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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- - -THANK YOU

**THUNDER PREVAILS WITHOUT THE RAIN.
LARGE CROWD CHEERS JESSE HOCKETT TO VICTORY IN USAC EASTERN
WING OPENER TUESDAY NIGHT AT GRANDVIEW SPEEDWAY**

With severe thunder storms in the area, the show did go on Tuesday night as the USAC National Sprint Tour and the ARDC Wingless Midgets took part in the second race of the 2009 NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series presented by Lee Myles Transmissions. A large crowd filled the Grandview Speedway grandstands to see Jesse Hockett of Warsaw, MO sweep both twenty-five lap USAC sprint car feature events. Jesse "The Rocket" Hockett drove the Tom Buch owned sprinter and collected \$6,500 for the victory. The show was completed by 10:30 PM.

The first order of business was the CnB Mushroom time trials for the USAC sprint cars. Tracy Hines of New Castle, IN set fast over Bryan Clauson and Levi Jones. In the three heat race events for the USAC sprint cars, victories went to Dave Darland of Lincoln, IN, Billy Pauch of Frenchtown, NJ and Brad Sweet of Grass Valley, CA as Tracy Hines won the semi-feature.

At the start of the first twenty-five lap feature Jesse Hockett was the early race leader followed by Chris Windom and Chad Boat. By lap nine, Hockett was still the pace setter with Windom and Boat now in a three car battle for the lead. Levi Jones and Bryan Clauson were now reeling in the leaders to make up the top five. With five laps remaining Windom was again taking a run at Hockett but he would run short of time before the first checker flag fell. Hockett took the win over Chris Windom, Chad Boat, Bryan Clauson and Tracy Hines.

In the second USAC sprint feature, Hockett continued as the pace setter with Windom and Boat back in the chase. The second feature would run off non-stop although the challenges for the lead were plentiful. By lap nine Chris Windom was again in the hunt for the lead along with Bryan Clauson who was racing in third. On lap twelve, the first and second place cars crossed the line in a near dead heat with Hockett taking the advantage going into turn one. Hockett stretched his lead but just for a moment as Windom was looking at another attempt to take the lead on lap sixteen. Windom then had to concentrate on Clauson who was trying to take second.

With five laps to go the top three were racing under a blanket with Tracy Hines now reeling in the top three. Hockett was rim-riding, glazing the outside boiler plate wall through

turns three and four. As the field passed on lap twenty-two, Clauson edged ahead of Windom as both second and third place drivers were on the rear bumper of the leader.

For the final lap, Windom made a last ditch effort diving to the very bottom of the speedway attempting to slide across in front of the leader. Hockett was not going to give up the lead that easily and fought back to regain the lead and score his very first Thunder on the Hill career feature win. Chris Windom of Canton, IL was second followed by Bryan Clauson of Noblesville, IN, Tracy Hines and Jerry Coons Jr of Tucson, AZ.

The ARDC wingless Midgets were action packed as well. The three heat race events went off non-stop with victories going to Shane Penny, Tracy Readinger and Steve Buckwalter as Billy Pauch Jr. won the "B" Main.

In the twenty-five lap midget feature, Shane Penny was the early race leader over Tracy Readinger. PJ Gargiulo moved into second on lap six with Bruce Buckwalter Jr. then taking over the runner-up spot on lap seven.

Penny continued to set the pace with Gargiulo second, Bruce Buckwalter Jr third and Steve Buckwalter now on a charge and racing in fourth. Steve Buckwalter likes the Grandview Speedway and quickly adapted to the fantastic track conditions. Buckwalter moved into second on lap ten and eventually took the lead on lap twelve.

Once on top, Steve Buckwalter pretty much had an easy ride, but the battle for second was fast and furious. Having a strong run late in the race, Frank Polimeda was also on a charge, moving into third on lap three. "B" Main feature winner Billy Pauch Jr was also racing in the top five. Bruce Buckwalter, Polimeda, and Pauch were in a three car race all their own. With two laps remaining, Polimeda made the move to take second. Pauch Jr. was not about to give up as he passed Bruce Buckwalter Jr with just one lap to go.

Steve Buckwalter scored a convincing ARDC Wingless Midget win with Frank Polimeda second, Billy Pauch Jr. third, Bruce Buckwalter Jr. fourth and Ryan Watt fifth.

ARDC WINGLESS MIDGET FEATURE FINISH- -25 LAPS: #0 Stevie Buckwalter, #44 Frank Polimeda, #20 Billy Pauch Jr., #83 Bruce Buckwalter, #75 Ryan Watt, #10 PJ Gargiulo, #26 Stephanie Stevens, #05 Trevor Kobylarz, #29 Zack Martini, #34 Shane Penny, #57 Jason Rice, #99 Scott Zipp, #9 Steve Lenig, #49 Carey Becker, #78 Nick Wean, #46 Brett Arndt, #6 Dusty Heistand, #17 Don Hoffman, #00 Greg Robinson, #11 Eric Hydenrich, #91 Donny Trent, #12 Drew Heistand, #54 Curt Michael, #84 Jimmy Cammock, #2 Tracey Readinger, #16 Dave Shirk.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT TOUR FEATURE FINISH- -25 LAPS: 13 Jesse Hockett,

#17 Chris Windom, #7 Bryan Clauson, #21 Tracy Hines, #69 Jerry Coons, #2b Dave Darland, #20 Levi Jones, #30 Chad Boat, #71 Damion Gardner, #67k Cole Whitt, #9 Brad Sweet, #67x Henry Clarke, #1z Billy Pauch, #67 Darren Hagen, #81 Robert Ballou, #5 Scotty Weir, #29 Bud Kaeding, #63 Josh Weller, #1j Kevin Swindell.

USAC NATIONAL SPRINT TOUR FEATURE FINISH- - 25 LAPS \$6,000 TO WIN: #13 Jesse Hockett, #17 Chris Windom, #30 Chad Boat, #7 Bryan Clauson, #21 Tracy Hines, #69 Jerry Coons, #67k Cole Whitt, #Dave Darland, #20 Levi Jones, #71 Damion Gardner, #9 Brad Sweet, #5 Scotty Weir, #67 Darren Hagen, #67x Henry Clarke, #1z Billy Pauch, #29 Bud Kaeding, #81 Robert Ballou, #63 Josh Weller, #1j Kevin Swindell, #8 Steve Petry.

THUNDER FACTS FOR 2009

NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series

When: Tuesday night, June 30 - 7:30 PM Gates open at 5:30 PM

What: Thunder on the Hill Racing Series 20th Anniversary Season continues!

PA Sprint Speed Week - Series (410 Sprints) Plus 358 Modifieds

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: \$20 Adults, \$5 Children 6-11, Children under 6 Free

Pit Fee: \$25, license is not required

Track #: 610-754-7688

Website: www.thunderonthehillracingseries.com or www.grandviewspeedway.com

Special Happenings: Salute to Living Legend Sprint Car Driver Lynn Paxton, Meet Ms. Thunder on the Hill Skye Michael, See JOE the Pizza Dude sponsored by Wink Motorsports, The Round Table Girls. 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.

Tuesday, June 30 Order of Events:

5:30 Gates Open

6:45 358 Modified Warm-ups - 410 Sprint Warm-ups

7:30 PM National Anthem

CnB Mushrooms 410 Sprint Time Trials

358 Modified Heats 10 laps

410 Sprint Heats 10 laps

Modified Consi 10 laps
410 Sprint B Main 10 laps
Intermission
410 Sprint Feature 35 laps \$5,000 to win
358 Modified Feature 25 laps

2009 Thunder on the Hill Series Schedule of Events

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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