



WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED TOUR

# News & Notes

OCTOBER 6, 2009 | RACE 14 CARAWAY SPEEDWAY

## Fast Facts

Next Race: Fall Classic 150  
 The Place: Caraway Speedway,  
 Asheboro, N.C.  
 The Date: Saturday, Oct. 10,  
 2009  
 The Time: 8 p.m. ET  
 Track Layout: .455-mile paved  
 Race Purse: \$24,806  
 2008 Winner: Andy Seuss  
 2008 Pole: Tim Brown  
 Schedule: Saturday: Practice  
 4:30-5:15 p.m.; Time Trials: 6:30  
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- Brunnhoelzl Ready To Celebrate 2009 Title
- Burt Myers Continues Strong Finish To Season
- Lightning 150 Notes From Last Weekend



*George Brunnhoelzl III (28) passes two-time NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour champion Junior Miller last Friday at Ace Speedway. Caraway Speedway will host the season-final Fall Classic 150 this Saturday. Brunnhoelzl will clinch the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour championship when he takes the green flag.*

## 2009 Standings

Rk	Driver	Points
1	George Brunnhoelzl	2,205
2	Andy Seuss	2,055
3	Burt Myers	1,983
4	Brian Loftin	1,948
5	Frank Fleming	1,884
6	Jason Myers	1,851
7	Gene Pack	1,762
8	John Smith	1,653
9	Buddy Emory	1,602
10	L.W. Miller	1,457
11	Rich Kuiken Jr.	1,269
12	Bryan Dauzat	1,132

## Brunnhoezl Can Celebrate This Weekend

Finally, he will get to celebrate. After winning last week at Ace Speedway, **George Brunnhoelzl III (No. 28 Oval Speed/Fibrwrap/PT Ford)** will get to pop the champagne this weekend.

The West Babylon, N.Y., native won his fourth race of the season Friday at Ace Speedway to build his lead to 150 points over **Andy Seuss (No. 47 Advance Auto Parts/Q Racing Oil/Stuart Auto Dodge)**. Seuss finished second to prevent Brunnhoelzl from wrapping up the title. But the victory win set up Brunnhoelzl with the opportunity to win the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour title Sat-



George Brunnhoelzl

urday night at Caraway Speedway by simply taking the green flag to start the race.

"We had such a good car last week, and while we are not pouring the champagne just yet, we can see it getting closer," Brunnhoelzl said after winning the Lightning Fast 150. "We did what we had to do to make it easier on us at Caraway. I am so thankful for my family and my crew to help me get here."

Brunnhoezl made it look easy last week and, in fact, has made it look easy all season long en route to what is shaping up to be his first NASCAR title. While he and his father, car owner and crew chief George Jr., have tried to avoid any mention of the title for fear of jinxing their chances, nothing short of not making the trip to Asheboro will prevent him from earning the championship trophy.

After his runner-up finish, Seuss all but conceded the title last week.

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**The Race** ... The Fall Classic 150 will be the final event on the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour schedule and the sixth and final stop 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 27 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 nine of his NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour record 21 Coors Light Pole Awards at Caraway Speedway.

Myers also won the pole last weekend at Ace Speedway. The Coors Light Pole Award was his fourth overall this season.

## Final Notes From Ace Speedway

**Close Again** ... Burt Myers (No. 1 Capital Bank Ford) continued his strong run in the second half of the 2009 NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour season finishing third after starting on the Coors Light Pole — his second in the past three races and fourth of the season. Myers ran up front all race and led twice before falling back to third where he finished following Brunnhoelzl and Seuss.

**Former Champion Returns**... In his first start of the 2009 season on the NWSMT, Junior Miller (NO. 53 S&R Motor Company Chevrolet) finished a disappointing 14th after handling problems ended his night early on Lap 105. Miller, the 2005 & 2006 Tour champion, has been competing on a regular basis at Bowman Gray Stadium in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series.

**Another Tough Week** ... J.R. Bertuccio (NO. 2 Gershow Recycling Chevrolet) had his second straight rough week. After getting involved in an early race accident at Martinsville two weeks ago that ended his afternoon after just 27 laps, the young driver didn't have much better luck at Ace Speedway last week. Bertuccio was forced to the pits with overheating problems on Lap 50 and finished 15th.

**Still Points Battles** ..... Burt Myers and Brian Loftin (No. 23 L&R Transmissions/QMF Metal Solutions Chevrolet) still have something to race for this weekend. Myers sits just 72 points behind Seuss for second place in the standings and Loftin is just 35 points behind Myers for third. Both drivers can improve one or two positions depending on how they



Frank Fleming rebounded to finish eighth at Ace Speedway after backing into the Turn 2 wall during the Lightning Fast 150. (Grant Halverson/NASCAR)

finish Saturday night at Caraway. Seuss just has to finish in front of both to hold onto second place. Frank Fleming (No. 40 Jerry Hunt Auto Sales/Pro Health Centers Pontiac) and Jason Myers (No. 4 Capital Bank Ford) are just 33 points apart for fifth place (1,884-1,851).

**Nice Recovery** ... Mt. Airy, N.C., native Frank Fleming recovered from an accident to finish 8th last week at Ace Speedway and remain in the hunt for a top-five finish in the final points standings for 2009. Fleming, who has a season-best second-place finish at Caraway Speedway in July, returns this week looking for a win.

## Brunnhoezl Will Celebrate Title At Caraway

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"We have had a good season but we just had some misfortune at a couple of events and George was able to get through this season and did a great job."

Brunnhoezl dabbled in fendered stock-car racing for a while after moving South with his family but returned to his roots climbing back into a modified car several years ago, and now he will soon get to celebrate as a champion in a division in which his father and grandfather made a name for themselves throughout the northeast.

"Winning any championship is special, but to win the NASCAR Whelen Southern Modified Tour title is something that would mean everything to me," George said earlier this season. "We had a couple of bad breaks here and there but were able to get through them and that is why we are where we are today."



George Brunnhoelzl won his fourth race of the season Friday. (Grant Halverson/NASCAR)

Brunnhoezl has collected an amazing 12 top-five finishes in 13 starts this season on the NWSMT. He is tied with Seuss for the most wins on the year with four and has won five Coors Light Pole Awards, the most on the Tour.



## NASCAR WHELEN SOUTHERN MODIFIED SPECIAL AWARD STANDINGS



COCA-COLA MOVE OF THE RACE AWARD

Andy Seuss	3
George Brunnhoelzl III	2
J.R. Bertuccio	1
Bryan Dauzat	1
Bobby Hutchins	1
L.W. Miller	1
Jason Myers	1
Ron Silk	1



COORS LIGHT POLE AWARD

George Brunnhoelzl III	5
Burt Myers	4
Brian Loftin	2
Andy Seuss	1



FEATHERLITE MOST IMPROVED DRIVER AWARD

Frank Fleming	3
Buddy Emory	2
Bryan Dauzat	1
Brian Loftin	1
Burt Myers	1
Gene Pack	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 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 III
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
Sept. 12	Caraway 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Burt Myers	George Brunnhoelzl III
Sept. 19	Caraway Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Burt Myers	Andy Seuss
Sept. 27	Made In America Whelen 300	Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, VA	Brian Loftin	Burt Myers
Oct. 2	Lightning Fast 150	Ace Speedway, Altamahaw, NC	Burt Myers	George Brunnhoelzl III
DATE	RACE	FACILITY	2008 POLE WINNER	2008 RACE WINNER
Oct. 10	Fall Classic 150	Caraway Speedway, Asheboro, NC	Tim Brown	Andy Seuss

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