

FIREFIGHTERS AND MOMS TO BE HONORED AT ALL AMERICAN SPEEDWAY

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All American Speedway will be celebrating Mother's Day this Saturday night May 7th by presenting each mother at the track with a flower. All American Speedway track moms all would like to see their drivers succeed and earn a win as the best gift they could receive for Mother's Day.

Firefighters will receive a complimentary admission if they wear their station t-shirt or uniform and present their IDs for this race. "It is fitting that we are honoring local firefighters for all they do to support our community the week we have been reminded of the losses in that Brotherhood on 9/11 due to Osama Bin Laden's terrorism." said Joan Bartisik, CEO. "The Speedway would like to invite all firefighters to be our guests at this Saturday's race."

"The best Mother's Day gift for me would be a full NASCAR ride for my son," Natalie Runyan said. Runyan is mother of four kids and two of which race. One races go karts while the other, No. 21 Bobby Runyan, races in the Modified Division under the Ron Sutton's Winner's Circle banner. "One of the best Mother's Day gifts from any of my children was anytime they handmade anything and when my girls, six and eight at the time, did their own hair Sunday morning so that I wouldn't have to. It was very sweet!" says Natalie.

Natalie absolutely loves racing, "How can you not? The roar of the engines and the smell of the exhaust, it's exhilarating and exciting!" she says. Her role for the No. 21 Modified machine is strictly to be supportive and to watch Bobby race. At the go kart track she makes sure the team and crew get fed. Natalie has been involved in racing for five years and doesn't get nervous when Bobby races, she is actually more excited for him to possibly win and ultimately do well.

Ruby Esparza is a mother of two kids and one races the No. 11 Late Model, driver Juan Pitta. "I've never had an interest in racing until Juan started with go karts and now moved up to stock car racing. It's a very addicting sport, you come out to the track once and you're hooked! It's so exciting seeing it in person. You can feel the action!" says Ruby.

Ruby's best Mother's day gift would be to see Juan Pitta in Victory lane again. "One of my best mother's day gifts is that I actually have it every day, knowing my children and grandchildren are well and the gift of life every day," Says Mrs. Esparza. Mrs. Esparza has been involved in racing since Juan was 15 years old when he started in go karts. "My role as a mom in racing is to ensure the ice chest is fully packed with the crew's lunch, meals and drinks. It's my contribution to all of them," says Ruby.

"Juan has so much dedication and passion for the sport of racing and I know the hope of someday being sponsored in the NASCAR K&N Pro series is still within his vision. When Juan was a little boy and I was raising him as a single mother, I wanted to ensure he had the ability to play the sports of his choice. At the age of five, he began with t-ball, and played sports as the season changed. He also played soccer, football, basketball and baseball. At the end it was NASCAR racing that won his heart!" says Ruby on Juan's dedication to racing. "Yes I do get very nervous when Juan races, but it calms my nerves if I'm

filming each race. One day I had my daughter video tape the race and all I did was scream the entire time! So being behind the lens is comforting to me,” says Ruby on being excited for Juan.

Jan Owens also known as “Mama Owens” at the track is a mother of 7 children, five boys and two girls, a grandmother of eight grandkids and a great grandmother of one great granddaughter. Three of them race in the Street Stock division - No. 08 Mickey, No. 71 Randy and No. 21 Kevin. “Yes I love racing, I used to watch Indy cars with my dad when I was a kid. My boys have been involved in some form of racing since they were in high school,” says Owens.

Sometimes Jan gets nervous watching her boys race and most importantly because all three race in the same division. Mrs. Owens role as a mother for the team is to give them all support and love she can give them. Besides her sons finishing 1,2 and 3, the best mother’s day gift is to have all of her family around her. The best Mother’s day gift she has received from her kids was a beautiful bench about 20 years ago.

Saturday, May 7, 2011 All American Speedway will feature the NASCAR Whelen All American Late Model Series third championship race. Also racing for the second point’s championship race will be Modifieds, Street Stocks and Bombers. On May 14, USAC Sprints will take over the track. Gates open at 4:00pm and racing begins at 6:00pm more information about All American Speedway can be found at www.AllAmericanSpeedway.com. The Placer County Fairgrounds administration office is open for advance ticket sales Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm at 800 All America City Blvd. Roseville, CA. 95678, or contact the office at (916) 786-2025.