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## Down and Dirty

Joey Logano Stays in Front for Bristol Dirt Victory

Martin Truex Jr. Battles to the Truck Win at Bristol



# With the Dust Settled, Bristol, NASCAR Should Be Applauded for Dirt Race

NASCAR arrived to the Bristol Motor Speedway with a lot of questions and concern about dirt-racing. It left Monday with a lot of answers and certainty.

The grand experiment eventually worked. Many drivers who were skeptical of the Food City Dirt Race were appeased by 250-lap main event and three laps of overtime. What started to look like one of the sport's biggest gaffes quickly turned into an early-season highlight for the Cup Series.

It was so popular, the track announced it was bringing the dirt back next year.

"Certainly learned a number of things in the race and throughout the week that we can apply as we go forward in 2022," said NASCAR Executive Vice President Chief Development Officer Steve O'Donnell. "All in all, I'd give it a thumbs up with some things to learn.

complete the project.

It still took a lot of around-the-clock repairs to make it work.

Heavy Cup cars tore huge holes and ruts in the corners. Then came the rain. Lots of rain.

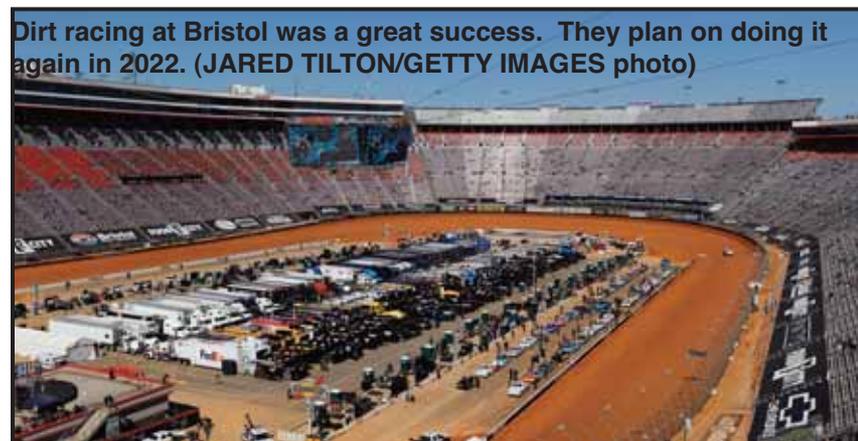
Driving rain and hail on Friday night turned the facility into a giant mud pit. If teams put huge tires on oversized pickup trucks, it would have been a perfect way to enjoy the slop. But these were race cars.



**DON COBLE**

Cars were blanketed by mud during Saturday morning's practice session. Grilles were caked and engines quickly overheated. More rain came Saturday night and Sunday morning, which turned the parking lots into lakes – and forced NASCAR to cancel practice sessions and heat races and push the main event back to Monday afternoon.

"I think the industry had everything thrown at it," O'Donnell said. "When you think of the challenge of coming into this weekend just to



**Dirt racing at Bristol was a great success. They plan on doing it again in 2022. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)**

"The fans had asked us for years to look at innovation around the schedule. In fact, we've been taken to task for not making some moves. We were bold and aggressive this year. I'm proud of the team for doing that, proud of the industry for taking a chance here."

And for working through some difficult challenges.

The half-mile, high-banked short track was transformed to clay to provide a stage for the first dirt-track Cup Series race since 1970. It took three months and 2,300 truckloads of red Tennessee clay to

race on dirt, how much went into that. But then you add on the fact that we experienced flooding, hail, a day race with unbelievable sunshine, more laps with a truck and a Cup race than you'd ever put on a racetrack normally if you were conducting a dirt event."

By Monday, Bristol and NASCAR had things figured out.

"Man, it's incredible. How about Bristol on dirt? This is incredible, unbelievable racetrack – great job by everyone that prepped the track," said race winner Joey Logano. "Obviously, a lot of work

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### ON THE COVER:

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over here the last few days."

There still were problems with clouds of dust and bumps during the race. After all, it was a dirt race.

"The dust hindered the ability – the single-file racing as much as anything," Denny Hamlin said after finishing third. "You could not get out of the groove or else you were just running on dust. I don't know if there's different dirt that doesn't produce as much dust as this one. I know they really did a lot of research on the dirt itself. A couple of them said if you didn't run during the daylight, dust wouldn't be as bad.

"I thought the racing was good. It really was. It was almost like the old Bristol. If you got out of the lane, you got shuffled. That part of it was really encouraging. For fans' sake, for visibility of the drivers' sake, I think a lot of the wrecks happened because of the dust and we couldn't see anything. Just that part."

For Hamlin, that represented a complete change. On Saturday, he sent a Tweet expressing doubt whether the dirt race would turn into a disaster.

Like most, including fans, the race changed a lot of opinions. By mid-race track officials were crafting a press release to say dirt is here to stay on future schedules.

"There has been so much buzz and excitement around the inaugural Food City Dirt Race weekend that with NASCAR's blessing, we are thrilled to announce that we will be bringing back dirt in 2022 as part of the NASCAR Cup Series spring schedule," track executive vice president and general manager Jerry Caldwell said in the statement. "The dirt experience is unlike any other for NASCAR fans and could become a 'must-see' event every season."

That was good news for a lot of drivers.

"That was fun, no doubt," Ryan Newman said.

"It was a fun day on the Bristol dirt," Michael McDowell said. "Visibility was tough. It was hard to see, but it was great racing there at the end."

Daniel Suarez had never raced on dirt until Monday, but he drove the car owned by Justin Marks and Pitbull to a fourth-place finish.

"I want to be very honest with you, I love racing at Bristol. Is one of my favorite racetracks," Suarez said. "When they announced we're going to be coming here with dirt in one of the races, I wasn't too sure about it because I never been on dirt in my life. In Mexico, we don't have ovals in dirt, at least as I know."

The dirt also created parity. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Suarez, Newman, Tyler Reddick and Erik Jones all posted top-10 finishes, while dirt-track superstars like Kyle Larson, Christopher Bell and Aric Almirola all finished in the bottom 10.

"Too early to tell what we would do next year in terms of what that weekend could look like," O'Donnell said. "We never go into something thinking this would be a one-off. Our hope was this would be a success, something we could repeat, become really a staple of the schedule going forward."

"Certainly a number of things we learned throughout the weekend that will apply to 2022's event weekend. Some of those things, how much you race in a single day, are there other racing series that can be part of this in terms of late models as well. We fully intend to be back in '22 and beyond and continue to apply those learnings and put on some great races."

# Joey Logano Leads Final 61 Laps to Win NASCAR's Dramatic Return to Dirt Racing

Joey Logano made history on Monday afternoon.

Leading the final 61 laps in the face of a determined charge by Denny Hamlin, Logano won the rain-delayed Food City Dirt

Race at Bristol Motor Speedway, the first dirt-track race for the NASCAR Cup Series since 1970.

But there won't be that long a gap in the future, given that BMS executive and general manager Jerry Caldwell announced during the race that NASCAR will return to the Bristol dirt in 2022.

Logano grabbed the lead from Daniel Suarez on Lap 193 of a scheduled 250 and held it the rest of the way through a caution for the second stage break and a late yellow that sent the race three laps beyond the prescribed distance.

On the final restart on Lap 252, Logano pulled away, as Hamlin tried and failed to find grip in the outside lane and fell to third behind runner-up Ricky Stenhouse Jr. Logano's winning margin over Stenhouse was .554 seconds.

Logano is the seventh consecutive different winner in seven races this season.

"Man, it's incredible," said Logano, who won the second straight race for Team Penske and the 27th of his career, extending his streak of at least one victory per year to 10 years. "How about Bristol on dirt? This is an incredible, unbelievable race track—great job by everyone that prepped the track. Obviously, a lot of work over here

the last few days (because of rain that forced postponement from Sunday). We did a lot of work in the dirt department here the last few weeks...

"Great car, obviously, to be able to execute the race that we did and get a win. I was getting nervous. There were so many first-time winners and different winners than there has typically been. I said, 'We've got to get a win to make sure we get in the Playoffs,' so it's amazing to get this Shell/Pennzoil Mustang into Victory Lane at Bristol. There's nothing like winning at Bristol, but putting dirt on it and being the first to do it is really special."

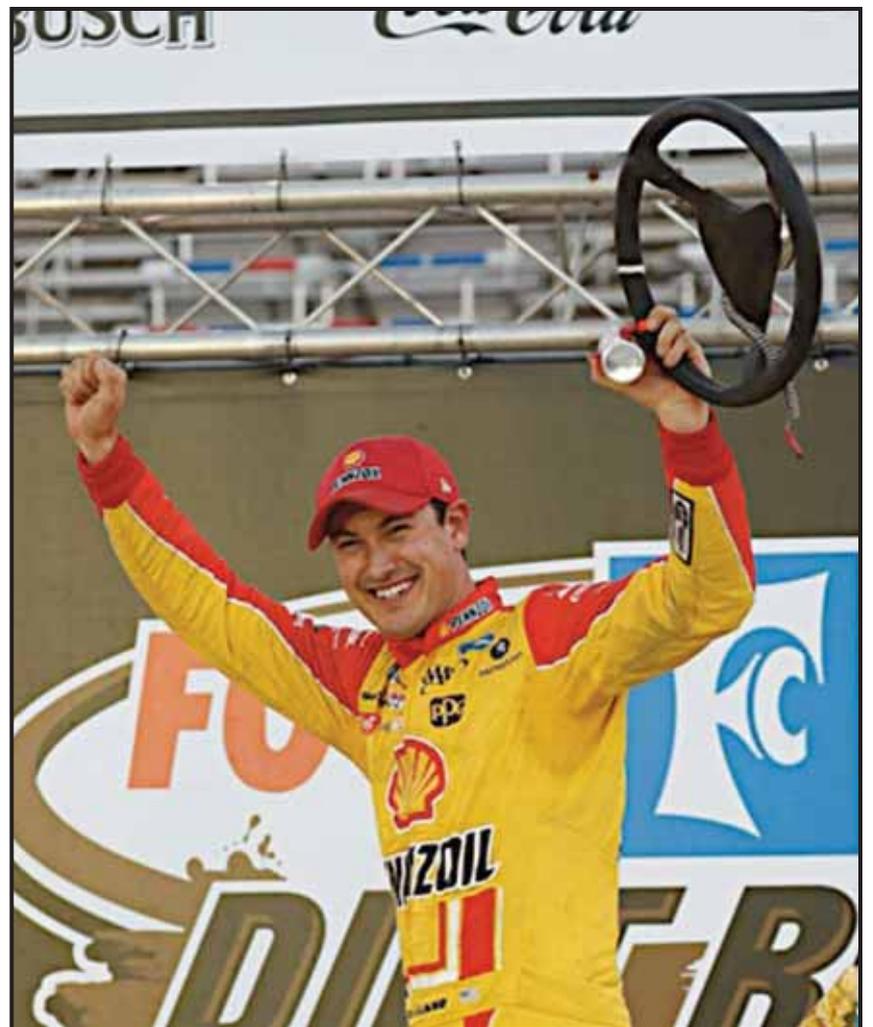
Despite late brushes with the outside wall as he chased Logano, Hamlin now has three third-place finishes and six top fives this season.

"I really couldn't see a whole lot," referring to the dusty conditions late in the race. "I was kind of guessing. I thought I could, on that last restart, run the top in hard, but they didn't prep it in-between cautions the way they did before. It was just marbles up there.

"Man, I thought I had a shot there. I cut the 22 (Logano) too many breaks there when he was cutting us off.

"They had a little better car, it looked like, there in the long run. Proud of this whole team—we're third-best again."

Suarez held fourth place, followed by Ryan Newman. William Byron, Tyler Reddick, Ryan Blaney, Erik Jones and reigning series champion Chase Elliott completed



Joey Logano celebrates in Bristol's victory lane after winning the first dirt Cup race in over 50 years. (NIGEL KINRADE PHOTOGRAPHY photo)

the top 10.

Two of the experienced dirt drivers expected to battle for the victory were eliminated from contention in one dramatic wreck two laps after the restart that followed the first competition caution.

Running second on Lap 53, Christopher Bell spun in the top lane in Turn 2. Kyle Larson, running the top lane behind Bell, plowed into his chief dirt-track rival in a wreck that also involved Kevin Harvick and Ross Chastain.

"Way to go, Bell—way to go," Larson said sarcastically on his team radio after the wreck. Larson, at least, was able to continue but lost two laps during repairs. Bell

and Chastain fell out of the race in 34th and 35th place, respectively. Larson finished 29th, five laps down.

"I was just trying to run the water in under yellow," Bell said after a visit to the infield care center. "I knew it was a little bit slick, but I felt like I could go up there and make some time, and I kind of entered shallow underneath of it and tried to pick it up on exit, and it was just really greasy up there.

"That was a lot of fun, being able to be out there for that first run was really cool and hate it that I can't be out there longer."

An earlier wreck had given Martin Truex Jr. a fright during his quest to win both a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race and NASCAR Cup event on the same day (Truex had won the Truck race that started at noon). Aric Almirola spun on Lap 41 as part of a five-car incident that unfolded in front of Truex, who was leading at the time. Truex barely managed to dodge the crash.

"Holy crap—that was close!" a relieved Truex said on his team radio. But Truex's luck didn't hold. After winning the first stage leading a race-high 126 laps, he cut a tire while running third on the final lap of overtime and finished 19th.



Joey Logano (22) battles with Denny Hamlin (11) for the lead in the closing laps of the Food City 500. (JOHN HARRELLSON/NKP photo)

# Martin Truex Jr. Wins the Pinty's Truck Race on Dirt at Bristol

In defiance of conventional wisdom, it wasn't an experienced dirt racer who won Monday's twice-rain-delayed Pinty's Truck Race on Dirt at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Nor was it a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series regular who took the checkered flag.

When the dust settled, Martin Truex Jr. was the unlikely occupant of Victory Lane—and a dominant one at that. Racing in the Camping World Truck Series for the first time since 2006, Truex led 105 of the 150 laps in an action-filled race that featured 12 cautions for 54 laps and saw pre-race favorite Kyle Larson and series leader John Hunter Nemechek in the garage with wrecked trucks at the finish.

It was the first career win for

Truex in his third career NASCAR Camping World Truck Series start, but it was the third straight victory this season for a Kyle Busch Motorsports Toyota—and 83rd overall. Truex is the 35th driver to win in all three of NASCAR's top touring series.

"It's unbelievable, really," said Truex, who was using the Truck Series race to prepare for the NASCAR Cup Series event later on Monday afternoon. "I guess they had to put dirt on Bristol to get me back to Victory Lane here. It's been a long time. Man, that was a blast.

"I wanted to run this race so I could get more experience with the Cup car, and we got out there in practice and it felt really good. And I was having a lot of fun, so I just kept trying to work with the guys and tell them what I needed. It was really amazing how much the track changed, but I will have to say the (No. 51 Tundra) stayed really, really

good the whole time."

Truex took control of the race after reigning series champion Sheldon Creed led Laps 2 through 39. Ben Rhodes lined up beside Truex on the front row for the final restart on Lap 139 but missed a shift, dropped briefly to third and fought his way back to the runner-up spot.

Rhodes finished 1.149 seconds behind Truex, with Todd Gilliland coming home third and Chase Briscoe and Grant Enfinger completing the top five.

"We were running them back down there the last few laps, but, yeah, just the worst restart of my life," Rhodes said.

"Early in the race, I had an issue of getting it into fourth gear and missed a shift early on, but I really didn't think nothing of it and had clean shifts afterwards—and then just missed it. Bummer for my guys, but the closest I've been to winning here at Bristol was on the dirt."

Nemechek exited after a Lap 49 crash, spinning after contact from Matt Crafton's Ford and sustaining heavy damage when the No. 19 of Derek Kraus slid into his No. 4 Toyota as it sat near the outside wall of

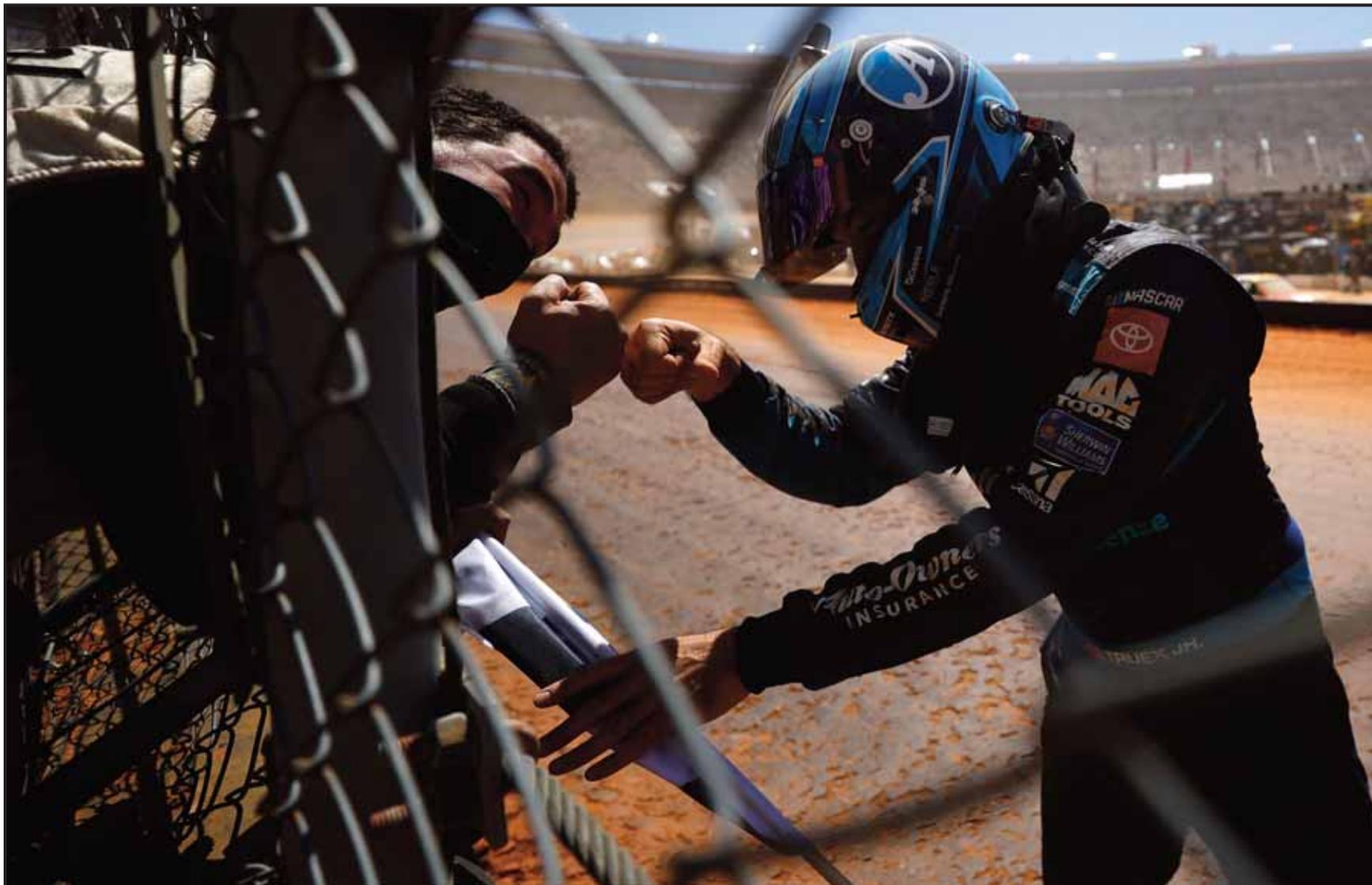
the half-mile high-banked speedway.

Larson was unable to avoid the slow truck of Mike Marlar on Lap 99 and sustained extensive damage to his No. 44 Niece Motorsports Chevrolet after heavy contact with the No. 30 Toyota of Danny Bohn in the same incident.

"My spotter said they were slowing down the backstretch, and a I saw some trucks slowing on the bottom, so I was running the top," said Larson, who was set to start the subsequent NASCAR Cup Series race from the rear of the field because of an engine change in his No. 5 Chevrolet. "I thought 'I'm going to get a lot of spots here in (Turn) 3.' So I ended up top, and there was somebody parked there.

"We were fighting. Our truck wasn't very great, but we were making adjustments on it... I still learned something for the Cup race, which was nice... learned how to pass people, so starting in the back, that's a help."

The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will return to action on April 17 at Richmond Raceway for the ToyotaCare 250 (1:30 p.m. ET on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).



NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race winner Martin Truex Jr. gets a congratulatory fist pump from a NASCAR official as he claims his checkered flag. (JARED TILTON/GETTY IMAGES photo)

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## Brad Sweet Tames Tricky Track to Win Jason Johnson Classic

It was rough and tough, and tricky and treacherous; a track that Jason Johnson himself would've thrived on.

If it couldn't be the #41, though, it's no surprise that it ended up going to the #49 Kasey Kahne Racing, NAPA Auto Parts car,

Leading all 30 laps on a "cowboy up" surface at Lake Ozark Speedway on Saturday night, Brad Sweet of Grass Valley, CA checked a big one off his bucket list by claiming the third annual Jason Johnson Classic to the tune of \$15,000.

His third win of the 2021 season marked the 61st of his World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series career. He's a Knoxville Nationals champion, King's Royal winner, and so much more, but Saturday's win was admittedly one of the biggest of his stout career.

"This is definitely one of my biggest wins," Sweet said afterwards.

"I know it's not the Knoxville Nationals or anything, but memorial races just mean so much. We lost Jason a few years back and I've missed him ever since. I think about Bobbi, Jaxx, and his whole family still sticking with the sport after everything that has happened to them. They're a lot braver than I am. I hope Jason is looking down on us and smiling tonight."

Sweet, the two-time and defending World of Outlaws champion, was impressive all night long on the Eldon, MO 3/8-mile. He set Slick Woody's QuickTime, ran second in his Team Drydene Heat Race, and second again in the DIRTvision Fast Pass Dash to claim the outside pole position of the main event.

Sheldon Haudenschild, a runner-up twice before at Lake Ozark, had the honors of leading the field to the green flag in his Stenhouse Jr. Marshall Racing, NOS Energy Drink #17. It wasn't Lil' Haud, but The Big Cat who pounced on the conditions and put his #49 in front of the field to lead the opening lap, a command he would never relinquish it.

It wasn't an easy win by any means for the KKR #49. Outside of one stoppage for a flipped fourth-

running Jacob Allen on Lap six, it was a grinding 30 laps through lap traffic.

Things heated up at halfway when the initial installment of lap traffic slowed Sweet's pace and brought Haudenschild to his back bumper. The #17 was hounding the #49 for a handful of laps before Sweet made the right move and separated himself from Haudenschild, who was boxed-in by traffic.

Once able to sneak away, Sweet put on an absolute clinic. He lapped up to the sixth-position and crossed the finish line with an astounding margin of victory at 4.218-seconds. Afterwards, he was adamant in making this night about Jason and the Johnson family.

"The night is all about honoring Jason and his legacy as a racer, as a father, and as a husband," Sweet continued. "He was someone we all looked up to in the pits. He really made an impact on this sport. We really miss him. We want to take a moment every now and then and pause to remember him. Tonight is the night we get to do that. It's truly an honor to win this race. This NAPA Auto Parts car was on rails. That's a track that Jason Johnson would've had his elbows up on. He would've been tough to beat tonight."

Sheldon Haudenschild of Wooster, OH gave Sweet all he could at halfway, but the combina-



Brad Sweet raced his way to victory lane in the Jason Johnson Classic at Lake Ozark Speedway. (Trent Gower photo)

tion of traffic and conditions allowed Sweet to escape. Saturday marked his third career runner-up result at Lake Ozark and his third consecutive top five finish at the Jason Johnson Classic. A strong run, but it left him hungry for a win at this joint.

"I'm gonna win this race someday," Haudenschild told Bobbi Johnson afterwards. "We were really good, but just Brad out-raced us I think. I hung with him for a really long time, but he got through one pack of lappers better than me and it was game over. We want to win this one real bad. Even though it was rough it was awesome to drive. I had a blast."

Coming home with a third-place finish and earning his first podium appearance of the season was James McFadden in the Kasey Kahne Racing, Karavan Trailers #9. Since making his way overseas, the Alice Springs, NT, AUS

driver has yet to finish outside the top ten in World of Outlaws action.

"We just sort of rolled around and tried to keep out of trouble and capitalize on everyone else's mistakes," McFadden noted on his strategy. "Tried to minimize my mistakes as much as possible. It was a tough race, though. I always enjoy this track, it's a lot of fun. This is a good confidence booster for us. We struggled in Texas, so running third is great for sure."

Rounding out the top ten on Saturday night was Logan Schuchart, Carson Macedo, Aaron Reutzel, David Gravel, Brent Marks, Kraig Kinser and Cory Eliason.

UP NEXT – The World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series heads to Federated Auto Parts Raceway at I-55 next weekend. A two-day stop brings The Greatest Show on Dirt to the Pevely, MO 1/3-mile on Friday and Saturday, April 2-3.

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## Owens, Sheppard Win Twin Features at Cherokee

GAFFNEY, SC - Friday night at Cherokee Speedway was double the Features, double the fun with the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series.

The 42-car field was split into two groups, running two 25-lap Feature events on night one of the Rock Gault Memorial doubleheader.

While the number of laps were equal, the two Features were anything but similar.

### ACT ONE:

The first Feature was a war of attrition with drivers working to manage their tires.

When the dust settled, Jimmy Owens won the war, picking up the \$5,000 prize.

Chris Madden wasted no time using the track's new configuration, rim-riding on the top side of the speedway in Turns 1 and 2. That's where speedway officials added banking earlier in the week.

"Smokey" used that lane for the first 10 laps, until he started getting pressure from Kyle Strickler and Owens.

Strickler pulled a slide job on Madden in Turn 2, taking the lead for a few car lengths on Lap 9. But that's when Owens, the "Newport Nightmare," decided to strike. He took advantage of the open lane on the bottom of the speedway, powering past Strickler and Madden for the top spot.

Tire wear became an issue for some drivers in the final 10 laps, bringing out a few late cautions. That put all eyes on Owens with each restart.

Kyle Strickler chose the high side on the double-file re-start, pitting him in a side-by-side battle with Chris Madden.

"The High Side Tickler" was living up to his nickname, trying to

power past Madden as Jonathan Davenport and Chris Ferguson raced wheel-to-wheel behind them. That's when the bad luck bug hit Strickler, as his right rear tire went flat with six laps to go.

He wouldn't be the only one with trouble, as the same problem would plague Chris Madden a few laps later, costing him a top-five finish.

The Grey Court, SC campaigner said damage early in the race led to the flat tire.

"I got run into, and it pushed the quarter panel into the tire," Madden said. "After Lap 3, we were kind of just hanging on."

Owens held on for the victory in the final two laps of the race, putting the Ramirez Motorsports car in victory lane.

"The track turned out pretty good," Owens said. "I would've liked to run [Turn] 1 and 2 a little bit better because it was really dusty, but overall, it worked out for us."

Davenport finish second, Trent Ivey was third, Tim McCreddie fourth, and Brent Larson fifth.

### ACT TWO:

In the second Feature, the outside lane became the main factor in the race's outcome.

Dale McDowell took the lead early and began to pull away from the field in what looked to be a dominant victory.

But three-time and defending champion Brandon Sheppard pulled into second with 15 laps to go and started using the high lane to reel in McDowell.

Sheppard caught McDowell with two laps to go. He rocketed around the outside of him in Turn 3, using a slower car as a pick to get by.

"Towards the end we got to lap traffic, and luckily my tires must've been just right at the end, because I could roll the middle and top pretty good compared to early in the race," Sheppard said.

It was a big win for the reigning champion, being his first of 2021 –



Brandon Sheppard raced his way to victory lane in the second feature of the day at Cherokee Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

however these special Features will not count as official Series wins for Owens or Sheppard.

"We've been on the struggle bus for most of the year, but I knew not to count ourselves out," Sheppard said.

McDowell led the first 23 laps of the feature and said lap traffic wasn't the only reason he lost the lead in the final two laps.

"I started losing grip in my right rear tire, I'm pretty sure [Sheppard] went with a harder tire. It was the right choice for 23 laps, but it is what it is," McDowell said.

The Chickamauga, GA driver held on for second place, Brandon Overton finished third, Scott Bloomquist fourth, and Jeff Smith fifth.

## Rain Showers Force Postponement of Rock Gault Memorial

GAFFNEY, SC - Persistent rain showers creating a high-water table and saturated grounds at Cherokee Speedway have forced World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model Series and track officials to postpone Saturday's event at the speedway.

Series and Track officials are searching for a date to re-schedule.

People who were already at the track need hold onto their tickets and wristbands. Contact the track for information about your tickets at 864-346-1969.

The Most Powerful Late Models on the Planet will continue its high-octane show on April 2-3 for the Illini 100 at Farmer City Raceway in Farmer City, IL.

## One 'Hello' Led to 20-Year Late Model Career for Heather Lyne

MARYVILLE, TN - One dare was the catalyst for a two-decade-long way of life for Heather Lyne.

It was a push to the closed door of an unknown dream waiting to become reality.

She opened that door in June of 2001 by walking into Dennis Erb, Jr.'s race shop, having never met him, and volunteering herself to join his race team. Twenty years later, she continues to be his sole crew member and inevitable crew chief on the World of Outlaws Morton Buildings Late Model tour.

In that time span, she's also juggled managing a full-time job as an electrical engineer for a defense contractor with the military – a job she's held for more than 20 years.

"We put bombs on bad guys and warheads for foreheads, and bring the good guys home," she said with pride.

Her passion and drive for the full-throttle lifestyle have been instilled in her since she was young.

"I'm the tomboy of the family," Lyne said. "I climbed trees. I played with mud pies. I played with GI Joe, not Cabbage Patch dolls. I always did the opposite of what my sister did. I didn't like Barbies. I decapitated her Barbies (said with a chuckle). I've always liked and had that tendency to be outdoors and do something with my hands. Something about the dirt world that always intrigued me."

Her passion for racing was ignited by watching NASCAR on the weekends with her father. Eventually, her passion for the sport exceeded his. While most kids are brought to a racetrack by their parents, Lyne was the one who dragged her dad to his first dirt track.

Tired of spending her time at the lake, she looked for a new adventure. She borrowed her parent's car one day after school and went to the nearest dirt track in town – in Shawano, WI. There, she fell in love. The kind of love you can't help but want to share as it builds in your heart.

"I was like, 'Dad, you've got to go.' He's like, 'Ahh, dirt...' I'm like, 'No, you don't understand. You've got to go,'" she exclaimed.

Once she got him to the track, (Continued Next Page)



Jimmy Owens raced his way to the win in the first feature at Cherokee Speedway. (Paul Arch photo)

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he shared the same joy that lit her spirit.

First, he sponsored a car. Then, their weekends went from watching racing together to working on a car together. He bought his own limited Late Model and Heather was there every race, helping turn the wrenches.

However, after a few years of racing, her mother decided it was time for her father to hang up his helmet – she wanted her weekends back. Lyne wasn't ready to hang up her wrenches, though.

While talking with her father one night, he proposed a dare. Lyne saw Erb on TV a few times, running his rookie season with the Hav-A-Tampa Late Models, and realized he lived nearby in Carpentersville, IL.

"Just in conversation, I was talking with my dad and he said, 'You're not going to be brave enough to go down there to that shop and introduce yourself and say, 'Hey, if you ever want any help, call me up and let me know,'" she said.

Still dressed in her business clothes, she left work one day soon after and did just that. Then, the journey began.

"I didn't know her or anything at the time, but she lived in my hometown," Erb said. "She came down one day and asked if I needed any help. At first, I didn't know what she was really going to do. She's definitely been a great help and has worked very hard at it and she is dedicated to it. I can go off and do whatever I want to do and know my stuff is getting done right. That's a big lift off of me."

For the majority of Erb's career, which includes six World of Outlaws victories, three consecutive Summer Nationals championships and a win at The Dream at Eldora Speedway, Lyne has been his sole crew member on the #28 car.

On the day she first walked into his shop, Erb told her he was racing at Pocatonia Raceway during the week and she could show up if she wanted to. She did and didn't hesitate to jump in, jacking up the car, putting on the battery charger, making sure there was fuel and changing tires. Eventually, her responsibilities grew as she continued to learn and Erb gained trust in

her.

"That first race, he handed me a left rear tire to put on the car and I'm like, it's leaking air somewhere," she said. "I rolled it back in the trailer and said, 'This tire has something wrong with it, it can't go on. It's got a leak in it somewhere.' I guess after that he realized I'm not going to just do whatever he tells me. I'm actually going to pay attention and figure things out. I went to the shop every night and started learning things from him."

While her job as an electrical engineer entailed working on several sophisticated systems – such as infrared countermeasures and targeting and navigating systems on aircrafts that can put bombs through a very small bathroom window with accuracy and without taking out any collateral damage – she said there wasn't much she could take from it that could help with set-ups. However, engineering is the art of solving problems efficiently. So, while she may not always have an answer to Erb's problems, her background helped her talk through issues with him and come up with a solution.

Her career choice also familiarized her with the male-dominant atmosphere of motorsports.

"I was raised to believe and do anything you can," she said. "You're capable of doing anything you want as long as you put your heart and mind to it. 110 percent. I know I'm in a male dominant sport. I'm in a male dominant field. I work with military pilots. Kind of all guys. Doesn't faze me at all. I just always liked that competitive nature. I always enjoyed racing."

Lyne doesn't see herself as "the one girl crew chief" on the tour. She sees herself as just another member of the Series. She isn't looking for special treatment and doesn't want it.

"I don't expect everybody to change just because I'm here," she said. "I just want to be treated fairly and like any other person in this sport."

Having her name up in lights was never something she strived for. She's happy with hiding behind a toolbox or under the hood of the car. However, there is one aspect of being recognized as one of the few women on the tour that she finds rewarding.

"What's rewarding is when I have a parent come and introduce their daughter to me," Lyne said. "And they say, 'She's interested. She wants to know how you got into it and why you did it. Is it hard because there are so many guys?'"

So, it's nice to say I kind of am a little bit of a role model for that younger generation to potentially bring more women into the sport."

When she first started working on Erb's team, Erb said there were probably a few raised eyebrows, but he never cared what other people thought. He knew no one in the pit area worked harder than her.

"Anybody knows over the years and where we're at right now, she's definitely one of the hardest working people there," he said. "I do this for a living and am fortunate to have her helping me out. Anybody wants to sit back and watch now; you'll see how hard she works. I can walk away, and she can change a motor and get it ready and done. She's had a lot of years at it."

Being on the road for 20 years, traveling across the country, has brought several highs and lows for Lyne and Erb. She'll never forget

winning The Dream at Eldora or the three consecutive Summer Nationals championships – especially with it being just the two of them. But she'll also never forget the hard times, like breaking down on the side of the road and having to rely on others to help you get to the next event.

In an odd, yet fortunate, turn of events, the COVID-19 pandemic forced her company to have her and others work from home more, which, as long as she has internet, can be anywhere. So, since March of 2020, Lyne has had the benefit of being able to work while on the road. And like it's been since January, home for her most of the time is in the team's truck.

"It's a lot of hard work. It's a lot of long hours," Lyne said. "But if I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't be doing it."

One dare and one "Hello" was all it took for a two-decade-long way of life.

## Rain Claims I-30 Speedway Weekend with The Lucas Oil American Sprint Cars

LITTLE ROCK, AR - Overnight rain, along with a continued wet forecast through Thursday, and worsening forecast for Saturday, officials at the I-30 Speedway have no choice but to call off this weekend's Hammer Hill Showdown with the Lucas Oil American Sprint

Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

"We understand the position Tracey is in, and we appreciate her making the call now before teams get on the road. No Sun today, more rain in the forecast, and now Saturday's forecast nearing 90% with calls for severe storms, she's really in a no-win situation," stated ASCS scheduling coordinator Terry Mattox.

ASCS officials are currently working with Superbowl Speedway and I-30 Speedway to possibly reschedule both events lost to Mother Nature this week. Any updates will be posted to <http://www.ascsracing.com>. The next event, the 2021 lineup for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series, presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network, is Boothill Speedway in Greenwood, La., on Saturday, April 10.

The 2021 season is the 30th

year of competition for the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network.

For the first time, the series can be seen live on two platforms, with Racinboys.com and FloRacing.com featuring National Tour events in tandem. Both are subscription-based sites. FloRacing.com is \$20 per month, billed annually at \$150 per year. Racinboys.com is \$29.99 per month.

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

### Rain Postpones Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series Debut at Superbowl Speedway

GREENVILLE, TX - With heavy rain already falling, and more forecasted well into Raceday, series and event officials have postponed Thursday's debut of the Lucas Oil American Sprint Car Series presented by the MAVTV Motorsports Network at Superbowl Speedway in Greenville, Texas.

Presented by Terry Mattox Promotions, Terry is working with the track to find a new date.

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## “Hunt the Front” Joiner Lands in Victory Lane

Milton, FL driver and internet favorite Joseph Joiner and the “Hunt The Front” bunch found themselves in a place they have been trying to find this year in the Southern All Stars Series Gulf Coast in the month of March. Joiner picked up his first victory in his 3rd race with the Alabama based series.

17 drivers checked in as the skies were cloudy and rain seemed to be lurking all around. But the racing Gods smiled down on a huge crowd as the All Stars made their first visit to the 3/10th miles clay oval in Flomaton / Pollard AL. Track owner Isaiah Day and his crew battled over 5 inches of rain during the week leading up race night and even worked during the show to give the drivers the best surface possible.

Joiner was the fastest qualifier in the 1st group to take time. 2020 Champion Billy Franklin of Calera, AL led group 2 and just inched out Joiner for the new track record.

On the start Joiner jumped out to a quick lead with Franklin keeping him in his sights. As they two battled during the 40 laps, Joiner was being hampered by lapped traffic. Franklin took to the high side and was close to taking the lead, but a

caution halted his charge. On the restart, Franklin chose the inside and Ryan Crane on his outside. Once again Franklin was hot in pursuit of Joiner but doing all he could to hold off Crane. After two quick cautions, it came down to a 7-lap shootout. On the final restart, Chad Thrash passed Crane to take over the third running position. When the checkered flag fell, it was Joiner, Franklin, Thrash, Crane, and Milton driver J. C. Wilson rounding out the

top 5.

Race tidbits: Race-fans were treated to an autograph session during the programs intermission while some track prep was taking place. Thanks again to Otto Printing for your support to the series for furnishing the autograph cards for the fans. Drivers competing with the series can be included on the drivers autograph cards. Contact Ray Tennyson at ray.tennyson@sasdirt.com

Dirt on Dirt – Cruise with the Champions Rookie of the Year contender Austin Franklin was not at the track for the Battle in the

Swamp. He is on the mend and we hope to see you back at the track soon Austin.

Otto Printing is available to make your teams personal driver signature cards. Contact Scott Sander with Otto Printing at 256-527-3100 or scott@yourxpress.com for more information.

Several drivers that competed at both Southern Raceway and Tri-County Raceway find themselves in the top 10 in the All-Stars points standings. Joseph Joiner, Chad Thrash, Ryan Crane, Luke Bennett, and Dale Peaden are in the top 10 in the points standings.



Joseph Joiner celebrates his win with the Southern All Stars Dirt Racing Series at Southern Raceway. This was Joiner’s first win with the series in three starts. (SAS photo)



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## Nashville Superspeedway

LEBANON, TN - NASCAR Hall of Famers Darrell Waltrip and Dale Jarrett visited Nashville Superspeedway on Tuesday to share their thoughts on the track, the 2021 Cup Series season, and the sport as a whole with local media during a Goodyear Tire Test.

Also joining the group was veteran crew chief Steve Letarte, who along with Jarrett will be NBCSN analysts during their broadcast of the "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, June 20, the kickoff to NBC's coverage of NASCAR for 2021. The "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race (2:30 p.m. CT) will be the first NASCAR Cup Series race in Middle Tennessee in 37 years.

Goodyear tire test participants included 2004 NASCAR Cup Series champion Kurt Busch (No. 1 Chevrolet, Chip Ganassi Racing), Christopher Bell (No. 20 Toyota, Joe Gibbs Racing) and Chase Briscoe (No. 14 Ford, Stewart-Haas Racing).

**DARRELL WALTRIP (NASCAR HALL OF FAMER, THREE-TIME NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPION):**

- On the excitement of Tuesday's event: "I was excited about the track re-opening after 10 years. The Cup guys haven't been here since 1984. Just to be here and hearing the engines run with the tire test, business is about to pick up. It's going to be a huge event."

- On the importance of the Nashville market: "This market has always been full of race fans and great drivers. When NASCAR brought the banquet here, and saw the response. I think we're sitting on a gold mine. I think we're going to see an incredible turnout and an incredible race."

**DALE JARRETT (NASCAR HALL OF FAMER, 1999 NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPION):**

- On driving a concrete track: "Where am I going to find grip? You're running so fast here. On concrete, I don't know if you feel the car under you as much as other places. The driver really has to get under the wheel. The driver has a chance to showcase his talent more at a track like this."

- On NASCAR adding Nashville Superspeedway to its 2021 schedule: "We've got to get back to a lot

of the things that made this sport what it is and Nashville is that perfect blend. Nashville gives the fans an opportunity to go to a great city and spend their vacation dollars in a great place. For me, this was the biggest change for the sport in getting more back to its roots and what's important."

**STEVE LETARTE (FORMER CREW CHIEF FOR NASCAR LEGENDS JEFF GORDON AND DALE EARNHARDT JR.):**

- On what he would tell a race team heading to Nashville Superspeedway: "This is a clean slate. This is very unique. The track is a little like Dover, but not exactly like anywhere. As a team, I'd be selling opportunity. Rarely does a young driver have an opportunity to have an advantage of the experience."

- On the wide-open 2021 NASCAR Cup Series championship race: "This year is the toughest one to pick a favorite. The schedule is very chaotic. It's easy to get into a rhythm when everything is the same. This schedule is anything but consistent, dirt, road courses, etc."

**KURT BUSCH (2004 NASCAR CUP SERIES CHAMPION):**

- "It's great to rekindle an old friendship. I haven't been out here in many years and it hasn't changed a bit. The concrete is very consistent and I think the track is going to be fun to race on with all the other cars out there and, more importantly, it's something new and refreshing."

**CHASE BRISCOE (2021 NASCAR CUP SERIES ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CONTENDER):**

- I love racing on concrete. The concrete tracks, there's a lot more tire wear and it allows for some slipping and sliding. I'm glad there's another one [on the schedule] now. For our team, coming to a new track, at least we'll have a general idea on what to do [after the test]."

The event was the first tire test at Nashville Superspeedway since it was announced last summer that the site would return to the NASCAR schedule.

Busch, Bell and Briscoe all are scheduled to compete in the "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race, the centerpiece of Nashville Superspeedway's Father's Day Weekend tripleheader, which also includes the "Rackley Roofing 200" NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race (7 p.m. CT, FS1) on Friday, June 18 and the NASCAR Xfinity Series race (2:30 CT, NBCSN) on Saturday, June 19.

Keep track of Nashville Superspeedway's latest news and up-

dates at NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com via social media at Facebook.com/NashvilleSuperspeedway, on Twitter at @nashvillesupers and on Instagram @nashvillesuperspeedway.

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## World Wide Technology Raceway

MADISON, IL - World Wide Technology Raceway, the home of NASCAR, INDYCAR and NHRA racing in the St. Louis-Metro East region, today announced TicketSmarter as its official ticket resale marketplace partner.

"We are excited to partner with World Wide Technology Raceway as an extension of our strategy to develop strong, mutually beneficial relationships that provide WWTR's race fans with an enhanced ticketing experience," said TicketSmarter CEO Jeff Goodman. "We look forward to developing our relationship with WWTR over the next several years."

As the official ticket resale marketplace, TicketSmarter will gain marketing and sponsorship rights for WWTR, and give motorsports fans a safe, trusted platform to buy and sell tickets.

For TicketSmarter's available WWTR tickets, please visit [https://www.ticket-smarter.com/venues/world-wide-technology-raceway-at-gateway?utm\\_source=wwtraceway&utm\\_medium=pressrelease&utm\\_campaign=partners](https://www.ticket-smarter.com/venues/world-wide-technology-raceway-at-gateway?utm_source=wwtraceway&utm_medium=pressrelease&utm_campaign=partners).

Major WWTR events for the 2021 season include the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series 200 (August 20), the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Bommarito Automotive Group 500 presented by Axalta and Valvoline (August 21) and the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series Midwest Nationals (September 24-26).

WWTR is located just five minutes from downtown St. Louis. For additional information please call (618) 215-8888 or visit [www.WWTRaceway.com](http://www.WWTRaceway.com). Follow WWTR on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram.

**Texas Motor Speedway**  
FORT WORTH, TX - The great tradition that the massive

Pate Swap Meet has become over the years at Texas Motor Speedway returns April 22-24 after a one-year hiatus but to a new location at the 1,500-acre facility for the 50th edition of the largest automotive swap meet in the southwest.

The relocation of more than 18 miles of vendor space to an area approximately 900 yards east of the regular Pate Swap Meet location was made due to the on-going Denton County vaccination hub, where so far more than 150,000 vaccinations have been distributed.

All Pate Swap Meet Vendor Spaces, Car Corral, Car Show, parking and their traffic flow will be moved in their entirety to the east side of the TMS property so it will not interfere or conflict with the operations of the Vaccine Hub.

"Planning and moving 18 linear miles of Vendor spaces for the largest automotive swap meet in the Southwest were not easy things to do or for the faint of heart," said Pate Swap Meet Event Coordinator David Anderton. "The move was only 900-yards to the east side of the Speedway, but it impacted everything we do for 9,500 spaces used by 1,400 Pate Vendors serving more than one hundred thousand car collectors, restorers, and hobbyists from all over the United States and several countries.

"However, we did it gladly with smiles on our faces. We understand the importance of keeping the Vaccine Hub open and getting shots into the arms of Texans. These are our friends and neighbors out here and we want them to stay well and be protected. The Vaccine Hub is the work of real heroes. Our move, despite its complexity, is only a small inconvenience. The work of the Vaccine Hub is historic. We're proud to do our small part to support them."

Established in 1972, the event is operated by Pate Swap Meet, L.L.C. The Pate Swap Meet Association consists of the twelve largest car clubs in the State of Texas and the event serves the hobby of car restoration and

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collection of antique, vintage, collectible and notable automobiles and hot rods. The Pate Swap Meet is the largest event of its type in the Southwest and the second largest in the United States. The operations of the Pate Swap Meet have been at Texas Motor Speedway since 1998.

Learn more at <https://pateswap-meet.com>.

"All of us at Texas Motor Speedway truly appreciate the incredible effort and understanding from David Anderton and everyone at Pate Swap Meet that will allow Denton County to continue to provide vital COVID-19 vaccinations to not just North Texas residents but people from across the country," said Texas Motor Speedway President and General Manager Eddie Gossage. "The Pate Swap Meet has been an important part of Texas Motor Speedway's annual schedule for almost our entire 25 Seasons of Speed so it's great to have them back at the facility to provide collectors, restorers and the general public with yet another incredible event."

Texas Motor Speedway opens its 2021 major event season May 1-2 with an NTT INDYCAR SERIES doubleheader. The Genesys 300 will air live May 1 on NBCSN beginning at 6 p.m. CT while the XPEL 375 will air live May 2 on NBCSN beginning at 4 p.m. CT.

**TICKETS:** Tickets for Texas Motor Speedway's 2021 major event season, including the June 13 NASCAR All-Star Race, are on sale now at <http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com>.

### Nashville Superspeedway

LEBANON, TN - Rackley Roofing, one of Tennessee's leading industrial and commercial roofing contractors, will serve as the title sponsor of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race at Nashville Superspeedway on Friday, June 18 after agreeing to a multi-year deal, track officials announced today.

The "Rackley Roofing 200" (7 p.m. CT, FS1) on Friday, June 18 is the 12th race of the 2021 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series season and the first race of Nashville Superspeedway's Father's Day Weekend tripleheader, which also

includes the inaugural "Ally 400" NASCAR Cup Series race (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN) on Sunday, June 20 and the NASCAR Xfinity Series race (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN) on Saturday, June 19.

Rackley Roofing, established in 1974, has five locations throughout Tennessee and is based in Carthage, Tenn. Rackley Roofing is the part owner of the Rackley WAR No. 25 Chevrolet in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, driven by 11-time Truck Series race winner Timothy Peters.

Peters and fellow Truck Series veteran Clay Greenfield will have Rackley Roofing as their main sponsors for the "Rackley Roofing 200."

"Rackley is excited and honored to sponsor the 'Rackley Roofing 200' as part of the Father's Day weekend tripleheader at the Nashville Superspeedway," said Curtis Sutton, Rackley Roofing's president.

"This was an easy decision after meeting with Erik Moses and the team at the Superspeedway, as we share similar core values. Since we began our NASCAR sponsorships we were hooked, and the excitement grew when we heard that the Nashville would be having a race weekend in 2021. Motorsports brings families closer together and children of all ages are looking forward to Middle Tennessee hosting a fantastic Father's Day weekend of racing. We can't wait to see you at the race track."

The "Rackley Roofing 200" is the 14th NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race in Nashville Superspeedway's history, which dates to 2001. Truck Series winners at the 1.3-mile concrete track include current NASCAR Cup Series stars Kyle Busch and Austin Dillon.

"Rackley Roofing is a company that Tennessee race fans know and trust," said Erik Moses, Nashville Superspeedway's president.

"Rackley was one of the first companies we brought to the track when we were looking at our facility upgrades last summer. We're honored to have them join us for our NASCAR tripleheader weekend in June."

Keep track of Nashville Superspeedway's latest news and updates at [NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com](http://NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com) via social media at [Facebook.com/NashvilleSuperSpeedway](https://www.facebook.com/NashvilleSuperSpeedway), on Twitter at [@nashvillesupers](https://twitter.com/nashvillesupers) and Instagram [@nashvillesuperspeedway](https://www.instagram.com/nashvillesuperspeedway).

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### World Wide Technology Raceway

MADISON, IL - World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, Illinois and Illinois South Tourism will present the annual Mother Road Rendezvous nostalgia weekend on May 7-8. The 600-acre facility, located just five minutes from downtown St. Louis, will offer up a rockin' good time with a mix of rockabilly bands, thrilling nostalgia drag racing, a traditional pre-'66 hot rod 'n' custom car show, pin-up girl contest, Tin Can Alley vintage camper corral, nostalgia vendors, pinstripers on the fabulous midway and a swap meet for old cars and parts.

• **NEW FOR 2021:** This year's event will be televised on FloSports' FloRacing channel: ([www.floracing.com](http://www.floracing.com)).

• **NOSTALGIA DRAG RACING** – The stars of '60s and '70 drags strips across the nation will make a triumphant – and loud – return to WWTR's quarter mile. Featured groups include the Great Lakes Nostalgia Funny Car Circuit, Nostalgia Drag Racing League (NDRL), Nostalgia Gassers and the Victory Nostalgia Super Stock Series. Nostalgia drags will take place on Friday and Saturday.

• **ROCKABILLY CONCERT** – Three headliner rockabilly bands, including Danny Dean & the Home-wreckers from Nashville, will perform on the Monster Energy Stage in our fabulous pavilion on the midway. Rockabilly DJs in between band sets.

• **TRADITIONAL HOT ROD AND CUSTOM CAR SHOW** – Open to 1965-and-older cars, trucks and motorcycles. If it's older than '65, bring it. Everything from hot rods, street rods, rat rods, custom cars, lowriders, choppers, rustbuckets, race cars, VWs, restorations – even stingray bikes. Best in Show wins the iconic MRR electric guitar award, pinstriped by Dan Johnson of Knucklehead in Florissant. All car clubs are welcome. Car clubs will be able to park together if arrangements are made in advance. To pre-register your 1965-or-older car, please contact: John Bisci, (618) 215-8888 ext. 119 or [jbisci@wwtraceway.com](mailto:jbisci@wwtraceway.com).

• **PIN-UP GIRL CONTEST** – Saturday on the Monster Energy Stage (on the midway). Open to all

ladies 18 and older. Costumes must be period-correct and true to the pin-up girl genre, and in good taste. Cash prizes for first through fifth place. First place also receives the iconic MRR bowling pin trophy, pinstriped by Knucklehead's Dan Johnson. All contestants must pre-register. Please contact: John Bisci, (618) 215-8888 ext. 119 or [jbisci@wwtraceway.com](mailto:jbisci@wwtraceway.com).

• **TIN CAN ALLEY VINTAGE CAMPER CORRAL** – Owners of vintage (pre-1972) campers are welcome to camp out at the show. They'll be camping out at the track and will be part of the show, with a reserved area in the car show. Everything from Airstreams to Shastas to Alohas. Camping spaces for vintage campers are free when occupants purchase event tickets. Tin Can Alley camping is FREE to any 1969-and-older camper. Any 1970-1979 camper or RV: \$50. All other campsites, outside of Tin Can Alley: Trackside is \$50.

• **SWAP MEET AREA** – For vendors of old cars and old car parts. All wares must be automotive and pre-1965 (i.e. old cars, old car parts). Find your next project car at our swap meet. To reserve swap meet spaces, please contact Scott Winter: [scott.winter@wwtraceway.com](mailto:scott.winter@wwtraceway.com).

• **MIDWAY VENDORS** – Merchandise and services must be relevant to the event, including vintage clothing, pinstripers, vintage car accessories and parts, antique toys, pop culture items, magazines. Includes one (1) weekend crew pass. Set-up on Thursday evening from 4-9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. No food items or unlicensed bootleg materials. Vendors must contact City of Madison, IL, to purchase a sales permit. (Visit their website at [www.CityOfMadison.com](http://www.CityOfMadison.com).)

To purchase a vendor space, please contact Scott Winter at [scott.winter@wwtraceway.com](mailto:scott.winter@wwtraceway.com). All vendor spaces must be purchased by May 5.

20 ft. x 20 ft. – \$100 space + \$25 permit (\$125).

20 ft. x 40 ft. -- \$175 space + \$25 permit (\$200).

20 ft. x 60ft. – \$225 space + \$25 permit (\$250).

20 ft. x 80 ft. – \$275 space + \$25 permit (\$300).



## Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC - YouTube sensation Jake Sutton will perform the National Anthem in the 2021 season opener at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway on Saturday, April 3rd as part of the grand reopening of the speedway.

Sutton, who hails from Kinston, North Carolina, released his first single, Feels, back in 2018 and released a new single, Goddess, back in January. Goddess was released with an accompanying music video which is available on YouTube.

Both of Sutton's hit singles are available on Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music. You can learn more about Sutton by visiting his Instagram and Facebook pages.

Sutton will perform the National Anthem prior to the drop of the green flag on the 2021 season opener. The race will go green at 3pm and features racing for Late Models, Street Stocks, Mini Stocks, U-CARs, Bombers, Mini Cups, and Champ Karts.

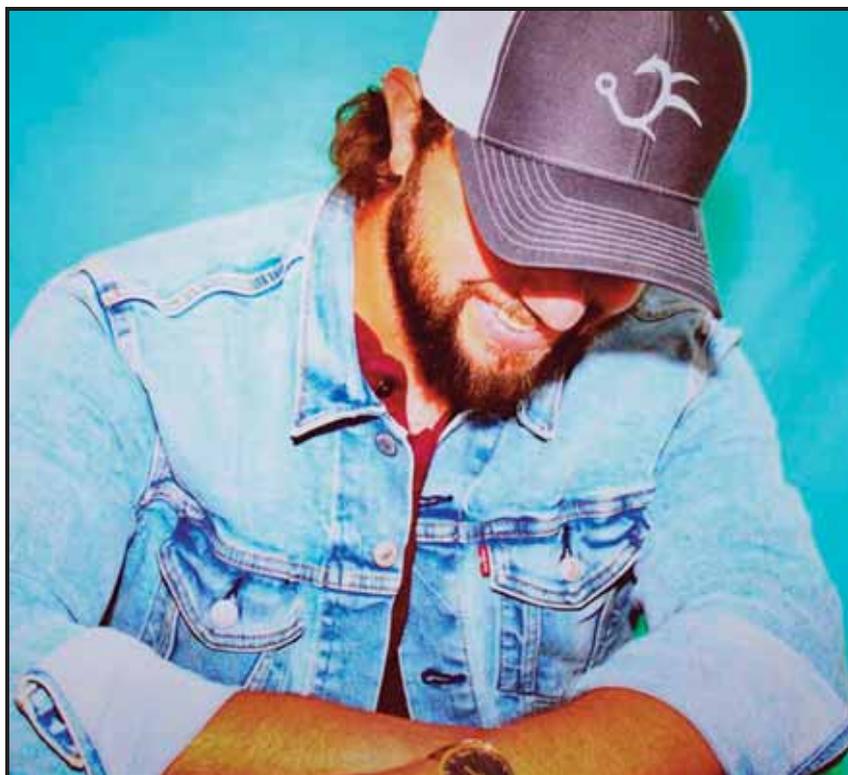
For more information about Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at [www.carteretspeedway.com](http://www.carteretspeedway.com), "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter and Instagram.

## Carteret County Speedway

PELETIER, NC - Five of the eight scheduled Late Model races at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway will be run with an enhanced payout in the 2021 season.

The Solid Rock Carriers Fast Five Late Model Series will consist of five races – four in the regular season. The four regular season races will pay \$5,000-to-win each while the fifth race, the Christmas Clash, will pay significantly more to win.

"We're excited to be launching our new Solid Rock Carriers Fast Five Late Model Series this year at Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway," track owner Bob Lowery said. "Kirk Ipock has done so much for Late Model racing in this region and we're proud to be able to work with him to make this series happen and continue making Carteret County Speedway the premier track in the United States."



Recording artist Jake Sutton will sing the National Anthem for the season opener at Carteret County Speedway. (JAKE SUTTON/FACEBOOK photo)

The Solid Rock Carriers Fast Five Late Model Series races will kick off on Saturday, April 3rd as part of the 2021 season opener at Carteret County Speedway. The second race will be held on Saturday, May 15th. The third race will be held on Sunday, May 30th as part of the sixth running of the Memorial Classic. The fourth race will be on Saturday, August 7th. The series will conclude on Saturday, December 11th at the Christmas Clash.

In addition to the enhanced purses, the Fast Five Late Model Series will also come with bonuses for drivers who win three or more Fast Five races. If someone wins three races, they will receive a \$2,000 bonus on top of their race winnings, while four race wins would feature a \$5,000 bonus and sweeping the series will come with a \$10,000 bonus.

Other notes about the Fast Five Late Model Series:

- Purse: 1 - \$5,000; 2 - \$2,250, 3 - \$1,200, 4 - \$1,000, 5 - \$800, 6 - \$500; \$500-to-start.
- Entry fee: \$100 for early entry fee, \$150 for late entry fees.
- Early entry fee deadline will be 12pm on the Thursday before the race.
- Races will under Carteret County Speedway Late Model rulebook.
- Tires: Four (4) Hoosier F45 tires.
- Distance: Races will be 100 laps.

The 2021 season at Bobby Wat-

son's Carteret County Speedway kicks off on Saturday, April 3rd featuring the first race in the Solid Rock Carriers Fast Five Late Model Series as well as races for Street Stocks, Mini-Stocks, U-CARs, Bombers, Champ Karts, Mini Cups, and Jr. Mini Cups. The green flag will fly on the April 3rd season opener at 3pm.

For more information about Bobby Watson's Carteret County Speedway, visit the track's official website at [www.carteretspeedway.com](http://www.carteretspeedway.com), "like" Carteret County Speedway on Facebook or follow @carteretcoswy on Twitter and Instagram.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - With the forecast for a day-long soaking rain, Selinsgrove Speedway officials pulled the plug on the Sunday, March 28, show featuring the season debuts for the Lelands.com 410 sprint cars and Jeff's Auto Body super late models.

The speedway, celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, will return to action Saturday, April 10, at 6 p.m. showcasing the United Late Model Series (ULMS) in a 30-lap main event paying \$3,000 to win. Joining the super late models will be the Apache Tree Service PASS/IMCA 305 sprint cars and the A&A Auto Stores roadrunners on Performance Food Group Night. Track gates will open at 4 p.m.

Admission on April 10 is set at just \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (ages 12-17), and FREE general

admission for kids ages 11 and under. Pit passes will be \$30.

The 410 sprint cars will now make their first appearance of the season at Selinsgrove on Sunday, April 25, at 6 p.m. in the Icon Legacy Custom Modular Homes Ray Tilley Classic. The super late models will join the 410 sprint cars for the April 25 doubleheader.

For a complete schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit [selinsgrovespeedway.com](http://selinsgrovespeedway.com) or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook. The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

## Selinsgrove Speedway

SELINGROVE, PA - Lelands, one of the world's leading sports memorabilia auction houses based in Matawan, N.J., has been named the title sponsor of the eight-race 410 sprint car series as part of Selinsgrove Speedway's historic 75th anniversary season.

The 410 sprint car division, a staple in central Pennsylvania and throughout the Snyder County oval's rich narrative, will be featured in a number of high-profile events beginning with this Sunday's (March 28) 25-lap main event paying \$4,000 to win.

"Everything we do at Lelands revolves around an appreciation for history, so to sponsor the 410 sprint car series as part of the speedway's 75th anniversary season is a natural tie-in," said Mike Heffner, a principal in Lelands and promoter at Selinsgrove Speedway. "The Lelands sponsorship will support a point fund for the top finishing drivers in the series at season's end."

Other winged 410 sprint car series events slated for this year include the Ray Tilley Classic, April 25; PA Speedweek Opperman-Bogar-Heintzelman Memorial, July 4; 75th Anniversary Spectacular, July 20; Summer Championship Night, July 24; 41st Jack Gunn Memorial, August 28; National Open Qualifier, Sept. 5; and Jim Nace Memorial/39th National Open, Sept. 25.

For the first time since 1971, and only the second time in speedway history, the USAC wingless 410 sprint cars will tackle the Super-speedway of Dirt Track Racing June 17 as part of the Eastern Storm swing.

The late Ray Tilley of Pine Grove holds the record for the most career sprint car wins with 69 victories at Selinsgrove and four track championships. Tilley is also the sole driver who owns four career Opening Day sprint car wins. The

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late Jim Nace of Thompsonstown is the track's only five-time sprint car champion.

Established in 1985, Lelands is the first sports auction house and the premier appraisers and authenticators in the sports collectible hobby. The late founder Joshua Leland Evans was a pioneer in the field and acknowledged by his peers as the most

knowledgeable figure in sports memorabilia. Lelands has handled many of the largest landmark auctions and been involved in the sales of hundreds of millions of dollars of the most important sports memorabilia and cards in the world.

The company's annual Spring Classic online auction started February 25 and runs through April 2, 2021, on Lelands.com.

For a complete schedule, the latest news, results, and race status, visit [selinsgrovespeedway.com](http://selinsgrovespeedway.com) or follow the track on Twitter and Facebook. The speedway office can be reached at 570.374.2266.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Advance tickets are now on sale for the 2 p.m. running of the Pocono Organics' CBD Day At The Races featuring the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division and the touring SMART Modified series on Saturday afternoon, April 3 at South Boston Speedway.

Adult general admission advance tickets for this "special event" are available online on the South Boston Speedway website for \$15 each plus a \$1.50 processing fee, for a total of \$16.50.

Advance tickets will be available online on the South Boston Speedway website until midnight on Friday before the race. Tickets at the gate on race day will be \$20 each.

South Boston Speedway officials have simplified the track's online ticket purchasing system to make it easier for fans to purchase tickets online. A video has been posted on the track's website and social media platforms providing details.

As a result of increased capacity limits more tickets will be available for the April 3 Pocono Organics' CBD Day At The Races than were available for South

Boston Speedway's March 20 season-opener. Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced Tuesday afternoon that outdoor entertainment and sports venues in the commonwealth will be allowed to operate at 30 percent capacity beginning April 1.

"We are extremely happy that Governor Northam is easing restrictions to allow us to operate at 30 percent capacity," said South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice.

"This will allow us to have more fans and we are really looking forward to seeing more of our fans at this special event."

The April 3 Pocono Organics' CBD Day At The Races will feature a four-race card headlined by a 100-lap race for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors and a 99-lap race for the competitors of the regional touring SMART Modified series which features tour-type modified cars like those that compete in NASCAR's touring modified series.

A 15-lap race for the Budweiser Pure Stock Division and a 15-lap race for the Budweiser Hornets Division will round out the afternoon's action. The first race in South Boston Speedway's April 3 Pocono Organics' CBD Day At The Races will get the green flag at 2 p.m.

South Boston Speedway is participating in the Advance Auto Parts My Track Challenge, a contest for NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series tracks. Fans have the opportunity to vote for their favorite NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series track through Tuesday, April 27 and can vote up to three times a day. When fans cast their vote they will be entered to win NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series prizes. Votes for South Boston Speedway can be cast at <https://bit.ly/VoteForSoBo>.

The six tracks that receive the most votes after April 27 will be part of a two-day final round of voting that is scheduled to start on Sunday, May 9.

A \$50,000 prize will be awarded to the winning track that can be used toward facility enhancements and community-based programs. The runner-up track will receive \$15,000 and the third-place track will receive \$10,000.

"We are very excited about participating in the Advance Auto Parts My Track Challenge," Rice remarked.

"It is a unique contest that provides an opportunity for NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series

tracks like South Boston Speedway to showcase themselves. We ask everyone, especially our fans and race teams, to support our efforts in the Advance Auto Parts My Track Challenge by voting for us."

The latest news and updates about South Boston Speedway and its racing events can be found on the new South Boston Speedway website at [www.southboston-speedway.com](http://www.southboston-speedway.com) and on the speedway's social media channels. Fans can also subscribe for e-mail updates on the speedway's website.

## South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, VA - Service to the South Boston-Halifax County, Virginia community has taken several forms for South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice.

As a school bus driver, as an EMT with the Cluster Springs Volunteer Fire Department and the Halifax County Rescue Squad, as a member of community organizations and through her efforts in making South Boston Speedway a gem among NASCAR's short tracks, Rice has made many con-

munity and her achievements by presenting her the chamber's first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award.

"This is the first time we have given a Lifetime Achievement Award, and with Cathy's pending retirement our nomination committee felt there was no better honor than to honor her with a Lifetime Achievement Award," said Halifax County Chamber of Commerce President Mitzi McCormick.

"Cathy has done so much for our community, not just at South Boston Speedway, but by serving on our chamber board and the (county) tourism board. She has been a member of the South Boston Rotary Club for a number of years and has participated on subcommittees there and served on the executive committee. She has been involved in so many capacities."

McCormick noted that when people think about South Boston Speedway, they also think about Rice.

"Cathy has been the mainstay there, and she needs to be honored for that," McCormick remarked.



**South Boston Speedway General Manager Cathy Rice received a big surprise when she opened a gift bag containing the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award during the chamber's annual awards event on Thursday, March 18. (JOE CHANDLER/SBS photo)**

tributions to her community.

The Halifax County (Virginia) Chamber of Commerce honored Rice Thursday night March 18 for her many contributions to the com-

"South Boston Speedway contributes to our quality of life. Cathy has done a great job to make sure that our speedway has remained

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viable through the years, through the pandemic and into years to come.”

The award came as a complete surprise to Rice, who watched the chamber’s annual awards ceremony online at the speedway with speedway staff members.

“I was shocked,” Rice said.

“This is a great honor, and I thank the chamber’s nomination

committee, chamber members and everyone involved for this honor.”

Rice, who will be stepping down as the speedway’s general manager at the end of the year, said one of the biggest things she has tried to create and foster throughout her 21 years as the speedway’s GM is a family atmosphere.

“I’ve always said from Day One when you walk through the gates at South Boston Speedway, I want you to feel like you’re at home,” Rice pointed out.

“We’re from such a small county that everybody knows everybody. This is a family sport. We have worked hard over the years to create a family-friendly atmosphere for both our fans and the competitors that race here at South Boston Speedway. That family atmosphere is something we will always strive to have here at South Boston Speedway.”

South Boston Speedway and Pocono Raceway CEO Nick Igdalsky was among those that watched the Chamber of Commerce’s annual awards online. Igdalsky was happy to see Rice receive the award.

“Cathy absolutely deserves this honor, and I am so happy for her,” Igdalsky said.

“I am so proud of Cathy and what she has accomplished through the years, and especially the 17 years I have worked with her! Everyone in racing knows that coming in first is the ultimate prize, so it makes it even more special knowing that she was the first person ever to receive this honor in Halifax County.”

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dates on the speedway’s website.

## Southern National Motorsports Park

LUCAMA, NC - The Inaugural Roval event for Legends, Bandoleros and Enduro drivers found new faces and veterans in victory lane Sunday evening. Sean Abell from Morrisville visited victory lane in his bad fast #88 picking up his 1st career Roval win. Abell thanked his family, friends and sponsors from victory lane. Justin Calabro from Gastonia crossed the stripe in 2nd place with Garrett Lowe from Concord rounding out the top three positions in the 2nd feature of the afternoon.

The first feature from day two found Abell leading Lowe and Calabro under the waving checkered flag. The drivers, families and fans were treated to a great battle on the Roval, we just needed more cars so help spread the word.

The Bando winner was Finn Buckley from Waxaw who picked up the win and points that will count towards the national championship.

The Enduro winners at the end of the 3 hour time limit were Alex Fleming, Mason Diaz and Josh Van Winkle followed by Jesse "Danger" Jones and team in 2nd place. Preston wheeled his Optima Batteries BMW home in 3rd place followed by Capt.K in his Harley Motorcycles hotrod in 4th with Greg Smith crossing the stripe in 5th.

Southern National Motorsports Park is located on 8071 Newsome Mill Rd., Lucama, NC. . The 4/10 of a mile asphalt oval is available for practice, we sell Sunoco racing fuel, Hoosier Tire and Billboard Space. Follow [snmpark.com](http://snmpark.com) or call (919) 284-1114 for more info. Follow SNMP on facebook, twitter and instagram.

By the Grace of God and 600 Horsepower, see you at the races.

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway partners GAF and New England Racing Fuel have each posted contingency bonuses for the Open Modified events scheduled at Stafford Speedway in 2021. The additional prize money makes each of the 4 events \$5,000 to win for the 2021 season. Teams will be required to run GAF & New England Racing Fuel contingency decals to be eligible for the bonus money.

With the bonus announcement, Stafford Speedway and GAF expand upon their recently announced multi-year partnership

serving as the official sponsor for the August 6th NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour GAF 150. GAF also continues to serve as the primary sponsor of multi-time Stafford winner Eric Goodale, driver of the #58 Modified. Goodale will look to carry the GAF colors to victory lane as he is registered for all 4 Open Modified events on the 2021 calendar.

Goodale joins a long list of top Modified talent that have registered to compete. 2020 winners Marcello Rufrano, Ronnie Williams, Woody Pitkat, and Keith Rocco all have filed their entry for the 2021 events alongside drivers such as Jon McKennedy, Chris Pasteryak, Chase Dowling and more. View the full up to date entry list on [stafford-speedway.com](http://stafford-speedway.com).

The first Open Modified event of the season is scheduled for Friday, May 14th with the Call Before You Dig Open Modified 81 and continues with one event per month through the summer. The 4th Annual Twisted Tea Open 80 on Friday, June 11th, 4th Annual Bud Light Open 80 on Friday, July 9th, and the 2nd Annual Lincoln Tech Open Modified 80 on Friday, August 20th all will pay \$5,000 to win, thanks to the bonus from GAF and New England Racing Fuel.

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

## Stafford Motor Speedway

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - Stafford Speedway has announced that Olson Apartments of Feeding Hills, MA will return to the track’s contingency program for the 2021 season. For the sixth consecutive season, Olson Apartments will provide a weekly \$75 bonus to the third place finisher of each SK Light feature event. Olson Apartments’ contingency bonus brings the weekly payday for 3rd place SK Light finishers up to \$325.

“I’ve always loved the modifieds and the SK Light division is a great way for me to be able to help up and coming drivers and teams to keep on moving their way up,” said Mark Olson, Owner of Olson Apartments. “I really enjoy the show that Stafford puts on and I know last year was tough but the track and all the drivers and teams did a heck of a job getting in all the races that were run. When the SK Lights are on the track, I like to keep an eye on who is in third place during the races. I like to walk through the pit area and talk with the drivers and teams from all divisions, not just the

SK Light division. With how things were last season we really didn’t do much of that so hopefully things will be back to normal and we can enjoy having conversations again with all the teams and drivers. I’m looking forward to watching more exciting racing at Stafford in all 5 weekly divisions, not just the SK Light division and I can’t wait for the season to get started.”

In 17 SK Light races last season, defending track champion Brian Sullivan led all drivers with 4 third place finishes. George Besette, Jr. and Derek Debbis each claimed 3 third place finishes with Norm Sears finishing third twice. Drivers who each finished third once include Bob Charland, Steven and Tyler Chapman, Nick Anglace, and Chris Matthews. All 9 of those drivers will be back in SK Light competition this season and 9 of the top-10 finishers from the 2020 SK Light points standings will also return. With Jon Puleo the only 2020 SK Light feature winner not returning to the division, the 2021 season offers plenty of promise for another ultra competitive season of open wheel modified racing.

The SK Light division will also continue to provide the modified driving talent of the future with 11 rookie drivers currently signed up for competition. Meg Fuller makes the jump from Stafford’s Street Stocks into the SK Light division for the 2021 season along with Cole Kugler, Tyler Barry, Steve Kenneway, Jason Chapman, Anthony Bello, Casey Vogt, Evan Bourgeois, Tyler Alkas, Jake Hines, and Jason Paquette making up the rookie class of 2021.

About Olson Apartments: Olson Apartments has been offering “Professional Service With a Personal Touch” since 1977 and they currently serve the Agawam area with efficiency and townhouse 2 bedroom apartments. For apartment availability, rates, and more information, please call Mark Olson at 413-786-6462 or visit Olson Apartments online at [www.olsonapartments.net](http://www.olsonapartments.net).

“We offer efficiencies as well as 2 bedroom townhouse apartments in the Agawam area,” said Olson. “Please give me a call at 413-786-6462 to discuss details and availability or check our website.”

The first Olson Apartments contingency bonus of the 2021 season will be up for grabs during Stafford Speedway’s 49th Annual NAPA Auto Parts Spring Sizzler on April 25. Tickets for the “Greatest Race in the History of Spring” are on sale

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now and available through Stafford's website at [www.staffordspeedway.com](http://www.staffordspeedway.com).

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**Stafford Motor Speedway**

STAFFORD SPRINGS, CT - After going winless during the 2019 SK Modified® season at Stafford, Michael Christopher, Jr. returned to NAPA Victory Lane in 2020 with a thrilling late season victory. Along with the win Christopher posted a total of six podium finishes in 14 races and nearly matched his career best of third in the final points standings by finishing fourth. With the first green flag of the 2021 season on the horizon, Christopher is ready to put his #82 Eastport Feeds / New England Turf Management Chevrolet back in NAPA

Victory Lane.

"A successful season would be for us to capture wins," said Christopher. "I'd like to get at least 3 wins or maybe match my 4 wins from the 2018 season. It all comes down to having a fast racecar and good track position at the end of the races. We've always been in contention racing for wins so it comes down to those factors and to me as the driver. Having confidence in myself can turn into good results on the racetrack but luck is also a big part of racing and sometimes it goes your way and sometimes it doesn't. You just have to take the good with the bad and in 2019 I learned to keep my head down, try to figure things out, and stay focused on what you're doing. The next Friday night is always going to show up so no matter if things go good or bad, you try to keep the same attitude."

Christopher's first opportunity to add to his win total will be a pair of 40-lap SK Modified® feature events scheduled for NAPA Opening Day on Saturday, April 24 and the NAPA Spring Sizzler on Sunday, April 25. The twin feature format revives an SK Modified® season opening tradition that was in place from 1997-2004 and

Christopher is looking forward to getting the season off to a hot start.

"I'm excited to see what another season is going to bring," said Christopher. "The Sizzler is obviously a special race and with this year being a doubleheader, that should only add to the excitement racing on both Saturday and Sunday. We're going to try to do everything we possibly can in order to have a good starting position for the Saturday race. Usually you have to finish Saturday in order to go racing on Sunday so it's going to be interesting to see how guys approach those 2 races. Not that we want to use our backup car but we'll have it ready to go if we need it."

After finishing 14th in the points during his rookie season in 2015, Christopher has 5 consecutive top-7 finishes in the points standings with a best finish of 3rd in 2018. With Christopher on the hunt for more wins he will have to strike a balance between racing for wins and racing for points if he is going to meet or exceed his career best finish in the standings.

"Wins are something that you always go after, especially at the short track level," said Christopher. "Wins are what brings the most

fame and fortune but if you finish second or third, that's only 2 or 4 points less than a win so it's not like there is a gigantic incentive to win the race for points like there is for ego, money, and those sorts of things. If you're "points racing" towards the end of the year, sometimes it might be better to give up a win and take a second or third place finish. If I find myself in that situation, not to say I don't want to win races but that's a situation I might have to think about. In order to be at that point, you have to be up there in the points and you typically need to win races to be racing for the championship. If you're racing someone who hasn't won all season long and is just out there to win, you'd race them differently than someone else who is going for the championship."

While Christopher and his #82 team are up to the task of winning races, the competition level in Stafford's SK Modified® division can make winning races a tall order. It took Christopher 4 seasons before he won his first SK Modified® feature, winning 4 times in 2018, with the next victory coming in 2020.

"I think it's known around the  
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Michael Christopher Jr. leads the field in the SK Modified series at Stafford Motor Speedway. (SMS photo)

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racing community, especially in the Northeast modified scene, that the toughest division in short track racing is the SK Modifieds® at Stafford,” said Christopher. “I can think of at least a half dozen guys who can win races on any given night. I know that sounds like a cliché, but the thing with clichés is that they’re true. The competition between drivers

is high and the cars are also very similar to each other on the track. If you look at times from practice, heats, or features, the top-10 cars are all basically within a tenth of a second or two of each other. The competition at Stafford is second to none.”

The SK Modified® division won't be the only area where Christopher will be looking to add to his win total in 2021. Christopher will once again team up with Tommy Baldwin to pilot the #7ny in Stafford's four Open Modified events; the Call Before You Dig 81 on May 14, the Twisted Tea 80 on June 4, the Bud Light 80 on July 9, and the Lincoln Tech 80 on August 20.

“I'm super excited about driving Tommy's car again, we had good and bad luck last year,” said Christopher. “We led a ton of laps in our first race and finished second and then we were up front in second place in our second race and the motor blew up. The Tri-Track race was a bit of a mess for us but overall I'm very excited because I worked really well together with Tommy and his crew. Things were very worry free and calm so we could go out there and do our job. Hopefully we can finish one place better this season and not break any motors and I think we'll have a good chance to compete for multiple wins in that car. There's a real good bond between Tommy, his crew, and myself where everything seems to work out really good.”

General Admission tickets for the April 24 NAPA Auto Parts Opening Day are now available online at [StaffordSpeedway.com/tickets](http://StaffordSpeedway.com/tickets). Tickets for the April 25 NAPA Spring Sizzler have sold to capacity limits but fans can sign up for ticket alerts if more tickets should become available at <https://bit.ly/39fOoTY>. Stafford Speedway remains under reduced capacity per order of the State of CT due to

Covid-19 restrictions. Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible to ensure a ticket to the event. Paddock passes will become available online two weeks prior to the event.

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## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - Justin Peck of Mooresville, Indiana, wired the field for the 410 sprint car victory at Williams Grove Speedway on Friday night, taking a \$5,500 score for his first ever oval victory.

At the wheel of the Buch No. 13, Peck withstood three restarts with TJ Stutts on his tail to pick up the victory.

In the 30-lap ULMS Super Late Model main, Max Blair of Centerville took the win, likewise to record his first ever oval checkers as well.

Peck drew the number two pill to start the 25-lap sprint car main and jetted out to the lead when action began, already entering the rear of the field with just five laps in the book.

The pace was lightning-quick on the early season surface and Peck had a three-second lead over Stutts when Tyler Courtney spun in the second corner one lap shy of the halfway point.

Another caution flag bunched the field a lap later, this time for a stopped Robbie Kendall on the frontstretch.

Peck then hit traffic again with three laps to go but had the field covered and he was racing onto the frontstretch for the checkers when instead he saw the yellow flag flash over the field, setting up a one-lap dash to the finish.

Peck drove easily to the win by 1.337 seconds over Stutts while 14th starter Tim Shaffer tried for third on the final restart.

Shaffer tried to bolt outside of Chase Dietz in the first corner when green replaced the yellow but despite a blistering effort, he failed to gain the spot.

Steve Buckwalter finished fifth after riding inside the top five during the entire event.

Sixth through 10th went to Freddie Rahmer, Kyle Reinhardt, Ryan Taylor, Danny Dietrich and Kerry Madsen.

Heats went to Peck, Stutts and Anthony Macri with the consolation going to Lucas Wolfe.

“My guys had this 13 rolling,” said Peck.

We seem to hit it pretty well

Justin Peck won his first 410 sprint car race at Williams Grove Speedway Friday night. (JUSTIN PECK/FACEBOOK photo)



lately. Every time we hit the track, it's fast and moving forward.”

“It feels good to be standing on the frontstretch here,” Peck said.

In the 30-lap main event for ULMS late models, it was Blair who grabbed the lead over Andy Haus and Coleby Frye.

The first yellow flag flew with 14 laps completed, erasing Blair's 1.284-second lead.

Blair controlled the restart as Frye challenged Haus for second with Kyle Lee not far behind.

The yellow flew again with 12 laps to go.

Jason Covert then grabbed fourth on the restart from Lee as Blair pulled away.

Frye finally grabbed second from Haus with 2 laps to go before Covert also passed Haus.

Blair's \$3,000 win came by 1.769 over Frye, Covert, Haus and Dylan Yoder. Lee, Shaun Jones, Gene Knaub, Justin Weaver and Ryan Scott rounded out the top 10.

Bryan Bernheisel set quick time over the 22-car field with a lap of 20.105 seconds however at the start of the first heat race he barrel rolled his No. 119 through the first corner and out over the guardrail, to exit the speedway.

Mike Lupfer, Blair and Dylan Yoder won the heat races.

## Williams Grove Speedway

MECHANICSBURG, PA - The Spring Sprint Special is on tap this Friday night, April 2, at Williams Grove Speedway as a rare three-division open wheel sprint car racing program is spun off at 7:30 pm.

Featured will be the Lawrence Chevrolet 410 sprint cars, the

USAC East 360 wingless sprint cars and the PASS IMCA 305 sprints.

The 410 sprints will race in another 25-lap main paying \$5,500 to win.

The Rapid Tire USAC East sprints will take to the track in their 2021 season opener, going 25 laps for \$1,500 to win.

Adult general admission for the April 2 show is set at \$20 with youth ages 13-20 admitted for just \$10. Kids ages 12 and under are always admitted for FREE at Williams Grove Speedway.

April 2 will be Hoseheads.com Kids Easter Night at the track with the first 150 youth ages 12 and under entering the races at the frontstretch grandstand getting a free Easter treat.

Those lucky first 150 kids will get a free chocolate Easter Bunny courtesy of Hoseheads.com, the premiere sprint car internet website.

Defending track champion and opening day winner Freddie Rahmer will greet the kids at the gate from approximately 6 – 6:30 pm.

Steve Drevicki is the reigning USAC East series champion.

Drevicki won the very first show ever for the USAC East cars held at Williams Grove last August.

Friday, April 9 will see the ULMS Super Late Models return to Williams Grove along with a program of 410 sprint car racing.

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