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THUNDER SERIES RETURNS TO THE HILL TUESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
USAC WINGLESS SPRINTS, Where some bumping, wheel banging and a bounce off  
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USAC WINGLESS SPRINTS FACE OFF IN TWIN 25'S JOINED BY THE ARDC  
WINGLESS MIDGETS

On Tuesday night, June 2 the always exciting USAC Wingless Sprints and ARDC Midgets will be the headline divisions for the second event of the NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series presented by Lee Myles Transmissions at Grandview Speedway. With the USAC Wingless Sprints, some bumping, wheel banging and a bounce off the wall will never get in the way of a good race!

The USAC Sprints will compete in a 50 lap feature presented in a twin 25's format along with qualifying as the ARDC Wingless Midgets battle the high banks in a series of qualifying events leading up to their twenty lap feature event. Time trial qualifying for this event will begin at 7 PM with gates opening at 5 PM.

Last year, a field of thirty-seven wingless sprints took part in the program and headline names expected on Tuesday, June 2nd include USAC point leader Dave Darland along with Levi Jones, Jerry Coons Jr., Colt Whitt, Tracy Hines and Brad Sweet. Jesse Hockett, currently ranked third in the USAC point chase will also be in the field. Hockett took part in the May 20 Thunder Show as he is looking to claim the 2009 Thunder Series sprint championship title. A major threat to pocket the \$6,000 first place prize is local favorite Billy Pauch, driving the ZEMCO sprinter.

Why is Billy Pauch a favorite? In the nineteen year history of Thunder on the Hill, Pauch has won the title five times (1990, 92, 93, 95, 2001) and is the all time feature winner in Thunder Series history with eleven victories. An interesting note for Pauch of Frenchtown, NJ, two of those eleven wins came in wingless sprint car competition on the "hill".

USAC sprint car time trials will kick off the show at 7 PM. Joining the exciting wingless sprints will be the ARDC Wingless Midgets. Just recently, Billy Pauch Jr won his first ARDC feature event with a last lap pass at Grandview. On Tuesday night, June 2nd, could we see a father and son combination standing in the Thunder on the Hill victory lane?

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary season of Thunder on the Hill, the series will salute a Living Legend of our sport. Back on May 20, Steve Smith was the honored Living Legend, after all, he won the very first Thunder on the Hill event in August of 1990.

In a show like this, one name comes to mind as our Living Legend Guest of Honor, that being Ken Brenn Sr. Brenn was a member of ARDC from 1954 to 1972. More then

one-hundred and fifty drivers sat in the seat of a Brenn owned Midget and the names are much like a who's who in the history of open wheel ranks. Names like Len Duncan, Johnny Coy, Mitch Smith, Ray Tilley, Don Branson, Wally Dallenbach Sr, Bert Brooks, Tommy Elliott, Jiggs Peters, Ernie McCoy, Gary Bettenhausen, Jan Opperman, Bobby Adamson, Rodger Ward, Bobby Uncer, Larry Dickson and Jimmy Kirk were just a few of the great drivers to steer a Brenn owned race car. Needless to say, the Brenn cars always found their way to victory lane.

Ken Brenn Sr. also served two terms as President of ARDC and promoted midget races at the Grandview Speedway. He also took his promoting talents to the East Windsor and Bridgeport Speedways for a short time. After leaving the midgets, the Brenn name became quite popular as a modified car owner in the northeast as well.

Ken Brenn Sr was inducted into the National Midget Hall of Fame in 2007 and received many accolades along the way as a result a brilliant association with motorsports. Most recently at the Dirt Track Heroes Car Show at the Phillipsburg Mall, Brenn Sr. and legendary driver Ray Tilley were reunited for the first time in nearly forty-three years. One thing you could always count on, if Ken Brenn Sr. was involved, it was going to be done right. Thunder on the Hill is proud to honor Ken Brenn Sr as the Living Legend Guest of Honor on Tuesday night, June 2nd.

There is still more being planned for the Living Legends of Dirt Track Racing at Grandview. On Wednesday night, August 13 the Thunder on the Hill Racing Series will present the Triple Crown Thunder Thriller to include the 358 Modifieds, URC Sprints and ARDC Midgets. URC and ARDC are the oldest traveling organizations in racing and we would like to contact as many of their former drivers as possible to be invited to this special event. With the 358 Modifieds also on the program, we would like to do the same for the past modified drivers at Grandview. Past modified champions, feature winners and drivers who completed at least one full year with the Grandview Modifieds, URC Sprints and ARDC Midgets are asked to contact Bob Miller by calling 443-514-4456. Please leave your name, division and a phone number so we can get back to you. This should be an awesome night of current day racing with many Living Legends of our sport also in attendance.

Advance tickets for the Tuesday, June 2nd USAC Wingless Sprints and ARDC Wingless Midgets Doubleheader are now on sale. Adult tickets are \$25, Children 6-11 are \$5 and Children under 6 will be admitted for Free. Please make your check payable to Grandview Speedway and mail your payment to Thunder Series 2009 11747 Winding Creek Drive Berlin, MD 21811. Be sure to include a self-addressed and stamped envelope and your tickets will be mailed to you. We are happy to announce that ticket prices for this event remain the same as the previous two years.

## THUNDER FACTS FOR 2009

NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing

Series presented by Lee Myles Transmissions

When: Tuesday night, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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 Time Competition\*, Grandview  
Thunder Program Book, 20th Anniversary Thunder on the Hill Racing Series t-shirts,  
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.

\*With the great response and popularity of the Rhyme Time Competition, we will plan  
this activity again for Tuesday, June 2nd. All you have to do is write a short rhyme  
about sprint car drivers Levi Jones or Billy Pauch and bring it to our announcer on race  
night. The two Rhyme's getting the biggest applause from the crowd will win a FREE  
2009 Thunder on the Hill t-shirt. So start thinking about that Rhyme so you can be part  
of the Rhyme Time Competition!

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!
- \* Troy Wink Motorsports
- \* Ronie's Exeter Café- -9th & Exeter Reading, PA

### 2009 Thunder on the Hill Series Schedule of Events

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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