



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR

# News & Notes

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 | RACE 10 CARAWAY SPEEDWAY

## Fast Facts

Next Race: Caraway 150  
 The Place: Caraway Speedway,  
 Asheboro, N.C.  
 The Date: Saturday, Sept. 12,  
 2009  
 The Time: 8 p.m. ET  
 Track Layout: .250-mile paved  
 Race Purse: \$24,806  
 2008 Winner: Tim Brown  
 2008 Pole: Tim Brown  
 Schedule: Saturday: Practice  
 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Time Trials: 6:30  
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- Seuss Ready To Make Run At Title
- Voting For Most Popular Driver Is Underway
- Whelen Made In America 300 Is Just Three Weeks Away



The NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour returns to Caraway Speedway this weekend for the Caraway 150. Andy Seuss will look to continue to challenge George Brunnhoelzl III for the lead in the point standings.

## 2009 Standings

Rk	Driver	Points
1	George Brunnhoelzl	1,505
2	Andy Seuss	1,429
3	Brian Loftin	1,371
4	L.W. Miller	1,342
5	Burt Myers	1,308
6	Frank Fleming	1,262
7	Jason Myers	1,221
8	Gene Pack	1,208
9	John Smith	1,202
10	Buddy Emory	1,184
11	Rich Kuiken Jr.	1,142
12	Bryan Dauzat	740

## Seuss Is Ready To Make His Move To The Top

Andy Seuss (No. 40 Advance Auto Parts/O Racing Oil Dodge) knows one this is for certain: If he is going to have a chance to win the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship – he is running out of time to catch George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 28 Oval Speed/Fibrwrap/PT Ford).



Andy Seuss

Seuss enters this week-end's Caraway 150 just 76 points behind Brunnhoelzl (1,505-1,429).

The Hampstead, N.H. driver made up 10

points last week by winning the Myrtle Beach 150, but with only five races remaining on the schedule he will have to find a way to make up more than 10 points per race if he is going to have a shot.

While momentum is clearly on Seuss' side heading into Saturday night's race, it appears he will need Brunnhoelzl to experience some bad luck if he is going to catch the West Babylon, N.Y., native.

Brunnhoezl hasn't finished out of the top two since he finished 11th at Caraway back on April 11. It was also his only finish outside the top three all year long.

While Seuss currently holds the lead for most

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**The Race** ... The Caraway 150 will be the 10th of 16 races on the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour schedule and the fourth of six stops for the series to Caraway Speedway.

**The Procedure** ... Starting positions 1-24 will be set from time trials. The remaining two will be filled through the provisional process. Fastest qualifier will draw to determine redraw of top 6, 8, or 10 cars. The race is 150 laps (68.25 miles).

**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 leads all winners at Caraway Speedway with seven victories. L.W. Miller is second with six wins.

**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 and 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 August.

## Final Notes From Myrtle Beach

**Season Best Finish** ... Buddy Emory (No. 02 RCS Construction Chevrolet) picked one of the most challenging tracks on the 2009 schedule to have his best run of the year. Emory was one of the fastest cars in practice and ran up front the entire race. He was able to use tire management and a timely pit stop to take home his first podium finish of the season, when he crossed the finish line third. He also earned the Featherlite Most Improved Driver Award.

**First Time Lap Leader** ... Rich Kuiken Jr. (No. 44 Flowmasters Chevrolet) and his team decided to wait as long as possible last Saturday night at Myrtle Beach Speedway to pit for tires. The strategy almost paid off for the UNC-Charlotte student. Kuiken led laps in a tour race for the first time in his career, leading a total of 18 laps in the Myrtle Beach 150.

**Homecoming A Success** ... Veteran competitor Gene Pack (No. 31 Comtech Solutions/Wings-n-Things Chevrolet) always wanted to come back to Myrtle Beach and race in front of his family and friends that he grew up with while living on the Grand Strand as a teenager. His homecoming was a good one as he collected his second top-five finish in the last four races and also led a race-high 58 laps in the Myrtle Beach 150.

**Tough Times** ... After finishing second at Caraway Speedway back in July for his best finish of the season, things have not went well for Frank Fleming (No. 40 Jerry Hunt Auto Sales/Pro Health Centers Pontiac). Fleming has finished last in the past two races after getting involved in an accident at Caraway on August 29 and suffering mechanical woes at Myr-



Andy Seuss celebrated his first win since April and third of the season overall in Victory Lane at Myrtle Beach Speedway last Saturday night.

tle Beach last week. He has dropped from the top five in the point standings as a result.

**Challenging Day For Myers Brothers** ... Jason Myers (No. 81 Clubhouse Food & Spirits/Rockefellers Chevrolet) was forced to start the race in another competitor's car and his brother Burt (No. 1 Capital Bank Ford) was unable to finish the race after being involved in an accident made for a long day for the veterans. Burt finished 11th and Jason followed in 12th.

**Miller Collects** ... L.W. Miller (John Baker Plumbing & Utilities/Sink Towers) started 10th and finished fourth to earn the Coca Cola Move of the Race Award.

## Seuss Needs Help To Trim Brunnhoelzl's Lead

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wins for the season with three, it has been the consistency by Brunnhoelzl that has him at the top of the point standings.

Seuss is no stranger to Victory Lane at Caraway — winning the season-ending race last season at the track.

He has also finished in the top three in every race at the track this year.

Seuss finished second to Ted Christopher in April and has back-to-back third-place finishes in the other two events.

Seuss will need to slice away an average of nearly 16 points per race from Brunnhoelzl the rest of the season to have a chance to win the title. While

that might be a tall order for the young driver, it can be done and that should make the remaining five races on the 2009 schedule very entertaining.

One thing is certain — Seuss will not give up his pursuit.

Activities for the Caraway 150 get underway this Saturday with practice at 4:30 p.m. and qualifying slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Fans can come out and meet the drivers in the pre-race autograph session at 7:15 p.m.



George Brunnhoelzl



## 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 Win ...** With his win at Caraway Speedway two weeks ago, defending NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion **Brian Loftin** now has the record with 11. In second place is, **L.W. Miller** and **Junior Miller** with 10 wins each. Miller, last won at Ace Speedway in 2008. Junior Miller's last trip to Victory Lane was in 2007 at Greenville (S.C.) 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 Myrtle Beach Speedway last week.

**New Record In Sight For Driver ...** **George Brunnhoelzl III** has already won five Coors Light Pole Awards in the nine races this season. He is one shy of tying 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.



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## Fans Can Vote Online For Their Favorite Driver

Online voting is under way for the Most Popular Driver of the Year Award in the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour as well as the regional touring series.

Fans can visit the official website [www.nascarhometracks.com](http://www.nascarhometracks.com) to vote for their favorite NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour driver.

This year, fans also may write in their favorite driver if he / she is not among the nominees for a specific series.

Fans send an e-mail to [fanfeedback@nascar.com](mailto:fanfeedback@nascar.com) and submit their write-in vote.



Fans may vote or submit a write-in candidate once per day and are encouraged to vote throughout the season. Voting continues through Oct. 10.

Results will be announced at the NASCAR Touring Series Gala Saturday, Nov. 13 at Concord, N.C.

NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour Most Popular Drivers Eligible Are: **J.R. Bertuccio**, **Zach Brewer**, **Tim Brown**, **George Brunnhoelzl III**, **Greg Butcher**, **Ted Christopher**, **Bryan Dauzat**, **Buddy Emory**, **Frank Fleming**, **Jay Foley**, **Bobby Hutchens Jr.**, **Rich Kuiken Jr.**, **Brian Loftin**, **L.W. Miller**, **Jay Mize**, **Burt Myers**, **Jason Myers**, **Gene Pack**, **Rowan Pennink**, **Erick Rudolph**, **Andy Seuss**, **Ronnie Silk**, **John Smith**, **Jamie Tomaino**, **Jason Trinchere**, **Brandon Ward**, and **Dean Ward**.

Make sure to vote for your favorite driver today and help them become the Most Popular.

## Whelen Made In America 300 Is Just Weeks Away

After the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour drivers complete the Caraway 150 this Saturday night and return to the speedway for the Spring Classic 150 rainout make-up race on Sept. 19, it will be time to head north.

For the second time this season the best of the NASCAR Whelen Modified and NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified drivers will once again compete against one another for bragging rights.

In August, the tours collided and made history competing for the first time ever at Bristol Motor



Speedway. This time they will meet at a familiar track for modified competitors and fans alike – Martinsville Speedway.

Martinsville Speedway and modified racing have enjoyed a long history and this year's Whelen Made In America 300 weekend promises to be another exciting chapter in the history books of NASCAR's oldest touring series. **Ryan Preece** became the then-youngest winner in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour history with his win last year.

The event will be a two-day show with practice and qualifying scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26 and the race scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27.

The modified race will be 200 laps, and the show will also include a 100-lap Limited Late Model race.

## Swaim Earns Third Track Late Model Championship

The last time the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour visited Caraway Speedway, fans also got to watch High Point, N.C., driver **Travis Swaim** collect his third Late Model Division championship at the track.

Swaim captured the Bud Pole Award and stayed on point following a redraw of the top six qualifiers. He then led all 200 laps en route to his fourth win of the season. **Brad Brinkley** of Sanford finished second, followed by two-time defending champion **Randy Benson**.

Swaim previously won track championships in 2004 and 2005, and joins **Steve Loftin** (1998-99 and

2002) and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver **Dennis Setzer** (1988-90) as three-time Late Model champions at Caraway.

The Limited Late Models will be the top Caraway division this Saturday. Also on tap will be the Mini Stocks, Super Mini Trucks, Pure Trucks, Southern Ground Pounders and U-Cars.

Granstands open at 6 p.m., with racing starting at 8 p.m. Trackside and the pit area will open at 2 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$20 and children 11 and under are free.

For more information, please visit the track's official website at [www.carawayspeedway.com](http://www.carawayspeedway.com)



## NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED SPECIAL AWARD STANDINGS



COCA-COLA MOVE OF THE RACE AWARD

Andy Seuss	3
J.R. Bertuccio	1
George Brunnhoelzl III	1
Bryan Dauzat	1
Bobby Hutchins	1
L.W. Miller	1
Ron Silk	1



COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

George Brunnhoelzl III	5
Brian Loftin	1
Burt Myers	1
Andy Seuss	1



FEATHERLITE MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

Frank Fleming	2
Buddy Emory	2
Bryan Dauzat	1
Brian Loftin	1
Burt Myers	1
Andy Seuss	1
Brandon Ward	1

SUNOCO ROOKIE OF THE RACE AWARD

Dean Ward	3
Brandon Ward	2
Tommy Neal	1



## 2009 SCHEDULE, POLESITTERS, RACE WINNERS

DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2009 POLE WINNER	2009 RACE WINNER
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
Aug. 29	Caraway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	George Brunnhoelzl	Brian Loftin
Sept. 5	Myrtle Beach 150	Myrtle Beach Speedway, Myrtle Beach, SC	George Brunnhoelzl	Andy Seuss
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2008 POLE WINNER	2008 RACE WINNER
Sept. 12	Caraway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Tim Brown	Tim Brown
Sept. 19	Caraway Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Ppd. From March 15	
Sept. 27	Made In America Whelen 200*	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