



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR

# News & Notes

RACE 2 | ACE SPEEDWAY

## Fast Facts

The Race: Lightnin' Fast 150

The Place: Ace Speedway,  
Altamahaw, N.C.

The Date: Friday, March 27, 2009

The Time: 8 p.m. ET

Track Layout: .4-mile paved

Race Purse: \$24,806

2008 Winner: L.W. Miller

2008 Pole: L.W. Miller

Schedule: Friday, March 27: Practice  
12:30-2 p.m.

Time Trials: 7 p.m.

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## DRIVER STANDINGS

Rk	Driver	Points
1	Ted Christopher	180
2	Rowan Pennink	170
3	George Brunnhoelzl, III	165
4	Burt Myers	160
5	Erick Rudolph	155
6	Brandon Ward	150
7	L.W. Miller	146
8	Frank Fleming	142
9	John Smith	138
10	Ron Silk	134
11	J.R. Bertuccio	132
12	Buddy Emory	127

- Ace Begins Doubleheader Weekend In North Carolina
- Miller Prepares To Defend Win
- New Management Team, New Season At Ace



## Miller Goes For Two In A Row At Ace Speedway

After finishing in the top 10 at the season-opening race at Concord Speedway, most drivers would be pretty happy heading into this weekend's Lightnin' Fast 150 at Ace Speedway but then again, **L.W. Miller (No. 36 John Baker Plumbing & Utilities Pontiac)** isn't like most drivers.



L.W. Miller

Miller hopes his luck will change this Friday when the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns to Ace Speedway, where the Dushore, Penn., native scored his last win on the Tour at this event in 2008.

"I love racing at Ace Speedway," said Miller. "It is a track that has been around a long time but Greg (Davis) and his staff have done a great job of keeping it up and we always seem to run well there."

The Lightnin' Fast 150 will be the first of two events at the track this season and Miller said the driver and team that can come out of Ace with their car in one piece has a chance to get a head start on the season.

"We got off to a great start last year winning the season opener and following that up with a win at Ace," said Miller.

"Then for some reason, we just couldn't get back to Victory Lane. We had a rough start to the season last week and Ace could help our team get back on track and I am looking forward to this Fri-

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## New Management Team Has Big Plans In 2009

Ace Speedway is ready for its season opener this Friday night as the track welcomes the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour to kick off the new racing year in Alamance County, N.C.

"These are exciting times at Ace," said Greg Davis, CEO and general manager of Ace Speedway. "The new management team of Kathy Thompson, Sean Holley and myself, along with staff at The Ace have been working with renewed enthusiasm to put together the 2009 season."



Dean Fogleman is the defending Late Model champion at the .400-mile speedway. The Burlington, N.C., driver captured his first track championship with a third-place finish in the final race of the year. The finish gave the 18-year veteran the title

by two points — one position on the track — over 12-race winner Speedy Faucette. Scotty Warren finished third in points, followed by Rodney Cook and Jesse Ingle III.

Brad Allen (Modified), Michael Tucker (Mini Stock) and John Moore (Sportsman) also won track championships in 2008.

In addition to hosting the NASCAR Southern Modified Tour, Ace will kick off its NASCAR Whelen All-American Series season Friday night. Weekly divisions include Late Models, Modified, Mini Stocks and X-treme Cars.

Ace will also be the venue for many other events including gospel concerts, a regional wine tasting event, armed forces events, as well as other lifestyle, sports, entertainment programs and an innovative green racing initiative.



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**The Race** ... The Lightin' Fast 150 will be the second of 16 races on the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour schedule, and one of two trips to Ace. The tour will return Oct. 2.

**The Procedure** ... Starting Positions 1-24 will be determined from time trials. The remaining two spots will be filled through the provisional process. The race is 150 laps (60 miles).

**The Track** ... A semi-banked, .400-mile oval, Ace Speedway dates back to the 1950s in Alamance County. Formerly known as Southern Speedway, Ace is located in Altamahaw. It was constructed in 1956 by Roy Maddren, and operated as a .333-mile dirt track until 1984 when it was expanded.

**Race Winners** ... There have been six different race winners in six races at Ace Speedway. The inaugural event — Sept. 5, 2005 — was actually run as a double-header. **Junior Miller** won the first race, while **Burt Myers** (who finished second to Miller) came back to win the second. **Jay Hedgecock** (2005), **Brian King** (2006), **Tim Brown** (2007) and **L.W. Miller** (2008) have also picked up wins at Ace.

**Pole Winners** ... There have been four different Coors Light Pole Award winners at Ace. Brown is the only driver to have won twice. He also holds the qualifying record with his run of 14.710 seconds (97.893 mph) in 2007. Myers, **Michael Clifton** and L.W. Miller have also won poles at Ace.

**History** ... Myers has enjoyed the most success at Ace. In addition to his win, he has finished in the top four in four of the other five events. Brian Loftin is second with four top-five finishes, including a runner-up finish in Oct. 2005. His 17th-place finish at Ace last year was the worst of his championship run.

## Getting To Know: Andy Seuss

Andy Seuss (No. 47 Advance Auto/Q Racing Oil/Stuart Automotive Dodge) is competing this season for the 2009 title and the Hampstead, N.H., driver enjoys commuting with his family for each race from their home 15 hours away.



Andy Seuss

**What is your favorite type of music?** I like mostly country and rock music. I don't really have a favorite group or singer. I like just about everything.

**What is your favorite type of food or restaurant?** This one is easy. I love home-cooked meals more than anything. Any of the guys will tell you my mom (Bobbi) does a good job of feeding us well.

What has been your biggest moment in racing so far? I would have to say the week I went down to Florida and we won the New Smyrna Speedweek Championship in 2006. It just seemed like everything went right for us and we won a prestigious title because of all the great drivers who competed against us for eight days.

**Who has helped you the most in your racing career?** My entire family. Everyone in my family has been so instrumental in helping me get to where I am at today. From my parents taking time off from their jobs to help me drive to the races, to other family members pitching in to help out so I can race. I want to thank every one of them.

**How do you pass the time commuting from New Hampshire each week?** Let's just say the trips get pretty interesting from time to time. We average about 30 hours of travel time each race.

## Miller Eager To Return To Victory Lane At Ace

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day night."

Miller is the 2007 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion and said that while his team wants to win another title, he thinks sometimes winning a championship can make you comfortable and sometimes adversity can help a team become reenergized.

"Everyone at Baker Motorsports wants to win every time we go to the track and last week we had a bad night," said Miller. "We got collected in an accident on the final lap at Concord but were able to limp the car home in seventh place. Danny Baker and

Tony Templeton drove all night Sunday up North to get another clip put on the car and this situation has given our team even more drive to go out this weekend and sweep the pole and win."

Miller was making reference to his incident in Turn 3 on the final lap when J.R. Bertuccio and Ron Silk got together and collected Miller. Miller was able to finish the race and salvage a finish that he feels the team can use to help focus for the championship run.

"We still have a lot of racing on the schedule and we plan on doing everything we can to win our second championship," said Miller. "Ace is a track that can help us get back to Victory Lane."

## Weekend Recap: Capital Bank 150

**Brunnhoezl Starts Late, Finishes Up Front:** The title hope for George Brunnhoezl III (No. 28 Oval Speed/Fibrwrap/PT Ford) looked like it took a major hit when he broke a cam on the first lap of the second practice session.

The team thrashed to get the engine changed out, and while Brunnhoezl missed qualifying, they were able to finish the job in time to roll the car out for the starting grid.

After starting last, Brunnhoezl wasted no time in moving up through the field. He was 11th by Lap 10, and slipped by Burt Myers for third on Lap 63. He made it up to second, but was passed by Rowan Pennink on a late-race restart and finished third. Brunnhoezl also collected the Featherlite Most Improved Driver Award.

**Ward Cashes In With Sixth:** Brendan Ward (No. 93 Old Town Jewelry & Pawn Chevrolet) came home with a strong sixth-place finish. Not only did it earn him the Sunoco Rookie of the Race Award, but Ward also picked up the Coca-Cola Move Of The Race Award. Ward was 14th in the 2008 season finale at Caraway.

**History Of Good Starts For Christopher:** The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour schedule has provided the northern drivers with a chance to get racing before the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour opener and nobody has taken advantage of it like Ted Christopher. His win Saturday marked the third time Christopher has won the Southern opener, following up wins in 2005 and 2006.



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RACE 3 | CARAWAY SPEEDWAY

## Fast Facts

**The Race:** Caraway Speedway 150

**The Place:** Caraway Speedway,  
Asheboro, N.C.

**The Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2009

**The Time:** 8 p.m. ET

**Track Layout:** .455-mile paved

**Race Purse:** \$24,806

**2008 Winner:** Inaugural Event

**2008 Pole:** Inaugural Event

**Schedule:** Saturday, March 28:

Practice 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Time Trials: 6:30 p.m.

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- Caraway Speedway Caps Weekend Doubleheader
- Seuss Hopes To Collect Second Win
- Home Tracks: Brinkley Earns LM Win



## Seuss Can't Wait To Get Back On Track

Andy Seuss can't wait for this weekend.

After a disappointing start to the 2009 season at Concord Speedway last weekend, Seuss hopes his luck will turn around when he gets to Caraway Speedway.

Seuss suffered mechanical problems with a broken rocker arm and was forced to call it a night after completing just four laps. Seuss realizes mechanical problems can occur at any time but he feels his car will be ready for Caraway this Saturday.

Seuss has ran well at the track ever since he began racing in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour and he put his car in Victory Lane last October in the season-ending race at Caraway.

"We put a lot of emphasis in getting our car right for Caraway just like a lot of other teams do since we run there so much," said Seuss. "If you can get your car to work well at Caraway, then you should have a chance to contend for the title. I think Brian Loftin showed everyone last year when he won the title how important it is to run well there."

Loftin finished no lower than third at Caraway last season en route to winning the title and Seuss knows finishing up front there is key to having a chance to win the title.

"Caraway is a unique track with Turns 1 and 2 much different than three and four so you have to have your car setup just right," said Seuss.



Andy Seuss signs an autograph for a fan at Concord last Saturday. (Grant Halverson/NASCAR)

Seuss, who commutes with his family from New Hampshire for every race, should feel confident heading to Caraway.

Last season, Seuss was collected in a first-lap accident at Ace and his team basically built a backup car overnight and took it to Caraway where he led laps and almost won the race in a car that hadn't been on the race track in almost two years. Seuss would finish second in that race.

"A win this weekend would help us turn our season around pretty quickly," said Seuss. "Hopefully we can be there at the end and get a chance for the win."

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**The Race** ... Caraway Speedway 150 will be the third of 16 races on the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour schedule, and first of seven trips to the Asheboro, N.C., oval.

**The Procedure** ... Starting Positions 1-24 will be determined from time trials. The remaining two spots will be filled through the provisional process. The race is 150 laps (68.25 miles).

**The Track** ... Caraway Speedway is a 455-mile paved oval. The track has hosted 23 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour events, dating back to March 2005.

**Race Winners** ... Brian Loftin and L.W. Miller lead all drivers at Caraway with six victories apiece.

**Pole Winners** ... Burt Myers has eight of his record 18 Coors Light Pole Awards at Caraway, while Tim Brown is second with five poles at Caraway.

## Brinkley Takes Season-Opening Win

Caraway Speedway began its NASCAR Whelen All-American Series season last weekend with the Custom Fabricators Season Opener. Rockingham, N.C., driver Randy Benson is chasing history as he looks to match Dennis Setzer's record run. Benson has



captured the last two Late Model championships at the historic .455-mile oval in Asheboro, N.C. Setzer won three straight from 1988-90.

Benson didn't get the win in the season-opening 200-lap event, though, as he finished sixth. Brad Brinkley outdistanced Jason York to get the win.

Jimmy Wallace won the 50-lap Late Model Super Truck race.





## NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED SPECIAL AWARD STANDINGS



COCA-COLA  
MOVE OF THE RACE AWARD

George Brunnhoelzl, III 1



COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

Burt Myers 1



FEATHERLITE  
MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

Brandon Ward 1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE AWARD

Brandon Ward 1



## 2009 SCHEDULE, POLESITTERS, RACE WINNERS

DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2009 POLE WINNER	2009 RACE WINNER
March 15	Spring Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Ppd. To Sept. 19	
March 21	Capital Bank 150	Concord Speedway, Concord, NC	Burt Myers	Ted Christopher
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2008 POLE WINNER	2008 RACE WINNER
March 27	Lightin' Fast 150	Ace Speedway, Altamahaw, NC	L.W. Miller	L.W. Miller
March 28	Caraway Speedway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Inaugural Event	
April 4	South Boston 150	South Boston Speedway, South Boston, VA	Inaugural Event	
April 11	Caraway Speedway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Inaugural Event	
April 18	Lanier 150	Lanier National Speedway, Gainesville, GA	George Brunnhoelzl	George Brunnhoelzl
July 3	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Andy Seuss	Brian Loftin
Aug. 1	Advance Auto Parts 199	Bowman-Gray Stadium, Winston-Salem, NC	Burt Myers	Brian Loftin
Aug. 19	UNOH Perfect Storm 150	Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, VA	Inaugural Event	
Aug. 29	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Burt Myers	Tim Brown
Sept. 5	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Myrtle Beach Speedway, Myrtle Beach, SC	Inaugural Event	
Sept. 12	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Tim Brown	Tim Brown
Sept. 27	NASCAR Whelen Made In America 300*	Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA	George Brunnhoelzl	Brian Loftin
Oct. 2	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Ace Speedway, Altamahaw, NC	Inaugural Event	
Oct. 10	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Tim Brown	Andy Seuss

\* - NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour combination race