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Race Fan Rally Drivers, Entertainment and Event Details Announced *Final event details confirmed*

Joliet, Ill. – Event organizers named the following participating drivers at this year’s event: Casey Mears, Max Papis, Todd Bodine, Jennifer Jo Cobb, Johnny Sauter, Timmy Hill, Matt Crafton, Dakoda Armstrong, Jeremy Clements, Parker Kligerman and Nelson Piquet, Jr.

“Race Fan Rally fans will be treated to our largest driver pool in the history of the event with eleven confirmed drivers,” said Tom Mahalik, Vice President, Joliet City Center Partnership. “Drivers are excited to be a part of the 10th Anniversary of the Joliet Race Fan Rally and are eager to come out and meet the great fans who attend this event.”

Sprint Cup driver Casey Mears, Todd Bodine, a two-time NASCAR champion in the Camping World Truck Series, and our first female driver Jennifer Jo Cobb will headline the festivities this coming Thursday, Sept. 15.

Up and coming driver, Parker Kligerman who is currently 9th in the Camping World Truck Series, will also make an appearance. As will Timmy Hill who currently leads the Rookie of the Year competition in the Nationwide Series.

Joining this year’s driver line-up is Miss Sprint Cup – NASCAR’s ambassador of the Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship.

The unofficial start to the event will take place at 5 p.m. when the famous “NASCAR Hauler Parade” rolls through downtown Joliet on their way to the infield at Chicagoland Speedway for the race weekend. This will be race fans opportunity to witness the 72 foot long trailers that carry each Sprint Cup team’s cars and equipment to the track.

Headlining the musical entertainment on the main stage is The Righteous Hillbillies – a regional, Southern rock, high-powered Americana band from the Chicagoland area.

Race Fan Rally will also feature the Cadillac Casanovas and Chicago Farmer on additional entertainment stages throughout the festival.

“The 10th anniversary of the Joliet Race Fan Rally is going to be our best yet. Our goal is to provide the fans and event attendees with the best in entertainment and driver appearances - making the event bigger and better each year,” says Mahalik.

Additional sponsor activities include: interactive exhibit, a driving simulator and showcars provided by returning sponsor, Nationwide; several interactive exhibits, showcars and photo ops for fans, such as the Dale Junior No. 88 car provided by the National Guard; and an interactive Kidzone. The event will culminate with a firework show shortly after dusk. Driver information and festival details can be found on the official event website, www.racefanrally.com.

The Joliet Race Fan Rally is an annual family-friendly festival in Downtown Joliet kicking off Chicagoland's NASCAR race week. The event is free and open to the public, and includes live bands, race car driver appearances, show cars and other motorsports exhibits. For more information please visit www.racefanrally.com.

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