



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

May 15-17 at Bristol, Tenn.

O'REILLY NHRA SUMMER NATIONALS

May 29-31 at Topeka, Kan.

UNITED ASSOCIATION ROUTE 66 NATIONALS

June 4-7 at Chicago (PSM)

UNITED ASSOCIATION SUPERNATIONALS

June 11-14 at Englishtown, N.J. (PSM)

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NHRA NATIONALS

June 25-28 at Norwalk, Ohio (PSM)

MOPAR MILE-HIGH NHRA NATIONALS

July 10-12 at Denver (PSM)

NHRA NORTHWEST NATIONALS

July 17-19 at Seattle

FRAM-AUTOLITE NHRA NATIONALS

July 24-26 at Sonoma, Calif. (PSM)

LUCAS OIL NHRA NATIONALS

Aug. 13-16 at Brainerd, Minn. (PSM)

TOYO TIRES NHRA NATIONALS

Aug. 20-23 at Reading, Pa. (PSM)

MAC TOOLS U.S. NATIONALS

Sept. 2-7 at Indianapolis (PSM)

COUNTDOWN TO 1 (Playoffs)

NHRA NATIONALS

Sept. 17-20 at Charlotte, N.C. (PSM)

O'REILLY SUPER-START NHRA FALL NATIONALS

Sept. 24-27 at Dallas (PSM)

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)

Wilkerson inching back

After slow start, 2008 runner-up has cracked Top 10

After chasing a championship in 2008, the early part of the 2009 season for Tim Wilkerson has simply been about chasing the Top 10.

And while the popular Funny Car driver has not yet regained the magic touch that saw him win a career high six races in 2008, he has strung together some steady outings and his most recent, a quarterfinal finish at the O'Reilly NHRA Midwest Nationals, was enough to move him into the Top 10 for the first time this season.

Wilkerson's Levi, Ray & Shoup team have been adjusting to a new body (Ford Mustang) and a new teammate (Bob Tasca) so the slow start is not completely without cause.

Wilkerson moved up from 11th to ninth place.

The other big move in Funny Car was made by Del Worsham, whose first win



The Staging Lane

What's next: NHRA

Thunder Valley Nationals

When: May 15-17, 2009

Where: Bristol Dragway

ON TV (ESPN2, ET): Qualifying highlights, Sat. at 6 p.m.; Raceday (pre-race show), Sunday at 11 a.m.; Race, Sunday at 7 p.m.

Notable: Larry Dixon will make his fourth attempt at round-win No. 500 ... Doug Kalitta's three wins are the most by any driver/any class at Bristol Dragway ... This is the ninth year for NHRA at Bristol.

flying the Al-Anabi colors propelled him up from sixth to second place.

There was one other class that saw movement around the bubble and that was Pro Stock.

With Warren Johnson's DNQ at St. Louis, Larry

Morgan was able to move around him and take over 10th place in Pro Stock.

But that's a long way from first place. In fact, it's a long way from second place, too.

Pro Stock has been the most top-heavy of the four classes with Jeg Coughlin and Jason Line collecting five of the seven trophies.

Consider this: Second-place Jason Line has more points than any of the other first-place drivers.

In Pro Stock Motorcycle, Eddie Krawiec won for the second straight race to take over the points lead.

The other new points leader coming out of St. Louis was Antron Brown, who won while sporting DirecTV as his primary sponsor in a one-race deal.

Brown, the longtime PSM rider, has now totaled four wins in 31 TF races.

2009 NHRA FULL THROTTLE SERIES STANDINGS (7 Races Complete)

NOTE: The season consists of an 18-race regular season and a six-race playoff; the Top 10 drivers qualify for the playoffs.

TOP FUEL		FUNNY CAR		PRO STOCK		PSM (4/17 races)	
Driver (Ws)	Pts	Driver (Ws)	Pts	Driver (Ws)	Pts	Rider (Ws)	Pts
1. Antron Brown (2)	561	1. Ron Capps (3).....	562	1. Jeg Coughlin (3).....	637	1. Eddie Krawiec (2)	341
2. T. Schumacher (2).....	543	2. Del Worsham (1).....	443	2. Jason Line (2).....	588	2. Matt Smith.....	325
3. Br. Bernstein.....	517	3. Tony Pedregon	437	3. Mike Edwards (1)	498	3. Andrew Hines	308
4. C. McClenathan.....	453	4t. Jack Beckman (1)....	427	4. Greg Anderson	478	4. Doug Home	291
5. Morgan Lucas (1)	437	4t. Force Hood (1).....	427	5. Greg Stanfield	394	5. Hector Arana (1).....	282
6. Larry Dixon (1).....	402	6. Matt Hagan.....	413	6. Allen Johnson.....	381	6. Craig Treble (1).....	278
7. Shawn Langdon.....	375	7. Bob Tasca (1)	375	7. Ron Krisher (1).....	345	7. Shawn Gann.....	209
8. Sp. Massey.....	363	8. John Force	363	8. Kurt Johnson	338	8. Karen Stoffer.....	175
9. Doug Kalitta (1).....	320	9. Tim Wilkerson	349	9. Rickie Jones	304	9. Matt Guidera.....	168
10. Joe Hartley	302	10t. Hight, Neff.....	337	10. Larry Morgan.....	263	10. Steve Johnson.....	167
11. Clay Millican.....	-108	12. Cruz Pedregon.....	-5	11. Warren Johnson.....	-17	11. Angie McBride.....	-7
12. Terry Haddock.....	-167	12t. Jim Head.....	-119	12. Johnny Gray.....	-19	12. Michael Phillips.....	-38
13. David Baca.....	-175	13t. Jerry Toliver.....	-119	13. Scott Spiess	-47	13. Junior Pippin.....	-40
14. Troy Buff.....	-177	13t. Jeff Arend.....	-119	14. Tom Hammonds.....	-63	14. Wesley Wells	-60
15t. Cox, Urbacher	-178			15. Jim Yates.....	-74	15. Mike Berry.....	-85