

May 29th, 2009
Tri-County Speedway
North Carolina
The AdoptaHero.us NASCAR Late Model

Hello Race Fans,

I cannot say having the fastest car in the last practice is a guarantee for a successful night of racing.

Last year when I had the fastest car in practice I said to Ed Cox my Crew Chief, I have a little more and then backed it into the wall on the very last lap of practice. This week I posted a lap time in the 16.6's on older tires on my last lap of practice that is the time that 90% of the field actually qualified for the race last night on new tires. This time Ed thought we had a little more... They added just a little more camber to the front right tire plus changed to our qualifying set of tires. Then coming out of turn 4 on my first qualifying lap the car brook loose, killing both of my laps and I qualified 16th out of 16, very disappointing, but we thought we would just put on a good show driving to the front from dead last.

The car at the start of the race still had issues with a 4 wheel drift, no grip. 14 laps into the race the 72 car spun right in front of me, I hit the brakes and was sliding into his driver's door, so I let off the brakes turned the wheel a hard right aiming towards the wall, then a hard left to go around him. I missed him by just a few inches; he must have thought I was going to T-Bone him. I could not put over 3000 lbs of car straight into his door, it would have hurt him pretty bad.

Here was my big mistake of the night, I have an ill handling car, and I should have insisted that it be brought in for changes. I was in 14th, I was in the back pack anyways, I had nothing to lose and by not going into the pits and making those changes, it left me having to work the car harder than I should. As I started passing the cars in the back, around lap 25 a four car spin starts low in turns 1 and 2 and my spotter calls, go high. I was collected up at the top of the track damaging my left front bumper and knocking the toe in just a little, giving me an even less grip.

To make a long night and story short, on the final lap, lap 50 I worked my way to 10th and the 9th place car spins, I spin avoiding him, luckily I hit nothing, finishing 13th. This is not a story of excuses, it's one of what did we all learn. Next week watch out, we will do a much better job. Our car is basically unharmed and we know the lines we crossed, so let's get ready for next week.

June 5th is our next race at Tri-County and we will have a guest from Ann Arbor Michigan visiting us. I have a new representative and his name is Steve Seyferth with SSG Marketing Services. Check out his website www.ssgmarketing.com/ Steve is here to help me with several phases of my racing career. Steve will help on the money/activation side of racing, indorsements, product licensing and public relations. This is not replacing Tom and Mike of team Full Throttle; they will still be there for instruction and in their long term advisory role.

Steve brings his 25 years of working with and doing deals for people like, Michael Jordan, Annika Sorenstam, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. Now he is taking his experiences and adding motorsports marketing to the picture with his addition of Bob Tasca III NHRA Funny car driver and now myself heading to ARCA soon then Trucks and Nationwide series.

All sponsorship, marketing and public relations should be directed to Terry Millis tmillis@ssgmarketing.com my new account rep with SSG. She will handle the day to day workings of my career with my sponsors and other marketing partners.

Please come out and see us at the track, racing starts at 7 pm, we promise to do our best in putting on a better show than last Friday.

Remember, it's all just racing.

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