:30 p.m. Qualifying begins at 6 p.m. and the first race of the night will get the green flag at 7 p.m.

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Advance adult general admission tickets for the August 21 event are priced at \$10 each and may be purchased online on South Boston Speedway's website, [www.southboston-speedway.com](http://www.southboston-speedway.com), through Friday night, August 20. Adult general admission tickets online and at the gate on race day are priced at \$15 each. Kids ages 12 and under will

be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

Fans and competitors are urged to visit the South Boston Speedway website and the speedway's social media channels for the latest news and updates about the speedway and events at "America's Hometown Track."

### Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway hosted the North American Motor Car Senator's Cup 50-lap SK Modified® event with Stafford's Late Model, SK Light, Limited Late Model, and Street Stock divisions also in feature action on Friday, August 13. Keith Rocco outdueled Todd Owen in the closing two laps to come away with his second feature win of the 2021 season in a thrilling fight to win the 50-lap North American Motor Car Senator's Cup feature event. Other feature winners on the night included Michael Wray getting his first Late Model win of the season, Tyler Chapman scored his second SK Light win of the season, Devon Jencik also scored his second Limited Late Model win of the season, and Chris Meyer notched his third Street Stock feature win of the season.

In the 50-lap North American Motor Car Senator's Cup SK Modified® feature, Teddy Hodgdon took the lead at the green flag with Jon Puleo behind him in second. Bryan Narducci was third followed by Andrew Molleur and Keith Rocco when the first caution came out with 4 laps complete for a spin by David Arute on the frontstretch.

Hodgdon took the lead on the restart with Puleo still in second. Narducci and Molleur were side by side for third place with Keith Rocco up to fifth. Hines took fifth from Molleur on lap-11 as Hodgdon continued to hold the lead with Puleo, Rocco, and Narducci behind



**Keith Rocco celebrates his 50-lap North American Motor Car Senator's Cup SK Modified feature win at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)**

him. The caution came back out with 13 laps complete for a spin by Tyler Leary. Danny Cates was black flagged to the rear of the field for making contact with Leary.

Hodgdon maintained the lead on the restart with Rocco working his way into second. Hines made a move to the inside of Puleo to take third on lap-15 with Narducci holding down the fifth position. Rocco got around Hodgdon to take over the race lead on lap-17 while Narducci got out of shape but made a nice save on the backstretch and he only fell back to eighth place.

With 20 laps complete, the order was Rocco, Hodgdon, Hines, Puleo, and Stephen Kopcik making up the top-5. Molleur was sixth followed by Owen, Narducci, Dan Wesson, and Michael Gervais, Jr. Hines made a move to the inside of Hodgdon on lap-24 and he was able to take over second place on lap-25. The caution flag came back out with 27 laps complete for a spin by Dylan Kopec in turn 4.



**Michael Wray raced his way to victory lane in the 30 lap Late Model feature at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)**

Rocco took the lead on the restart with Hodgdon and Hines right behind him. Kopcik moved up to fourth with Owen taking fifth. Puleo faded back to sixth, with Molleur, Narducci, Wesson, and Arute making up the top-10. Hines made a strong move to the inside of Hodgdon on lap-34 to move into second place. Owen was now fourth with Kopcik back in fifth. Hines' good run came to an end with 38 laps complete as he appeared to lose an engine with a big plume of smoke pouring from underneath his car, which brought the caution flag back out.

Rocco took the lead with Owen falling into line in second. Kopcik was third followed by Molleur and Hodgdon. Puleo was sixth with Arute, Wesson, Mikey Flynn, and Michael Christopher, Jr. making up the top-10. Owen was all over the back bumper of Rocco, looking for a way to make a pass for the lead. After hounding Rocco for the lead for several laps Owen was finally

able to get to Rocco's inside but just as he made his move for the lead, the caution came out with 43 laps for a spin in turn 4 by Puleo, which put Rocco back in the lead with Owen in second for the restart.

Gervais spun in turn 3 on the restart to bring the caution right back out. The next restart saw Rocco and Owen again take the top two spots with Kopcik and Molleur in third and fourth. Wesson was fifth with Christopher up to sixth. Rocco slipped up the track in turn 3 on lap-48, which gave Owen enough room to get to Rocco's inside and take the lead by a nose at the line.

The two leaders ran side by side on lap-49 with Owen on the outside of Rocco and holding the lead by a nose. The two leaders ran the final lap side by side with Rocco able to edge in front of Owen coming off turn 4 and he took the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2021 season. Owen finished second with Kopcik, Molleur, and Wesson rounding out the top-5.

In the 30-lap Late Model feature, John Blake led the field to the green and he took the early lead at the green flag. Michael Wray and Paul Arute were side by side for second with Wray taking second on lap-2. Tom Fearn took third and Adam Gray took fourth as Arute slipped back to fifth in line. Just behind Arute were Michael Bennett and Darrell Keane with Andrew Molleur, Zack Robinson, and Wayne Coury, Jr. rounding out the top-10.

Wray made a move to the inside of Blake coming out of turn 4 on lap-5 and he took the lead at the line. Fearn took second with Gray taking third as Blake fell back to fourth. Bennett was up to fifth with Arute right behind him in sixth place. Bennett took fourth from Blake on lap-8 while Fearn was starting to look for a way around Wray to take over the race lead. Keane's car dropped off the pace with smoke pouring from the car and that brought the caution out with 14 laps complete.

Wray took the lead on the restart with Gray and Fearn side by side for second. Bennett was fourth with Blake in fifth. Just behind Blake, Molleur and Arute were side by side for sixth. Tyler Leary and Tom Butler got together on the backstretch with Leary spinning to bring the caution back out with 16 laps complete.

Wray again took the lead on the restart with Fearn, Gray, Bennett, and Blake lined up behind him.

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Arute was sixth in line followed by Molleur, Robinson, Kevin Gambacorta, and Andrew Durand. With 5 laps to go, Wray was still in command of the race with Fearn, Gray, Bennett, and Blake all giving chase. Wray led the field to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the 2021 season. Fearn finished second with Gray, Bennett, and Blake rounding out the

top-5.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature, Tyler Chapman took the lead at the green flag with Chris Matthews taking second. Steven Chapman and Amanda West were side by side for third with Alexander Pearl and Tyler Barry right behind them. Steven Chapman moved into second on lap-3 with Pearl and Barry taking third and fourth on lap-4 with Matthews sliding back to fifth place.

Pearl took second from Steven Chapman on lap-7 as Tyler Chapman continued to hold the race lead. Barry was still fourth in line but Bob Charland was now up to fifth as Matthews fell back to ninth place. Barry was starting to apply heavy pressure to Steven Chapman for third but Chapman was able to fend off his challenges. Brian Sullivan got around Charland to move into fifth place on lap-11 and Charland would lose sixth place to George Bessette, Jr. on lap-14.

Barry was able to pull alongside Steven Chapman on lap-15 in the fight for third but Chapman was again able to hold him off and maintain third place as Tyler Chapman and Pearl continued to lead the race. Tyler Chapman led Pearl to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2021 season. Steven Chapman held off Barry for third with Sullivan rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model feature, R.J. Surdell took the early lead with Matt Scappini in second. The caution came out with 2 laps complete for Kevin Crosby, who got into the backstretch wall but was able to continue in the race.

Back under green, Surdell took the lead with Scappini in second. Palardy and Gary Patnode were side by side for third with Devon Jencik in fifth place. Patnode took third on lap-4 with Palardy moving up to fourth. Palardy spun in turn 2

to bring the caution out with 5 laps complete, just after he had moved up to fourth.

Surdell took the lead back under green with Patnode taking second. Jencik moved up to third with Jeremy Lavoie charging into fourth and Alexandra Fearn taking fifth. Fearn made a move to the inside of Lavoie and she took fourth on lap-8. Ari Jencik spun on the frontstretch to bring the caution back out with 8 laps complete.

Surdell again took the lead on the restart but he didn't remain out front for long as Jencik took the lead on lap-10. Lavoie took second with Surdell falling back to third, just in front of Patnode and Fearn. Lavoie was staring to apply heavy pressure to Jencik for the lead on lap-15 and Lavoie was able to make a move to the inside of Jencik on lap-17 but Jencik held the lead by a nose at the line.

Jencik again held the lead by a nose at complete lap-18 but Lavoie was able to complete the pass on lap-19 as the cars headed down the backstretch and into turn 3. Patnode spun in turn 1 and collected Fearn on the final lap but up front, Jencik got back to the inside of Lavoie and the two cars ran side by side through turns 3+4 with Jencik winning the race to the checkered flag to pick up his second win of the 2021 season. Rich Hammann finished third behind Jencik and Lavoie with Matt Clement and Surdell rounding out the top-5.

In the 20-lap Street Stock feature, Bobby Stirk, III took the lead

at the green and he began to set the early pace with Jason Finkbein in second. Travis Downey was third with Jeremy Washburn fourth and Adrien Paradis, III in fifth. Paradis took fourth from Washburn on lap-4 and he brought Chris Meyer Travis Hydar, Frank L'Etoile, Jr., and several others with him as Washburn fell back outside the top-10. Washburn then got out of shape in turn 4 and he spun to bring the caution out with 4 laps complete.

Stirk and Finkbein went side by side for the lead back under green with Paradis in third and Meyer and Hydar were side by side for fourth just in front of L'Etoile. Stirk got clear into the lead on lap-7 and Paradis took second from Finkbein on lap-8. Meyer followed Paradis by Finkbein to move into third with Hydar in fifth and L'Etoile sixth.

Stirk took the lead on the restart and he held the lead until Paradis went to the front on lap-12 with Meyer coming up to second. L'Etoile took third with Hydar taking fourth as Stirk slipped back to fifth in line. This was the running order when the caution came back out with 16 laps complete for spins by Alexander Fuller and Daltin McCarthy coming out of turn 4.

Meyer took the lead on the restart with L'Etoile moving up to second. Hydar was third followed by Stirk, Bert Ouellette, Tyler Trott, and Paradis. L'Etoile couldn't get close enough to Meyer to make a bid for the lead as Meyer scored his third win of the 2021 season.

Hydar finished third with Stirk and Ouellette rounding out the top-5.

For more information contact the Stafford Motor Speedway track office at (860) 684-2783, or visit us on the web at [www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com).

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Prior to the start of the 2020 racing season, Quinn Christopher, wife of the late Stafford Speedway legend Ted Christopher, established the Ted Christopher Drive for Safety Initiative. Last season over 100 Stafford drivers received either a nomex undershirt, helmet skirt, or head sock through the TC Safety initiative. Each of those drivers was also entered into a drawing to win a free Leaf firesuit, which was won by Meghan Fuller.

The 2021 season will see the TC Safety Initiative continue to give away safety equipment providing 5 drivers with a brand new RS7C LTWT Bell Helmet. At the conclusion of each feature event on September 10, the night of the TC 13 Shoot Out, a drawing will take place in NAPA Victory Lane with the finishing position that gets drawn becoming the winner of a new Bell helmet.

"The plan is to do a drawing after each race on September 10 and the winning driver will receive a brand new Bell helmet," said Christopher. "I've said before how Teddy always stressed to me the importance of safety equipment in

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Chris Meyer took the 20 lap Street Stock win on Saturday night at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)

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his racecar, whether it was what he was wearing, what he was sitting in, the steering wheel, or something else in the car. Last year many drivers came up to me and said that Teddy told them to get some better safety equipment and they went out and got what Teddy recommended. I knew who Teddy was but I don't think I ever realized just how influential

Teddy was, especially to other drivers. Helmets are expensive and I'm happy to be able to help drivers who may not have the best helmet or might be in need of a new helmet."

Christopher will supply each winning driver with contact details at Bell Helmets so that they can provide accurate head measurements for the new helmet.

"I've been working with Tim Whitaker from Bell Helmets on this and we'll supply each winning driver with Tim's contact info so they can touch base and provide accurate measurements for the size of the helmet," said Christopher. "Once everything is finalized, the helmets will be delivered to the winning drivers. It's a lot of work putting something like this together and I have to thank David Arute for putting me in touch with Tim from Bell Helmets and also Tim for working with me on this giveaway."

The TC Safety Initiative won't stop with the helmet giveaway. Christopher has plans to continue the program through other creative ideas.

"We have plans in the works for a new Ted Christopher tee-shirt that we will be selling to put the proceeds back into the Ted Christopher Safety Initiative Memorial Fund so we can continue to do more giveaways of safety equipment since safety was so important to Teddy," said Christopher. "This is definitely something that I'd like to be able to continue on a yearly basis and try to figure out different things to do and different ways to give things out each year."

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**Williams Grove Speedway**  
MECHANICSBURG, PA - The

All Stars Circuit of Champions Sprint Cars Series will return to Williams Grove Speedway for the second time this season coming up in two weeks, on Friday, August 27 as they compete in the 39th annual Jack Gunn Memorial, a Twin 20s program of racing events.

Run in honor of the late, former Williams Grove Speedway announcer and promoter, the big event will be a sprints only program with an exhibition by restored racecars from the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing also on the agenda.

Presented by Union Quarries, the 39th Jack Gunn Memorial twin 20-lap mains will each pay \$4,000 to win with total purses for each feature worth over \$20,000 each.

Time trials will set the heat starting grids while the winner of the first 20-lap main event will draw for an inversion to start the second feature event.

Fast Tees Screenprinting of Thompsettown will pay \$300 to set fast time over the field.

Both 20-lap feature events will carry full points toward the 2021 Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint car Williams Grove Speedway track title.

Event sponsor Union Quarries of Carlisle is one of the top stone, concrete and blacktop producing companies in the region.

Union Quarries has been providing materials to Adams County, York County, Perry County and throughout the area since 1961.

Learn more about the company by visiting [www.unionquarries.com](http://www.unionquarries.com).

"Sunshine" Tyler Courtney has established himself as the man to beat on the 2021 All Stars tour and Courtney will be trying to pick up his first ever Williams Grove win in two weeks.

Courtney has some seven wins on the season to date and a more than 300-point lead in the standings over Cory Eliason of Visalia, California.

Missouri's Hunter Schuerenberg currently holds down third spot in All Stars points.

Aside from the aforementioned top three in points, the Jack Gunn Memorial is sure to bring many other touring pilots into Williams Grove including Paul McMahan, Kyle Reinhardt, Zeb Wise, Cap Henry, Justin Peck and more.

Just like Courtney on the tour, Lance Dewease has cemented himself as the man to beat at Williams Grove this year.

Dewease owns three Gunn Memorial victories over the years and

he's sure to be primed for a fourth aboard the Kreitz No. 69K.

Other local top contenders for a twin 20 win in two weeks should be Danny Dietrich, Freddie Rahmer, Devin Borden, TJ Stutts, Anthony Macri and Lucas Wolfe.

The 39th Gunn Memorial will mark the 42nd appearance by the All Stars at Williams Grove since the series inception in 1970.

To date, local drivers known as the Pennsylvania Posse have claimed 36 of the shows with two shows going to independent driver Kyle Larson and three others going to All Stars driver and champion Aaron Reutzel.

The August 27 twin 20s will be another race in the 2021 Hoosier Diamond Series of races at the track.

Adult general admission is set at \$25 with youth ages 13 – 20 admitted for \$10. Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

Keep up to date on all the latest speedway news and information by visiting the oval's official website located at [www.williamsgrrove.com](http://www.williamsgrrove.com) or by following the track on Twitter and Facebook.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - The World of Outlaws Super Late Model Series will invade Williams Grove Speedway for the fourth time in history, coming up this Friday, August 20 at 7:30 pm.

Also racing will be the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint cars on Leffler Energy Night at the track.

The World of Outlaws Late Models will compete in a 40-lap feature event paying \$10,000 to win on August 20 while the super sprints compete in a 25-lap main paying \$5,500 to win.

Previous winners with the World of Outlaws Late Models at the track have been Larry Phillips in 1988 and Brandon Sheppard each of the last two seasons.

And defending series champion Sheppard of New Berlin, Illinois, is on top of the pile again this season as the series rolls into Williams Grove this week.

Sheppard has been held to just

four wins to date this season despite having 11 at this time last year however Sheppard is still the man to beat on the outlaws tour as he holds a 102-point lead over his closest challenger Chris Madden of Gray Court, South Carolina.

Madden likewise will be carrying four season tour wins into Williams Grove on Friday.

Rookie Tyler Bruening of Decorah, Iowa, is currently an impressive third in series points despite having no wins as he gets to the Grove.

Other winners on the tour this season have been: Dennis Erb Jr. and Brandon Overton with 3 each; Cade Dillard, Kyle Strickler, Frank Heckenast Jr., Bobby Pierce and Devin Moran, 2 each.

One-time winners have been: Rick Eckert, Kyle Bronson, Shannon Babb, Ashton Winger, Tim McCreddie, Jonathan Davenport, Josh Richards, Kyle Larson, Dave Hess and Mike Spatola.

The Williams Grove 410 sprint cars will be returning to action on Friday after a week off.

Teenager Devin Borden is the most recent winner after taking the Billy Kimmel Memorial on August 6.

Fayetteville's Lance Dewease currently holds a commanding 675-point lead in the chase to be the 2021 track champion.

Based in Lancaster, event sponsor Leffler Energy is a local heating, cooling and energy savings firm that keeps customers in central and eastern PA comfortable all year round.

Over the past 100 years, Leffler Energy has been serving home heating needs for oil and propane customers as well as managing AC needs while offering equipment installation and repairs.

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Adult general admission for August 20 is \$30 with youth ages 13 – 20 admitted for \$10. Kids ages 12 and under are admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

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