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Big Crowd Greet Two First Time Thunder Winners. . . . .

**DARYN PITTMAN & MEME DESANTIS SHARE THUNDER VICTORIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT GRANDVIEW**

BECHTELSVILLE, PA . . . . . The NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series sponsored by Lee Myles Transmissions opened its' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season at Grandview Speedway on Wednesday night. Beautiful weather attracted a big crowd that saw Daryn Pittman of Owasso, MO with the 35 lap Keystone Cup Series 410 sprint feature as Temple, PA favorite MeMe DeSantis claimed the victory in the 25 lap 358 Modified feature. A total purse in excess of \$38,000 was paid to the sixty-one cars that took part in the racing program.

Opening the program was the CnB Mushroom 410 Sprint time trials and Steve Smith in the ZEMCO sprinter set fast time. In the three sprint heat race events, Cody Darrah, Josh Weller and Brian Montieth took the victories as Chad Layton won the "B" Main. Thirty-two modifieds competed in qualifying with heat race victories going to Jason Hamilton, Jeff Strunk and Duane Howard as Ryan Watt won the Consolation.

Twenty-four sprint car answered the call for the feature event. With fireworks bursting in the sky, the green flag fell with Justin Henderson setting the pace. Pole car Daryn Pittman dropped to third as Steve Smith moved into the runner-up spot. On lap five, Pittman advanced from third to the lead with a determined Steve Smith in the chase.

On lap nine, the red flag was displayed for Jesse Hockett who flipped in turn two. On the restart, Pittman remained the leader with Smith looking for an opportunity to make a pass. Greg Hodnett was on the move and racing in third with his eyes set on a challenge with Smith. By lap nineteen, Smith was now offering a challenge to Pittman for the lead, but with each attempt, Pittman retained the top spot. Pittman once again developed a comfortable lead that is until lap twenty-seven when Smith was knocking on the door and offering a challenge for the top spot. Pittman once again powered away from Smith but with five laps remaining, it was a two car race for the lead.

For the final five laps, Pittman and Smith were in a dual for the lead. With the checker flag waiving, Daryn Pittman scored the win driving the Pete's Bridge Street Motors, collecting the big \$5,000 check. Pittman took the win over Stevie Smith, Greg Hodnett, Doug Esh and Brooke Tatnell. Making up the top ten were Chad Layton, Mark Smith, Brian Leppo, Alan Krimes, Cody Darrah and Lance Dewease.

The twenty-five lap 358 Modified feature was a thriller with Tom Umbenhauer setting the early pace. Umbenhauer led the first three laps with Ryan Godown taking the lead on lap four. Godown remained the leader until a lap nine restart when MeMe DeSantis wrestled the top to become the new leader. Once on top, DeSantis was not to be denied this victory and established a solid uncontested lead the balance of the night.

DeSantis took the victory, his first ever Thunder on the Hill win. Finishing second was Ryan Godown followed by Tom Umbenhauer, Jeff Strunk and Craig VonDohren. Rounding out the top ten were Kevin Hirthler, Duane Howard, Billy Pauch Jr., Billy Pauch and John Kellner.

410 Sprint Feature Finish: #25 Daryn Pittman, #1 Stevie Smith, #22 Greg Hodnett, #39 Doug Esh, #21au Brooke Tatnell, #55 Chad Layton, #7m Mark Smith, #71 Brian Leppo, #87 Alan Krimes, #89 Cody Darrah, #30c Lance Dewease, #22z Justin Henderson, #51 Fred Rahmer, #21 Brian Montieth, #35 Alan Cole, #63 Josh Weller, #27m Curt Michael, #7 Keith Kauffman, #88 Todd Shaffer, #15 Mark Bitner, #2h Dave Hahn, #25o Aaron Ott, #79 Davey Sammons, #13 Jesse Hockett.

358 Modified Feature Finish: #88D MeMe DeSantis, #R1 Ryan Godown, #19u Tom Umbenhauer, #41 Jeff Strunk, #1C Craig VonDohren, #117 Kevin Hirthler, #4 Duane Howard, #8P Billy Pauch Jr., #126 Billy Pauch, #8 John Kellner, #542 Rick Laubach, #81 Terry Meitzler, #357 Doug Hoffman, #11d Richie Pratt Jr., #15 Jason Hamilton, #118 Sean Merkel, #31 Chris Esposito, #327 Brad Missimer, #14 Doug Manmiller, #53 Mike Gular, #K2 Keith Brightbill, #55 Ryan Watt, #67 Jon Kellner Jr., #74w John Willman.

Joe the Pizza Dude sponsored by Wink Motorsports once again gave away Pizza's along with the folks at Lee Miles Transmissions who offered some giveaway items for the fans. Fans were invited to write rhymes about Fred Rahmer and two folk, for their efforts, won Thunder on the Hill t-shirts. It was a great night of racing that started promptly at 7:30 PM with the final checker flag of the night falling at 10:30 PM.

## THUNDER FACTS FOR 2009

### NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series

When: Tuesday night, June 2nd  
7:00 PM Gates open at 5:00 PM

What: Thunder on the Hill Racing

Series 20th Anniversary Season Continues!

### USAC Wingless Sprint National Tour 50

Laps/Twin 25's format Plus ARDC Midgets

Where: Grandview Speedway Pass more Road, Route 100 Bechtelsville, PA 19505,  
ten mile north of Pottstown, PA

Track Facts: Free Parking, Great Food at Reasonable Prices, Family Seating Section,  
All seats un-reserved, Directions, lodging and camp sites listed on our websites.

Admission: \$25 Adults, \$5 Children 6-11, Children under 6 Free

Pit Fee: \$30, license is not required

Track #: 610-754-7688

Website: [www.thunderonthehillracingseries.com](http://www.thunderonthehillracingseries.com) or [www.grandviewspeedway.com](http://www.grandviewspeedway.com)

Special Happenings: Salute to Living Legend Car Owner & Promoter, Ken Brenn Sr. Meet Ms. Thunder on the Hill Skye Michael, See JOE the Pizza Dude sponsored by Wink Motorsports, The Round Table Girls. Meet Miss Motorsports Alyssa Sharman, try the Inside/Out Promotion, Fan Giveaways, Fans Rhyme Competition, Grandview Thunder Program Book, 20th Anniversary Thunder

on the Hill Racing Series t-shirts, and Fireworks on feature parade lap, Fans invited to take part in the joyous victory lane ceremonies and meet the drivers in the pit area following the races.

Tuesday, June 2nd Order of Events:

Gates Open 5 PM

6:30 PM ARDC Warm-ups

USAC Sprint Warm-ups

USAC Wingless Sprint Time Trials

7:30 PM National Anthem

ARDC Heats- - 8 laps

USAC Wingless Sprint Heats

ARDC "B" Main

USAC Wingless Sprint B Main

ARDC Feature 20 laps

Intermission

USAC Wingless Sprint 50 Lap Feature (Twin 25's format) \$6,000 to win!

Thunder Sponsors:

NAPA Auto Parts- - - Long time Thunder on the Hill Racing Series sponsor will again have their banners and flag waving high above the Grandview Speedway podium.

Lee Myles Transmissions at three locations in Berks County. Fern Street Reading, Perkiomen Ave 422 Birdsboro and North 5th Street, Highway Reading.

Other locations in Allentown, Easton, Mt. Pocono and York, PA

COMDIAL Telephone Communications will return once again to add some fan fun for all the Thunder fans.

BPG Racing/Chad Sinon Motorsports- - Making Thunder bigger for all

Fairgrounds Square Mall- - Reading, PA- - Fan Giveaway fun!

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2009 Thunder on the Hill Series Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 20 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES Keystone Cup Speed Week Series 410 Sprints & 358 Modifieds

Tuesday, June 2 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES USAC National Wingless Sprint Tour (Twin 20's) & ARDC Wingless Midgets

Tuesday, June 30 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES Pennsylvania Sprint Speed Week Series 410 Sprints & 358 Modifieds

Wednesday, July 15 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES- - -TRIPLE CROWN THUNDER THRILLER - - FAN FUN NIGHT! ! 358 Modifieds (full show) URC Sprints (full show) ARDC Feature Only

Thursday, August 13 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES- - - TRAFFIC JAM - - WoO Late Models & Open Competition Big Block Modifieds

Saturday, October 17 THUNDER ON THE HILL RACING SERIES Halloween Party 6  
PM Grandview Thunder 5-25's URC Sprints, 358 Modifieds, ARDC Wingless  
Midgets, Rolling Thunder Legends, Sportsman Modifieds & Garden State  
Vintage Stock Cars + Monster SMASH DEMO Derby!

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