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They Get Younger and Younger

The new wave of talent in NASCAR is younger than ever. So is the current wave of retirees.

Forty used to be the age when drivers are hitting their peaks. Now it's a time when drivers consider moving to the television booth, a tractor or a rocking chair.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be 43 when he hangs up his helmet at the end of the season. He plans to devote his golden years to being a husband and owner of his Xfinity Series race team.

"You're wondering why I reached this decision, it's really simple," Earnhardt said. "I just wanted the opportunity to go out on my own terms."

Greg Biffle, 47, went into TV after last season. Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart, both 45, also are retired. Carl Edwards, now 37, left to spend his time planting soybeans on his Missouri ranch and playing father and husband.

Since 2006, nine drivers 40 or older have combined to win 63 of the last 325 races. That compares to 64 combined victories by Bobby Allison and Dale Earnhardt after their 40th birthdays.

At 45, Matt Kenseth was the oldest fulltime driver in last Saturday's race at the Kansas Speedway. There were only four fulltime drivers 40 or older – Kenseth, Earnhardt Jr., Kevin Harvick and Jimmie Johnson – at Kansas, along with Derrike Cope, 58, and Carl Long, 49, who only make infrequent appearances.

There were 14 drivers 40 or older at the 2006 Daytona 500.

There are many reasons why drivers are leaving at a much younger age. Unlike generations before them, most were quickly able to amass wealth that will sustain their lifestyles long after their retirements.

The posted career winnings of Edwards, Biffle, Gordon and Stewart is a combined \$466.2 million.

Today's generation of drivers have far more demands of their time. Sponsor appearances keep

them on the road as much as, if not more, than time at the racetrack.

"I told [wife] Amy I might slip off and run a 40-lapper at Hickory one night," he said. "So, if I'm missing on a Saturday night, she might know where I'm at."



DON COBLE

"But other than that I don't have any plans."

Earnhardt Jr.'s problems with the effects of at least three concussions – the last which forced to him miss 18 races a year ago – has drivers thinking about their health long after the sport speeds past them.

"I can stand here healthy, and that's a testament after all the racing I've done and all the stupid stuff I've done in a race car," Edwards said. "That is a true testament to NASCAR, to the tracks, to the people who have built my race cars, to my competitors, and to the drivers who have come before me who haven't been so fortunate."

"Having said that, though, it's a risky sport. I'm aware of the risks. I don't like how it feels to take the hits that we take. I'm a sharp guy and I want to be a sharp guy in 30 years."

Earnhardt Jr. is convinced the new generation that includes Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott, Daniel Suarez and Ryan Blaney, will quickly take the lead as the older guys fade away.

"In my history of being around the sport, there's kind of always been these little gaps in between everything that cycles, whether it's fashion or drivers or cars or whatever," he said. "It never really is a seamless transition from one to the next. I think that these guys that are coming in, they're really sharp and smart about how to utilize social media, how to engage with fans."

Suarez moved from Mexico six years ago to chase his dream as a NASCAR driver. Now that he's finally a rookie in the Monster Energy Cup Series, the heroes he knew are gone.

"I moved to the United States watching Carl Edwards, watching all these guys that you just mentioned, Dale Jr., Tony Stewart, Greg Biffle, and now that they are stepping away for different reasons. It's kind of sometimes hard to figure out," Suarez said.



Although Tony Stewart (right) has retired from NASCAR driving, he is still active in the MENCs garage as a car owner. Here talks with Jimmie Johnson at Kansas Speedway. (SEAN GARDNER/GETTY)

"But eventually that is going to happen for every single driver out there. It's just a process. Really no one wants this to happen, but it will happen one day." For the current generation, however, that day is coming sooner than expected.

Aric Almirola Released from Kansas Hospital

KANSAS CITY, KS - Aric Almirola, driver of the No. 43 Richard Petty Motorsports Ford, has been released from a local Kansas hospital and flew back to his home in Mooresville, N.C.

Almirola suffered a compression fracture to his T5 Vertebra after a multi-car accident at Kansas Speedway Saturday night. Almirola is mobile and will follow-up with his doctors in Charlotte.

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Something for Everyone

After months of anticipation, it's finally here! Charlotte Motor Speedway's "10 Days of NASCAR Thunder" begins this week. From May 19 - 28, Charlotte Motor Speedway and the surrounding area will be the NASCAR

fan headquarters.

Not only will five different races be held during the ten days at Charlotte Motor Speedway (CMS), but numerous activities and fan events will be held "off track" to entertain the thousands of race fans. Let's take a look at the "10 Days of NASCAR Thunder" schedule.

The first event will be the Haulers on Union presented by Freightliner on Thursday, May 18th in Concord, North Carolina. Starting at 5 p.m., locals and NASCAR fans will watch 30 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series haulers travel down Union Street in Concord in route to Charlotte Motor Speedway. Along with the hauler parade, a party in the streets featuring live music from the Chairmen of the Board and The Entertainers will highlight the evening. Activities for kids, food trucks, race car displays, and various giveaways will help kick off the 600 Festival.

Action begins at CMS begins on Friday, May 19th with qualifying for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race and the Monster Energy Open. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will compete on the 1.5-mile track in the North Carolina Education Lottery 200 later that evening. In the Fan Zone at CMS, an autograph session featuring UFC Champion Tito Ortiz and former PRIDE and STRIKEFORCE titleholder Dan Henderson will take place from 3-4 p.m. at the Monster Energy display.

Saturday, May 20th is full of action, on and off the track. A Justin Moore concert will entertain fans along with an appearance of Bellator MMA for pre-race ceremonies. The mixed martial arts lineup will consist of four MMA bouts featuring some of the best regional talent. On track racing consists of the Monster Energy Open with the three stage winners advancing to

the Monster Energy All-Star Race. The highlight of the evening will be the four-stage All-Star race with the winner taking home a cool one million dollars. Twenty drivers will start, but only ten will compete in the final ten lap stage for the million dollar prize.



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On Tuesday, May 23rd, the Little 600 will be held at the GoPro Motorplex in Mooresville, North Carolina. Some of NASCAR's biggest stars battle for bragging rights with a rental fleet of go-karts. Action

begins at 5 p.m. and will include a NASCAR spotters race along with a Future Stars race for young karters 8-12 years old. Last year, Darrell Wallace Jr. passed Kyle Larson in a five-wide drag race to the finish to score the Little 600 victory.

The Circle K Speed Street presented by Coca-Cola will begin on Thursday, May 25 and continue until Saturday, May 27. From noon to 11 p.m. each day, the streets of uptown Charlotte will provide live entertainment, giveaways, interactive displays, vendors, kid's activities, show cars, and race-related fun for the entire family. Local, regional, and nation headliners will perform on the Coca-Cola stage each night. Tickets are available for the three nights of live entertainment, with all other activities free.

Also on the 25th is the PNC Speed Street 5K. Winding through the streets of uptown Charlotte, the twilight 5K will support the Speedway Children's Charities. The 5K will begin at 8 p.m. and also include a post-party featuring DJ Jazzy Jeff, DJs Wiggs N Wonz, and DJ AHuf.

Qualifying for the Coca-Cola 600 will highlight on-track action on the 25th at CMS. LiftMaster Pole Night always sets the tone for a fantastic weekend of racing for the XFINITY and Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

The racing action shifts across the street from the 1.5-mile CMS to The Dirt at Charlotte on Friday, May 26th. The Outlaw Showdown will feature the World of Outlaws competitors in a night of fast-paced, dirt track action.

Saturday, May 27th, will feature XFINITY qualifying and the Hisense 4K TV 300 for the NASCAR XFINITY Series. Always

an exciting blend of XFINITY regulars and Cup stars, the 300 has traditionally been one of the most competitive races during the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder.

The 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder at Charlotte Motor Speedway comes to a close with the longest race in NASCAR, the Coca-Cola 600, on Sunday, May 28th. As exciting as the Coke 600 is, the pre-race entertainment is always a highlight of the weekend. This year is no exception with Big & Rich performing prior to a concert by the legendary Lynyrd Skynyrd. A Patriotic salute honoring Memorial Day is a Coke 600 tradition at CMS and holds special meaning for race fans, drivers, teams, and crews.

Along with these activities at Charlotte Motor Speedway and up-

town Charlotte, many race teams headquartered in or near the Charlotte area host their own "open house" days with driver autograph opportunities as well as shop tours. Check with your favorite team for days and time of their "open house" activities.

Race fans, the "10 Days of NASCAR Thunder" set to begin in Charlotte provides the greatest opportunity to enjoy our sport and its stars on multiple levels and venues during the season. From dirt track racing, go kart action, Speed Street, great music concerts, and the opportunity to watch the Camping World Truck, XFINITY, and Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races – all in a ten day period – the next two weeks is a "must" for any motorsports fan.

NASCAR Adds Fourth Stage to Coca-Cola 600 More Moments, More Excitement Set for a Crown Jewel of NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – NASCAR today announced the addition of a fourth stage to the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, an update that will provide fans with yet another opportunity for a memorable moment in a season already filled with them. The four stages in the 400-lap race will be uniformly set at 100 laps apiece.

The Coca-Cola 600 has a storied legacy of history-making moments, from career-first victories for the likes of David Pearson and Jeff Gordon, to record-setting runs like Martin Truex Jr.'s breathtaking performance in last year's edition.

And now, there's a distinct possibility for more.

"The stage racing format is delivering more dramatic moments over an entire race, fueling tremendous racing action this season," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing development officer. "With a fourth stage added to the Coca-Cola 600, the historic event will have another layer of strategy for teams, and even more excitement within the race for fans."

"For 58 years, the Coca-Cola 600 has been a crown jewel on the NASCAR circuit because it presents unique challenges that don't exist in any other race. The distance is greater. The test

of endurance is greater. The challenge of adjusting to the track surface from hot to cool puts more pressure on crew chiefs and pit crews," said Marcus Smith, president and chief operating officer of Speedway Motorsports, Inc. "It's only fitting that teams have an opportunity to be rewarded for the extra effort required to win at the 600. An additional stage win and that extra playoff point in May could be critical for playoff success in the fall."

Coca-Cola 600 tickets for adults start at just \$49 while kids 13 and under get in for \$10. Tickets, camping and upgrades for every 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder event are available at the gates, by visiting charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets or calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

If you can't make it to the track, tune-in to Saturday's Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race at 8 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio, and the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday, May 28, at 6 p.m. ET on FOX, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.



Truex Ends Kansas Speedway Jinx

By REID SPENCER
KANSAS CITY, KS - Martin Truex Jr. finally ended his Kansas hex.

Truex streaked away on the final restart with two laps left in Saturday night's Go Bowling 400 to win his first Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway.

Truex led a race-high 104 of 267 laps to win for the ninth time in his career and for the second time this season. Three times in the past, Truex had led the most laps in a Kansas race—without winning.

But on this Saturday, Truex had the speed and the closing power. On successive restarts at the end of the race, which produced an event-record-tying 15 cautions, Truex jumped in front of polesitter Ryan Blaney and stayed at the head of the pack.

Brad Keselowski rallied from two laps down to finish second, followed by Kevin Harvick, Blaney and Kyle Busch. Series leader Kyle Larson came home sixth.

"It feels great," Truex said. "It's definitely been a thorn in our side. That's for sure. You know for years and years even, before I was with this (Furniture Row) team, for whatever reason we always ran good here and never could close the deal.

"Proud to get these guys back in victory lane. This is our home race track -- the guys from Colorado. Appreciate all the fans. We got a lot of fans from Colorado here today. I

met a bunch of them before the race and hopefully they're all psyched."

But the race wasn't just about elation. There was a sobering aspect, too. One lap after Truex took the lead from Blaney on a restart following the 10th caution, a Lap 200 wreck stopped the action.

As Joey Logano and Danica Patrick were racing through Turns 1 and 2, battling for the 12th position, Logano's No. 22 Ford suddenly snapped to the left, turning Patrick's No. 10 Ford hard into the outside wall.

Patrick's car erupted in flames, and she and Logano rode the outside wall until, a moment later, Aric Almirola's No. 43 Ford barreled into the wreck.

NASCAR stopped the race while safety workers cut the roof off Almirola's Fusion and extricated him from the car. They placed Almirola on a backboard and rolled him to a waiting ambulance on a gurney. Almirola was airlifted to the University of Kansas Medical Center for observation.

Logano was unhurt but visibly shaken when he exited the infield care center.

"Yeah, I'm OK," Logano said. "Just saying a lot of prayers for Aric right now. A lot of us took a hard hit. Something broke on my car. I don't know what it was. I noticed it as I was trying to go in (to Turn 1). I tried to back it off but you're going 215 (mph) and it's hard to check up. The car just took a big step sideways into the corner and I hooked Danica.

"You can see the right front (tire) popped," Logano added as he



Ryan Truex Jr. celebrates in Kansas Speedway's victory lane after winning the Go Bowling 400 Saturday night. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

watched a video replay. "I just hope everyone is OK. I hope Aric is all right. That's the last thing you want to see, a big hit like that for anyone. It's unfortunate for everyone. Let's hope that Aric is all right."

In Patrick's case, the accident ruined her most promising run of the season and left her bemoaning her ill fortune.

"We were having a really good race and having fun out there and had a lot of speed," Patrick said. "I kind of felt like Wonder Woman (one of her sponsors) for a little while. All I know is that I all of a sud-

den crashed. ...

"When he said he had a failure, I can't say it made me feel that much better in the moment. I'm just frustrated for the lack of breaks I get. It seems like every time things are going better and something happens, I get crashed or am in a crash."

After the accident, the race was red-flagged for 27 minutes, 41 seconds for track cleanup, and Truex and Blaney subsequently traded the lead. Blaney liked his chances after beating Truex off pit road under the 13th caution on Lap 245.

But Truex got a huge launch to the outside of the polesitter and quickly pulled ahead.

"I felt that we had a great short run car tonight, and I thought that was going to play right into our hands at the end," said Blaney, who led 83 laps. "The 78 (Truex) got us on that restart somehow. I don't know.

"I was super loose there on the last restarts, and the 78 got me spinning my tires a little bit. It kind of stinks. I think that it says a lot about this team to go out and lead some laps and go have a shot at winning races."

NOTE: Larson left Kansas with a 44-point edge over Truex in the series standings, with Keselowski 67 points back in third.



Martin Truex Jr. (78) and Ryan Blaney (21) square off for a restart late in the race. (RUSSELL LABOUNTY/NKP photo)

Stroke of Luck Propels Kyle Busch to Truck Series Win at Kansas

By REID SPENCER

KANSAS CITY, KS - Kyle Busch didn't do a celebratory burnout when he won Friday night's Toyota Tundra 250 at Kansas Speedway.

He didn't do his customary bow after notching his 47th victory in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series.

Heartbreak for Ben Rhodes, who was leading by more than a second when his engine expired with eight laps left, provided the stroke of serendipity that launched Busch into Victory Lane.

And Busch knew it.

"That's one of the worst ones to swallow right there, for sure," Busch said of Rhodes' misfortune. "I didn't do a burnout or nothing like that. I just got the checkered flag for our group of guys at Kyle Busch Motorsports.

"Ben Rhodes had that race won. That one was his. I tried everything I could to try to chase him back down.

"I just didn't have enough speed in our Tundra tonight—it was fast, but his was a little bit faster than

ours."

Busch won for the second time at Kansas, having also triumphed in his most recent previous start at the speedway in 2014.

Three laps after a restart on Lap 139 of 167, Rhodes won a sustained side-by-side battle against Busch and pulled ahead. Rhodes stretched the advantage to as much as 1.4 seconds before a piece of debris shot through the grille of his No. 27 Toyota and torpedoed the engine.

Rhodes, who was driving a chassis built by Kyle Busch's Rowdy Manufacturing with a body made by KBM, took his truck to the garage and retired in 23rd place.

"We ran with the best tonight," a chagrined Rhodes said after the race. "Our Safelite Tundra had speed all night long. We did everything right, but Ben Rhodes has a curse on his back or something, because something always goes wrong.

"A piece of debris went through the grille into the radiator and blew up the motor... It's just crazy that something always goes wrong with our (ThorSport) team. We do everything right—we just can't pull one off. We've been trying for years



Kyle Busch, driver of the #51 Cessna Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane with his first truck win of 2017 after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Toyota Tundra 250 at Kansas Speedway. (SARAH CRABILL/GETTY IMAGES photo)

and years."

Rhodes, of course, is only 20 years old and has just 31 career starts in the Truck Series.

Johnny Sauter ran second and retained the series lead by two points over polesitter Christopher Bell, who was trapped a lap down after pitting on Lap 123 when the 10th caution of the race on Lap 127 interrupted the pit sequence.

Busch had just left pit road when the yellow flag flew. The caution

kept him on the lead lap, and he cycled back into the lead when the rest of the contenders came to pit road on Lap 128.

But Busch lost the top spot to Rhodes after the 11th caution for Matt Crafton's spin through the infield grass, and Rhodes pulled away while Busch and third-place finisher John Hunter Nemechek were battling for second place.

Bell came home fourth, followed by Chase Briscoe and Brett Moffitt.



Kyle Busch (51), leads Ben Rhodes (27) during the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Toyota Tundra 250 at Kansas Speedway before Rhodes had a blown engine. (BEN TROTSMAN/GETTY IMAGES photo)

Solomito Muscles Way to Langley Victory

HAMPTON, VA - Timmy Solomito muscled his way past Doug Coby with seven laps to go to score the victory in Saturday night's City of Hampton 150 at Larry King Law's Langley Speedway – his second victory of the season in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour.

Coby had dominated much of the event, leading all but six laps, but Solomito closed in on him in the closing stages of the 150 lap race at the .396-mile oval in Hampton, Virginia. When Solomito finally got to Coby's rear bumper, he began to press the issue, looking to the inside and the outside and repeatedly giving shots to Coby. With seven laps to go, and the third and fourth place cars of Max Zachem and Eric Goodale joining the battle for the win, Solomito executed the bump-and-run, which resulted in Coby spinning.

Solomito then survived a restart with two laps to go and survived overtime to clinch the win.

"I hate to race that way," Solomito said. "We had a really fast car tonight. I pressed him and tried to get him to slip up. He slipped up a few times. I showed my nose a couple times. I have a lot of respect for Doug but he's trying to win a race and I'm trying to win a race. Unfortunately, tight quarters, you're racing on a small track, I hate to win races that way but it happens, contact happens.

"Unfortunately, it's racing. It is a contact sport here and there and sometimes things happen. We didn't want that to happen but it's hard racing. Two guys going for the same piece of real estate for the win. If I could go back, would I have done anything different? Probably not. Everybody's here to win."

The win at Langley marks Solomito's second of the season. Earlier this year, he won the Whelen Modified season opener at Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Speedway and backed it up with a second-place finish at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. Despite an 11th place finish at Stafford, the strong start to the season has Solomito thinking big picture.

"We just have to keep it rolling and keep running strong and hav-

ing good finishes," Solomito remarked. "At the end of the day, every position counts. You have to play your cards right and be there at the end. You just have to finish every race. It's not always about winning as many races as you can, it's about finishing up front and running well."

Doug Coby, who led 134 laps, ended up being relegated to a 15th place finish after the contact with Solomito.

"Timmy made his car faster, and we were just a tick tighter," Coby said. "We still had a fast race car, a controllable race car. It was a good race, that's what the fans deserve to see. They don't want to see somebody walk away by a straight-away."

As Solomito closed in, Coby said he expected the race to come down to paint trading.

"I was expecting the bumper shots, the crossovers and stuff," Coby explained. "No matter what he was trying to do, if I don't give up the bottom, he can't get by me. That's short track racing. You've got the outside to go around, you've got the way bottom to go around. If I've got a fast car and I'm on the bottom, find another way around."

Eric Goodale finished in second, his best result of the season. Kyle Bonsignore finished third while Max Zachem and Justin Bonsignore rounded out the top-five.

Rob Summers, Rowan Pennink, Danny Bohn, Kyle Ebersole and Matt Swanson completed the top 10.

Solomito took over the points



Timmy Solomito celebrates in victory lane after winning the City of Hampton 150 at Langley Speedway. (Adam Glanzman/NASCAR photo)

lead with his victory, leading by nine points over Rowan Pennink following the race at Langley Speedway. Eric Goodale sits third in points while Justin Bonsignore and Max Zachem sit fourth and fifth.

The next race for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will be held at Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on June 14th.

Gilliland Leads Flag-to-Flag in Spokane

SPOKANE, WS - The rain may have tried, but Todd Gilliland owned the night at Spokane County Raceway.

Starting from pole for the sixth consecutive week, Gilliland went on to lead every one of 150 laps to score his 11th career NASCAR K&N Pro Series West victory as well as his fourth consecutive win.

It was the second straight race the 16-year-old from Ford Sherrills, North Carolina, has led flag-to-flag after a dominating performance last time out at California's Irwindale Event Center.



It was a night for Todd Gilliland as he led all 150 laps to score his 11th career K&N West Series victory at Spokane. (Lindsey Wasson/NASCAR via Getty Images photo)

His Bill McAnally Racing teammate Derek Kraus was his closest competitor of the night, having multiple runs at the No. 16 NAPA Auto Parts Toyota after the first half of the 150-lap feature. Despite the potential, the 15-year-old Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate came home second, tying his best career finish in the series.

Though it didn't affect Gilliland, the weather had quite the impact on the day's on-track events. Delaying the start of the race by nearly two hours, the race did not go green until the cars turned 102 laps behind the pace truck as a last ditch effort to dry the racing surface.

Stopping for fuel before the green, it was the Gilliland show from there on.

Behind the reigning champion, however, was some close competition and tough breaks for his competitors. A crash on Lap 14 with Blaine Perkins and Rich DeLong III brought out the race's first of two red flag periods. The second was due to a puddle of water dropped by one of the safety trucks during the cleanup.

Following the lengthy rain delay, the race didn't see the checkered flag until well after midnight on the West Coast.

Chris Eggleston came home third while Garrett Archer and Michael Self finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Nicole Behar, Julia Landauer, Owen Riddle, Braeden Havens and Kody Vanderwal rounded out the top 10.

The Toyota/NAPA Auto Parts 150 from Spokane County Raceway will air on NBCSN Thursday, May 18 at 10 p.m. PT.

The NASCAR K&N Pro Series West will be back in action Saturday, May 20 at California's Orange Show Speedway with the Orange Show 150. The green flag is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. PT.

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PASS Releases Entry Form And Schedule For MegaMeltdown at Hickory

NAPLES, ME - Pro All Stars Series (PASS) officials announced today that Super Late Model entry forms and the complete weekend schedule for November's Mason-Dixon MegaMeltdown 300 at Hickory Motor Speedway are now available online at ProAllStarsSeries.com. The MegaMeltdown will go green on Saturday

afternoon, November 18 at 3 PM and will serve as the final race of 2017, crowning both the PASS National Champion and PASS South Super Late Model Champion. Teams can save money towards their entry with an early entry discount available until August 1.

The Mason-Dixon MegaMeltdown 300 will be bigger than ever in 2017, featuring more laps, more money, and the chance for teams to employ pit strategy. The PASS

Super Late Models will compete for 300 green flag laps, with \$15,000 up for grabs for the winner and \$1000 to start. With additional lap leader bonus money, the winner could take home over \$22,000.

Teams will also have the opportunity to make live pit stops during the course of the event and will have the option to change up to six tires throughout the race. Since caution laps will not count, teams can avoid the pressure of having to bring in "specialized" pit crews. The Mason-Dixon MegaMeltdown 300 continues to build on PASS's rich history of racing Super Late Models in the south, which has seen this event, originally billed as

the Meltdown starting in 2006, held at such tracks as South Boston Speedway, Concord Speedway, and Southern National Motorsports Park.

"The Meltdown started a number of years ago and we're excited to bring this expanded version to Hickory in 2017," said PASS President Tom Mayberry. "The new MegaMeltdown provides us the opportunity to have an Oxford 250-style event in the south, which will pay big money across the board."

Visit ProAllStarsSeries.com for more information and don't forget to "Like" the Pro All Stars Series on Facebook or follow us on Twitter at @PASSSLM14.

CRA Announces Return of the \$100,000 Super Late Model Triple Crown

SALEM, IN - Champion Racing Association Powered by JEGS officials announced today the return of the JEGS/CRA \$100,000 Super Late Model Triple Crown for the 2017 season. The three premier events for the ARCA/CRA Super Series Powered by JEGS will once again take center stage in the Triple Crown. The events will include the Redbud 400 at Anderson Speedway, the Battle at Berlin 251 at

Berlin Raceway, and the 46th Annual Winchester 400 at the famed Winchester Speedway.

Any eligible driver who can win all three Triple Crown events will receive a \$100,000 bonus. Any eligible driver who wins two Triple Crown events will receive a \$10,000 bonus. If no driver wins two of the Triple Crown events, the driver who accumulates the most points during those three events will receive a \$5,000 bonus and the title of Champion of the JEGS/CRA \$100,000 Super Late Model Triple Crown.

There were some eligibility

changes in the program that started last season in order to continue to make the Triple Crown a real benefit to grassroots racers. The only drivers who would NOT be eligible for the season's end bonus awards are the drivers who have competed in more than 1/2 the races in any one season in NASCAR's top three levels in any previous year, or will have by the end of 2017. As before, a driver must also be present and attempt to make the field in all three of the Triple Crown events to be eligible for any of the bonuses.

"The JEGS/CRA \$100,000 Super Late Model Triple Crown has created a lot of excitement and interest the last four seasons and especially with Erik winning the \$100,000 in 2015," noted CRA Managing Partner Glenn Lockett, "Nobody's had the opportunity to

win that kind of money at our level in a long time. It gives a racer a shot at a huge payday. A special thanks to JEGS and the three tracks involved for giving someone that opportunity again this season!"

The first Triple Crown event for the 2017 season will be the Redbud 400 at Anderson Speedway on Saturday, June 24th. The second leg of the Triple Crown will be the Battle at Berlin 251 at Berlin Raceway on Saturday, August 26th. The third and final leg, where the Triple Crown Champion will be crowned, will be the Winchester 400 at Winchester Speedway on October 8th.

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Price-Miller Captures First Career Victory at Tri-State Speedway

HAUBSTADT, IN - All the stars aligned at Tri-State Speedway for Parker Price-Miller. Inheriting the lead on Lap 18 after Sheldon Haundenschild ran into a slower car in lap traffic, causing him to do a complete 360, Price-Miller had to endure challenges from last year's Tri-State

Speedway winner, David Gravel. Meticulously working his way through lap traffic, Price-Miller picked the best lanes and would go on to win his first career World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series race.

Starting the season out at DIRT-car National at Volusia Speedway Park in February and continuing with the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series tour through mid-April, before eventually dropping off full-time, Price-Miller knew it was going to be a steep-learning curve.

"We knew going into the season we were going to get our butt-kicked," Price-Miller said about starting the season with the World of Outlaws. "But this was going to make us better as a team. This surely has paid off making me better as driver, getting our car better and making us overall better as a unit."

Price-Miller has shown speed over the last several weeks, having earned fast qualifier at Plymouth Speedway. Entering the special Mother's Day race at Tri-State Speedway, Price-Miller's career best Outlaw finish was a third-place, coming at Tri-State Speedway in 2016.

"I can't explain how I feel right now. Whenever you can get an Outlaw win you take it. Whether it's on a slick, heavy, small or big [track]."

CJB Motorsports entered Tri-State Speedway as the team everyone was looking to knock off. Each of the last three-years, the team has made trips down to Victory Lane at the high-banked quarter-mile speedway. 2016 winner, already a five-time winner in the 2017 World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series season was poised to continue the team's win streak at the Haubstadt, IN-track.

Starting from the pole for the

evenings 40-lap feature, David Gravel quickly shot out to an early lead. It wasn't long before he was being challenged by 2017 Kevin Gobrecht Rookie-of-the-Year contender, Sheldon Haundenschild. Haundenschild on the top-side of the race track worked his way by Gravel and rocketed out to a commanding lead.

"I knew Sheldon was going to have a [quick] pace and it was a 40-lap race so I was going to let him do what he wanted to do and wait for lap traffic and catch back up," Gravel said.

While Haundenschild was checking out with the race lead, the battle for second heated up with Price-Miller forcing the issue on Gravel. Just shy of the half-way mark Price-Miller was able to get by Gravel for the second position.

It was on Lap 18 when Haundenschild was working his way through lap traffic that he got tangled up with a slower car, sending him into a complete 360-spin dropping the young rookie back in the running order. The yellow flag would eventually come out for a stopped car in Turn 1.

Taking over the lead for the restart and getting the jump, Price-Miller went right back to the top-side of the track. Setting sail from the rest of the field, Price-Miller had the first opportunity to pick his way through traffic.

With under 10-laps to go and in heavy traffic, Gravel starting to close the gap on Price-Miller; setting up the reigning race winner with a chance to go back-to-back at Tri-State Speedway.

"Sheldon [Haudenschild] and Parker [Price-Miller] could really run the cushion pretty aggressively. In open track they're were faster. In open track I think they had us beat but in traffic I thought I could run the bottom and we were pretty good."

Price-Miller seemed to be able to point his No. 2X machine wherever he wanted, eventually steering him clear of the lap traffic and runner-up finisher, David Gravel en route to his first World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory.

"When you've never won an Outlaw race and you're leading, you just go as hard as you can and that's what I did. Luckily we pulled it off."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series kicks off another busy week with a stop at Lincoln Speedway on Wednesday, May 17 before heading to Williams Grove for a doubleheader on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21. The Series will then make the trek north to Weedsport Speedway to close out the week of racing on Sunday, May 22. For tickets, visit WorldofOutlaws.com/Tickets.

#15 Scores #9 on Night 2 of #LetsRaceTwo

ROSSBURG, OH - Eight-time World of Outlaws Champion and current points leader Donny Schatz

scored his ninth season win on the second and final night of #LetsRaceTwo at Eldora Speedway, leading all 30 laps into the checkers. Behind him, a fierce battle for second and third ensued, in which Outlaws Brad Sweet and Jason Johnson ultimately lost out to Ohio-native Chad Kemenah and the much-loved Rico Abreu.

World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series Rookie of the Year contender Sheldon Haundenschild - quite popular at the track given the loud applause heard from fans - started in second next to Schatz, but fell back almost immediately with Brad Sweet and Jason Johnson battling for second. Heading into Lap 12, however, Kemenah, who had been dilligently working his way up from eighth, stole third from Johnson and started pressing on Sweet.

A Lap 20 restart after Shane Stewart slapped the wall in Turn 4, ending the night for the Larson Marks Racing #2 car, gave Kemenah a brief opportunity to battle Schatz for the lead, but the reigning champ pulled ahead and maintained a strong lead throughout the race.

"That's not me; that's this race team," said Schatz. "These guys are incredible. They're all capable of being crew chiefs on this car. They feed off each other. Sometimes I don't give the best information. I try to do my best job, but some days I'm racing Lap 29 and they're trying to figure out how to start the race. It's just lucky to be around great people like that. It's
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fun to get a win, especially here at Eldora."

Unlike the previous night, in which the Craftsman Club Dash inversion pushed Schatz back into position seven from the second spot and put Johnson on the pole, the Tony Stewart/Curb-Agajanian Racing driver got lucky with an invert of six that put him on the pole after a less than stellar start to the day,

while Tim Shaffer got pushed all the way to the back after earning the pole.

Oddly, no driver visited Victory Lane twice during the two-day event at the famed half-mile oval, and spectators witnessed two very different nights of racing at the 'Big E'. The bottom was slicker, and the track was faster overall, allowing Shaffer to score a qualifying Quick Time of 12.915, not far from the 12.707-second track record established by Craig Dollansky on April 13, 2002. And despite Schatz's win, he remained the only Outlaw in Victory Lane.

"We'll take second against these guys," said Kemenah from Victory Lane. "You know, they are the best."

But this wasn't Kemenah's first trip there during #LetsRaceTwo. Last year, he followed Kerry Madsen into the checkers for another second place win. "This is really good," said the Alvada, Ohio native. "Two years in a row now I ran second in this thing, so I need one more."

Logan Schuchart Scores His First-Ever Eldora Speedway Win

ROSSBURG, OH - Logan Schuchart scored his first-ever Eldora Speedway win Friday night during the #LetsRaceTwo opener, battling Eldora veteran Shane Stewart for the lead from laps eight through 12, after which Schuchart retained it for the remaining 18 laps to secure his fourth career World of Outlaws win and second win this season.

"It's the place you always want to win at," said the Shark Racing 1s driver about Eldora after his win. "As a little kid I dreamt about being a World of Outlaws driver. Eldora, with all the history behind it, it's really cool. My grandfather won the



Donny Schatz celebrates his ninth win of the season in victory lane at Eldora Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

first Outlaw race here in '78, so being able to win this race with him by my side is really cool. I hope it means something for July. My grandfather won the Knoxville Nationals. He won the Williams Grove National Open. But nobody won the Kings Royal, so that's a race I really want to run well in, and this is where you get your notes and stuff. To win tonight, hopefully that means something for the next couple races in the next couple months."

Schuchart's win emerged from a field of 35 cars, a third of them Ohio natives. But the night went to the Outlaws. Following Schuchart into Victory Lane were fellow Outlaws Stewart and Brad Sweet. Quick-time went to Outlaw Jason Sides, the very first driver to qualify. Three of the four heat races went to Outlaws - the fourth going to Aliquippa, PA-native Tim Shaffer. The Dash went to Outlaw Jason Johnson. And all four that transferred from the Last Chance Showdown were Outlaws as well, with Kraig Kinser in the lead.

Meanwhile, Alvada, OH-native Chad Kemenah, who came in second on both nights of last year's #LetsRaceTwo, failed to make the Feature. And last year's winner, Kerry Madsen, was noticeably absent.

Initially, it was looking like a pretty good day for Jason Johnson, who started the Feature on the pole after winning the Craftsman Club Dash, which he also started on the pole after a full-field inversion stemming from a Dash draw of eight. But Stewart managed to steal Johnson's lead in lap seven, after which Johnson fell back and was overtaken by Sweet and points leader Donny Schatz, who had worked their way up from positions nine and seven respectively.

After qualifying in third and win-

ning Heat 3, Schuchart started the Feature in the third row (fifth position) and jumped to third at the onset of the race. But when Stewart stole the lead from Johnson, the battle between Stewart and Schuchart was on. In lap nine, Schuchart finally took the lead from the JJR-Marshall 41, only to lose it again on a restart after a red flag on Ohio natives Trevor Philo and Jac Haudenschild, who collided outside turn one when Philo bounced off the wall. Three laps later, Schuchart took back his lead and held it through the checkers.

It was a night of celebration for Shark Racing, but not so much for Philo and J Haudenschild, who were both transported to a local hospital for further examination.

Haudenschild, an Eldora veteran with six World of Outlaws wins and five USAC wins at the track, was there with his son and rookie Outlaw, Sheldon. According to a tweet from Haudenschild Racing, "Sheldon spoke to Jac, he's ready to leave the hospital and is insistent on racing tomorrow."

Outlaws Return to 'The Hub of Racing'

CONCORD, NC - No city is more synonymous with auto racing than Charlotte, NC. On Friday, May 26, The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway will host the World of Outlaws Craftsman® Sprint Car Series for the 16th time, giving one driver the opportunity to say he won at Charlotte alongside the best in the industry.

Having earned the nickname 'The Hub of Racing', Charlotte, NC is home to many racing heroes, including numerous NASCAR teams and two full-time World of Outlaws teams: Larson Marks Racing and Kasey Kahne Racing.

The grueling World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series 93-race schedule crisscrosses the country from Florida to California, working its way back east, then up into Canada and other places in between before making it to North Carolina. The Outlaws have up to four events a week this season, and for many drivers and crew that

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Logan Schuchart climbs from his car in victory lane at Eldora Speedway after his first ever win there. (Paul Arch photo)

Mike Marlar on a Mission at Duck River Raceway Park

WHEEL, TN - The World of Outlaws Craftsman® Late Model Series wrapped up a two-day swing through Tennessee at Duck River Raceway Park on Mother's Day. Tennessee-native Mike Marlar wheeled his way to victory lane to claim his second-ever Series win.

"I love racing with the World of Outlaws," said Marlar. "I don't get to do it a lot but when they come to Tennessee or sometimes I will venture out and go racing with them. They are an awesome group of guys to race with... It's fun to go racing at a top level like this."

Marlar drove throughout the night after a racing in Illinois to take on the Outlaws in his home state. Luckily for him, the long haul paid off; \$10,000 to be exact.

Marlar scored second in his heat race which put him in the redraw for the feature event. He then drew a fourth position start which would place him on the outside of the second row surrounded by Series young guns Brandon Sheppard, Devin Moran and Tyler Erb.

Brandon Sheppard was able to gain an early lead over the field stretching the distance to 1.589 seconds by lap 15. The action ensued for second between Marlar and Moran until Moran got a right rear flat sending him to the pits on lap 23. The caution for Moran allowed for the field to reset ultimately shutting the door on Sheppard's lead. Using his knowledge of the track to his advantage, Marlar began trying different lines to outrun the Rocket1 machine and on lap 35 he made the pass for the win. Marlar's last win with the Series was in 2014 at Tazewell Speedway.

"I'm pretty happy with our finish but I know in my head that I probably gave that race up," said Sheppard. "Mike did a really good job and he out did me there basically. I stayed in the same line and he kind of knew exactly where I was going to go and used it to his advantage. He got down in front of me on the front stretch here and I should have known it was time to start moving around a little bit."

The World of Outlaws Craftsman Late Model Series has seen nine different drivers appear in Victory

Lane out 12 Series races this season. Next up for the Series will be three nights of action in Ohio at Atomic Speedway on May 26, Wayne County Speedway on May 27 and Tyler County Speedway on May 28.

Overton Outruns Outlaws at Smoky Mountain Speedway

MARYVILLE, T.N - Brandon Overton claimed his second-ever World of Outlaw Craftsman® Late Model Series win at Smoky Mountain Speedway. For the redraw six kids from the crowd were selected to draw the drivers starting positions. Luckily for Overton the Craftsman wrench that was picked was a number two, putting him outside of pole-sitter, Brandon Sheppard.

Sheppard held on to the lead for the first 19 laps of the race, despite



Mike Marlar celebrates in victory lane at Duck River Raceway. (twitter.com/WoOLateModels photo)

two cautions which reset the field giving Overton the chance to jump the chain. On lap 19 Overton maneuvered to the top of the track between turns three and four which gave him the much-needed momentum to finally pass the Rocket 1 machine. By lap 30 Overton was able to create nearly a three second lead over Sheppard and the

rest of the field.

The battle then ensued for second between Sheppard, Shane Clanton and Chris Madden who ran bumper-to-bumper and door-to-door for the remaining laps. It was ultimately Madden and Clanton who found their way to the podium.

"I knew Sheppard had that thing rolling there at the beginning and I was just trying not to burn my tires up," said Overton. "I waited until an opportunity came right there in lap traffic. I knew we had a good car, I just didn't want to abuse it early."

Overton's first-ever Outlaw win was during his sophomore season with the Series at Lernerville Speedway for the first night of the Firecracker 100. He was emotional in Victory Lane as he gave thanks to his father for helping support his dreams.

This time around, Overton was all smiles as he drove Randy Weaver's 116 Dream Ride into Victory Lane after he was able to outrun the Outlaws.



Brandon Overton raced his way to victory lane at Smoky Mountain Speedway. (twitter.com/WoOLateModels photo)

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means not seeing family from February's legendary DIRTcar Nationals in Florida until whenever the Series nears their hometowns. For Larson Marks Racing and Kasey Kahne Racing this only happens twice a year: during the May Outlaw Showdown, and of course, World Finals.

Charlotte is an elite track that most drivers have circled on their list of "most wanted" trips to Victory Lane. There's nothing sweeter than winning at a place that holds so much history and es-

teem, etching your name next to racing idols that have also won at Charlotte, whether at the 1.5-mile speedway or at the dirt track.

Last year, 2016 Kevin Gobrecht Rookie-of-the-Year winner Greg Wilson put on a thrilling show, passing Larson Marks Racing's Shane Stewart on the last lap. Having started in fifth position, Wilson masterfully closed the gap on the leaders and passed two cars in the final laps to capture his second career World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Car Series victory.

"I've never dreamt in my wildest dreams that I would ever get this opportunity," Greg Wilson said following his 2016 win at The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "I have been blessed to run with the World of Outlaws. To do this in Charlotte, in front of all these

fans, this is badass, and that's all there is to it!"

Alongside NASCAR greats like Dale Earnhardt, Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough and "Junior" Johnson, and World of Outlaws greats Donny Schatz, Sammy Swindell, Steve Kinser and Joey Saldana, Wilson's name will be forever cemented into history for his Charlotte win.

Sixteen full-time World of Outlaw drivers, along with many other invaders will be vying to add their names to the list of drivers that have won an event at Charlotte at the end of the month.

Tickets for the Circle K NOS Energy Outlaw Showdown at The Dirt Track at Charlotte Motor Speedway can be purchased at CharlotteMotorSpeedway.com. For more information visit WoOSprint.com.

Carson Short Races to Victory in Midwest Madness

HAUBSTADT, IN - "Midwest Madness" thrived at Tri-State Speedway Saturday night. The Midwest Sprint Car Series shared the spotlight with the winged sprint cars of the Midwest Open Wheel Association. It was an all sprint car program with all out racing and lots of action for the spectators to watch.

The 25 lap MSCS Sprint Car feature was a battle with the dynamic duo of Brady Short and Carson Short leading the pack and challenging for the lead at every opportunity the quick quarter mile of turns provided.

Carson Short would win his second career feature at the speedway and first in MSCS sanctioned competition.

Carson Short had a perfect night

in MSCS competition. He set the overall fast time during group qualifying with a 13.427 seconds. He also won his heat race. And how did it feel in winning the feature?

"Pretty good! I didn't look back. I am sure Brady was on my tail. It takes a lot to get everything right."

For this race the efforts of the Marion, IL, driver and crew was perfect! The RCM Motorsports DRC, Spec powered sprinter is sponsored by Bass Restoration and owned by Richard Short.

Brady Short would eventually find himself in heavier lapped traffic to record a second place finish. Former MSCS Rookie of the Year Brandon Morin claimed third with an exceptional run that gave him that podium finish.

Morin also won the first heat. Kyle Cummins improved spot after spot after starting twelfth to finish fourth in the feature. Chet Williams held on in a battle for the final top five spot.

Brian Karraker rode to a sixth place finish in his first MSCS appearance of the year. Following in order were Brandon Mattox, James Lyerla, Ben Knight, and Doc Wallace.

Jadon Rogers would claim the Wilwood Tuff Brakes Award in recovering from an early race spin in turn two to finish 11th.

James Lyerla started last on the field and raced up to an eighth place finish to claim the Keizer Aluminum Wheels Hard Charger of the Race Award. That effort was made possible following repairs to the car between the heat and the feature. Lyerla had rolled his car over in the second heat race.

Kent Schmidt experienced an alarming incident that added instant suspense to an already exciting event. He was running fourth in the main and closing in on a top five finish when his car suddenly

stopped and erupted in flames on the front stretch. With minimal time to get out, the flames followed him as he exited the cockpit.

Apparently he avoided injury. Efforts to extinguish the stubborn fire were finally realized after the car was pulled into the infield.

Four drivers pulled double duty. MSCS drivers Carson Short and Kyle Cummins brought two cars. Dakota Jackson and Eric Perrott worked to make the changes in the pit area to race one car with both series.

MSCS will be in action twice on Memorial Day Weekend. Saturday May 27th the series will make it's second appearance of the season at the Lincoln Park Speedway in Putnamville, IN.

Then the series will return to Tri-State Speedway to race on Sunday May 28th. Features both nights pay \$2,500 to win.

Three Days. Three States. Three Big Events.

BATAVIA, OH - In the week ahead, the captivating stars of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will tackle three states in three days, with three action-packed events along the way. The nation's elite dirt late model teams are expected to challenge a strong contingent of local and regional standouts from

throughout the Midwest.

The Series will return to LaSalle Speedway in LaSalle, IL for Round No. 1 of the Hoker Trucking Spring Shootout on Thursday, May 18th. A complete show is on tap, which includes: Miller Welders Time Trials, Heat Races, B-Mains, and a 50-lap, \$10,000-to-win main event. The Open Wheel Modifieds and Sport Modifieds will also be in competition.

LaSalle Speedway is located at 578 E US Hwy 6 in LaSalle, IL. To purchase tickets or find more information on LaSalle Speedway, call (815) 223-6900 or visit: www.lasallespeedway.com.

Luxemburg Speedway in Luxemburg, WI will host the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series for the first

time on Friday, May 19th. The second round of the Spring Shootout will feature a complete program of: Miller Welders Time Trials, Heat Races, B-Mains, and a 50-lap, \$10,000-to-win main event. The Modifieds, Stock Cars and Sport Modifieds will serve as support divisions on Friday, May 19th.

Luxemburg Speedway is located at 625 3rd Street in Luxemburg, WI - just east of Green Bay. For more information, call (920) 621-3272. Also, visit: www.luxemburgspeedway.com for additional information.

Deer Creek Speedway in Spring Valley, MN will close out a thrilling weekend of racing action. The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will invade the 3/8-mile oval, which has a long history of producing some of the nation's most exciting events, on Saturday, 20th.

The NAPA North Star Nationals includes a complete program of: Miller Welders Time Trials, Heat Races, and B-Mains - highlighted by a 60-lap, \$12,000-to-win main event. The Open Wheel Modifieds will compete for \$2,000-to-win.

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Blake Hahn Wins ASCS Red River Thriller at Humboldt Speedway

HUMBOLDT, KS - Coming up just shy one year ago, Blake Hahn won a thriller of a feature event over Kyle Bellm at the Humboldt Speedway with the American Bank of Oklahoma ASCS Red River Region presented by Smiley's Racing Products.

Making the win even more impressive was Hahn's ability to control his Griffith Truck and Equipment No. 52 as it was discovered that the Jacobs Ladder was broken in several spots.

Chasing Kyle Bellm at the start, Hahn from fourth, railed the cushion of the three-eighths oval to move to the runner-up spot on the opening lap. Through a pair of early race restarts, the pair exchanged the lead several times with Hahn taking over the lead officially on Lap 6.

Gaining some breathing room before finding traffic at the race's mid-point, trouble clearing a slower machine brought Bellm back into the mix with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. in tow. With his Hoosier starting the graze the outside concrete, Hahn's night nearly ended as a small trip through the cushion slammed the No. 52 into the wall in turns three and four. On Hahn's back bumper on Lap 14, the caution flew the following lap to position a single lapped car among the top-three.

Still running just off the wall, Hahn kept pace as a line of rubber began to come into play through

turns one and two. A car width off the top, Bellm began moving his line to begin running down the No. 52. Taking the white flag, Bellm set his sights on a last lap slide job, only to have the caution bring the field back to a green, white, checkered finish.

Keeping pace with the No. 52 on the restart, it would not be enough as Hahn pocketed the night's \$2,000 winner's check. Bellm second was chased to the finish by Sam Hafertepe, Jr. with Seth Bergman fourth. Racing from 16th, Alex Sewell finished fifth with Jonathan Cornell, Sean McClelland, Johnny Herrera, Wayne Johnson, and Dustin Morgan making up the top-ten.

Reutzel Victorious In Lucas Oil ASCS KC Classic at Lakeside

KANSAS CITY, KS - Scoring his first victory of the season against the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, Aaron Reutzel out dueled defending series champion, Sam Hafertepe, Jr. in the McCarthy Auto Group KC Klassic presented by Racinboys.com.

Greeted in Victory Lane first by his son, Carson, the win is Aaron's 14th career Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour victory.

"You know, Sam and I have been able race each other clean so hats off to Sam for that. I felt the bottom was there and I was watching lapped cars as I was catching them and none of them were run-



Blake Hahn celebrates in victory lane at Humboldt Speedway with his crew after racing his way to the win over Kyle Bellm. (ASCS photo)

ning the top. I wasn't sure if it was because they couldn't run up there or not, but I finally did see a nose get under me so I went all out and that's when Sam went by me, but luckily I was able to get back by him," commented Aaron. "This a big win for my guys. We've been knocking on the door for a while to get a win."

Battling early on with Matt Covington, the pair were wheel to wheel at both ends of the four-tenths mile oval for the first three laps before the red lights blinked on for Cody Ledger who ended up going for a ride in the first two turns.

Challenging the low line on the No. 87 on the restart, Aaron was able to hold off Covington's No. 95 with Sam Hafertepe, Jr. in tow. Running the top in one and two and the hub in three and four, Aaron was able to garner some breathing room as Hafertepe moved to the runner-up spot on Lap 11.

Starting to work into slower traffic as the race moved past the half-way point, the top three were all within striking distance with the trio utilizing multiple grooves in hopes of gaining the advantage. Building his momentum, Hafertepe had the run. Rolling off the second turn, Hafertepe snagged the top spot on Lap 18. Crossing down the track, Aaron returned the move in kind as both drivers navigated the bottom side of the Speedway. Having run a diamond line to catch and pass Aaron, the change of line by Hafertepe was due to a lack of tear-offs.

As Sam explained, "I wanted to keep running the top, but it got to where I couldn't see the wall anymore and I didn't want to junk the car."

Trailing the No. 87 by 0.668 sec-

onds at the drop of the checkered flag, the win by Aaron Reutzel stopped Hafertepe's win streak at five. That ties the Texas native with "The Texan" Gary Wright who went five in a row in 2005. Sam did however set a series record as the first driver to open the season with five consecutive race wins.

Matt Covington posted his best finish of the season with a third place showing in the T&L Foundry No. 95 with Josh Baughman crossing fourth in the FK Midwest No. 17. Dustin Morgan completed the top-five in the Ark Wrecking No. 93.

Terry McCarl ran to a sixth place finish with Tony Stewart moving from 10th to seventh. Wayne Johnson was the night's CP Carrillo Hard Charger of the Night, advancing six positions to finish eighth. Danny Lasoski from 12th grabbed ninth with Johnny Herrera completing the top-ten.

With a field of 36 on hand, four Heat Races went to Josh Baughman, Sam Hafertepe, Jr., Aaron Reutzel, and Matt Covington who was the night's FSR Radiator High Point driver of the Night with his from eighth to win his Heat Race. Twin B-Features were topped by Blake Hahn and Jack Dover. Provisionals were taken by Kyle Bellm and Skylar Gee based on their owner points. A regional provisional was awarded to Danny Thoman.

The Lucas Oil ASCS National Tour presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network returns to action Memorial Day Weekend with El Paso County Raceway on Saturday, May 27 and Phillips County Raceway on Sunday, May 28.

For continued updates on the American Sprint Car Series log onto <http://www.ascsracing.com>.



Aaron Reutzel celebrates in victory lane with his family after winning at Lakeside Speedway. (Joe Orth/ASCS photo)

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Charlotte Motor Speedway is less than a week from dropping the green flag on the May 19-28 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, the sports world's most exciting 10-day period of wheel-to-wheel racing and spectacular entertainment.

Charlotte's showcase of speed and sound begins Friday with the biggest all-star weekend in sports, the Monster Energy All-Star Race on May 20, and builds to an exhilarating crescendo with the 58th running of the venerable Coca-Cola 600 – the world's ultimate test of man and machine – on May 28.

Here's a look at some things fans can't afford to miss when taking in the sensory overload that is the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder:

- **Spectacular Pre-Race Concerts:** Aside from the knock-down, drag-it-out action on the track, fans can enjoy three thrilling pre-race concerts during the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, as chart-topping singer Justin Moore kicks off the Monster Energy All-Star Race with a performance including songs from his hit album "Kinda Don't Care." Prior to the iconic Coca-Cola 600, Big & Rich take the stage before Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Lynyrd Skynyrd own the spotlight in a 70-minute concert that will bring fans of all ages to their feet.

- **Coca-Cola 600 Military Salute:** Charlotte Motor Speedway's unmatched display of Memorial Day Weekend patriotism returns this year on May 28 with a spectacular pre-race presentation of servicemen and women alongside Humvees, Howitzers, a HIMARS rocket launcher system, an M777 and a RAZOR combat vehicle. Four F-15s from Seymour Johnson AFB join an aerobatic performance by Team FasTrax Skydiving Team in an unforgettable salute to America's Armed Forces.

- **"Cars 3" Fun in the Fan Zone:** Fans can get a head start on their race day with a visit to the Fan Zone, the best place to be when the cars aren't on the track. During All-Star Race weekend, the sprawling area in front of the track gives fans of all ages a chance to enjoy an expansive "Cars 3" display featuring life-size characters including Lightning McQueen, as well as in-

teractive games and clips from the upcoming blockbuster film set to release in June. The entire 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder features live music, driver appearances, merchandise for sale and fun and games throughout the 10-acre Fan Zone.

- **No-Speed-Limit Qualifying:** Few things get the adrenaline going like the no-speed-limit qualifying that precedes the \$1 million, winner-take-all Monster Energy All-Star Race. The All-Star action heats up on Friday, May 19 with no-speed-limit qualifying, as drivers zoom down pit road at race speed for a four-tire pit stop in the only no-limits qualifying session on the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series schedule. New this year is a second round to qualifying that pits the top qualifiers in a race for the pole. The pole winner's pit crew will also be recognized as Pit Crew Champions.

- **Be a VIP with Speedway Children's Charities:** Fans can bid on exclusive experiences when they participate in the popular Speedway Children's Charities Ride of a Lifetime and VIP auctions. Ride along with the biggest names in NASCAR on a parade lap during driver introductions and bid on rare, valuable memorabilia and experiences. Place your bids now at <https://www.sccauctions.com/> to support children in need around Charlotte.

- **Dirt Roads are Open:** Racing action isn't limited to the 1.5-mile superspeedway. On May 26 – the Friday before the Coca-Cola 600 – The Dirt Track at Charlotte hosts the World of Outlaws Craftsman Sprint Cars in a dirt-flying slugfest of high-speed winged sprint cars. NASCAR luminaries including Tony Stewart, Kyle Larson and Kasey Kahne own Outlaw sprint car teams that will compete in the one-night-only event.

- **Rage in the Cage:** The adrenaline flows on and off the track this month. Regional up-and-coming MMA fighters will duel when the Monster Energy Bellator MMA Fight Series spices up the night on Saturday, May 20 in the first MMA fights ever held at Charlotte Motor Speedway. As a special primer to the Saturday-night fight card, UFC champion Tito Ortiz and former PRIDE and STRIKEFORCE titleholder Dan Henderson will sign autographs for fans at the Monster Energy display in the Fan Zone from 3-4 p.m. on Friday, May 19.

- **Fast Feet:** The female "better half" of a driver rarely gets the attention, but Charlotte Motor Speed-

way will shine the spotlight on drivers' significant others in the May 25 High Heel Dash, a unique event that will unfold prior to LiftMaster Pole Night. Participants including Performance Racing Network announcer Wendy Venturini will run 50-75 yards down pit road in high heels in a controlled sprint to see who the fastest better half on the track is among the entire field. The exciting event benefits Motor Racing Outreach and its efforts to support the community.

- **Join the Ultimate Race Day Pit Party:** Want to get even closer to the action? Purchase a Monster Energy All-Star Race pit pass and join the Pit Party on Saturday, May 20. The Race Day Pit Party lets fans rub elbows with the stars of the sport before they engage in wheel-to-wheel action on Charlotte's iconic 1.5-mile superspeedway. Before the Monster Energy All-Star Race rolls into high gear, fans will have the opportunity to take part in Q&A sessions with NASCAR personalities.

- **16,000 Square Feet of Awesome:** Charlotte Motor Speedway has a multitude of ways to entertain fans throughout the 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder, including the giant Speedway TV, a monstrous 16,000-square-foot high-definition TV situated along the backstretch. Speedway TV has revolutionized the at-track experience by providing live leaderboard updates, replays, live in-car cameras and other interactive content for fans throughout the facility. With cameras roaming the pits and the grandstands, fans might even see themselves on the 200-foot-by-80-foot behemoth. And when the action comes to a close on May 28, don't forget to renew your tickets for the exciting Bank of America 500 on Oct. 8, the final scheduled Cup Series start at Charlotte Motor Speedway for native son and 2000 All-Star Race winner Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Homestead-Miami Speedway

MIAMI, FL - "The King" is coming to Homestead-Miami Speedway! As part of a year-long celebration of his 80th birthday, seven-time Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series champion Richard Petty will be hosting a birthday party prior to the Ford EcoBoost 300 XFINITY Series championship finale on Saturday, November 18. As part of the event, racing fans will

have the chance for an exclusive meet and greet, and Q&A session with the NASCAR legend.

The celebration with NASCAR's winningest driver is part of a special ticket package, which includes the meet and greet, Q&A session and a 3-day ticket to NASCAR's championship races in the Monster Energy Series, XFINITY Series and Camping World Truck Series, November 17-19. In addition, the ticket package for this limited-space event also includes:

- Private seating in spacious outdoor cabanas for all three championship races
- Pre-Race Pit Pass for the Ford EcoBoost 300 (Nov. 18) and Ford EcoBoost 400 (Nov. 19)
- On-track access to the post-race celebrations for all three championship finales
- Guided garage tour by Glenn Jarrett, Motor Racing Network (MRN) personality
- Preferred Parking
- All-Inclusive Food and Beverage
- FanVision controller rental for entire weekend

A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Petty Family Foundation, which supports organizations that serve children and veterans, and Victory Junction, an organization founded in honor of Adam Petty that helps enrich the lives of children battling disease or disability.

Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience to interact with the most decorated driver in NASCAR history. To purchase the ticket package, please call (305) 230-5255 or (866) 409-RACE (7223). Single-day tickets to 2017 Ford Championship Weekend are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting www.HomesteadMiamiSpeedway.com or by calling (866) 409-RACE (7223).

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - The monstrous mix of entertainment and racing action at Charlotte Motor Speedway will feature another historic debut during the 10 Days of

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NASCAR Thunder, as the sprawling new NASCAR Traxside Live stage comes to life. NASCAR Traxside Live will serve as a major fan attraction at SMI tracks this year with Charlotte's 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder featuring NASCAR stars, rocking live music and a worldwide audience at Traxside Live in the speedway's Fan Zone.

"Speedway Motorsports, Inc. has always been about giving our race fans 'more,'" said Marcus Smith, the president and CEO of Speedway Motorsports. "NASCAR Traxside Live is going to deliver just that, with more driver access, more entertainment options, more live music and three worldwide broadcasts from the stage at Charlotte. There's something for everyone at NASCAR Traxside Live. It's going to be a real centerpiece for the Fan Zone experience at all of our tracks."

NASCAR Traxside Live at Charlotte Motor Speedway will feature driver appearances from top stars as well as fun, family-friendly contests, concerts including world-renowned country duo Big & Rich and three live, one-hour "Traxside Live!" broadcasts on NASCAR.com.

The stage will also appear at upcoming races at:

- Sonoma Raceway, June 23-25
- Kentucky Speedway, June 7-8
- New Hampshire Motor Speedway, June 14-16
- Bristol Motor Speedway, Aug. 16-19
- New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Sept. 22-24
- Charlotte Motor Speedway, Oct. 6-8
- Texas Motor Speedway, Nov. 3-5

Fans are encouraged to visit the stage throughout Monster Energy All-Star Race weekend May 19-20 and Coca-Cola 600 race weekend May 25-28. Additionally, fans are welcome to take in the "Traxside Live!" broadcasts directly in front of the stage when the one-hour shows are filmed live. The shows go live at 12:45 p.m. May 20, 4:30 p.m. on May 27 and at 2:30 p.m. on May 28 as one final, spectacular lead-up to the 58th running of the venerable Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR's toughest test of man

and machine.

Below is the NASCAR Traxside Live stage schedule for Charlotte's 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder (subject to change):

- Friday, May 19: 1-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 20: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 25: 3-7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 27: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 28: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

TICKETS: Coca-Cola 600 tickets for adults start at just \$49 while kids 13 and under get in for \$10. Tickets, camping and upgrades for every 10 Days of NASCAR Thunder event are available at the gates, by visiting charlottemotorspeedway.com/tickets or calling 1-800-455-FANS (3267).

KEEP TRACK: Fans can connect with Charlotte Motor Speedway by following on Twitter and Instagram or becoming a Facebook fan. Keep up with all the latest news and information with the Charlotte Motor Speedway mobile app.

Darlington Raceway

DARLINGTON, SC - If you're a resident of South Carolina, Darlington Raceway has a great ticket opportunity for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500 event on Sept. 3.

Beginning on Monday, May 15 through July 15, all residents of South Carolina can visit www.DarlingtonRaceway.com/PalmettoOffer to take advantage of in-state pricing for the Labor Day weekend race at the track Too Tough To Tame.

South Carolina residents can save \$25.00 off the purchase of two (2) adult tickets in select grandstand areas.

"Darlington Raceway is the home track for the great state of South Carolina and we want to make sure our residents have the opportunity for the most competitive ticket offers," track President Kerry Tharp said. "South Carolinians take great pride in Darlington Raceway and we appreciate their longstanding support, devotion and reverence for our race track."

"Your Palmetto Home Track Offer" will launch in conjunction with a scheduled NASCAR XFINITY Series rookie test session, which will take place on Monday (May 15) through Thursday, May 18.

The test is free and open to the public on all four days, giving fans the opportunity to see NASCAR's young and upcoming XFINITY Se-

ries stars race around the high banks of the Lady in Black.

Five NASCAR XFINITY Series race teams are scheduled to participate in the test session.

Drivers Currently Scheduled*

- Monday-Tuesday – May 15-16 - Spencer Gallagher – GMS Racing
- Wednesday-Thursday – May 17-18 - Cole Custer – Stewart-Haas Racing, Tyler Reddick – Chip Ganassi Racing, Daniel Hemric – Richard Childress Racing, William Byron – JR Motorsports

Darlington Raceway will open one section of the Colvin Grandstands, on the backstretch of the track, for fans to watch the test over the four day period. Fans need to use the Gate 3 entrance to the track off of Highway 151. The parking lot is located next to the track's administration building.

Fans can also get their picture taken with Darlington's Chevy Impala pace car, which will be located next to the ticket office.

The track's gift shop and stock car museum will be open from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. that day. An adult admission price for the museum will be just \$5 for those test days only.

*Times of the test and driver participation are subject to change by the race teams, weather permitting.

Darlington Raceway's award-winning throwback campaign is the The Official Throwback Weekend of NASCAR, featuring the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bojangles' Southern 500® on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017. The NASCAR XFINITY Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200 will race on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017. Tickets are on sale now by calling 866-459-7223 or visiting DarlingtonRaceway.com. You can keep up with all of the latest news from Darlington Raceway at DarlingtonRaceway.com, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway](https://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonRaceway) and on Twitter at [Twitter.com/TooToughToTame](https://twitter.com/TooToughToTame). Fans are encouraged to post their Bojangles' Southern 500 stories and memories at #TraditionContinues, #BojanglesSo500 and #SportClips200.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Drenched in Coca-Cola, sweat and confetti after winning the Coca-Cola 600 on May 29, 2016, Martin Truex Jr. noticed a large, red-and-white Coca-Cola vending machine entering Charlotte Motor Speedway's winner's circle. Truex initially thought it made for a nice photo-op, but he could barely contain his excitement when he learned that the decades-old vending machine was his to

keep.

"That's nice to hear," Terry Kimble said from his office in Grayson, Georgia, nearly a year later. "I never know what the drivers think of them. I don't really get to meet them. I know that we work hard, though."

Kimble owns and operates Remember When Restorations, a small company that restores vintage Coca-Cola vending machines. He realized nearly 30 years ago that the demand for old Coke memorabilia spans the globe. A member of the Atlanta Police Department for 17 years, Kimble left the force at age 39 to work full time on restorations in 1989.

What steered the Charleston, West Virginia, native – who has restored roughly 600 vending machines – to NASCAR was a suggestion from Irish golfer Padraig Harrington.

Harrington met with Coca-Cola Sports Marketing Director Ben Reiling and a group of people at an event during the PGA's TOUR Championship in 2009. Harrington, an aficionado of antique vending machines, suggested that Coca-Cola give one to the winner of the TOUR Championship every year. Reiling shared the idea with one of Coca-Cola's leaders, Bea Perez, who signed off on the concept.

Reiling joined Coca-Cola's PGA team of John Egan and Kasia Horner and after a weekend of hard work, presented 2009 TOUR Championship winner Phil Mickelson with an antique vending machine. The next May, Kurt Busch won the Coca-Cola 600, the Bruton Smith Trophy and a vintage Coca-Cola machine.

Kimble is Coca-Cola's point man for the restorations.

"It takes approximately 60 days to restore one from start to finish," Kimble said. "We try to do two or three at a time. It's a very in-depth process because we take a machine completely apart. Even the insulation comes out. We take it and have it sandblasted after it's taken apart, get all the old paint and rust off it and then our painter, Jeremy Black in most cases, does his thing. ... We're very particular about the color of red paint we use. After it's painted, we get parts rechromed, we use new gaskets and screws. We put a new compressor in it to make sure that years from now it's going to work fine. We're really particular about authenticity. We're really particular about the decals we use from that era – which is usually the 1950s – and

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about everything. I want it to be as authentic as possible. It's like a classic car."

The winner of this year's Coca-Cola 600 will receive a Cavalier 51 model. Truex, who will chase his second machine on May 28, keeps last year's prize in his Mooresville, North Carolina, office.

"I guess you can say we received a classic piece of history for winning a classic race in historical fashion," Truex said. "It might have felt like a dream-kind-of win, but it was the real thing."

Pocono Raceway

LONG POND, PA - Thanks to Monster Energy, fans can enjoy all of the racing action and fun activities at Pocono Raceway on Friday, June 9 for free just by recycling any size Monster Energy can.

With Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series qualifying, NASCAR XFINITY Series practice and the ARCA Racing Series General Tire #AnywhereisPossible 200, Friday has a bevy of on-track activity.

"This first of its kind initiative in NASCAR continues to showcase our dedication to our fans, partners and the environment," said Pocono Raceway President & CEO Brandon Igdalsky. "We are thrilled to know that anyone who chooses to recycle a Monster Energy can will enjoy a great day of NASCAR and ARCA racing free of charge!"

Your admission is free of charge with an empty Monster Energy drink can as is grandstand parking.

Fans can bring their Monster Energy can to be recycled at our redemption center outside of Fan Fair behind the grandstands. They will be given a ticket and can enjoy a Friday at the racetrack for free. In addition to the on-track action, Monster Energy will also be doing displays in the Fan Fair along with a number of vendors.

Pocono Raceway, along with Monster Energy and NASCAR will ensure all cans are recycled. Under the NASCAR Green umbrella, a comprehensive recycling effort has accounted for millions of bottles and cans being recycled annually thanks to designated bins in the grandstands, concourse, suites, garage, and campgrounds at almost every track NASCAR visits. For more information visit

NASCAR.com/Green.

Tickets for all races are now on sale at poconoraceway.com or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Memorial Day weekend kicks into high gear on May 28 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, as the speedway's spectacular patriotic salute to servicemen and women returns before the 58th running of the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR's toughest test of man and machine.

Prior to the green flag of NASCAR's only 600-mile race, a remarkable showcase including 600 Fort Bragg servicemen and women on track alongside Humvees, Howitzers, a HIMARS rocket launcher, an M777 Howitzer and a RAZOR combat vehicle will electrify a captivated audience of race fans. More than 1,000 additional servicemen and women will be at the speedway to enjoy the race day atmosphere.

Three massive UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters will take over the sky before Charlotte's iconic pre-race National Anthem performance by the 82nd Airborne Chorus Group. Continuing the "bigger is best" theme for this year's pre-race spectacular, the National Anthem flyover will feature four hulking F-16 fighter jets from Seymour Johnson AFB. The Team FasTrax Skydiving Team continues the aerobatic entertainment with a jump team performance prior to the green flag.

This year's awe-inspiring Coca-Cola 600 pre-race salute to the troops also includes ground exhibitions and a 20-minute performance by the 82nd Airborne division that is sure to get fans on their feet prior to the race.

In addition to the military vehicle display, soldiers from the Fort Bragg Firing Squad will engage in a 21-gun salute and Brig. Gen. Francis M. Beaudette will address the crowd. Five Medal of Honor recipients – Col. Joe Marm; Bob Patterson; Hal Fritze; Ed Byers and Shuford Edmisten – will be recognized as well.

Other scheduled elements include:

- "God Bless the U.S.A." by Lee Greenwood
- "Amazing Grace" by the Charlotte Fire Department Fire Band
- The State of Freedom Address by U.S. Army MSG Cedric King
- Presentation of Colors by the U.S. All Army Color Guard
- "God Bless America" by the USO Show Troupes
- Invocation by Harold Frank

Movie star Channing Tatum, the leading man in the speedway-set, summer heist movie "Logan Lucky," will serve as Grand Marshal for the Coca-Cola 600 during a day-long cavalcade of entertainment unlike anything else on the NASCAR calendar.

Sonoma Raceway

SONOMA, CA - More than 1,900 North Bay students from 33 schools and clubs will take part in the 4th annual STEM Race Car Challenge, presented by Friedman's Home Improvement. This curriculum-based event, which is a partnership with Sonoma Raceway, Kid Scoop News and Friedman's Home Improvement, focuses on educating students about the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Groups of student engineers from 33 North Bay elementary schools and youth groups, a record level of participation for the program, will be tasked with developing a gravity-powered race car utilizing recycled materials. Kid Scoop News has worked closely with teachers to develop a STEM-based curriculum that challenges students to think critically and work collaboratively to build the quickest car. Activities in the STEM Race Car Challenge, presented by Friedman's Home Improvement are designed to introduce and reinforce both national common core standards and 21st century job skills.

Students will put their purpose-built race cars to the test in a series of qualifying rounds at each school, which will narrow down to a group of students who will compete in the final round on Saturday, June 24, of the Toyota/Save Mart 350 weekend.

The winning student engineers of the STEM Race Car Challenge will serve as VIPs during the Carneros 200 NASCAR West Series race on Saturday, receive a trophy and tickets to Sunday's Toyota/Save Mart 350 race, courtesy of Friedman's Home Improvement.

Sonoma Raceway has partnered with Sonoma-based Kid Scoop News, a children's literacy non-profit that publishes and distributes a free monthly reader to 500 classrooms and 18,000 kids in the North and East Bay, on the race car challenge. Kid Scoop News has been key to the program, as the organization is a leader in providing

high-interest content that motivates kids to read and explore topics, including STEM. Through their effort, the number of participating schools has nearly tripled from 12 schools in 2016 to 33 schools in 2017.

"The unique thing about STEM activities is that the students are able to connect the challenge of building a race car to the real world at Sonoma Raceway," said Vicki Whiting, content developer and publisher of Kid Scoop News. "While the students are having fun with race cars, it is reinforcing their core STEM curriculum."

NASCAR fans and guests are invited to watch the finals of the STEM Race Car Challenge, presented by Friedman's Home Improvement at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 24, in Sonoma Raceway's Sunoco Victory Lane located just south of the main grandstand. For tickets or more information on NASCAR's annual visit to Sonoma, visit www.SonomaRaceway.com/NASCAR or call 800-870-RACE.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

CONCORD, NC - Channing Tatum, actor and producer of "Logan Lucky," Steven Soderbergh's summer heist movie filmed at Charlotte Motor Speedway, will serve as Grand Marshal of the Coca-Cola 600 on May 28.

Tatum will give the command to start engines for the 58th running of the Coca-Cola 600, NASCAR's ultimate test of man and machine. No stranger to Charlotte Motor Speedway, Tatum spent considerable time at the speedway last year during filming for "Logan Lucky," which features an all-star ensemble cast. In addition to his "Drivers, Start Your Engines" call before the race, Tatum will attend the pre-race drivers meeting.

The plot of "Logan Lucky" revolves around the speedway. Trying to reverse a family curse, brothers Jimmy (Tatum) and Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) set out to execute an elaborate robbery during the legendary Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The film also stars Riley Keough, Hilary Swank, Seth MacFarlane, Katie Holmes and Daniel Craig. "Logan Lucky" will be released by Fingerprint Releasing and Bleecker Street on Aug. 18.



Hickory Motor Speedway

The NASCAR Whelen All-American Series returned to action on Saturday night, after a week off, with 321 Lawnmower Sales & Service Night at the Races presented by Whelen.

Leading off the night would be the 4-Cylinders with points leader Curtis Pardue in the #17 setting fast time and leading the field to the green flag.

Pardue would lead early until a caution for a full field invert. After the caution the #51 of Nathaniel Kanupp would move to the front, holding off the charging Pardue and taking the checkered flag in his first race in several years at the Birthplace of the NASCAR Stars. Pardue would end up in 2nd, Robbie Trivette in the #11 would move up into 3rd, and Brian Mundy in the #6 would finish 4th.

The Allison Legacy Series would hit the track next for their 35 lap feature. Justin Taylor in the #03 would pace qualifying to start from the pole. Taylor would jump to the early lead and never look back, only slowed by several cautions that would bunch the field. Taylor would take the win in impressive fashion. The battle for 2nd and on back however, would rage on throughout the race. Kyle Campbell in the #15 would end up with the 2nd spot at the checkered flag and Ethan Elder in the #08 bouncing back from early problems to finish 3rd. Matthew Davey in the #10 and Brett Suggs in the #33 would round out the top 5.

The Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models would be the next division to thunder to life with their 35 lap feature. Points leader Monty Cox in the #21 would set fast time in qualifying and would start at the front with veteran Mack Little in the #16 to his outside. Cox would jump to the early lead with Mitch Walker in the #29 pressing Little for 2nd. Walker would get by and set his sights on the front runner Cox. Charlie Watson in the #9 would also make a bid on Little for a top 3 spot and eventually move by to put pressure on Walker as well. Cox would prove to be too strong on this night and drive on to the victory with Walker in 2nd and Watson finishing in 3rd. Little would hold off a hard charging Ross 'BooBoo' Dalton in the #50 for 4th while Dalton



Race winner Ryan Millington (76) battles around second-place finisher Charlie Watson (9) at Hickory Motor Speedway Saturday night. (SHERRI STEARNS photo)

would round out the top 5.

Hitting the track next would be the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks. The #77 of Mark Whitten would grab the pole with fast time in qualifying. Whitten would run side by side with the #18 of Cody DeMarmels until DeMarmels would finally nose ahead. DeMarmels and Whitten would run nose to tail for the remainder of the race with Marshall Sutton in the #64 making it a 3 car breakaway for the lead. DeMarmels would bounce back from his bad luck 2 weeks ago and take the win with Whitten finishing 2nd and Sutton in 3rd. Kevin Eby in the #03 and Trey Buff in the #69 would round out the top 5.

100 laps of racing action would be in store as the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late Models would roll off the grid. Points leader Ryan Millington in the #76 would grab the top spot in qualifying with Stefan Parsons, son of NASCAR announcer Phil Parsons, in the #98 to his outside and Ty Gibbs, grandson of Joe Gibbs, in the #18 and Thomas Beane in the #31 making row #2. Millington would jump to the early lead and hold court until Charlie Watson in the #9 came charging by on lap 30. Watson would hold the lead until a caution at lap 60 would bunch the field. Several cautions later that would span laps 60 through 80 would set the scenario for another wild finish at America's Most Famous Short Track. On the next restart Millington would appear to spin the tires bunching up the field but the start would be called off and attempted again. This time Watson and Millington would start nose to nose and slug it out for the top spot for several laps. Another caution would fly a few laps later for a spinning car. On this restart Watson would lead the field slowly to the

restart zone and when they took off Millington did not come up to speed and collected Andrew Garcia in the #12 taking him hard into the air and the wall. Millington's car looked used up as the tow truck got it to the pits, the Team Johnson Motorsports crew went to work and got him back on the track without losing a lap. With 12 laps to go Watson would face a tough challenge from Parsons but be able to hold him off after several laps of side by side racing. Millington, however would be a different story as he would come rolling by both drivers with only a couple of laps left to take the win in a near miraculous ending to what looked like a rough night for the youngster. Watson would hold on for 2nd and Parsons would grab 3rd. Matt Thomas in the #87 would come in 4th and Gibbs would round out the top 5 in 5th.

Ending the night would be the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen. Bill Lett in the #4 would grab the the pole by setting fast time in qualifying. Lett would jump out to the early lead but Bill Webb in the #16 and Chris Werner in the #22 wouldn't let him pull away without a fight. Eddie Gilbert in the #95 would start from the rear and make a thrilling run to the front, getting by Webb and Werner to take a shot at the leader Lett. Lett would prove too strong and take the win with Gilbert finishing 2nd. Bill Webb, Chris Werner, and Dennis Werner in the #19 would round out the top 5.

Hickory Motor Speedway will take a rare night off next Saturday, May 20th, but will return in 2 weeks, on May 27th, with the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series back in action on Woodforest Bank Night at the Races. Twin 40 lap races for the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Bojangles Late

Models, 50 laps and Round #5 of the Paramount Kia 'Big 10' Challenge for the Paramount Auto Group Limited Late Models, 35 laps for the One Design Super Trucks, 30 laps for the Cosmo Motors Street Stocks, and 25 laps for the Catawba Realty & Insurance Classic Sportsmen are on tap for the evening.

For more info check us out at www.hickorymotorspeedway.com. Facebook, and Twitter.

Florence Motor Speedway

BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN - Race fans in search of the next big thing can check out the new Mini-mizer Bandit Big Rig Series at Florence Motor Speedway, Saturday, May 20th.

The Bandits have sold out every race this season, drawing huge crowds to historic tracks Hickory and Greenville-Pickens.

"The fans have definitely gotten their money's worth," Bandit Director of Operations Brian Madsen said.

"They've been sold out of food and drinks everywhere we've been," team owner and driver Craig Kruckeberg said. "The response has been fantastic."

Drivers race for a \$50,000 purse at every Bandit event, with the winner of the feature race taking home a \$10,000 check.

Justin Ball (#17) leads the season standings after two races, followed by Mike Morgan (#88) and Ricky Rude (#14).

"Florence will be interesting, because several drivers have the chance to move to the top of the leaderboard, so a lot is on the line," Madsen said.

Gates open at 4 p.m. May 20th and the racing action starts at 8 p.m.

The Bandit Big Rig Series returns big rig tractor truck racing to the short track in the United States. The series was designed to be affordable and accessible for anyone wishing to put together a race team.

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Franklin County Speedway

Franklin County Speedway has been known for wild and crazy events over the years. From the Willie Nelson concert that never happened to the wild and woolly Any Car races that have been a staple of the track, fans have seen

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a little bit of everything but when the Karnage Carnival rolls into town for the Night of Destruction fans are going to get a whole evening of wild and crazy.

The Karnage Carnival Night of Destruction will take place on Saturday night June 3rd and the list of events taking stage has area fans ready to flock to the World's Fastest 3/8 mile paved

oval. From a blindfold race, where the driver is blindfolded and a passenger will direct them around the track to a tug of war with big trucks and everything in between including the first demolition derby at the track in years.

This night is going to be huge. In addition to the previously mentioned Blindfold race, racers will also compete in a Backwards race driving around the track in reverse gear plus a \$1,000 to win Any Car race. A Tire Stack race, where used Hoosier F-45 tires from the Late Model division will be stacked on top of the car and your mission is to complete the race with the most tires still on your car while knocking your competitors tires off their car.

Another event pits the cars in a race where they must circle a flagpole located in turn 1 and turn 4 each lap to win the race. They'll circle the flagpole while their competitors are bearing down on them to make the same circle around the flagpole.

Track promoter Langley Austin is expecting a lot of bent fenders and a lot of hurt feelings.

"This is going to be a carnage filled event," said Austin. "They don't call it the Karnage Carnival Night of Destruction for nothing. This event promises to be one of the most unique in the tracks 48 year history and that's a lot of history of unique events. This is going to be a great show and we're all excited to be putting it on."

Other events taking place on the night include; a burn out competition, a \$250 to Win Street Car Oval Drag Racing event plus racing in the tracks new Stock 4 division, Mini Cup Pro and Future Stars divisions and the East Coast Flatheads make their second appearance.

Advance tickets went on sale today for the event to help save fans money on the evening. Ad-

vance tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$7 for Youths (5-12 years old) and children 4 and under get in free. Tickets at the gate will be \$15 for Adults, \$7 for Youths (5-12 years old) and children 4 and under get in free.

"We wanted to offer advance tickets to help save families money," commented Austin. "This event is well worth the price of gate admission the day of the event but if we can save fans some money and get an idea of the crowd coming to the event to prepare then it's good for everyone."

For more information on the Karnage Carnival Night of Destruction or to purchase your advance tickets visit www.FCSpeedway.com or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MoonshineCapitalPromotions/> or contact Langley Austin at 276.613.4208.

Bowman Gray Stadium

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - On Saturday night, Tim Brown showed us how quickly a night can go from hot to cold at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Brown was the fastest qualifier with a time of 13.555, placing him on the pole for the start of the first 25-lapper for the Brad's Golf Cars Modified Series. Lee Jeffreys of Wallburg threatened the rear bumper of Brown, but the #83 machine of Brown maintained the lead. Brown went on to take the checkered – his first of the 2017 season.

"It was a great race car tonight," said Brown. "We were able to sit on the pole and win the race." Bobby Measmer of Concord finished behind him in second, with Lee Jeffreys coming in third.

The second Modified race, though, brought a change of fates for Brown. He was involved in an early wreck on lap one and was towed off the track. He ended up finishing at the rear of the field in 17th.

But another reversal of luck occurred for Jonathan Brown of Winston-Salem. He started off the season with a bout of rough performances, ending his first two races early by being forced to pit. During qualifying sessions on Saturday, Brown didn't even finish his lap – putting him at the rear of the field for the start of the first race.

He moved up from 19th to 13th in the first race – and then the "Madhouse Scramble" draw put him on the outside front row for the start of the second race. All of a sudden, it seemed like his season was about to change.



Tim Brown smiles in Winner's Circle after winning Saturday's first Modified race. (Eric Hylton Photography)



Jonathan Brown takes his victory lap after claiming victory in the second Modified race. (Eric Hylton Photography)

Brody Jones of Statesville started on the pole for the second race, but Jonathan Brown was able to beat him to the line as the green flag waved. There was no looking back.

"The 92 [of Brody Jones] spun on the initial start and that got me out front. That was the key right there," said Jonathan Brown. "Once I did that, I knew just to keep it straight, keep him behind me, and lead 25 laps. I've been in that position a lot. The main thing to do is just stay cool - and I felt like my experience of being out front helped out a lot."

Jones finished second, with Randy Butner of Pfafftown taking third.

In the Texas Steak & Tap House Sportsman Series, Michael Adams of Yadkinville powered by on the outside row to pass by pole-starter Zack Clifton of Walkertown. Adams then led the way to take the win.

The second Sportsman race was a true "Madhouse" experience. Zack Clifton fought his way up to third place, giving a stout tap to Tommy Neal of Walkertown along the way. Neal spun and headed to

the rear – and then decided to take revenge. Clifton was rammed under caution by Neal but managed to still finish third.

But all eyes were on the battle at the front of the field between Derek Stoltz of Walkertown and John Holleman of Winston-Salem as they tangled for the lead. Holleman delivered shot after shot the bumper of Stoltz but was unable to shake him. A nudge on the final lap had Holleman almost moving Stoltz out of the way, but Stoltz held strong to win. Holleman finished second.

Jake Creed of Dobson pulled off an amazing feat in the Q104.1 New Country Street Stock Series. After turning the fastest lap, Creed was moved to the rear after post-qualifying technical inspection. He started the race with the proper parts installed and climbed from the very rear all the way to the front. Creed took the checkered in the Whelen Street Stock 50 – the longest race of the season for the Street Stock class.

18-year old female rookie Amber Lynn of Walkertown put on a show
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and finished second. Jeremy Warren took third.

In the Law Offices of John Barrow Stadium Stock Series, Chris Allison of Mocksville won in a photo finish with Stephen Sanders of Midway. And in the second Stadium Stock race, Grayson Keaton of Mocksville took his first ever win at the Madhouse.

Antioch Speedway

MORGANTON, NC - Joey Barker #16 from Valdese inherited the win after the apparent winner was disqualified at post-race inspection in the Heintz Performance Renegade v8 event. John Reynolds #55 took the lead at the drop of the green with Ronnie Vasser #71 and Barker in Hot Pursuit. Reynolds led the first 12 laps until he spun coming off Turn 4. Brian Carswell #69 who had worked his way from the rear of the field to take over the lead with three laps remaining Carswell went on to take the checkered flag but was disqualified for being light at the scales. Barker who had overcame a flat tire Midway of the event finish second but was relegated to first place. Vasser finish second, Reynolds recover to finish third Ischia Manis #8 fourth and David Minton #90 fifth.

John McElrath #63 from Marion continue his dominance by winning the Thunder bomber V8 race. Mike Brown #11 finish second, Tim Moretz #44 third, 14 year old Connor Carswell #69 made his first time ever in a race car very exciting after running second for several

laps finish fourth. Blake Walker #63B overcame a couple spins to finish fifth.

Tim Bristol #71 LED flag-to-flag easily winning the James Wagner welding super stock 4 race. Trevor Chatham #00 finish second, Paul Butler #B4 third, Jimmy Milsaps #20 fourth and Phillip Fairchoth #19 fifth.

Riley Dunford #18d from Hiddenite made it two in a row by winning the action packed RPM graphics Pure Stock 4 race. Logan Ritchie #92 came from deep in the field to finish second, Phillip Benfield #60 third, Scott Jones #4 fourth and Curtis Butler #B9 fifth.

Isaac wheeler #57 from Glen Alpine won the Extreme FWD's event. Blake Walker #828 took the lead on the first lap but only led One lap went he was sidelined will a problem on his right rear suspension. Wheeler went on to easily win the event with Justin Bishop #2 crossing the line in second followed by Tim Wilson #777 in third, Chris Norris #42 fourth and Shawn Hayes #OG fifth.

Colby Burks #73 from Morganton LED every lap on his way to win the MADDUX energy drinks Young guns race. Alexis Motes #12 finish second Chesnie Chatham #9 third Riley Miller #88 finish fourth and Trace Chatham 21 fifth.

Grandview Speedway

BECHTELSVILLE, PA - For the second Saturday in a row rain, a huge amount of rain, forced the cancellation of Saturday night NASCAR stock car racing action at Grandview Speedway.

Barring the return of more rain a big four division show of auto racing, the TP Trailers and Truck Equipment sponsored night, is set for Saturday, May 20th and will feature the excitement of NASCAR stock car racing including the TP

Trailers 358 Modifieds, BRC Late Models and Sportsman racers along with the Blast from the Past Vintage racers. Again featured will be some of the most popular dirt track racers in the area battling for valuable NASCAR and track points along with cash prize money.

Fans and racers are being asked to again wear yellow as the support of Jordan Henn's recovery from a race accident injury continues. The defending NASCAR Sportsman champion is hoping to be able to get back to racing for some late season action.

In addition the WNPV-AM Radio sponsored Dover International Speedway NASCAR ticket giveaway is being rescheduled for the same night and will include tickets for the June 2-4 NASCAR weekend at the popular Delaware racing facility.

Adult admission is just \$15 while youngsters 11 and under pay NOTHING. Free parking is available on the speedway grounds.

The Saturday night Low Down and Dirty Meet & Greet is set for the main gate area at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Modified standout Kyle Borrer, Sportsman racer Jack Butler and former Late Model champion Brian Shuey. Their race cars will also be on display. Actual racing starts at 7:30 p.m.

Grandview Speedway continues to be one of the most successful NASCAR short track operations in the nation having been presenting stock car racing events under the Rogers family promotion for the past 55 years. The season at Grandview continues from late March to November. The one-third-mile, banked clay track is located on Passmore Road, just off Route 100, in Bechtelsville, PA, 10 miles north of Pottstown. A full line of concession and novelty items is offered. Fans are invited to the pit area after the racing events have been completed and racing equipment loaded into the trailers. Race information is available at www.grandviewspeedway.com, Facebook, Twitter and at 610.754.7688.

Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - For the second weekend in a row, inclement weather was the winner at Selinsgrove Speedway, forcing the cancellation of the racing action slated for Saturday evening, May 13.

The cancellation, due to rain, wet grounds, and unseasonably cold temperatures, was announced at 10 a.m. as a courtesy to race

teams and fans who may be traveling from outside of the area. Saturday night was to be the first four division racing card of the season, and officials will announce a makeup date for the Collier Paving & Construction Roadrunner 20 that was washed out.

The speedway will return Saturday, May 20, with a big three division racing program sponsored by Reinhart Food Service.

The Lucas Oil Empire Super Sprint series will return May 20 with a 25-lap full points race for the Mach 1 Chassis 360 sprint cars paying \$2,000 to win and \$400 start! The super late models will also compete in a 25-lap main event paying \$2,000 to win in the second of six races in the Selinsgrove/Port Royal Moon Shine Camo Route 35 Super Late Model Challenge Series. Rounding out the May 20 program will be the pro stocks in a 15-lap feature.

Selinsgrove Speedway will close out the month with another special event over the Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 27, with a \$2,000-to-win 360 sprint car race sanctioned by the United Racing Club plus super late models, roadrunners, and the rescheduled A&A Auto Stores Pro Stock 20. Fireworks will also be a part of the May 27 show sponsored by PEPSI.

Track gates will open at 5 p.m. with racing slated for 7 p.m. both nights.

Selinsgrove Raceway Park will be back in action with a program of go kart racing at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, featuring a \$200-to-win Xtra Heavies Pro Series race. Gates open at 5:30 p.m.

Stafford Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway returned to NASCAR Whelen All-American Series racing action with the Late Models taking center stage with the Call Before You Dig 811 50-lap extra distance feature event. Michael Bennett was the big winner, leading all 50 laps to take home the \$1,811 winner's check. Other feature winners were Ted Christopher, who outdueled Keith Rocco with a last lap pass in the SK Modified® feature, Cory DiMatteo won the SK Light feature for the second race in a row, Cliff Saunders outlasted his twin brother Al to take the checkers in the Limited Late Model feature, and Zack Robinson came out on top of a hard fought duel between himself and Johnny Walker to win the DARE Stock feature.

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Joey Barker celebrates with friends and family in Antioch Speedway's victory lane after winning the Heintz Performance Renegade V8 event. (ANTIOCH SPEEDWAY photo)

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The CBYD 811 Late Model 50 feature event took the green with Michael Bennett streaking into the led with Skip Breunig in second. The field could only complete one lap before the caution came out as Rich Hammann spun through the frontstretch grass.

Bennett again took the lead back under green with Wayne Coury, Jr. getting around Breunig for second. Tom Butler was in fourth behind Breunig with Tyler Leary rounding out the top-5. With 10 laps complete, Bennett was all by himself out front with a several car length lead over Coury with Butler a similar distance behind in third. Breunig and Leary were waging a hard battle for fourth place when the caution came out with 14 laps complete for Jim Mavlouganis, who came to a stop in the infield on the frontstretch.

Bennett resumed his place at the front of the field with Coury and Butler side by side for second before Butler took the spot. Breunig was still in fourth with Leary right on his back bumper in fifth. Breunig fell back several spots on lap-19 as Josh Wood and Kevin Gambacorta both got past to drop him from fifth back to seventh. Breunig continued to fall back as Paul Arute, Mike Quintiliano, Tom Fearn, and Michael Wray all got by. Bennett was still in command of the race with Butler now in second and Coury in third as they hit the halfway point of the race.

Butler and Coury were beginning to close down the gap to Bennett and as they completed lap 30 all three cars were lined up within a car length of each other. Bennett then stretched his lead back out by several car lengths as Coury's car looked like it was starting to get loose in the corners.

By lap-37, Coury had closed back in on the bumper of Bennett with Butler right behind Coury. Leary was still running in fourth with Gambacorta in fifth. Leary's good run came to an end as he spun with Quintiliano to bring the caution back out with 39 laps complete. Under the caution, Butler came to pit road from his third position to check his car to see if it was leaking fluid on the track.

Bennett powered his way to the

lead on the restart with Gambacorta moving into second. Coury was third but he lost that spot to Wray on lap-41. Fearn was fifth with Wood in sixth and Arute up to seventh. With three laps to go, Gambacorta was hounding Bennett for the lead and he nearly made a pass for the lead in turn 4. Bennett was able to fend off Gambacorta's challenges to the checkered flag to pick up his first win of the season. Coury finished third with Wray and Wood rounding out the top-5.

In the 40-lap SK Modified® feature event, Tyler Hines led the field to the green but Glen Reen quickly took the lead on the first lap with Rowan Pennink slotting into second. Mike Christopher, Jr. was third with Ted Christopher and Hines side by side for fourth. Pennink made a move to the inside of Reen in turn 3 on lap-4 to take over the race lead.

Ted Christopher worked his way past Reen to move into second on lap-9 and he took the lead from Pennink. Reen tried to follow him by Pennink and they touched wheels with Pennink and Reen spinning in turn 4 to bring the caution out. Christopher was now the race leader with Tom Abele, Jr. in second, Mike Christopher, Jr. third, Hines fourth, Keith Rocco fifth, and Ronnie Williams sixth for the restart.

Ted Christopher took the lead with Abele slotting into second. Mike Christopher, Jr. was third with Rocco and Hines behind him. Christopher, Jr. quickly worked his way to the inside of Abele to take over second on lap-11 and they ran side by side with Rocco right on their bumpers as they were all giving chase to Ted Christopher. A multicar incident involving Stephen Kopcik, Tom Bolles, Tony Membrino, Jr., John Catania, and Bobby Grigas just coming out of turn 2 brought the caution out with 13 laps complete.

Hines brushed the wall on the restart and John Catania spun to bring the caution right back out. The next restart saw Abele take to the outside groove to take over the lead. Christopher and Rocco were side by side for second with Christopher, Jr., in fourth, just in front of Williams. Christopher went back to the lead on lap-16 and now Rocco was looking to get by Abele for second. Rocco worked him over and he made the pass on lap-19 with Williams following him by on lap-20 to drop Abele back to fourth. Cam McDermott was up to fifth with Christopher, Jr., Michael Gervais, Jr., Matt Galko, Todd

Owen, and Dylan Izzo rounding out the top-10.

Rocco was starting to work Christopher over for the lead as he was looking high and low for a way to make a pass for the lead on lap-26. Rocco nearly had a pass made on lap-30 but Christopher was able to shut the door on the move. Williams was still in third with Abele and McDermott making up the top-5. Rocco was still looking high and low for a way around Christopher but he was still behind with 5 laps to go.

Rocco was finally able to make a move and he took the lead with a move in turn 3 on lap-37. Christopher wasn't going away quietly as he was all over Rocco's bumper. The cars took the white flag locked together. Rocco led down the backstretch and into turn 3. Christopher made a power move in turn 3 to get alongside Rocco and he took the lead by a nose coming off turn 4 and he led Rocco to the line to take the win.

In the 20-lap SK Light feature event, Dan Wesson took the early lead with Chris Matthews in second.

Joey Ferrigno slotted into third with Glenn Griswold fourth and Cory DiMatteo in fifth. The running order was still the same up front when the caution came out with 6 laps complete for Noah Korner, who got into the turn 4 wall.

Wesson took the lead back under green with Ferrigno moving into second. DiMatteo moved into third and was all over Ferrigno's back bumper with Brett Gonyaw moving up to fourth and George Nocera, Jr. moving into fifth as Matthews fell back to sixth.

DiMatteo went around Ferrigno to move into second on lap-10 and Gonyaw made the same move as Ferrigno fell back to fourth. DiMatteo got to the inside of Wesson and took over the lead on lap-12. Ferrigno spun coming out of turn 2 and collected the cars of Marcello Ruffano and Chris Viens to bring the caution out with 12 laps complete.

DiMatteo and Wesson ran side by side for the lead back under green with Gonyaw in third. DiMatteo and Wesson ran 3 laps side by side before DiMatteo got clear to the lead on lap-15.

DiMatteo led Wesson to the checkered flag with Gonyaw, David Arute, and Glenn Korner rounding out the top-5. Going into turn 1 on the final lap, several cars got into the wall including Glenn Griswold and Joe Graf, Jr.

In the 20-lap Limited Late Model

feature event, Cliff Saunders took the early race lead with R.J. Surdell and Al Saunders lined up behind him. Jeremy Lavoie was fourth and Duane Provost was fifth in the opening laps. Bryan Narducci quickly worked his way up to sixth with a 6 car train lined up behind him. Al Saunders got around Surdell to move into second on lap-6 and Lavoie was closing in on the back bumper of Surdell for third on lap-7 as Cliff Saunders continued to lead the race. Doug Phelps came to a stop on the frontstretch grass to bring the caution out with 11 laps complete.

Cliff Saunders took the lead on the restart with Al hot on his trail in second. Surdell was third with Provost fourth and Robert Bloxsom, III moved up to fifth before the caution came back out with 13 laps complete for Robert Bloxsom, Jr., who hit the wall in turns 3+4.

Back under green Cliff Saunders took the lead with Al Saunders and Surdell side by side for second. A melee erupted going into turn 3 as Provost and Bloxsom, III spun and hit the wall while Ryan Fearn and Lavoie took a trip through the grass to bring the caution right back out. NASCAR officials sent Bryan Narducci to the rear of the field for overaggressive driving.

Cliff Saunders maintained the lead on the restart with Al Saunders right behind him. Surdell was third with Lavoie fourth and Alexandra Fearn in fifth. Narducci took fifth from Fearn on lap-17 as the Saunders twins and Surdell were beginning to pull away from Lavoie, who lost fourth to Narducci on lap-18. Fearn followed Narducci past Lavoie to drop him back to sixth on lap-19.

Al Saunders made one final bid to take the lead from his brother Cliff on the final lap but he came up just short at the checkered flag. Surdell finished third with Narducci and Lavoie rounding out the top-5.

In the 15-lap DARE Stock feature event, Johnny Walker shot to the outside of Chris Sanford at the start to take the early lead. Michael Hopkins followed Walker by Sanford to take over second while Chris Bagnall did a 360 spin in turns 3+4 on the first lap but was able to continue racing and the race stayed green.

Zach Robinson moved ahead of Walker going down the backstretch on the final lap and they ran wheel to wheel through turns 3+4. Robinson nearly got sideways on the outside but he was able to keep up enough momentum to edge Walker out at the line by a nose.