



Saturday Pit Notes

Good morning and welcome to Saturday 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**: the second-to-last 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 feature Qualifying for the **Able Body Labor 200** at 10:05 a.m., practice for the **Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 Presented by Pennzoil** at 11:35 a.m. and 12:50 p.m., and the **Able Body Labor 200** NASCAR Nationwide Series race (200 laps – 200 miles) at 2:30 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 Dick Jordan of USAC and Owen Kearns, Josh Hamilton, Ginnie Pritchett, Chrystal Shipp and Ramsey Poston of NASCAR. If you have any special needs, feel free to contact any of these individuals for assistance.

News Conference Schedule... There are several news conferences scheduled for today in the Infield Media Center:

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Michael Waltrip press conference
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Tony Stewart/Ryan Newman media availability
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Tony Stewart sponsorship press conference
11:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	TRG Motorsports press conference
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	NASCAR Camping World Series West press conference

Remembering the Sacrifice of Vets During Veterans Week... The #43 Dodge driven by Reed Sorenson this weekend features prominent signage for the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA). The organization and Los Angeles radio station KLAC 570 AM held a “Help a Hero” radio campaign on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 3 p.m. – 2 a.m. (EDT). The campaign raised funds and awareness for the Paralyzed Veterans. Radio Listeners were asked to call in and make a donation of \$45 or more to “Help a Hero”. Air Force Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, will sit on top of the #43 pit box this weekend as a guest of Sorenson and the Richard Petty Motorsports team.