



All American Speedway Will Honor Race Moms

Roseville, CA - (May 5, 2010) - All American Speedway will present every mother at the track this Saturday night (May 8) with a flower and will recognize the mother attending with the most kids, the most grandkids, and the oldest mother in the crowd. A poll of the mothers of drivers on the track was unanimous - a win for their kid would be the best gift they could receive for Mother's Day. The Speedway will also be offering a Family Pizza Deal that includes a pizza and four sodas for \$20.

"The best Mother's Day present for me would be to have my three sons come in first, second and third," Jan Owens said. Owens is mother to Street Stock drivers Mickey Owens (No. 08), Kevin Owens (No. 21), and Randy Owens (No. 71). "Besides that, just being with them and sharing good family time together is the best thing." All mothers of racecar drivers want to see their children happy and succeed in whatever they are doing. With racing moms, it is a common thread.

Owens, known as "Mama Owens" around the track, said racing is a great family event. She has not missed a single race since her boys started racing. It's her life. "I love racing. I have a cousin who used to pit for A. J. Foyt, so I watched IndyCar racing with my father growing up," she said. She also watched drag racing and raced a couple of times herself at Sacramento Raceway.

She said sometimes it is extremely nerve-wracking watching her sons' race, because they are racing against each other. "It wasn't as hard when they were racing in different divisions," she said. "My biggest fear is that one of them will take another one out. Home life wouldn't be so great if that happened," she said with a laugh, "but I know they are good drivers and will stay out of trouble."

Owens is proud of her sons' reputations of being clean drivers. "I'm very proud of the accomplishments that the boys have made," she said. "It makes me proud to see their success and the name that they have made for themselves. They are always willing to lend a hand to help other racers."

Nancy Blamey is mother to No. 37 Bomber driver David Thompson and says watching her son race is very exciting, but also scary. Thompson was a passenger in a car that was hit by a drunk driver when he was 22, and he was hurt pretty badly, so she has reason to be afraid.

Thompson started drag racing when he was 18 years old. His grandfather owned Baca's Racing Engines in Colma, south of San Francisco, and he grew up around drag racing and drag boat racing.

Blamey says that after Thompson's father died, he took it upon himself to continue racing. He has been racing at circle tracks for just four years. He started out in Bombers for one year, switched to Street Stocks for a couple of years, then went back to Bomber racing.

"When he's racing I am there," Blamey said. "It brings us together as a family, and makes us closer. Everyone in our family is supportive of David's racing. His grandparents are at every race, along with his wife, his three kids and his sister."

Blamey went on to say that she loves watching David race and she loves when he passes

another car. She has an air horn that she blows whenever David goes by the grandstands. She also blows him a kiss when they line up for the race.

"Fellow Bomber driver Mark Anderson (No. 92) helped him buy his first Bomber car and took him under his wing," she said. "Erick Ray (No. 77) is also a good friend to Thompson and has helped him tremendously with his racing." Last year Thompson won a trophy dash and it was a very exciting day for the whole family.

"Seeing the smile on his face and seeing how excited he is before a race, with all the stuff that's gone on in his life, racing has lit his life up again," Blamey said. "I'm just so proud of him. Seeing my kids happy is the best Mother's Day present I could get. Getting some sponsors for David would also be great." Thompson is currently racing without any sponsors.

Suzanne Scott, mother of Late Model driver No. 35 Matt Scott, said it's a lot of fun having a son who races. "When we first started out in Quarter Midgets it was a lot of packing and unpacking because we traveled a lot. We got to go a lot of places and see a lot of things we wouldn't normally get to see."

"It can be very emotional at the races, and it's a very busy lifestyle. I get nervous, but I can't say I have ever been afraid. I feel better about him being in a racecar than on the football field or on a motorcycle. Each year that goes by I feel a little more comfortable."

Scott is another mom who is always at the track when her son is racing. "We have met a lot of friends going to the different tracks," she said. "Friends are the best part. Matt was 12 when he first started racing, so we've made a lot of friends over the years."

She also said you time management was important because having a kid race takes a lot of time. "I support Matt wholeheartedly as far as racing goes. You always want the best for your kids. I think every mom does. You want them to be happy."

Scott said her favorite Mother's Day presents have always been gifts that her children have made. One year Matt and his sister made breakfast for her at a track in San Jose and Matt gave her his winning trophy that day. "It doesn't get any better than this."

Barbara Philpot is mother to No. 15 Modified driver Jason Philpot. "It's exciting to see my son race," she said. "You never know what's going to happen. I love competitive sports."

"When he wins I feel sheer pride. I am his biggest fan. It has brought our family to be very close. To see his accomplishments is wonderful."

She also said she has seen him change over the years he has been racing. "It brings out the best in him," she said. She went on to say that she is very, very proud to be Jason's mom.

Jonathan Mawhinney drives the No. 17 Late Model car. His mother Cindi Peterson said racing is stressful as well as exciting. She grew up in a racing family. "It's scary the first day of every division he's raced in. His first Late Model race was the scariest."

She is at the racetrack every weekend with about 30 family members and friends.

"He's very grounded," she said. "He's had great mentors who have taught him a lot. He volunteers at schools, coaches his twin sister and brother in basketball, and goes to Shriner's Hospital at Christmas time.

"One Christmas when he went to Shriner's, there was a little boy in the burn unit who was very sick and it was his birthday. Jonathan gave him a pair of his racing gloves and autographed them for him. He also sat and talked with him for over an hour. He wants to give back because he knows how lucky he is," Peterson said.

She said during the race season the family's life revolves around her son's racing. "His aunt

Wendi Cowan, who is like a second mother to him, does all the accounting, gets things ordered and shipped. Everyone in the family is involved with his racing. His 85-year old grandfather regularly attends Mawhinney's races," she said.

He was the state champion in Nevada and has been racing since he was 12. "Its great to see how much he has matured and grown up to be a man," Peterson said. "I am extremely proud of him. His family supports him 110%." Peterson also said a first place trophy would be an excellent Mother's Day gift.

Karen Henry has two sons racing at All American Speedway. Justin, 19 and Travis, 21. Travis races the No. 07 Street Stock and Justin races the No. 31 Late Model. Both boys have been racing since they were kids, with both boys starting out in Quarter Midgets.

"Our lives are all about racing and has been for the last 12 years," she said. "I love the excitement and the competition involved in racing. I like to see them do well. Travis built his own race car and maintains the car and to see him do it himself is really exciting," she said.

She said both boys are completely different as drivers. "Travis is more aggressive and takes more chances, and Justin is more patient. They give each other feedback about their cars, and both of them help with a friend's car."

Henry also said she thinks racing has kept her family close. "We've always done stuff together as a family--camping, gold mining, and racing."

She said the best Mother's Day gift she could receive would be for both boys to win a race.

Travis and Justin both have goals in racing. Travis would like to race in the Outlaw Sprint Car Series and Justin would like to race in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

Henry said that families with kids who want to race should give it a try. "If your kid wants to try it, let them try it. You never know how it will work out unless you try it."

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Saturday, May 8, All American Speedway will feature the NASCAR Whelen All American Late Model Series fifth championship race. Also racing will be Modified, Street Stocks, Bombers and NCMA Sprint Cars. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and racing begins at 6:00 p.m. For more information go to: www.allamericanspeedway.com.

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