



# 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

Winners: Lucas, Arend, Line, Phillips

#### 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)

# History in the Making?

## Force Hood takes narrow lead in FC over teammate

Ashley Force Hood has already accomplished a lot of firsts in her short career, but she's on the verge of certainly the most historic.

With three races left in the six-race NHRA Playoff, the Countdown to 1, Force Hood has ascended into the points lead in Funny Car, holding a narrow three-point lead over teammate Robert Hight and a 26-point lead over two-time champ Tony Pedregon.

If she's able to maintain that position, she'd be the first woman in the sport's nearly 60-year history to win a championship in the ultra-competitive FC class.

It certainly will not be easy with Hight and Pedregon right there and Jack Beckman (-73), Ron capps (-88) and Bob Tasca (-102) all in play.

Force Hood's Castrol



### The Staging Lane

**What's next:** NHRA

Virginia Nationals

**When:** Oct. 9-11, 2009

**Where:** Virginia

Motorsports Park

**ON TV (ESPN2HD, ET):**

Qualifying highlights, Sat.

(late night) at 10:30 p.m.-

12:30 a.m.; Raceday (pre-

race show), Sun. at 11

a.m.; Race, Sun. at 7 p.m.

**Notable:** This is the fourth

race of the six-race NHRA

Playoffs, the Countdown to

1 ... Each of the four cur-

rent points leaders finished

the regular season in third

place ... None of the regu-

lar season points leaders

remains in first place.

The points leaders in the other three classes have begun to create a bit of separation.

Tony Schumacher reached his second straight final round to extend his lead to 54 as he seeks to win a sixth straight and seventh overall title.

In Pro Stock, two-time defending champ Jeg Coughlin suffered his second first round loss in the Countdown to fall 114 points back of Mike Edwards. Meanwhile, the two Summit cars are lurking 78 and 81 points back.

In PSM, it continues to be the Hector Arana show. He lost in the semis at Memphis, but set the national record with a 6.851-second pass and the 20 bonus points helped him extend his lead by a point over the defending PSM champ.

GTX team has been to three consecutive semifinals in the three races contested thus far in the six-race Countdown to 1.

## 2009 NHRA FULL THROTTLE SERIES Countdown to 1 (3 of 6 races complete)

**NOTE:** 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. **RED=Driver eliminated.**



TOP FUEL		FUNNY CAR		PRO STOCK		PSM (3/5 races)	
Driver (Reg Seas.)	Pts	Driver (Reg. Seas.)	Pts	Driver (Reg. Seas.)	Pts	Rider (Reg. Seas.)	Pts
1. Schumacher (3).....	2369	1. Force Hood (3).....	2308	1. Edwards (3).....	2374	1. Arana (3).....	2420
2. Dixon (2).....	-54	2. Hight (10).....	-3	2. Line (2).....	-78	2. Krawiec (1).....	-28
3. McClenathan (5).....	-93	3. T. Pedregon (1).....	-26	3. Anderson (4).....	-81	3. Phillips (7).....	-165
4. Brown (1).....	-120	4. Beckman (5).....	-73	4. Coughlin (1).....	-114	4. Smith (4).....	-167
5. Lucas (7).....	-133	5. Capps (2).....	-88	5. A. Johnson (5).....	-140	5. Hines (2).....	-171
6. Langdon (8).....	-148	6. Tasca (4).....	-102	6. Stanfield (6).....	-152	6. Horne (5).....	-210
7. Bernstein (4).....	-178	7. J. Force (7).....	-124	7. Gray (10).....	-175	7. Stoffer (10).....	-261
8. Massey (6).....	-183	8. Wilkerson (6).....	-127	8. Krisher (7).....	-185	8. Gann (9).....	-263
9. Kalitta (9).....	-223	9. Neff (9).....	-178	9. K. Johnson (8).....	-229	9. Treble (6).....	-284
10. Millican (10).....	-276	10. Worsham (8).....	-192	10. Jones (9).....	-354	<b>10. Guidera (8).....</b>	<b>-400</b>