



Friday Pit Notes

Good morning and welcome to Friday activities of the **Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Presented by Pennzoil** race weekend at Phoenix International Raceway. This weekend's events feature five races: the **Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Presented by Pennzoil** NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race (35th event on the 36-race 2008 NSCS schedule); the **Able Body Labor 200** NASCAR Nationwide Series race (34th event on the 35-race 2008 NNS schedule); the **Lucas Oil 150** NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race (24th event on the 25-race 2008 NCWTS schedule); and two events in the **34th Copper World Classic**: a USAC MOPAR Midget Car National Championship race (25 laps) and the final round of USAC K&N Silver Crown Championship Series race (100 laps).

Today's highlights features practice for the Nationwides Series, Camping World Truck Series and Sprint Cup Series beginning at 10 a.m., Sprint Cup Series Qualifying at 3:45 p.m., and our feature event of the day, **the Lucas Oil 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race** at 6 p.m. All Times are Mountain Standard Time (two hours behind Eastern Standard Time).

"Won't you please, please help me?" (with due respect to Lennon and McCartney)... Many representatives of Phoenix International Raceway are here to help you: Paul Corliss, Director of Communications; Griff Hickman, Communications Manager; Debi Supan Media Center Supervisor, Media Center Staff members Terry O'Connor, Paige Pedersen, Sara Elgin, Kristal Shipp, Tiffany Breaux, Chris Billings, Sue Pfeffer and Rickey Farrell; John Chuhran, Pit Notes Editor; and Pit Notes Reporters Jenn Jepson, Chandra Shumate, Kallie Parsons, Vaughn Hillyard, Alex Paris, Rudy Rivas, Haley Shore, and Nicole Shumate. Also on hand to help are Owen Kearns, Josh Hamilton, Ginnie Pritchett, Denise Maloof and Ramsey Poston of NASCAR. If you have any special needs, feel free to contact any of these individuals for assistance.

Bowyer, Webb Pitch In For Charity... For the second straight year at PIR, Sprint Cup Series driver #07 Clint Bowyer joined with Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher and 2006 National League Cy Young Award winner Brandon Webb last evening in a partnership to raise money and awareness for two major youth charities. "Offspeed," held in Octane, the PIR trackside entertainment venue, will benefit the NASCAR-themed Victory Junction Gang Camp-Kansas City and Webb's "K" Foundation. "Offspeed" is sponsored in part by St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix.

Brandon Webb, Diamondbacks Pitcher: "I'm here doing an Offspeed event with Clint Bowyer, helping out my charity, the K Foundation, and his charity, the Victory Junction Camp. It turned out pretty good. It's our second time we've done it. Last year, we had a great turnout and raised a lot of money for both of our charities. It's a good time to just come out and mingle and eat some food and watch some races. It's pretty cool. Bryan Sperber, the President of PIR, knows Clint Bowyer pretty well, and he heads up my foundation board, so we both merged. That's our NASCAR ties. We do the one event for the both of us, and it's a pretty big hit. It's not that crazy right now, it's only Thursday, but give it a couple days. It's still amazing to come in here, to see all the motor homes and all the people, the old couples playing badminton or cards out there together, just sitting hit the ball around together and making a whole weekend out of it – a whole week, actually. Friday, Saturday, Sunday are really crazy, so you've got everything here."