



COUNTDOWN 2009



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Full Throttle Series Schedule

COUNTDOWN TO 10 (Regular Season)

KRAGEN O'REILLY NHRA WINTERNATIONALS

Winners: D. Kalitta, Capps, Line

LUCAS OIL SLICK MIST NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Brown, Capps, Coughlin

ACDELCO NHRA GATORNATIONALS

Winners: Dixon, Tasca, Line, Arana

O'REILLY NHRA SPRING NATIONALS

Winners: Schumacher, Force Hood, Krisher, Treble

SUMMITRACING.COM NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Schumacher, Capps, Coughlin

SUMMIT RACING NHRA SOUTHERN NATIONALS

Winners: Lucas, Beckman, Edwards, Krawiec

O'REILLY NHRA MIDWEST NATIONALS

Winners: Brown, Worsham, Coughlin, Krawiec

NHRA THUNDER VALLEY NATIONALS

Winners: Schumacher, Worsham, Edwards

O'REILLY NHRA SUMMER NATIONALS

Winners: Dixon, Capps, Allen Johnson

UNITED ASSOCIATION ROUTE 66 NATIONALS

Winners: Massey, T. Pedregon, Coughlin, Guidera

UNITED ASSOCIATION SUPERNATIONALS

Winners: Dixon, T. Pedregon, Coughlin, Treble

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Dixon, Beckman, Line, Hines

MOPAR MILE-HIGH NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Brown, Capps, A. Johnson, Krawiec

NHRA NORTHWEST NATIONALS

Winners: Brown, Wilkerson, Edwards

FRAM-AUTOLITE NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Brown, Wilkerson, Line, Hines

LUCAS OIL NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Lucas, T. Pedregon, Anderson, Arana

TOYO TIRES NHRA NATIONALS

Winners: Dixon, Tasca, Coughlin, Krawiec

MAC TOOLS U.S. NATIONALS

Winners: Schumacher, Force Hood, Coughlin, Arana

COUNTDOWN TO 1 (Playoffs)

NHRA CAROLINAS NATIONALS

Winners: McClenathan, Hight, Edwards, Arana

O'REILLY SUPER-START NHRA FALL NATIONALS

Winners: Schumacher, Hight, Anderson, Arana

O'REILLY NHRA MID-SOUTH NATIONALS

Oct. 2-4 at Memphis, Tenn. (PSM)

NHRA VIRGINIA NATIONALS

Oct. 9-11 at Richmond, Va.

NHRA LAS VEGAS NATIONALS

Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Las Vegas (PSM)

AUTO CLUB NHRA FINALS

Nov. 12-15 at Pomona (PSM)

3 is the Lucky Number

3 of 4 points leaders finished reg. season in 3rd place

Third place is not where you want to finish the season, but it may be where you want to finish the regular season.

That's because three of the four points leaders after the second race in the six-race NHRA playoff finished the regular season in third place.

Tony Schumacher (TF), Mike Edwards (PS) and Hector Arana (PSM) have each moved up from third to first place.

Schumacher, who is bidding for a sixth straight NHRA Full Throttle Series championship, assumed the points lead with his win at Dallas, but his task is far from complete.

Schumacher has lurking right behind him two-time champion Larry Dixon, teammate Cory McClenathan and regular season



The Staging Lane

What's next: O'Reilly NHRA Mid-South Nationals
When: Oct. 2-4, 2009
Where: Memphis Motorsports Park
ON TV (ESPN2HD, ET): Qualifying highlights, Sat. (late night) at 10:30p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Raceday (pre-race show), Sun. at 11 a.m.; Race, Sun. at 7 p.m.
Notable: This is the third race of the six-race NHRA Playoffs, the Countdown to 1 ... Three of the four current points leaders finished the regular season in third place ... None of the regular season points leaders remains in first place.

champ Antron Brown.

The road to the championship may be a bit clearer for Edwards and Arana.

Edwards is 65 points

clear of Jeg Coughlin, 80 points clear of Greg Anderson and every other driver trails by more than 100 points.

In PSM, it may be down to a two-bike race between Arana and defending champion Eddie Krawiec, who trails by 27 points. Every other rider trails by 100-plus points.

Meanwhile, in Funny Car, the once foundering Auto Club team has completed its improbable climb from the outhouse to the penthouse.

With a third straight final round and second straight win, Robert Hight's team is in first place in Funny Car.

But FC remains by far the deepest category with five cars separated by less than four rounds and a sixth — Capps — that trails Hight by a manageable 94 points.

2009 NHRA FULL THROTTLE SERIES (Countdown to 1, 2 of 6 races complete)

NOTE: The Countdown to 1 consists of six races. The Top 10 drivers after the 18-race regular season qualified and had their points reset in 10-point increments (20-point bonus to the reg. season champion). (x)=Final Reg. Season pts position.



TOP FUEL		FUNNY CAR		PRO STOCK		PSM (2/5 races)	
Driver (Reg. Seas.)	Pts	Driver (Reg. Seas.)	Pts	Driver (Reg. Seas.)	Pts	Rider (Reg. Seas.)	Pts
1. Schumacher (3).....	2272	1. Hight (10).....	2241	1. Edwards (3).....	2288	1. Arana (3).....	2318
2. Dixon (2).....	-27	2. Force Hood (3).....	-13	2. Coughlin (1).....	-65	2. Krawiec (1).....	-27
3. McClenathan (5).....	-54	3. Beckman (5).....	-45	3. Anderson (4).....	-80	3. Hines (2).....	-111
4. Brown (1).....	-65	4. T. Pedregon (1).....	-59	4. A. Johnson (5).....	-109	4. Smith (4).....	-148
5. Langdon (8).....	-84	5. Tasca (4).....	-71	5. Line (2).....	-111	5. Home (5).....	-162
6. Bernstein (4).....	-117	6. Capps (2).....	-94	6. Stanfield (6).....	-119	6. Phillips (7).....	-179
7. Massey (6).....	-120	7. J. Force (7).....	-110	7. Gray (10).....	-142	7. Stoffer (10).....	-191
8. Lucas (7).....	-148	8. Wilkerson (6).....	-112	8. K. Johnson (8).....	-175	8. Gann (9).....	-193
9. Kalitta (9).....	-198	9. Neff (9).....	-142	9. Krisher (7).....	-195	9. Treble (6).....	-214
10. Millican (10).....	-210	10. Worsham (8).....	-156	10. Jones (9).....	-268	10. Guidera (8).....	-298