



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR News & Notes

AUGUST 29, 2009 | RACE 8 CARAWAY SPEEDWAY

Fast Facts

Next Race: Caraway 150

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

The Date: Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009

The Time: 8 p.m. ET

Track Layout: .250-mile paved

Race Purse: \$24,806

2008 Winner: Tim Brown

2008 Pole: Burt Myers

Schedule: Saturday: Practice 4:30-
5:15 p.m.; Time Trials: 6:30 p.m.

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2009 Standings

Rk	Driver	Points
1	George Brunnhoelzl	1,165
2	Andy Seuss	1,084
3	Brian Loftin	1,041
4	Burt Myers	1,032
5	Frank Fleming	1,023
6	L.W. Miller	1,022
7	Jason Myers	944
8	Gene Pack	919
9	John Smith	901
10	Buddy Emory	877
11	Rich Kuiken Jr.	870
12	J R Bertuccio	702

- Southern Tour Competitors Return To "Home Track"
- Caraway 150 Will Be First Of Three Races At The Track Over Next Four Weeks



The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns to Caraway Speedway this weekend for the Caraway 150. The track will host the first race of the second half of the 2009 season, and three of the next four NWSMT events.

Brunnhoezl III Leads Southern Modifieds To Caraway As Series Starts Second Half Run

Now that the UNOH 150 is in the history books, the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour gets back in action this weekend at the home track for the southern tour, Caraway Speedway.

George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 28 Oval Speed/Fibrwarp/PT Ford) leads the drivers to Caraway, atop the points standings by



George Brunnhoelzl

81 points over **Andy Seuss (No. 47 Advance Auto Parts/Q Racing Oil Dodge)**.

Brunnhoezl and Seuss have each recorded a win this season with Brunnhoelzl winning the Firecracker 150 at Caraway in July and Seuss taking wins at South Boston and Lanier earlier this season. Seuss finished second to Ted Christopher in April at Caraway and third in July.

"Caraway is a track you have to run well at if you want to have a chance to win the title because we race there so many times," said Brunnhoelzl. "If

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The Track ... Caraway Speedway, a 455-mile paved oval, is considered the "home" track of the southern division of the modifieds. The track has hosted 25 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour events, dating back to March 2005.

The Records ... Qualifying: **George Brunnhoelzl III**, April 11, 2009, 102.844 mph, 15.752 seconds; Race: **Junior Miller**, Sept. 9, 2006, 90.977 mph, 44 minutes 30 seconds.

Caraway Winners ... **Brian Loftin & L.W. Miller** lead all winners at Caraway Speedway with six victories, each.

Other Caraway winners ... NASCAR veteran **Junior Miller** has won five times at Caraway while **Tim Brown** has won there twice. Defending NASCAR Whelen Modified champion **Ted Christopher** has won three times at Caraway in 2005 & 2006 and most recently in April of this year.

Pole Winners ... **Burt Myers** has collected eight of his NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour record 19 Coors Light Pole Awards at Caraway Speedway. George Brunnhoelzl III won the pole at the most recent race held at the track in April.



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Last Race Recap: Brunnhoelzl Enjoys BMS Finish

George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 28 Oval Speed/Fibrwarp/PT Ford) represented the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour drivers well in the first-ever combination race held at Bristol Motor Speedway for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and Southern Modified Tour on Aug. 19.

After an afternoon rain shower washed out qualifying, Brunnhoelzl got the start on the outside pole as drivers we lined up by points. Brunnhoelzl joined 2008 NWMT champion Ted Christopher on the front row for the start of the race and Brunnhoelzl was able to stay in the top five for most of the race.

Brunnhoelzl finished the race fourth overall and was the highest-finishing full-time southern division driver. More importantly, Brunnhoelzl was awarded points as if he won the race which allowed him to build his lead over Andy Seuss to 81 points entering this weekend's Caraway 150.

Brunnhoelzl led a group of 13 full-time NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified drivers who competed in the UNOH Perfect Storm 150 on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Burt Myers (No. 1 Capital Bank Ford) finished ninth overall and second among NWSMT drivers to collect second-place points for his finish.

Andy Seuss (No. 47 Advance Auto Parts/Q Racing Oil/Stuart Auto Dodge) finished 11th and took home third-place points to keep him in second place in the overall standings.

"I have had some good runs here at Bristol in other types of races but could never finish (a race)," said Brunnhoelzl. "I want to thank NASCAR, Whelen Engineering, Bristol Motor Speedway and UNOH for



George Brunnhoelzl Jr. & George III celebrated the win together in Victory Lane at Caraway.

making the race happen. It was a lot of fun to race there and be a part of history for the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour."

L.W. Miller (No. 36 John Baker Plumbing & Utilities Pontiac) finished 13th overall and fourth among the southern drivers. **Bobby Hutchens** finished 18th to win the Coca-Cola Move of the Race Award after moving up 10 spots in the race and finishing fifth among southern drivers.

Brian Loftin was the sixth-highest finishing southern driver with Frank Fleming, John Smith, Rich Kuiken Jr. and Jason Myers completing the top-10 from the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour.

Gene Pack, Bryan Dauzat and Buddy Emory also competed at Bristol from the southern tour.

Several Drivers Hope To Trim Brunnhoelzl's Lead

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you take care of business at Caraway, you should be in the hunt for the championship."

Brunnhoelzl built his lead thanks, in large part, to surviving the carnage at Bowman Gray when he was able to finish in the top five while Seuss, Burt Myers, Brian Loftin and Frank Fleming all suffered damage in various incidents during the race.

Another driver looking forward to returning to Caraway is defending tour champion Brian Loftin.



Andy Seuss

Loftin has finished in the top five in both races held at the speedway so far in 2009 and feels he has a car capable of getting him back to Victory Lane.

"I have always ran well at Caraway and we need a good run after our last two races," said Loftin. "We have finished third and fifth at Caraway and we finally won a pole at Bowman Gray so hopefully we can get a win this weekend."

Burt Myers enters this weekend in third place in the points standings, 43 points out of second place and knows he has to win this weekend to get back in contention for the championship.

"George has built his lead and we need a win this weekend to have a chance to catch him," said Myers. "We still have a lot of racing to go but we need to get some wins fast if we want to catch George."



Quick Facts



Champions ... In the first four years of the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour, **Junior Miller** (2005 and 2006), **L.W. Miller** (2007) and **Brian Loftin** (2008) have taken home the championship trophy.

Most Winners ... There are three drivers currently tied for the lead with 10 wins each: Brian Loftin, Junior Miller and L.W. Miller. Loftin last earned a win in 2008 at Martinsville Speedway as the highest-finishing NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour driver. L.W. Miller last won at Ace Speedway in 2008 and Junior Miller's last trip to Victory lane was in 2007 at Greenville Pickens Speedway.

Variety in Victory Lane ... Twelve different drivers have visited Victory Lane, with **Andy Seuss** being the most recent new winner when he won at South Boston Speedway on April 4.

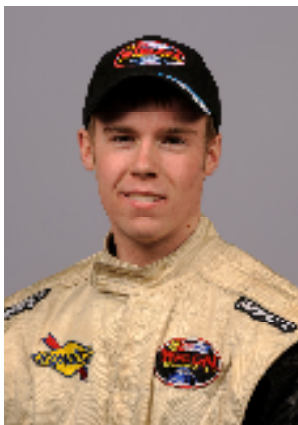
Halfway To The Record ... **George Brunnhoelzl III** has already won three Coors Light Pole Awards in the four races this season. He is halfway to the record currently held by **Burt Myers** for the most pole awards won in one season, with six. Ten different drivers have won at least one pole award, with Myers holding the career record with 18. **Tim Brown** is second with eight.



Getting To Know: Rich Kuiken Jr.

NASCAR has had a long history of drivers from mainly around the northeastern United States taking part in the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour. When NASCAR created the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour in 2005, the new series offered another avenue for drivers to be a part of NASCAR's oldest form of touring series racing.

The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour has several drivers who make the trip South each race to race. One driver who calls New Jersey home but has made the trip to compete in every race this season is **Rich Kuiken Jr. (No. 44 Flowmasters Testing and Balancing Chevrolet)**



Rich Kuiken Jr.

NASCAR took a moment to interview Kuiken to give everyone a little insight to the driver who has just enrolled at UNC-Charlotte to begin college where he plans on studying for an engineering degree and eventually working in the sport he loves.

What is it like racing in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour? One of the things I love the best about the tour is how friendly everyone is and is always willing to help or offer advice. We all are working hard to get better every week and every driver on the tour is always willing to answer a question or offer advice to help us.

What should the fans expect this weekend at Caraway? I think the fans will see a great race and we appreciate them coming out and supporting us. I think George and Andy will put on a great show racing for the win and we are getting better, too, as a team. We expect to run better this weekend.

What has been your biggest moment in racing? We made the Martinsville race last year and stayed on the lead lap a long time in my first race there. We had an oil leak and were forced to the pits for repairs but we still finished good enough to win the southern division rookie of the race award and that meant a lot, racing against all the great modified drivers.

What is your favorite type of music? I like everything from country to a little bit of hip-hop music.

What is the most recent movie you have watched or rented? I think it was Transformers II.

What makes modified racing so special? I love the fact we race a lightweight car with a lot of horsepower. I also like the bigger tires that give you so much more handling in the turns. They are just so much fun to drive.

How much does your family help you race? I couldn't do it at all without my family. They are my biggest supporters as fans and helping me financially. Right now we are looking for sponsors and they are helping me race right now.

Where do you see yourself in five years? I hope to have an engineering degree and hopefully I can use my degree to get a job with a NASCAR team as an engineer and help them compete in NASCAR racing.

Caraway Speedway Has Full Schedule This Weekend

Caraway Speedway veteran promoter Russell Hackett is offering race fans a great weekend of racing at an affordable price. The track will also have a 200-lap NASCAR Late Model Stock race in addition to the 150-lap NWSMT feature.

Other support divisions scheduled to compete are a 30-lap sportsman race, ministocks and super minitrucks. Plus, the always popular u-cars will also race this Saturday night.

Grandstands will open at 6 p.m. with admission just \$20 for adults and children 11 and under will be admitted free with a paying adult.

Jason York is the most recent winner in late model stock competition, with Travis Swaim second. For more information, contact the speedway at (336) 629-5803.



Caraway Speedway owner Russ Hackett



NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED SPECIAL AWARD STANDINGS

COCA-COLA MOVE OF THE RACEAWARD

Andy Seuss	2
J.R. Bertuccio	1
George Brunnhoelzl III	1
Bobby Hutchins	1
Ron Silk	1

COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

George Brunnhoelzl III	3
Brian Loftin	1
Burt Myers	1
Andy Seuss	1

FEATHERLITEMOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

Frank Fleming	2
Buddy Emory	1
Burt Myers	1
Andy Seuss	1
Brandon Ward	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE AWARD

Dean Ward	3
Brandon Ward	2



2009 SCHEDULE, POLESITTERS, RACE WINNERS

DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2009 POLE WINNER	2009 RACE WINNER
March 15	Spring Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Caraway, N.C.	Ppd. To Sept. 19	
March 21	Capital Bank 150	Concord Speedway, Concord, NC	Burt Myers	Ted Christopher
April 4	NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified 150	South Boston Speedway, South Boston, VA	George Brunnhoelzl	Andy Seuss
April 11	Caraway Speedway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	George Brunnhoelzl	Ted Christopher
April 10	Lanier 150	Lanier National Speedway, Gainesville, GA	George Brunnhoelzl	Andy Seuss
July 3	Firecracker 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Andy Seuss	George Brunnhoelzl
Aug. 1	Advance Auto Parts 199	Bowman Gray Stadium, NC	Brian Loftin	Luke Fleming
Aug. 19	UNOH Perfect Storm 150	Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN	None/Rain	George Brunnhoelzl III
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2008 POLE WINNER	2008 RACE WINNER
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