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Nashville Track is Under Water!



**USAC Generation NEXT
National Tour Stops at
Metro Atlanta**

**QMA to Exhibition
Briggs Animals
After 2010 Grands**

The Metro Atlanta Club hosted Round 2 of the USAC GenerationNEXT National Tour. John Ruggerio, Jr leads Ross Rankine, Gage Walker, Garrett Jones, Tyler Shullick and Justin Irwin (top 6) during the Light World Formula Main Event.

photo by Kim Matheny

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Top Stories

QMA Makes Decision for Animal Engine Classes

The decision has been made in QMA that the Briggs and Stratton Animal Engine will be an exhibition class at all local events after the 2010 Grand National events are complete. After testing and research, the Animal Engine platform will be voted on at the QMA National Meeting 2011.



John Impy of Impy's Steering Wheels has issued a challenge to every

Quarter Midget Chassis & Parts Manufacturer, to donate \$100.00 to the rebuilding efforts of the Music City Quarter Midget Club. This goes out to anyone that is currently manufacturing or selling product to the quarter midget industry. Some of you may not know that John is now a member of MCQMRA after leaving California's Pomona Club. "I have been in quarter midgets since 1997 and have made a lot of good contacts along the way. Lets see what we can do for this club so in the next 14 years it will still be a great place to race" said John.

QMA State Race Events

- Region 1 - May 28 - 30, Thompson, CT "Lou Sherman Memorial"**
Pre-Register at www.littletspeedway.com
- Region 2 - Asphalt - May 29 - 30 - Syracuse, NY**
Region 2 Dirt - May 29 - 30 at Blackbird QMA
- Region 3 - Apple Blossom Classic - Cumming, GA along with the Region 3 States Race - April 23 - 24**
- Region 4 - Waterford - May 29 - 30**
- Region 5 - Terre Haute - May 22 - 23**
- Region 6 - River City - Austin, TX - May 29 - 30**
Test & Tune for the 2010 Western Grands!
- Region 7 - Minnesota May 28 - 30**
- Region 8 - May 23 - 24 - Magic City, Billings, MT**
- Region 9 - Langley, BC Canada May 23 - 24**
- Region 10 - Capitol Club - Rio Linda, CA**
May 15-16 Test & Tune for the 2010 Dirt Grands
- Region 11 - Good Times - May 15 - 16**
- Region 12 - Valley of the Sun - AZ - April 17**
- Region 13 - New Smyrna - May 23**

Nashville's Music City Track is Devastated by Flooding

As you have heard, the Middle Tennessee area was hit over the weekend with severe storms with record breaking rain totals. We experienced extensive flooding and our racetrack was one of the harder hit areas. We at Music City are going to need the help of our surrounding QM community to rebuild our track so our kids have a place to race.



Picture #1 is the 2 story concession stand. Under water, is the snack shack that contained re Fridgeration equipment, cooking equipment, utensils, and a good stock of food for the season. Also submerged is the newly renovated bathrooms with stalls and running water.

The Clubs Tech Shed con-

tained 2 club cars, all of the Tech Tools, Electronic Scales, a Track Blower, and a Mule 4 Wheeler. The Victory Lane Sign and some of the wall pieces have been seen floating.

The flood gates were opened on Monday so that the dam would not break which caused the water level to rise

beyond the #7 of the Scoring Tower. That's a visual most of us can identify with.

The water level as seen in picture #2, is really the top of the over 6ft fence that surrounds the entire track. News sources say that the water is at least 16 ft deep at the deepest level. Picture #3 shows the Judges Stand.

Where the water appears in this shot, is approximately 10ft off the ground. The track itself is lower than the main landscape of the facility. Reports are that the rising water has more than covered half of the Judges Stand at this point.

Please Help Rebuild Music City

May 15th Region 3 race has been postponed until a later date. However, May 15th will be used as a Region 3 Nashville workday.

Calendar of Events

California Monza #3
May 22-23 - Tri-Valley

Jun 5-6 - Midwest Championship - Kokomo, IN

"MOPAR SpeedZone @ Disney World Resort"
- WALT DISNEY WORLD Jun 16 - 19

QMA 2010 Eastern Grands - Mini Indy
June 26 - July 3, 2010

USAC The Battle at the Brickyard Indianapolis
Motor Speedway Jul 7-10

Silver City QMA - Monza Race July 24-25

QMA Western Grands - Austin, TX
July 25 - July 31, 2010

Jul 30-31 The Little Hoosier 100 Newton Park
Lakeville, IN

QMA Dirt Grands - Rio Linda, CA
August 7 - August 14, 2010

Indiana State Championship
Terre Haute August 14-15, 2010

Roadrunner - Balloon Classic
October 1, 2, 3 - Albuquerque, NM

Ernie Bose World Record Race
November 19 - 21, 2010 - Orange Show

Fall Nationals at North Carolina
Thanksgiving Weekend

"Thunder on the Mountain"
Valley of the Sun - Phoenix, AZ

Silver State Winter Nationals
at the State Line - Primm, NV
December 1 - 5, 2010

Little 500 - Florida
December 26 - 30, 2010

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**Current Top 3 in
Total Monza Points
after the 2nd Leg at
Sacramento**

The California Monza - Leg #2



Jr Novice - Anthony Bruno
Trenton Sparks
Joey Ancona
Colton Beasley
Konnor Marquez
Clayton Grigsby
Matthew Stafford
Jacob Miller
Morgan McFarland
Calvin Hegje
Ryan Franklin

Harley Rose
Lance Halm
Garrett Boe
Joey Frakes
Evayn Marquez

Hvy Honda - Chase Madden
Joe Trammel

Jr Stock - Jake Andreotti
Ryan Kislingbury
Blake Bower
Dean Thompson
Brady Beck
Amanda McDowell
Andrew Loveless
Famous Rhodes

Light Mod - Chase Ostman
Carson Trigueiro
Cody Jessop
Austin Blair

Hvy 160 - Kendal Young
Chase Madden
Dustan Sponsler
Colton Beck

Hvy Mod - Dustan Sponsler

Lt 'B - Keith Zimmerman
Skyler Dale
Jayce Young
Tommy McCarthy
Austin Blair

Sr Novice - Levi Herman
Thomas Paterson
Miranda Moles

Jr Honda - Blake Bower
Dean Thompson
Donovan O'Connell
Jake Andreotti
Ryan Kislingbury
Ethan Almog
Colton Huelsmann
Brady Becky

Sr Stock - Skyler Dale
Chase Ostman
Jayce Young
Garrett Boe
Lance Halm
Maverick Wright
Tommy McCarthy
Andrew Vanderpool

Lt 160 - Andrew Vanderpool
Skyler Dale
Carson Trigueiro
Cody Jessop
Harley Rose
Dean Thompson
Evayn Marquez
Blake Bower

Sr Honda - Chase Ostman
Dillon Tucker
Clayton Ruston



Sr Stock Skylar Dale



Sr Honda Kyle Loveless



Jr Stock Ryan Kislingbury



Hvy 160 Kendal Young



Tom Paterson



Novice #2 Winner Joey Ancona



Lt 160 Andrew Vanderpool



Jr Honda Blake Bower



Novice



Sr Honda Main

California Monza - American

photos by
Nina Jessop

Monza Leg #3 - The Howard Memorial will be held at Tri-Valley QMA in Livermore, CA. Their website is www.tvqma.org It will be held the weekend of May 22nd and more information will be posted on both the TVQMA site as well as the Good Times Site. TVQMA will be also holding an exhibition race at the Good Guys Show in Pleasanton CA the weekend of June 5 - 6, 2010.



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The Vallejo Indoor 2010 - Scotty Key Memorial Event, hosted by the American Club of Sacramento, saw about 60 cars. "Everyone had lots of fun, said Claudia Loveless. We would like to welcome 2 of our Novice Families to Quarter Midget Racing.

Congratulations to the Vallejo Winners.

- Jr Novice #1 - Ryan Franklin
- Jr Novice #2 - Anthony Bruno
- Jr Honda - Jake Andreotti
- Sr Honda - Reid Shaw
- Jr Stock - Ryan Kislingbury
- Sr Stock - Cody Jessop
- Lt160 - Emma Tucker
- Hvy160 - Reid Shaw
- Lt Mod - Tommy McCarthy
- Lt A - Tommy McCarthy

by Claudia Loveless



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The 5500 series shock is the only Quarter Midget shock that uses a base valve design allowing for no rod pressure without the shocks oil cavitating under any racing conditions.

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March Madness



The 'March Madness' Series is 4 race events in the month of March hosted at the I-70 QMA in Greenville, Illinois. The Gonsalves Family has been embraced by the entire Region 5 Clubs for years. They bring alot to the Region and the Families give back to them ten fold. Colin Gonsalves is a friend to everyone of the young racers and serves as the honorary flagman for the club. He was missing this year and the kids of I-70 signed a banner for him.

As always the March Madness Series brought out alot of crazy racers to brave the March cold. After months of winter weather, all the kids just can't wait to get back out on the track. Special Thanks to Cindy Daum for sending the photo and results.

Jr Honda - Brayden Pettit

Brad Knepper
Jhaden Walker
Cole Winkler
Blake Jones
Ty Myers
Teddy Pohlmann
Blake Haffer
Atom Pollock
Ryan Hamilton
Jhett Walker
Jackie Knerrer
Mason Hammel
Chase Alcorn
Karter Sarff
Brandon Roady
Madi Ballueg
Nathan Welch
Cade Frey
Joey Swan
Jake Cheatham

Sr Honda - Wade Wenthe

Brock Pettit
Gage Pohlmann
Blake Sellers

Kylee Myers
Evan Turner
Aaron Blumenstein
Brett Haffer
Jake Treblicock
Michael Corvo
Dylan Johnson
Blake Gallaway
Kolby Vandenberg
Brandon Smith
Tyler Swartz
Bailey Goldesberry
Morgan Wilson
Josh Schnieder
Morgan Sarff

Heavy Honda
Tyler Loughmiller
Cole Sellers
Kori Wenthe
Collin White
Drew Hullmann
Dylan Wilson
Amanda Talley
Nick Johnsen
Shelby VanGilder
Travis Heuiser

Jr Stock
Colton Wallace
Mason Hammel
Chase Alcorn

Lt 160
Brock Pettit
Gage Pohlmann
Kylee Myers

Blake Gallaway
Atom Polluck
Evan Turner
Teddy Pohlmann
Gabe Verardi
Jake Treblicock
Kolby Vandenberg
Brendan McCann
Bailey Goldesberry
Dylan Johnson

Brad Knepper
Tyler Swartz
Dylan Schierer

Hvy 160
Tyler Loughmiller
Amanda Talley
Nick Johnsen
Dylan Wilson
Sean Welch
Shelby VanGilder

Lt World Formula
Gabe Verardi
Mitchell Davis
Brandon Smith
Josh Schnieder

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Noah Reyes was awarded the "Best Looking Car Award" at the 2010 Carlo Pogetto Race. Officers come out every year to honor their fallen comrad.

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March 27-28	March Midget Madness - Salisbury, NC
April 10-11	"Eastern District Championship" - Atlanta, GA
May 8-9	"Western District Championship" - San Bernadino, CA
June 5-6	"Midwest District Championship" - Kokomo, IN
June 16-19	Mopar Speedzone - Walt Disney World
July 7-10	The Battle at the Brickyard - Indianapolis Motor Speedway
July 30-31	The Little Hoosier 100 - Newton Park - Lakeville, IN
August 6-8	Back to School Battle - Ambassador Racing School, Tampa, FL
Sept 18-19	Jegs Crown Midget Nationals - Columbus, OH
Sept 25-26	4 Crown Dirt Nationals - Eldora Speedway - Rossburg, OH



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Checking in with James Spink

USAC Director - Driver Development

How is the USAC .25 Midget program going?

2010 has started off very strong for us. We welcomed Mopar on board and they will serve as our title sponsor for the 2010 season. Its a great honor for us to have them associated with our .25 Midget program!

Your 2010 2K10 National Series has begun.....

We kicked off 2010 with a couple of great events at two of our new clubs with record car counts.

North Carolina with had over 200 cars for round #1 and Metro Atlanta and 169 cars for Round #2. These are both first class facilities which provided great racing.

Were excited about the start of the season and look forward to car counts breaking last years numbers.

Was it exciting for USAC to be at Bobby LaBonte's track in March?

Needless to say North Carolina has a first class facility. Above and beyond that all of their club members and their board are great to work with. The event tied into a Mopar National and Ford Focus Midget race at Hickory Motor Speedway. It was a great week of USAC racing in the Carolinas!

Were you pleased with your 206 Car Count

Very pleased with the car count. We had a strong contingency of drivers from not only the south east but a large portion from the midwest and northeast. Running a race in March is always iffy weather wise but we had a great day and a great start to the "Generation Next" Championship season

What is the number one comment you heard from racers from this event?

I lof of people have heard about the facility but never had the opportunity to race it. I would say have the people there were first timers and loved the facility. Everything from the track itself, staging lanes, scoring tower, sound system its a beautiful place!

Tell me about Metro Atlanta. That was a new track and new venue for USAC.

What did you like best at this venue?

Another first class facility with great membership! The weather was picture perfect and the car count was strong again. Mr. JL Tullis and his club members were great to work with and had the facility in tip top shape. We also debuted a new video program during this race. It allowed us to incorporate new things into the broadcast and feature on sponsors.

You modeled your .25 Midget National program over your other successful USAC series. Do you see many families attend the additional race

events held with the .25 Midget event?

This was certainly the case at Metro Atlanta due to its proximity to Lanier National Raceway. All Mopar .25 Midget drivers were given free admission to the open wheel racing at the big track that night. As our competitors know the one thing we take great pride in is running a safe and efficiently run program. By finishing the day around dinner time families can enjoy things like heading to Lanier at night or taking the family out to dinner or working on their cars.

Why do you sign up on Friday night or Saturday morning, but no practice on Friday. Why?

As long as school is in session we don't want to encourage families to have to take their kids out of school for practice. After school is out, we may change that. There will be Friday practice at Orange Show for the Western District Race Event.

Explain your passing points type of scoring system. Brief overview - many have commented "they just don't understand it"

We utilize the passing points system for all "Generation Next" events. This is a proven system that is used by many series across the country including the famous Chili Bowl Nationals. How it works is every driver draws a pill when they sign in. The number they draw assigns them into a heat race. All drivers are given points in accordance where they finish their heat race plus one point for any position gained from their original starting spot. For example if a driver wins his/her heat after starting fifth, they will receive 55 points for the heat race win plus 4 bonus points for gaining 4 spots from their original starting position (each spot gained is worth 1 bonus point) The points are then totaled for that groups heat races. The top 6 in points are locked into the A-Main with the others running a lower main lined up according to their points total.

You know that your webcasting has been a big hit for your USAC .25 Midget program. What have you added to it this year?

As I mentioned above we introduced a new video system called a TriCaster. This allowed us to have multi cameras shoot the action. We are also able to input driver interviews into the broadcast, show our sponsors logos and commercials and overlay race lineups and classes. It's a very high-tech piece of equipment that should make the broadcast more entertaining for our families, friends and sponsors watching at home.

What has been the response to your webcoverage?

It's no doubt been a hit. We've been able to help expose our

sport to a whole new audience which in turn we hope will help grow the sport.

Tell us about the race event at Disney World. How did your organization happen to land this great opportunity?

Kevin Miller, USAC President, had some contacts at Walt Disney World and was speaking with them one day about having a race. They were very interested and everything came together very quickly. The Inaugural Mopar Speedzone will be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex located at Walt Disney World .

Mopar Speedzone at the Walt Disney World Resort June 16 - 19, 2010.

What is the time table?

The event will mirror the schedule for the "Battle at theBrickyard", sign in on Tuesday, practice on Wednesday and race Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

What should families expect in the way of program, leisure time, etc?

The racing will be done each day no later than 5pm so families will have the evenings to take in all the great parks and events Walt Disney World has to offer.

Are you concerned with your car count at Battle of Brickyard?

This years race is shaping up to be bigger and better than last years Inaugural event. We have received calls from families all over the country looking to run the race. We all know Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the most iconic race track in the country and having our Mopar .25 Midget kids race there is an unique opportunity!

USAC .25 Midget Nationals "2010 Battle of the Brickyard" July 6 - 10, 2010

What determines if a driver can sign up?

Running one of the 3 District Qualifying events ensures eligibility for the driver. We had 89 different drivers qualify for the race at Metro Atlanta and have two more opportunities to qualify at Orange Show and Kokomo in June.

When will registration be open?

The registration for the 2010 'Battle of the Brickyard' will be open the middle of May. Please check our website for registration information.

What will the schedule for the event be?

Same as last year with sign in on Tuesday, practice on Wednesday and race Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Last year, what did the winners get? Can you give us a hint on some of the Awards for 2010?

All winners were recognized at the National USAC Awards Gala in Indianapolis along with our other National USAC Champions. Along with 6 foot tall trophies all USAC winners



were given Oakley watches and signed Championship Flags by all A Main drivers in their class, to commemorate their prestigious victory.

Tell me your thoughts about your Hoosier Tire Program - more people understanding the tires?

It has been excellent. Not only has it saved our racers thousands of dollars but the tire has been very consistent on the track. The tire has been so strong we have seen clubs outside of the USAC banner switch over for the 2010 racing season.

Is there Hoosier support at most race events? How about the availability of product at the races?

Hoosier has sent representatives to our National events. They have been there to answer any questions that the racers might have concerning the tire. There are Hoosier Tire vendors at all USAC race events to service the families.

In 2010, you added 2 more classes. What are they and what are your thoughts about them enhancing and/or affecting your series. What process was used to initiate the entrance of these classes - Briggs and Stratton Jr Animal and Sr Animal.

We saw a need for another class for our Junior competitors and our older drivers. The Junior drivers are the future of .25 Midget racing and any opportunity to give them more seat time is exactly what they need and want. The new Junior Animal class has been an affordable way for families to get their young boys and girls more track time. The response has been great in both classes as full fields have been present for

our first 2 events.

It's been a year since these racers have been using the Raceiver's. How do you think they actually affect your events?

First and foremost they have made the races safer. There have been less accidents and less banged up children and cars. Above and beyond the safety aspect they have sped up the show tremendously and help us keep the program moving on race day!

There is much talk about the Eldora .25 Midget event later in the year. There is a good amount of people from the North East that are talking about going to the event. What can you tell us about it?

Its going to be a lot of fun. Eldora has a ton of history with USAC and adding the Mopar .25 Midgets to the 4 Crown Weekend is going to be great. Eldora is the most famous dirt track in the country and it will be a great honor to compete there. Our .25 Midget Drivers will remember this event for years to come. Larry and his staff are in the process of constructing a permanent dirt track on the grounds off of turn 3.

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USAC Posts Policy Regarding Safety Gear

April 30, 2010

While keeping safety standards the highest priority for our competitors, the United States Auto Club announces the following rule modifications in effect for the remainder of 2010.

Uniforms - All drivers must wear fire resistant uniforms fitted snugly around the neck, wrists and ankles. It is highly recommended that this item meets SFI Foundation Specifications 3.2A or higher.

Gloves - All drivers must wear fire resistant gloves. It is highly recommended that this item meets SFI Foundation Specifications 3.3 or higher.

Starting January 1, 2011 all uniforms, gloves and neck collars must meet minimum SFI Foundation certification standards.

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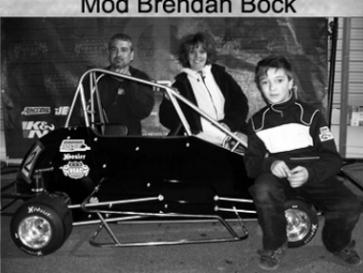
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