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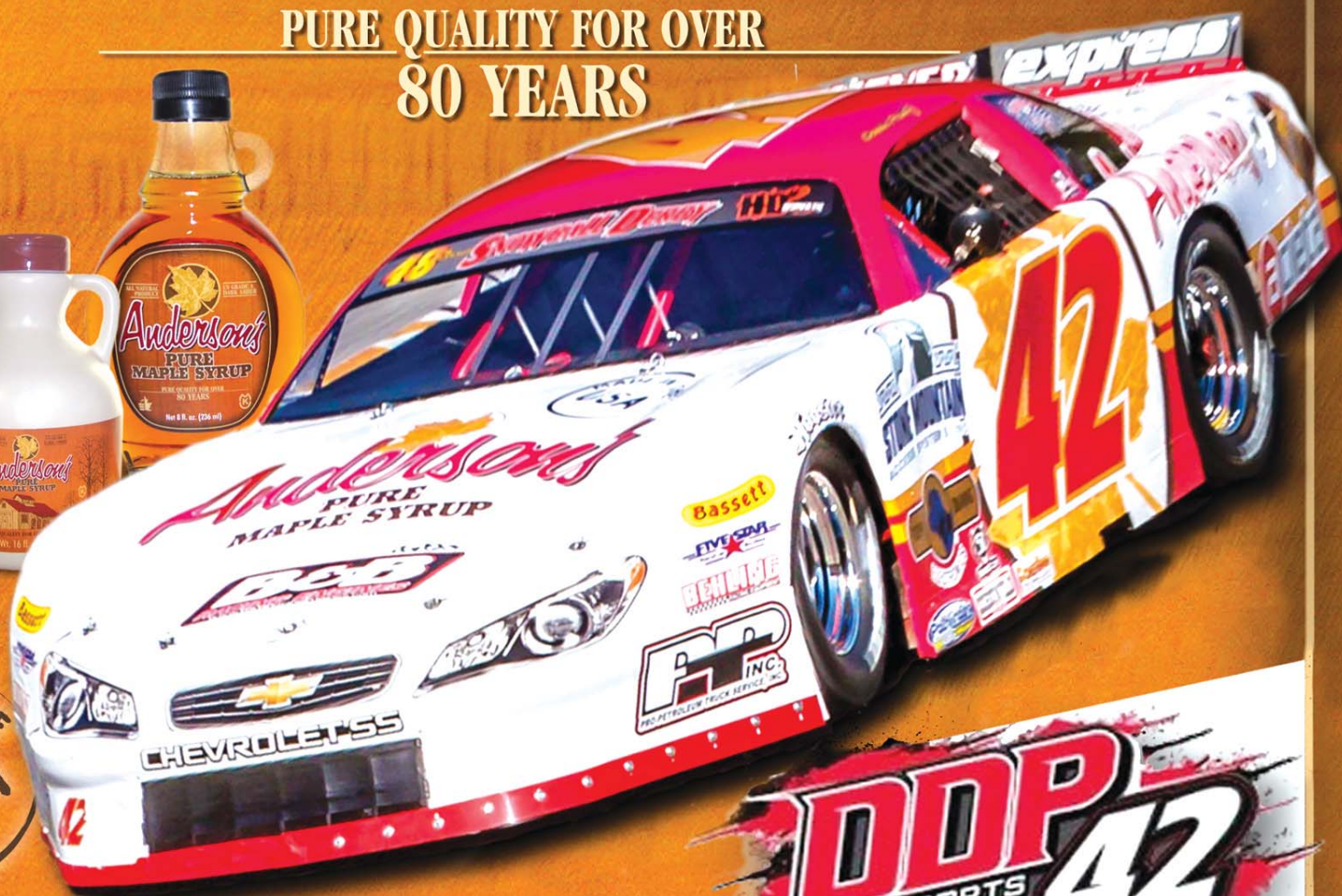
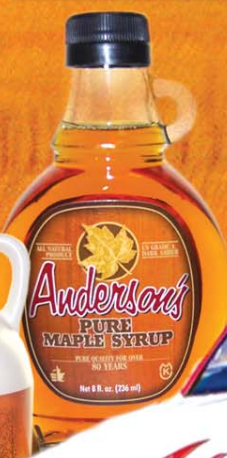
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Racing According to Plan



Dan Plan

Over the course of each racing season, there are numerous events that stand out for one reason or another. Listed below are the events that made my top ten list for 2017.

1. The Clash at Daytona, (or shootout, or whatever it's called these days) rained out on Saturday night and was run Sunday morning. Personally, I like the daytime races better at Daytona. It gives me a chance to see racing at the big track and still head out to the local short tracks for the evening.

2. In my younger days, I remember seeing King of the Hill races with the pavement Late Models in Minnesota and Wisconsin. On one night at Red Cedar Speedway, the UMSS 360 Sprint car count was a little low. Ron Bernhagan called an audible and decided to add a

Top-10 of 2017

King of the Hill event during the show to determine the front of the starting field. Good call Ron.

3. Another unique event I went to this year was the invitational at Thunder Hill Raceway. Expecting to see the local drivers on hand for a big payday, I was pleasantly surprised to see drivers from across the nation on hand for the event. The pole dash they had was similar to the King of the Hill at Red Cedar Speedway and quite entertaining.

4. The annual visit by the TUNDRA Super Late Models to LaCrosse Speedway this year started out with clear skies, but rain was on the radar. Quick thinking by the officials had the show moved along in a hurry, and done well before 10:00pm. I really enjoy a quick show.

5. At one point, I had given up on weeknight special race events, due to them constantly running

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late and making work a struggle the next day. My faith in weeknight racing was restored this year after attending the Sibley County Fair IMCA Stock Car special in August. The show consisted of just 2 classes of cars, started right on time at 7pm and wrapped up before 9:30pm. I even had time to grab a corn dog before the hour long ride home. Did I mention I enjoy a quick show?

6. One of the events many fans look forward to each year is the driver introductions at Cedar Lake Speedway during the USA Nationals. This year they handed out some pretty cool beer mugs to help light up the stands during the intros. Just like the actual racing on the track, the driver intros are something that really needs to be experienced in person. You can just feel the energy and anticipation of the crowd.

7. A late season addition to my racing schedule this year was the Duane Mahder memorial race at Red Cedar Speedway. The event was part of the

WISSOTA Challenge Series and drew over 30 dirt Late Models for the event, a number quite impressive in this day and age.

8. The last few years, there seems to have been a lot of discussion regarding three-wide racing on the local asphalt tracks. Let's be honest here. A rule against three-wide racing is just to prevent wrecks from happening. The officials are basically trying to protect the drivers from themselves, but a lot of times these issues are self-policing. I saw more three-wide racing in 2017 at Elko (particularly in the Late Models) than I've seen in previous years. None of the three-wide situations I witnessed ended up in a wreck.

9. Thursday night of the Legendary 100 is one of the nights I look forward to each year. It isn't big name drivers or tens of thousands of dollars to win. It's short trackin' guys racing for the win. Most of the classes on hand for the night do not race regularly at Cedar Lake and it always makes for an interesting show.

10. Several years ago, Johnny Sauter crossed the finish line first during Oktoberfest, but was later stripped of the 'Fest title following post race inspection. This year Johnny won it fair



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and square. For a guy who has raced in a Cup car at Daytona and won Xfinity and Truck races, you could tell the 'Fest win was still pretty special.



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Jason Searcy

Veteran driver Conrad Jorgenson from Lakeville (MN) has been named the 2017 Minnesota Asphalt Driver of the Year by Speed Talk on 1360 Radio.

Jorgenson had an incredible year at Elko (MN) Speedway winning 9 feature events and scoring 22 TOP 5 finishes out of the 29 races in the highly competitive Genz-Ryan Thunder Car division where 33 different drivers scored points in 2017.

Jorgenson won the point title at ELKO by 52 points over Jeremy Wolff, it was the fifth Championship at Elko Speedway for Jorgenson and the tenth overall title in his career that started over 30 years ago. His overall win total is now up to a very impressive 127 feature events.

Conrad also scored well in the NASCAR Whelen All American Series Home Track Division II point



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standings, he finished second place in the Nation and attended the Awards Ceremony in Charlotte (NC) with his family and crew.

“2017 is the best overall racing season I’ve ever had, this is probably the biggest accomplishment of my career,” said Jorgenson.

Conrad plans on returning to racing in the Thunder Car division at Elko Speedway again in 2018 along with mentoring his daughter Julie Jorgenson as she continues to gain experience in the Power Stock division. “My wife said I should keep racing until I don’t win anymore, so I guess we’re still going racing,” said Conrad with a smile.

MN Asphalt Driver of the Year winners:

- 2004 Dan Fredrickson
- 2009 Adam Royle
- 2010 Brent Kane
- 2011 Chad Walen
- 2012 Jonathan Eilen
- 2013 Ricky Martin
- 2014 Jacob Goede
- 2015 Jacob Goede
- 2016 Tim Brockhouse
- 2017 Conrad Jorgenson



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Racing Nuggets



Jacklyn Daniels-Nuttleman

My husband Toby and I had a special evening planned mid-December for an early celebration our wedding anniversary, which is New Year's Eve. Toby was dressed nicely. You probably would have done a double take looking at him. Nice button-down dress shirt, dress slacks—even a new pair of black tennis shoes, the likes of which passed for dress shoes on our wedding day six years ago.

He looked so handsome in the glow of the candlelight, as he smiled at me. Before he sat, he pulled his phone from his front pocket and two shock packers went tumbling—wildly rolling across the floor of the restaurant and coming to rest near a table with a gaggle of rather hoity-toity looking people.

Several tables of people with furrowed brows watched my husband chase after the strange, plastic discs. Those shock packers have become a regular feature in our lives.



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I've written previously about inadvertently throwing away a handful of shock packers that Toby had left on the dryer in our home for about three weeks. I thought they were the leftover plastic parts, like what holds toys in packaging from the store. I didn't know what they were—just that they had been left on our dryer for three weeks and I was tired of seeing them sitting there, so I tossed them.

Turns out it was a huge mistake and Toby was miffed about me doing that. In the end, he got over it, as he left the darn things sitting so long—and I learned something new about race car parts. Now if something looks unusual, I no longer throw it away until checking with him.

I've come to realize just how much he likes his shock packers. Toby keeps them in his pockets at all times.

Back in November, we traveled to Homestead-Miami Speedway for the NASCAR finale weekend and in particular to see Ty Majeski run in the Xfinity series race. That afternoon, as we were working through the security check point in Milwaukee, Toby had shock packers in his pocket and neglected to remove them before going through the x-ray machine.

He got pulled aside for questioning. The TSA agent had never seen something like that before and was intrigued as to what Toby had in his pockets. Ten minutes later, after an animated conversation with the agent, he was shoving the discs back into his pocket with a giggle, and heading to the recombobulation area put his shoes back on so we could try to make our flight on time.

I commented about the incident on social media. Majeski's mom, Sue inquired why he would have shock packers on the trip to Miami. (I'm guessing she might have been concerned that Toby thought he was going to try to jump in and make adjustments with the pit crew on the Xfinity car.)

But the fact of the matter is—he always carries them with him.

Have you ever seen those Worry Stones? It's a smooth, polished stone with an indent in it that's perfect for your thumb to rub. Toby uses shock packers along those lines, I guess.

Lucky Packers

I told him that playing with things in his pockets might give people the wrong idea about what he's doing.

He gave me a look that could burn holes in metal.

I laughed. But he still continues to carry shock packers with him every, single day.

I watched him get dressed the other morning and it's just like clockwork. Puts his belt on, wallet goes into his rear pocket, then the shock packers get pushed into his front pocket, and away he goes.

He says they are his "Lucky Packers." Given the season that his favorite football team has had—I'd say they are the only lucky Packers in existence this year.



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Auto Racing Facts, Observances and Opinions



Dale P. Danielski

Well, it's that time of year when I have absolutely nothing to talk about. Now I know why folks like to rehash the previous year's events. We'll attempt that here and with a little luck something of substance will pop into my head to at least keep you reader(s) interested!

Just off the top of my head the racing season at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway, West Salem, WI., comes to mind. Car counts in the NASCAR Late Model Division were much better in 2017 and a new champion was crowned. Perennial Champ Steve Carlson faded at the end and it was Nick Panitzke, the Minnesota traveler taking the championship crown. Most folks would agree it was nice to see a new

champion in the division as Carlson has dominated it for too many years to count. Ty Majeski has had the fastest car for some time now at the track, but with his pursuit of greener pastures he wasn't able to compete often enough to win a championship the last number of years. So what will change at the track for 2018? Not all that much, although the Outlawz Division will now become a thing of the past as too few cars for too many years forced management to eliminate that class for 2018. The division has basically offered drivers the opportunity to race what ever they bring to the track. This is something racers constantly complain about, too many rules to compete under. With few rules, the division was only able to bring 5-6 cars/event, consequently making for less than competitive racing. With the change it would appear the Street Stock Division with ever increasing car counts will see more track time in 2018.

It was good to see the Golden Sands Speedway, Plover, WI., get its first year under new owner and management under its belt as Dad Mark and son Cody Smiley appeared to get off on the right foot with a successful season of racing. The speedway will always be special to this scribe and it looks to be in good hands heading down the road.

And, in a situation that somewhat contributes to the problem, but also down the road could solve some things and make for better racing, the United Motorsports Association, (UMA) was formed. The group consisting of race tracks Dells Raceway Park, Wis. Dells, WI., Golden Sands Speedway, Plover, WI., Marshfield Motor Speedway, Marshfield, WI., and State Park Speedway, Wausau, WI., is a governing body that hopes to create a more level playing field with more uniform rules for all involved. The main focus being the Super Late Model Division of racing, the group has also brought back the Wisconsin Challenge Series which features special event venues

at the above mentioned tracks. The Central Wisconsin Racing Association in attempting to rekindle the fire of great racing from years gone by with its 'Stars to Legends Tour' has also aligned itself rules wise with UMA. With many race cars out there, but unfortunately with too many having been parked, the idea here is to get more participants involved again and create a larger fan following as a result.

Meanwhile, The CWRA is sticking to its guns by requiring the use of the Towel City Racing Tire for all its Tour events, instead of whatever Hoosier tire is available out there. This formula has worked in increasing car counts at said events with racers finding it more affordable to compete in a Super Late Model type race car. Amazingly, in 2017, a total of 46 tires were purchased among the top 10 drivers in CWRA. With the tire considerably less to purchase initially than the others out there, racers are finding wear characteristics better overall as well, as new is not always better/faster in terms of competing in the Tour events.

Have wanted for years to catch a race at the Phoenix International Raceway, Phoenix, AZ., and finally got that opportunity here in 2017. Not a bad NASCAR Cup race but if NASCAR didn't think it had problems prior to this year it better take a harder look heading into 2018, as this event as well as most others found attendance and TV viewer ship down considerably. The last Cup race of the year at Homestead Speedway found television viewer ship down 23% from last year. That, my friends is significant and what NASCAR does to solve the problem of their boring, for the most part uninteresting fabricated events remains to be seen. Maybe the answer appears in the previous sentence.

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Dale's Pictures from the Past



Heat race action at the old Griffith Park Speedway of Wis. Rapids, WI, 1966 (left) with Orv Buelow is in the #77 on inside row. Bob Bergeron photo. #77 Orv Buelow 1969 Buick Skylark in 1974. Always had a soft spot for this car as it was the same year and model of the first car I ever owned! Kurt Luoma photo.

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Folks from Wisconsin are still monitoring the progress of Badger State racer Ty Majeski. Aligned with Roush Racing, Majeski has certainly accomplished just about all he can at the short track level of racing. Will racing and winning in NASCAR big league racing be the next to conquer? Everyone here is definitely hoping it happens.

It was fun watching Rachel Kallas get her first CWRA "Stars to Legends Tour" win at Dells Raceway Park this past season. More remarkable was the fact she did it in a Limited Late Model type race car taking down the Super Late Model big dogs!

It was nice to see Matt Henderson pick up a NASCAR Late Model Feature win at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway this past season. The win for Henderson was his first in the Division in 8 years! Henderson laid it all on the line on the night practically putting his race car into a 4 wheel drift through the corners the last several laps to pick up the popular win.

Great to see all around nice guy Frank Nitzke capture the 2017 CWRA "Stars to Legends Tour" Championship. Nitzke comes from a racing family with father Stu a well known racer for many years back in the day.

Ty Majeski captured his 4th ARCA Midwest Tour Championship in a row in 2017. In the aforementioned, hopefully Majeski can find the same success in upper levels of racing.

And, as/per usual it was great fun at the Annual Champions Reunion as part of Oktoberfest Racing weekend at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway. Perhaps the best ever turnout of past champion racers were on hand for the event along with a number of significant to eras of the past 50 years original, restored race cars. With arm twisted, it looks like I have been talked into doing another Reunion in 2018. The event, with stars having to be aligned and a number of things taking place could see a well known, great racer from days gone by both appearing at the event and racing during the Annual 'Fest weekend. Now how cool would that be!

Here and there...Sad to hear of long time Wisconsin racer Orv Buelow passing away here recently. Orv spent a long time behind the wheel of a race car and carved out a nice career in the sport. A memorable sight of Orv was seeing him with his familiar Cigar "stogie" hanging out of his mouth... Good to see Greg Oliver agreeing to a lease to operate the racetrack located just outside Tomah, WI. Oliver who has kept plenty busy in racing whether it was flagging events or running the series' he currently holds events with, is now taking on more in running a racetrack! Oliver plans to run several Divisions of racing on Friday

nights in 2018 with the possibility of special events added to the mix. The Tomah track has a long history of racing and it's good to see that will continue under Oliver's direction...Ok, you can wake up now, the column is done! We'll see you right here for more racing, propaganda and fake news in 2018.

Looking back to September 11th, 1966 it was Jim Back winning the Feature race at Griffith Park Speedway, Wis. Rapids, WI. Following Back were Dean Spohn and Marv Marzofka. Heat race winners were Ken Ubinger, Dale Walworth, Orv Buelow and Tom Reffner. The Semi-Feature went to Willie Reinwand with Consolation race honors going to Ray Hoffman. The Non-Qualifiers race win went to Roger Olson with Fast time honors going to Dick Trickle at 14:27 seconds around the 1/4 mile paved oval. On August 18th, 1974 it was Neil Callahan winning the Feature race at the Golden Sands Speedway, Plover, WI. Following Callahan were Dave Field, Jim Back, Jim Hornung, Mike Miller, Marv Marzofka, Gary Smith, Larry Detjens, Buck Linhart and Don Marcis. Semi-Feature honors went to Fluff Furo followed by Tom Musgrave, John Brevik, Orv Buelow and Dale Walworth. The Consolation race winner was Tim Carlson. Heat race victors were Don Turner, Bob Mackesy and Callahan. The Fast Dash went to Miller with Back setting Fast time at 13:464 seconds around the 3/10ths mile high banked oval. At Dells Raceway Park, Wis. Dells, WI., September 8th, 1966, it was Les Katzner winning the 50 lap Feature. Katzner was followed by Dick Trickle, Tom Reffner, Jim Back and Dave Field. The 30 lap Semi-Feature went to Bud Schroeder followed by Orv Buelow and Lyle Nabbefeldt. Consolation race victors were Larry Morris and Louie Kandler with heat race wins going to Willie Hammond, Art Link, Marlin Walbeck and Reffner. Fast time went to Trickle at 13:87 seconds around the 1/4 mile paved oval. 55 cars timed in for the Season Championship event. On August 28th, 1966 it was Marlin Walbeck winning the 25 lap Feature at State Park Speedway, Wausau, WI. Dave Marcis, Rich Somers and Denny Schwantes followed. The Semi-Feature went to Tom Bump while Heat race winners were Roger Guldán, Walbeck and John Cywinski. The Fast Dash went to Somers with Marcis setting quick time at 15:95 seconds around the 1/4 mile paved oval. On September 29th, 2012 at Marshfield Motor Speedway, Marshfield, WI., it was Steve Holzhausen winning the 1st 50 lap Feature over Dalton Zehr, Mark Eswein, Cardell Potter and Skylar Holzhausen. Skylar Holzhausen won the 2nd 50 lap main followed by Eswein, Don Turner, Steve Holzhausen and Ty Majeski. Preliminary race winners were Chad Selk, Jamie Iverson and Kris Kelly. Fast time honors went to Skylar Holzhausen at 17:893 around the 1/2 mile paved oval.

Questions, comments, opinions and other information welcome at Starmaker Multimedia 967 10th Ave N Ste A, Onalaska, WI 54650 608-783-5827 or at dale@starmakermultimedia.com

Something to warm you during a cold winter, Dick Trickle race car on his hauler in front of his old shop in Wis. Rapids, WI., January, 1979. Gary Hall photo. 1974 Neil Callahan and his Bemco built Chevy Nova. Dale P. Danielski pic. Good old Jimbo Back #61 from back in the day. Marg/Farrar photo. Les Katzner and some of the cars he raced. Dale P. Danielski photo.



A Year On The Road



Bruce Nuttleman photo

Brent Larson spent the 2017 racing season running a Dirt Late Model for Arnie Ranta. Larson and team crisscrossed the nation, hitting several World of Outlaws Late Model events, numerous Lucas Oil Late Model shows and the entire 2017 UMP Summer Nationals Hell Tour. Even with about 16 rainouts, the team raced over 100 nights over the course of the season. We recently caught up with Brent after returning from his visit to the Gateway Nationals in St. Louis, Missouri.

Let's start with your most recent race. Have you ever raced indoors or on a track as small as the one at the America's Center stadium in St. Louis? We've raced on tracks that small, but I have never raced indoors like that.

How did the deal come about to run for Arnie Ranta?

Well, Arnie and I have been friends for over 10 years. We've been talking about doing something for a long time. He came in about less 2 years ago and asked if I would be interested in doing something. I said I would think it over and gave him a call a week later and started talking about it. A few days later, we had a car and a motor. The 2016 season was kind of a trial for us and 2017 was more of a learning year.

Any idea how many miles you put on the hauler this year?

Yeah, hold on a second. I'll tell you exactly how many I put on (Brent had all of the information on his phone). We put on 38,000 miles I believe. We

probably should have put on a lot more, but it sat a lot of the time if we were down in Illinois. The rig would stay down there and I would come home. Same thing at the end of the year with North Carolina and Georgia. We saved on miles that way.

What was the high point of the season?

Boy, I'm not really good at picking favorites. I enjoyed making the show at Knoxville and thought we were going to win

one over at McCool Junction but broke a motor. We also ran second with the MLRA a few times.

What was it like running the entire Hell Tour?

It was a grind. What stinks about that, at some point in time it becomes an endurance thing. It's hard not to focus on just getting through it; as much as it is to focus on how to learn and get faster. We went on the road to learn and try and get better, but by about day 20 you're just trying to hang on. It was a good experience and it was fun. It's a great way to learn a lot in a short amount of time. We were setup well, but if you're not, it gets to be a grind. It gets to be an endurance thing as much as anything.

Did you come home at all from the Hell Tour, or were you on the road for the entire month?

We were on the road the entire time. We had a couple places that we based out of. We stayed at the Bash Brothers throughout a good chunk of it.

Based on your social media interaction, it appears you and your wife Melanie enjoy poking fun at each other. With that in mind, what was more challenging, a month on the road or a month at home with your wife?

Yeah we do have a fun time. We're gone so much, even when we're home, it's almost like staying in a hotel. Yesterday I was just thinking I couldn't remember the last time I put salt in the water softener. When I come home, I'm here for a few days and I forget to do stuff like that. We live the same whether we're on the road or not. We definitely are giving each other a hard time, all of the time.

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Several years ago, Lewis Hamilton and Jeff Gordon did a ride swap. Would you be open to a ride swap with Danny Fredrickson?

Did he tell you to ask me that? I swear he told you to ask me that, he asks me that all of the time. I think we could do a test deal and then go from there. I think it would be a lot of fun.

Did you send Ricky Weiss a Christmas card this year?

No, he didn't get anything. That's my only comment on that.

What are your plans for the 2018 racing season?

We're going to focus mainly on rookie of the year deal for the World of Outlaws and just really try to be strong every time we show up in that series.

Then we're going to hit whatever shows make sense. We'll stay mostly with sanctioned shows. We've not found a lot of the unsanctioned stuff to be a real good deal a lot of the time. We'll hit up some of the Lucas shows and the MLRA and just wherever we think we have a shot at growing, running well and making a little money.



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"King of the Midgets"

One of the books we received this off-season is a titled "Harry McQuinn – King of the Midgets". For race fans that have interest in the Midget racing that took place around Illinois and Indiana, this book provides a great resource. The book is filled with pictures and results from the early 1920's through the 1940's.

I'll be honest and admit I had never heard of Harry McQuinn prior to reading the book, but I haven't had much exposure to Midget racing in the part of the country I grew up in. Harry had quite the career behind the wheel, and also held a very important position with Indianapolis Motor Speedway after retiring from driving.

The book's author (Dr. Brad T Tinkle) does an awesome job of documenting his great-grandfathers experiences. Relaying them in a personal manner the book's introduction is one of the more enjoyable aspects.

Looking through the book, you'll see some familiar names and tracks in the book. There are tons of photos and race results from many historic short tracks in the Midwest to peruse through. The story about kicking Big Bill France out of Indianapolis was another new thing I learned. It shows no matter how much the sport has changed through the years, some things stay the same.

If you're interested in picking up a copy of this book for yourself, they are available in hardcover format from Amazon.



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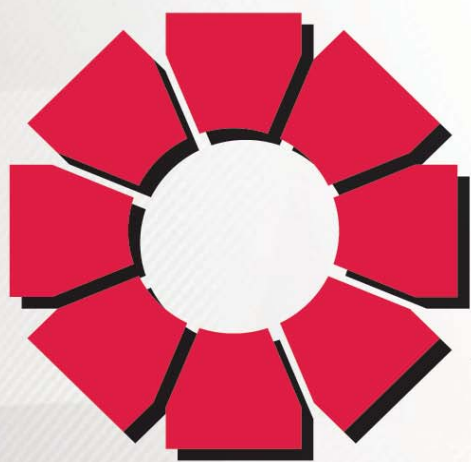
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