

# - Brett Deyo Brings Working Man's Race To NY's Five Mile Point Speedway -

## Short Track SuperNationals This Weekend Is A Must-See Event

**KIRKWOOD, NY** - The working man's race. The low-cost option. The battle of the bullring. However it's dubbed, this weekend's anticipated Short Track SuperNationals presented by Dart Machinery at Five Mile Point Speedway is building up to be one of the season's must-see races.

Created as an affordable alternative for racers and fans on Columbus Day Weekend, the SuperNationals big-block/small-block Modified field offers a diverse cross-section to Northeast Modified racing on middle ground: the centrally-located Kirkwood, N.Y., quarter-mile.

Headlined by a 50-lap event open to all varieties of big- and small-block Modifieds, the SuperNationals winner will walk off with over \$5,000 thanks to the "Roll the Dice Challenge" sponsored by Pioneer Pole Buildings Inc.

The SuperNationals was first run in 2006 as a co-promotion between Brett Deyo and Afton (N.Y.) Speedway manager Pat Jordan. The race drew 54 Modifieds and Mike Ricci of Rosendale, N.Y., walked off with the \$4,000 top prize.

After two seasons, off the SuperNationals returns this Saturday (Oct. 10). Deyo struck a deal to run the event at the historic Five Mile Point Speedway outside of Binghamton, N.Y., a facility dubbed 'The Home Speedway of the Southern Tier' for its legacy in the region.

"Five Mile Point was a perfect fit for this race," Deyo said. "It is located in an area where we can draw fans and competitors from the southeastern, central and western New York along with Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The track size allows for a number of different rules combinations to race evenly together."

### THE FORMAT

The SuperNationals Modified feature event will be 50 laps in distance - long enough for a "special event" but short enough to prevent wear and tear for the weekly racers the show is designed to attract. Starting positions for heat races will be determined by a random draw for position. A designated number of heat-race qualifiers will redraw for the feature.

Thanks to the sponsorship support of Trackside Products proprietor Al Wilcox, track champions from Accord (N.Y.), Big Diamond (Pa.), Five Mile Point, Grandview (Pa.), Orange County (N.Y.), Penn-Can (Pa.), Utica-Rome (N.Y.) and Woodhull (N.Y.) are eligible to compete in the first ever All-Star Clash, a 6 1/2-lap event paying \$600 to win.

Support divisions for the show include the full-federated Trackside Products RoC Pure Stock Series, Vintage Modifieds (open to all groups) and Four Cylinder Stocks.

### THE RULES

Short Track SuperNationals Modified rules are designed to allow for the most participation. Big-blocks must weight 2,500 pounds. Small-blocks (maximum cubic inch 361) are 2,400. Gasoline or methanol will be allowed. Any Modified tire (American Racer, Goodyear and Hoosier) will be permitted. Sail panels are allowed at a maximum height of 68 inches and must be even.

### SPLIT SHOW

The SuperNationals will be run in a unique, "split show" format on Saturday (Oct. 10). Qualifying for Pure Stocks, Vintage Modifieds and Four Cylinders rolls off at 4:45 p.m. After a break to re-groom the track, Modified hot laps will take to the track at 5:45 p.m. Modified heats are set for 6:30 p.m.

Fans wishing to see the Modifieds in a full program and features only for the support divisions should plan to arrive for the 6:30 p.m. start time. Two pit areas will be put to use for the show to aid with the organization.

### ONLY A DRILL

An open practice has been added for Friday night (Oct. 9), an opportunity for invading teams to get track time. A three-hour test and tune begins at 6 p.m. and runs for three hours.

### LOOKING TO REPEAT

Only one driver heads to the Point on Oct. 10 as a previous winner of the Short Track SuperNationals. That driver is Mike Ricci.

When the SuperNationals was last run at Afton Speedway in Oct. 2006, Ricci was the victor, earning over \$4,000 driving for Jim Winchell. Fast forward three years and Ricci remains a favorite.

The second-generation driver has filed an entry for the SuperNationals with the Jeff Mastrocola-owned No. 76R, a Bicknell chassis with Turco's Machine small-block power.

Ricci has every reason to believe he will be in the mix. After all, he invaded Five Mile Point on Sept. 5 and walked off with the victory in the Season Championship Night 50-lap main (the final event run at FMP this year prior to the SuperNationals).

He continued his winning ways at Glen Ridge (N.Y.) Motorsports Park on Sept. 20 and climbed from 14th starting position to place third in the Race of Champions Dart Dirt Modified Tour-sanctioned 'King of the Catskills 100' at Accord Speedway on Sept. 25.

### SOUTHERN CONTINGENT

The SuperNationals has attracted plenty of attention across the Northeast - and even turned some heads in New Jersey and Delaware. Billy Pauch Sr., one of the true regional racing icons with over 650 wins, will be in attendance. The Frenchtown, N.J., star was an early entry for the show.

Jesse Hill, the 22-year-old sensation from Sewell, N.J., who has posted back-to-back 358 Small-Block track titles at Bridgeport (N.J.) Speedway, has entered his No. 99H, which will be powered by a methanol-burning small-block. Hill has never been to the Point, though he has done some research.

"I checked it out on (internet video site) YouTube," he said.

From the tough Bridgeport big-block Modified division comes Jimmy Chester, the talent out of Newfield, N.J. Chester estimates he hasn't been the Point in at least five years, but has set plans to be in attendance with his potent family-owned No. 44. Chester was a winner at Bridgeport this season.

A surprising entry has been submitted by the popular and fun-loving Tuckahoe Turf Farms No. 7A and driver Chic Cossaboone. The 60-plus-year-old racer sat out the early portion of the season due to health issues but returned to score a popular victory by mid-summer.

From the First State fans, the Delaware brother combination of Jordan and Joseph Watson will be in attendance. The duo races regularly at Delaware International Speedway and will be first-time FMP visitors. Scott Van Gorder, who collected his first Delaware triumph this season, has also filed an early entry.

### SHOWSTOPPERS

Two former regulars are threats at Five Mile Point whenever they enter the pit gate: Mitch Gibbs and Stewart Friesen.

Gibbs, of North Norwich, N.Y., is set to drive the Ken Brewer-owned No. 77x at the Point. The car will be outfitted with a fresh big-block engine from Wally Fiehl of Nicholson, Pa. Gibbs has an impeccable record at Five Mile Point. He has won the

Southern Tier 100 twice, the Southern Tier Open twice and the Heath Memorial on three occasions. Brewer will field a second car for Scott Brady in the SuperNationals.

Old Forge, N.Y.'s Stewart Friesen, like Gibbs a past Southern Tier 100 and Heath Memorial victor, will strap into the potent Will Brown's Truck Repair No. 1w for the SuperNationals. Brown will haul the car to the Point from his home base in Cambridge, Md.

### BROTHER ACT

The Ricci family is well known for short-track prowess. While Mike Ricci looks to remain the only winner in SuperNationals history, his younger brother Rich Ricci Jr. would like to change that. The New Paltz, N.Y., driver, who won back-to-back Southern Tier Open events over his bro in 2005 and '06, has entered the familiar No. 406R in the SuperNationals. Rich comes to the Point with 10 career championships in the Accord Speedway Modified division and a laundry list of accomplishments throughout the Northeast.

### THE PA POSSE

Jeff Strunk, the eight-time and reigning NASCAR Whelen All-American Series track champion from Grandview Speedway, leads a stout contingent of Pennsy racers to the SuperNationals. A past Five Mile Point winner, the 41-year-old will be in action with the Vince Gagliardo-owned No. 41.

Billy Pauch Jr., the 22-year-old Frenchtown, N.J., driver of Bob Greene's PPB Racing No. 8 (a winner at Grandview and Big D this season), has been a top-five finisher at the Point in previous Modified competition. He will be in the mix this weekend.

Whitehall, Pa.' Keith Hoffman, the '09 Georgie Stevenson Memorial winner at Big Diamond, has entered the Dennis "Moose" Eisenhard-owned No. 77.

Mike Gular of Green Lane, Pa., familiar to Southern Tier fans as the '07 champion at Penn-Can Speedway, hopes to keep momentum from an outstanding first season in the Terry Fasnacht T&S Motorsports No. 53 into the SuperNationals event. Gular, 26, led a SuperNationals qualifying event at Penn-Can Speedway this summer until the penultimate lap when he ran out of fuel.

Fresh off a \$20,000 payday in the Freedom 76 at Grandview, Meme DeSantis and the Harvey Bitler Team FAST plan to head north to Five Mile Point. DeSantis, 53, of Temple, Pa., last competed at Five Mile Point in 2004. He finished second.

Two-time Grandview victor Kevin Hirthler, who has scripted an impressive resume that includes big paydays at Hagerstown (Md.) Speedway and Delaware International, will make his second career start at the Point in his No. 117.

Kerry Kratz, celebrating his 20th season in Modified racing, will race in New York state for the first time in his career. Kratz, who lives within a mile of Grandview in Bechtelsville, Pa., will be at the wheel of the JSG Motorsports No. 87 Teo-Pro car

with a Pat Morrison-built engine supplied by Doug Flurer.

Ryan Godown of Ringoes, N.J., the winner of Grandview's Forrest Rogers Memorial and Big Diamond's Coalcracker 100 this season, is set to pilot the Tom Umbenhauer-owned No. 19 at FMP in search of another big payday.

### FAST FROM FONDA

Two of the biggest names from Ric and Laura Lucia's Fonda (N.Y.) Speedway have set plans to descend on Five Mile Point.

Sharon Springs, N.Y., standout Bobby Varin - now a five-time champion at the half-mile oval - will tackle the Point at the wheel of the Andy Romano-owned No. 97. Varin's '09 season has been nothing short of superb. He has won 15 races and amassed over 50 top-10 finishes. He is sure to be a SuperNationals contender.

Dave Camara has alerted the FMP office that he will make the haul from Fair Haven, Vt., to compete at the SuperNationals in the Camara Slate No. 26. Camara was fourth in the Fonda standings this season, while spending Friday nights at Albany-Saratoga (N.Y.) Speedway.

### DEFENDING HOME TURF

Windsor, N.Y.'s Brian Weaver - the '09 Five Mile Point champion, his third title at the track - leads a stout list of track regulars looking to stop the invaders at their home track. Weaver won the extra-distance Southern Tier Open at the Point earlier this season and is poised to tackle the tough outside competition in his trademark No. 1A.

Mike Colsten of Binghamton, N.Y., a true cornerstone of Southern Tier racing and a winner at Penn-Can and Five Mile Point this year, looks to be in the thick of the battle with his Don's Automotive Mall No. 51.

Eric Palmer of Cresco, Pa., a smooth, low-key racer who frequents FMP, is geared up for the SuperNationals. Palmer has taken extra care to prepared his Dave Van Horn-powered No. 12e for the SuperNationals event.

The Randy Decker-owned No. 9R machine can never be counted out in the Southern Tier. This season it was piloted successfully by Binghamton, N.Y., driver Jim Gabriel Jr., who will certainly be a SuperNationals force.

Glenn Knapp, Brent Wilcox, Shaun Walker and Barry White are among the other regulars on the pre-entry list.

### WILD CARDS

There are sure to be some upsets in the SuperNationals field. Consider the zany-and-aggressive Bobby Trapper of Scranton, Pa., who was a top-five points finisher at Gary Palmer's Accord Speedway this season. He will have his No. 69 at the ready for the SuperNationals. Young Danny Tyler of Cottekill, N.Y., has rocketed through the ranks from Pure Stocks to a Modified standout.

And there will be many more surprises at the conclusion of 50 laps.

## Frequently Asked Super Nationals Questions

**Q:** What is the \$20 "Gambler's Fee" for the 'Roll the Dice Challenge' presented by Pioneer Pole Buildings?

**A:** Modified teams that post the \$20 "Gambler's Fee" PRIOR TO THE START OF HEAT RACES will win \$5,000. Teams that do not post the "Gambler's Fee" will receive \$3,500.

**Q:** Can I bring my camper?

**A:** Yes. There is room on the grounds for camping. There are no hook-ups.

**Q:** Are there hotels nearby?

**A:** Yes. The Comfort Inn at 1000 Upper Front Street in Binghamton, N.Y., is offering a group discounted rate for the Short Track SuperNationals on Fri., Oct. 9 and Sat., Oct. 10. Contact the Comfort Inn by phone at 607.724.3297 and mention "SuperNationals." Rooms will be offered at \$99/night.

**Q:** When does racing start on Saturday?

**A:** Support divisions - Trackside Products RoC Pure Stocks, Four Cylinders and Vintage Modifieds - will begin their hot laps at 4 p.m. and heats at 4:45 p.m. Modified hot laps begin at 5:45 p.m. with heats at 6:30 p.m.

**Q:** What time should I get there if I want to see only Modifieds and the support-division features?

**A:** 6:30 p.m. is the first Modified heat.

**Q:** What is the Trackside Products All-Star Clash?

**A:** It is a 6 1/2-lap race featuring Modified track champions from around the Northeast. The winner will earn \$600.

**Q:** How much is grandstand admission?

**A:** Grandstands: Adults - \$18; Seniors (62 & over) - \$14; Youth (13-17) - \$14; Kids 12 and under FREE.

**Q:** What is the 'Family Five Pack' for the grandstands?

**A:** Family Five Pack: \$40 - Two Adult tickets, three Senior, Youth or Kid tickets, Five Hot Dogs & Sodas.

**Q:** Will there be SuperNationals apparel available?

**A:** Yes, Bob Hilbert Sportswear and Joe Adams Lettering designed shirts that will be sold in the grandstand area and the pits. Short sleeve shirts are \$18; Long sleeve shirts are \$22.

**Q:** How many laps are the features?

**A:** Modifieds - 50 laps; RoC Pure Stocks - 25 laps; Four Cylinders - 18 laps; Vintage Modifieds - 15 laps.

**Q:** Is the Vintage Modified race restricted to any one group or club?

**A:** No! All Vintage Modifieds are welcome to participate.

**Q:** How will starting lineups be determined?

**A:** Modifieds and Pure Stocks will use a draw/redraw format. It will be draw/heads-up for the Four Cylinders and Vintage Modifieds.

**Q:** How do I get questions answered on race weekend?

**A:** Call Brett Deyo at: 845.728.2781 or the track office at: 607.775.5555.

### SHORT TRACK SUPERNATIONALS PRE-ENTRY LIST (10-1-09)

00 Doug Manmiller/Shoemakersville, PA  
00 Scott Brady/Whitney Point, NY  
1 Billy Pauch/Frenchtown, NJ  
1A Brian Weaver/Windsor, NY  
1J Jordan Watson/Milford, DE  
1W Stewart Friesen/Old Forge, NY  
5 Joey Grammes/Kunkletown, PA  
7A Chic Cossaboone/Petersburg, NJ  
8P Billy Pauch Jr./Frenchtown, NJ  
9 Mike Austin/Spencer, NY  
9R Jim Gabriel Jr./Binghamton, NY  
12E Eric Palmer/Cresco, PA  
17 Scott Van Gorder/Laurel, DE  
18 Todd Marburger/Boyertown, PA  
19 Ryan Godown/Ringoes, NJ  
21 Shaun Walker/Masonville, NY  
21B Greg Hastie/Willow, NY  
22 Danny Tyler/Cottekill, NY  
26 Glenn Knapp/Johnson City, NY  
26C Dave Camara/Fair Haven, VT  
27 Brent Wilcox/Whitney Point, NY  
39 Joseph Watson/Milford, DE  
41 Jeff Strunk/Bechtelsville, PA  
44 Jimmy Chester/Newfield, NJ  
51 Mike Colsten/Binghamton, NY  
53 Mike Gular/Green Lane, PA  
57 Paul Jensen/Edmeston, NY  
69 Bobby Trapper/Scranton, PA  
73 Rick Mill/New Windsor, NY  
Y73 Ricky Yetter/Bethlehem, PA  
76R Mike Ricci/Rosendale, NY  
77 Keith Hoffman/Whitehall, PA  
77X Mitch Gibbs/North Norwich, NY  
87 Kerry Kratz/Bechtelsville, PA  
88D Meme DeSantis/Temple, PA  
97 Bobby Varin/Sharon Springs, NY  
99H Jesse Hill/Sewell, NJ  
117 Kevin Hirthler/Boyertown, PA  
131 Barry White/Mertztown, PA  
151 Joey Colsten/Binghamton, NY  
406R Rich Ricci Jr./New Paltz, NY