



# 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

#### MOPOAR 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 CAROLINAS 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)

# 12 Down, 6 to Go in CD10


## Coughlin clinches spot; Neff cracks Top 10 in FC

Two-thirds of the way through the regular season the seat is starting to get awfully hot for a couple of drivers on the bubble, most notably Funny Car's Robert Hight and Cruz Pedregon.

Hight, a perennial championship contender from the John Force Racing stable, has yet to get any semblance of traction this season and he finds himself 55 points off the playoff pace with six races to go.

Cruz Pedregon, the defending NHRA Full Throttle Series champion, got on a mini-run to get inside the Top 10, but with six races left he finds himself in a tie for 10th with rookie Matt Hagan.

Two drivers with championship aspirations at the Auto Club NHRA Finals last November are now, just six short months later, in the



**The Staging Lane**

**What's next:** Mopar Mile-High NHRA Nationals  
**When:** July 10-12, 2009  
**Where:** Bandimere Sp'way  
**ON TV (ESPN2HD, ET):** Qualifying highlights, Sat. at 10 p.m.; Raceday (pre-race show), Sunday at 11 a.m.; Race, Sunday at 7 p.m.  
**Notable:** Larry Dixon improved to perfect 4-for-4 in final rounds this season ... Ashley Force Hood assumed the points lead in FC ... Mike Neff cracked the Top 10 for the first time this season.

fight of their lives just to get in the playoffs.

Hight would like to follow the lead of teammate Mike Neff, who is coming off of a No. 1 qualifier at the Summit Racing NHRA Nationals and consecutive

quarterfinals after a semifinal run at the United Association Route 66 NHRA Nationals to move all the way up to ninth place.

The situation is much less precarious for JFR teammate Ashley Force Hood, who took over first place with her semifinal finish at the Summit Racing NHRA Nationals.

In Top Fuel, Larry Dixon moved into second place with his third win in four races and Clay Millican maintained a two-round cushion over Joe Hartley for the 10th and final playoff berth in TF.

In Pro Stock, Jeg Coughlin became the first driver to clinch a playoff berth and Warren Johnson inched up to ninth place.

In PSM, Andrew Hines won for the first time in '09 to move up to second place.

## 2009 NHRA FULL THROTTLE SERIES STANDINGS (12 Races Complete)

**NOTE:** The season consists of an 18-race regular season (Countdown to 10) and a six-race playoff (Countdown to 1); the Top 10 drivers qualify for the playoffs. Drivers with an asterisk (\*) have clinched a spot in the six-race playoff.

TOP FUEL		FUNNY CAR		PRO STOCK		PSM (7/17 races)	
Driver (Ws)	Pts	Driver (Ws)	Pts	Driver (Ws)	Pts	Rider (Ws)	Pts
1. Antron Brown (2).....	938	1. A. Force Hood (1).....	872	*1. Jeg Coughlin (5)....	1072	1. Eddie Krawiec (2).....	624
2. Larry Dixon (4).....	885	2. Tony Pedregon (2)....	854	2. Mike Edwards (2) ...	1004	2. Andrew Hines (1).....	554
3. T. Schumacher (3).....	882	3. Ron Capps (4).....	847	3. Jason Line (3).....	896	3. Matt Smith.....	506
4. Br. Bernstein.....	848	4. Jack Beckman (2)....	729	4. Greg Anderson.....	861	4. Craig Treble (2).....	459
5. C. McClenathan.....	702	5. Del Worsham (2).....	727	5. Allen Johnson (1)....	738	5. Doug Home.....	454
6. Sp. Massey (1).....	669	6. Bob Tasca (1).....	680	6. Greg Stanfield.....	660	6. Matt Guidera (1).....	412
7. Shawn Langdon.....	666	7. Tim Wilkerson.....	657	7. Ron Krisher (1).....	594	7. Hector Arana (1).....	394
8. Morgan Lucas (1).....	664	8. John Force.....	631	8. Kurt Johnson.....	585	8. Shawn Gann.....	325
9. Doug Kalitta (1).....	540	9. Mike Neff.....	595	9. Warren Johnson.....	492	9. Karen Stoffer.....	319
10. Clay Millican.....	502	10t. Matt Hagan.....	577	10. Rickie Jones.....	484	10. Steve Johnson.....	307
11. Joe Hartley.....	-42	10t. Cruz Pedregon.....	577	11. Johnny Gray.....	-42	11. Michael Phillips.....	-62
12. Terry Haddock.....	-222	12. Robert Hight.....	-55	12. Larry Morgan.....	-84	12. Angie McBride.....	-76
13. Troy Buff.....	-262	13. Jim Head.....	-192	13. Roger Brogdon.....	-202	13. Junior Pippin.....	-106
14. Steve Chrisman.....	-318	14. Jeff Arend.....	-201	14. J. Humphreys.....	-214	14. Wesley Wells.....	-128
15. David Baca.....	-375	15. Jerry Toliver.....	-202	15. Scott Spiess.....	-217	15. Mike Berry.....	-132