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NASCAR Late Model driver Ron Chunn drives to a win for his Hero and his son, Cole
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40 year old Ron Chunn, driver of the NASCAR Late Model No. 44 machine is not only a driver, he is also a husband, an employee and a father to three kids, one of which is battling cancer. Ron has been racing for over 10 years and has been dedicated to five full seasons. Ron started out in a street stock and recently in the last two years moved into the NASCAR Late Model division. Chunn was invited to drive for the No. 44 car presented by C & H Racing. Carter was looking for a driver to pilot the No. 44 CFI car and to maintain the race car, and Ron was the perfect fit.



Chunn has never won a race, championship or been fast qualifier at All American Speedway but is looking to change that in 2011. Chunn has captured numerous trophy dash and heat race wins but still hasn't achieved his first win. "My one racing goal in 2011 is to overcome inconsistent finishes, I want to get my first win for my son," says Ron on his 2011 racing goals. Chunn has a crew of eight members all of which help support Ron with his racing team. Carter and Heidi are the car owners, Ernie Placencia is the tire guru and mechanic, Roger Hollison is the rig driver, Chad Blevins is the car mechanic and Jay Williams is Ron's spotter. Chunn stated, "My crew works hard to help me get the car prepared for each race." Ron likes racing because he likes the speed, adrenaline, and the fact that it is mechanical and always challenging. "I enjoy racing because people take it seriously and Late Models is a higher division which leads to more opportunities to move up. I like All American Speedway and the constant competition from my fellow competitors," says Ron.

Ron has three kids with his wife Michelle, Mkenna 14, Raysen 12 and Colton "Cole my hero" 5. Ron's kids either love or hate racing. When Ron has to work on the car three or four days a week the kids get upset that he's gone all the time. The oldest son Raysen just started driving a quarter midget, so he thinks his dad being a race car driver is really cool. All of the kids were in attendance at the last Late Model race for the first time in two years which they really enjoyed **being there**. Since Cole was diagnosed with cancer the family hasn't been to the track. Michelle feels the same as the kids do about racing. She was very involved for many years before Cole got sick. "I sent Ron to the track when Cole was first diagnosed. Ron would have given up racing at that point but I told him no, so I missed his first Late Model race," says Michelle.

The youngest child Colton was continuously sick from Christmas 2008 until finally on May 4, 2009 when he was treated for a possible enlarged heart that created breathing problems. Once he was admitted into the hospital a cancer specialist looked at his results and determined it was a cancerous issue. Cole was then transferred to a hospital that treated children with cancer, Sutter of Sacramento. By May 8,

2009 Cole was diagnosed with stage 3 lymphoblastic lymphoma and he began chemotherapy immediately. With Cole's treatments Ron has been performing double duty by working, taking care of the family and racing. "Cole has been through a lot since he began his treatments from blood transfusions to hair loss and pain, but no matter how bad he got, Cole always smiled making him my hero," say Ron on Cole's treatments. Cole has officially finished his last chemo treatment on May 8, 2011 and the family hopes for no relapse. To learn more about Cole's journey visit Cole's website at www.caringbridge.org/visit/chunn.

Every weekend All American Speedway attracts the racers from near and far looking to feed their craving for motorsports. With that comes an inner working of family and support. Ron Chunn and C & H Racing is the culmination of families that hold the love for racing and their family. Look for the sky blue No. 44 Late Model as Chunn drives to a win for his Hero and his son, Colton Chunn.