



## Maritime season begins to slow... and TRIVIA!

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With just a few open events left in the Maritimes this season for stock car racing fans to take in, the eyes will begin to look towards winter. This winter is a bit different for our Weekly Racing Series drivers as instead of our banquet being held after the calendar year change, it will be held this October 24<sup>th</sup> at the same venue – the Best Western Glengarry in Truro. The Glengarry is a great host year after year and we are excited to be heading back this year. For more information on the Banquet, check the main page of this website and if I were you and you haven't reserved your tickets yet – do it sooner rather than later. The last few years have been sellouts and it is expected to be the same this year with 350+ drivers, crews, officials, sponsors and fans celebrating the season!

Speaking of the season that was, a congratulations goes out to Steve Ross of Waverly who finished second in his #24 Speedy Auto Service Tacoma Drive Chevrolet Impala last weekend in the NAPA 100 race for the Riverside International Speedway Sportsman division. Shubie's Frankie Fraser finished fourth in the race, which was good enough to lock up the championship at the high banked oval last Friday night! Scotia regulars Harry Ross White (4<sup>th</sup>), Darren Wallage (5<sup>th</sup>) and Leonard Boutilier (7<sup>th</sup>) also posted top ten point finishes in the series, which featured extra distance races of fifty plus laps during the special event weekends at Riverside. Congrats guys!

What's my plan for Tim's Corner over the winter? In the next few weeks I will be rolling out the "Year in Review" articles for our six Weekly Racing Series divisions starting next week a long with providing the rumblings from our WRS drivers as they prepare for the 2010 season. If you are a driver that is moving up or down a division or two in '10, want to advertise your driving availability for the upcoming season, have a prediction for the NASCAR Sprint Cup champ (cough, Tony Stewart, cough) or Stanley Cup Winner (cough, Vancouver, cough) or just want to get your name on the Scotia Speedworld website, feel free to shoot me an email at the address at the end of the column! We plan on having some fun this off season on the Corner and we can only do it with your participation!

As mentioned before, there are some open events still waiting for checkered flags in October and we will have updates on how our drivers do in those events. I've said many times before that we have the best drivers in the Maritimes on a weekly basis pacing our oval and they will be proving that in the month of October. Finally, when news breaks on upcoming drivers meetings, track functions or the 2010 season you can find it here first – at [ScotiaSpeedworld.ca](http://ScotiaSpeedworld.ca)!

Now, before we sign off for this week we're gonna test your knowledge on the 2009 season! My fellow online race announcers called me "Numbers" for many years and they didn't call me that for nothing! I've compiled some quirky statistics and numbers from this season and will be providing them to you in the 'corner' through the Year in Reviews as well as a few Trivia questions. Here is an example of a few questions to rack your brain on the first two weeks (May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>) of the Weekly Racing Season! At the end of the winter, we will have a grand prize draw with the prize to be confirmed yet, but think "VIP tickets to the Season Opener"! For every question you answer correctly over the winter, you will receive one ballot for the draw! Details on the prizes to come over the winter! Good luck!

NOTE – The Miller Tire Thunder class did not race on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

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1 – The Miller Tire Lightning class top three were occupied by the same three drivers on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> – who were those three drivers?

2 – Trevor Smith (#133 Lightning car) caught fire this season by winning multiple main features this season but where did he finish in his first main feature in the division on June 19<sup>th</sup>?

3 – Every one of our 2009 champions finished in the top ten in their respective divisions on the season opening afternoon on May 31<sup>st</sup> – except one, who was it?

4 – Out of the first two race days on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>, there was only one driver to capture heat wins during both events in his/her division. Who was it?

5 – Two Miller Tire Thunder drivers finished top five in the “B” Feature to transfer into the main feature where they finished top ten in that event on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Who were they?

Do you know the answers to any of these questions? Feel free to email your answers to [tims corner@timterryonline.com](mailto:tims corner@timterryonline.com). This is also the address you can send your questions, comments or news that you would like on Tim’s Corner throughout the winter!

Until next time, keep the hammer down and we’ll see you at the track!

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distance! Early numbers indicate Scotia Speedworld could be well represented in the event, which will include a couple of the Boulton Racing drivers as well as the #5 of Kyle MacMillan. Post-time at the Centre for Speed in 2pm on Sunday afternoon!

Even though Tanner may want to participate this weekend at the Centre, he has other things to attend to. We've heard through the grapevine that it is his wedding anniversary this weekend! Congrats!

#### LIGHTNING DRIVERS TAKE IN RACING ON SHRINERS CLASSIC NIGHT

Though they weren't on the schedule for racing this past Friday night, some of our Miller Tire Lightning drivers had the opportunity to take in the Weekly Racing Series action from the grandstand side. Point leader Dan Michaud Jr. (Cole Harbour), 2007 division champ Russell Smith Jr. (Lakeside) and Nick Hurshman (Lakeside) took in the action from the balcony Friday night as they had their final regular Weekly Racing Series off-week before the end of the season!

It wasn't without a battle though as both Smith and Michaud tried to win a prize from Pepsi as they were "caught drinking an AMP Energy drink" during the show. In the end, Michaud received a T-Shirt from the fine folks at Pepsi as he will look to fend off Smith, Hurshman and the rest of the Lightning field on Fan Appreciation Night presented by Q104 on August 14<sup>th</sup>!

#### WAYNE RITCHIE CAPTURES FIRST MAIN – WITH GORDON CHASING HIM TO LINE!

It's great anytime we see a first time winner at Scotia Speedworld. It's even better when we see that driver beating another who has won nearly everything at the facility this season! Coldstream's Wayne Ritchie drove his CARQUEST Mustang to the win on Friday night in the 25-lap Lockhart Truck Centre Hobby Stock main but it was far from easy as he held off the hard charging Gordon Ritchie (Antrim) as Ritchie tried to make a number of passes on the outside but couldn't seem to get the Chevy around the Ford at the end of the race! We knew it was just a matter of time for the #82, as he had amassed a bunch of top fives this season, including a couple of runner up finishes!

With all the fast trucks coming on board though, Wayne and the rest of the Hobby Stock car drivers will have to watch their rearview mirrors in the next few weeks as Gordon heads a strong field of drivers to the front. Who will win the next feature for the Hobby class? Find out on August 14<sup>th</sup>!

#### CAMPBELL MAKES LONG TRIP WORTH IT

"It's about time we finally got some sun," Kyle Campbell exclaimed on Friday afternoon as they unloaded the #29 Sno Mo Repair and Sales '37 Ford Sedan Legend car in preparation for the night's racing card. The team travels from Salisbury, New Brunswick to compete across the Maritimes in the Legends division.

"I think this is one of the first weekends this summer where we looked outside and on the weather report to find a sunny and hot day with no chance of rain." Campbell ran strong on the evening, posting a close second place run in his heat race while he ran mid-pack in the Legends field which was full of great competition on Shriners Classic Night! Campbell and crew are scheduled to head to Prince Edward Island this weekend for the Maritime Legends Tour feature at Oyster Bed Speedway!

#### THE ROOKIE NEARLY BEATS THE LEGEND

For a long time in the 25-lap main feature for the Legends cars it looked as if Truro's Neil Stewart was going to his first main feature in a Legend car. The driver is no stranger to success in Maritime racing as he previously piloted a Sportsman car and was the crew chief on his son's (Ethan) efforts in the Sojourn Signs Bandolero cars, but the Legend is something new for 2009. "I love it," Neil told me a few weeks back. "It's way different from a Sportsman and they are so much fun to drive," said the driver of the Stewart Auto Repair and Accessories #24 '37 Ford!

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Last week he put on a great show up front as he and “The Legend” Cy Harvey (Elmsdale) battled side by side for a majority of the feature. As they neared the end, Justin MacNeill (Bedford) led the rest of the pack up to the leaders and they made a spectacular battle for the win. In the end, it was the Harvey’s Auto #37 Legend car winning the main feature but Stewart made it close at the end. The Legends are back on August 14<sup>th</sup> for Fan Appreciation Night presented by the Mighty Q!

That’s all for this week! Until the big Atlantic CAT 250 weekend, keep the hammer down and we’ll see you at the track!