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I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2024 Castrol Gateway Dirt Nationals. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the loyal race fans who continue to support this event each year. Founded in 2016, it has been my privilege to grow such a prestigious event. I am greatly humbled to be the promoter and founder. Over the years, there have been so many memorable moments. It has been and will continue to be my goal to give the fans an event they will never forget. 2024 has been another record-breaking year with more competitors, sponsors and vendors. As the event continues to prosper, I expect this year to be the best year yet. I truly hope you have the time of your life as you watch the dirt fly underneath the Dome lights in St. Louis this year. Thank you!



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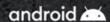
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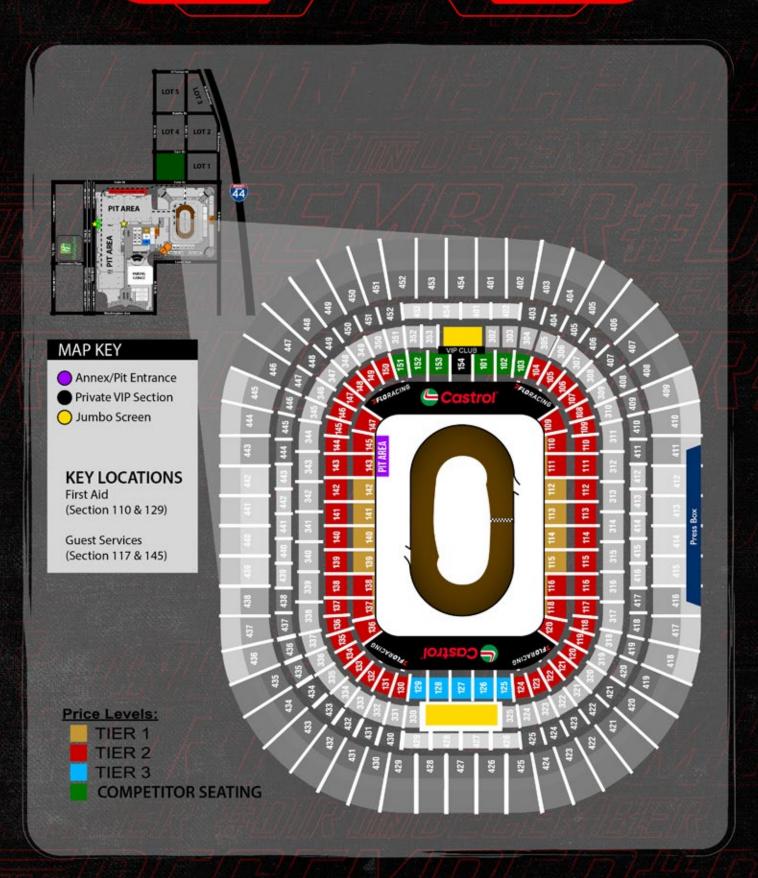


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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

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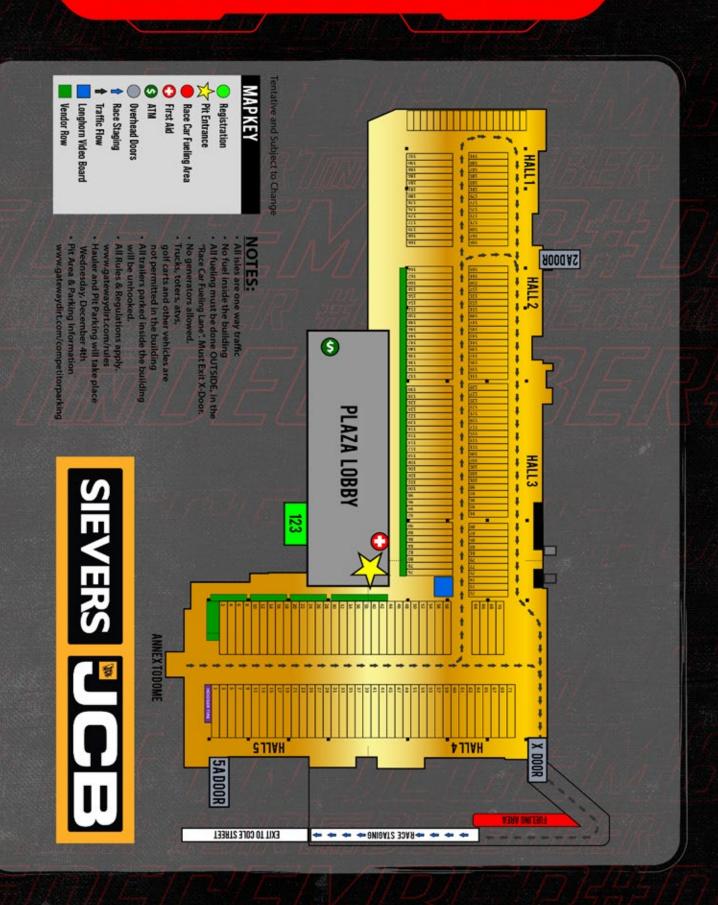
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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

10:00AM REGISTRATION OPENS

11:00AM

JCB EQUIPMENT PIT AREA OPENS

1:00PM DRIVERS MEETING (TWISTED TECH MEDIA CENTER)

2:00PM

DOME DOORS OPEN

3:00PM

ON TRACK ACTIVITY BEGINS

DIRT DRAFT HOT LAPS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS

TWISTED TECH QUALIFYING

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS

WEHRS HOTLAP/QUALIFYING

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS

5:00PM

OPENING CEREMONIES

HEAT RACES - 8 LAPS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS (TOP 2) MATMAN DESIGNS - HEAT #1

NDLMHOF - HEAT #2 ABILENE RACE RADS - HEAT #3

FK ROD ENDS - HEAT #4

SUPERIOR GLASS & MIRROR - HEAT #5

DEATHERAGE OPTICIANS - HEAT #6

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS (TOP 4) SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT - HEAT #1 WALKER FILTRATION - HEAT #2 **DIRTCARLIFT - HEAT #3**

ZAMP - HEAT #4

B-MAINS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS (10 LAPS, TOP 3) MITTLER BROS MACHINE & TOOLS - BMAIN #1 WILWOOD RACING - BMAIN #2

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS (8 LAPS, TOP 2) PEE WEE'S WRECKER SERVICE - BMAIN #1

A-MAINS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS 25 LAPS - \$5,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS 20 LAPS - \$3,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION

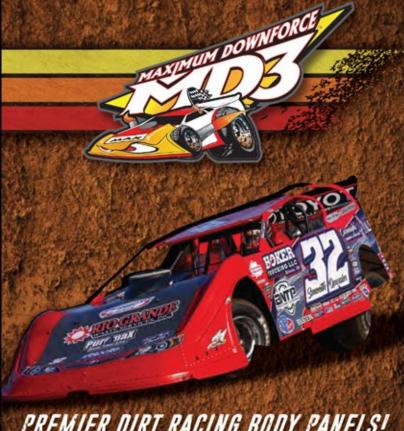








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DIRT DRAFT HOT LAPS

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TWISTED TECH QUALIFYING

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS

WEHRS HOTLAP/QUALIFYING SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS

5:00PM

OPENING CEREMONIES

HEAT RACES - 8 LAPS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS (TOP 2) WALKER FILTRATION - HEAT #1 DIRTCARLIFT - HEAT #2 PPM RACING PRODUCTS - HEAT #3 FK ROD ENDS - HEAT #4 NDLMHOF - HEAT #5 STAKT PRODUCTS - HEAT #6

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS (TOP 4) **DEATHERAGE OPTICIANS - HEAT #1** HELLRAIZER JACKS - HEAT #2 MATMAN DESIGNS - HEAT #3 ABELINE RACE RADS - HEAT #4

B-MAINS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS (10 LAPS, TOP 3) MITTLER BROS MACHINE & TOOL - BMAIN #1 VELOCITA - BMAIN #2

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS (8 LAPS, TOP 2) PEE WEE'S WRECKER SERVICE - BMAIN #1

A-MAINS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS 25 LAPS - \$5,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS 20 LAPS - \$3,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

11:00AM JCB EQUIPMENT PIT AREA OPENS

1:00PM DRIVERS MEETING (TWISTED TECH MEDIA CENTER)

2:00PM DOME DOORS OPEN

3:00PM

ON TRACK ACTIVITY BEGINS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODEL NON-QUALIFIERS

12 LAPS - TOP 2 TRANSFER TO POSITION 10 OF QUALIFIERS
PEE WEE'S WRECKER SERVICE - NON-QUALIFIER #1
ZAMP - NON-QUALIFIER #2 NIGHTOWL DESIGN - NON QUALIFIER #3

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODEL QUALIFIERS

10 LAPS - TOP 2 TRANSFER - 3RD & 4TH TO LAST CHANCE MATMAN DESIGNS - QUALIFIER #1 HELLRAIZER JACKS - QUALIFIER #2 NDLMHOF - QUALIFIER #3

VELOCITA SLM - ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE REDRAW
FK ROD ENDS - QUALIFIER #4
ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION - QUALIFIER #5 WALKER FILTRATION - QUALIFIER #6

DIRT DRAFT HOTLAPS - TOP 6 LOCKED IN VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS **ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE REDRAW**

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MOD QUALIFIERS

10 LAPS - TOP 3 TRANSFER - 4TH-6TH TOP LAST CHANCE STAKT PRODUCTS - QUALIFIER #1 PPM RACING PRODUCTS - QUALIFIER #2 MATMAN DESIGNS - QUALIFIER #3 **DEATHERAGE OPTICIANS - QUALIFIER #4**

DIRT DRAFT HOTLAPS - TOP 6 LOCKED IN

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODS

ALLSTAR PERFORMANCE WIN & YOU'RE IN

VELOCITA SLM - 10 LAPS - WINNER TRANSFERS SUMMIT MODS - 10 LAPS - WINNER TRANSFERS

OPENING CEREMONIES

LONGHORN CHASSIS DRIVER INTROS VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODELS

VELOCITA SUPER LATE MODEL A-MAIN

40 LAPS - \$30,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION

SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT MODIFIED A-MAIN

30 LAPS - \$10,000 TO WIN FK ROD ENDS VICTORY LANE CELEBRATION







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TOP 5 MOMENTS OF 2023

5. TWO-SEATER



The duo of Tyler Carpenter and raffle winner Emalee went for a heck fo a ride in the two-seater during Saturday's event. Carpenter got a little hot into turn three and knocked the decking loose after hitting the wall. Luckily Emalee was okay and completely unfazed!

3. RYAN MONTGOMERY FLIP



Ryan Montgomery got caught up in a mid-race caution leading him to end up on his roof upside down. He opted to stay strapped into the race car while giving the first ever interview upturned! Delivering the quote of the weekend, "F*** It, we're going to send it!"

1. BRANDON SHEPPARD



In the final laps of the A-Main Saturday night, RTJ ran down Sheppard but saw he wasn't going to clear Brandon when he attempted a slider that led him into the wall. Sheppard then ripped his way to his first ever Castrol Gateway Dirt Nationals win after leading all 40 laps.

4. TIM WARD FENCE



With just one lap to go in the "Win and You're In" race, when Tim Ward has a miscalculation in navigation and ends up in the fence. Not only did his car end up taking out multiple fence panels and poles, but it also became entangled in it. Then causing a precise repair and rescue from our safety crew.

2. FEGER/HOCEVAR HEAT 5 ALTERCATION



During Heat Race #5 on Thursday night. Jason Feger and Carson Hocevar got into a heated match on the track. After starting on the pole during a restart Feger and Hocevar made contact causing the 25's left rear tire to go down. Feger decided Hocevar was to blame and took matters into his own hands by showing some hostility while under caution.

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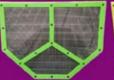
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BRANDON SHEPPARD

Gateway Dirt Nationals: What is your favorite pizza topping?

Brandon Sheppard: Pepperoni

GDN: Most memorable racing moment?

BS: My first feature win at Lincoln Speedway

GDN: If you could have dinner with someone, dead or alive

who would it be?

BS: My Great Grandma one more time.

GDN: What do you like most about the Dome?

BS: The atmosphere, the fans, the hype. You name it,

it has it all.

GDN: If you could travel to one place, where?

BS: I've never been to Oregon.. So I guess lets try that.

GDN: What is your favorite "Spot" in St. Louis?

BS: PBR Bar

GDN: What is your favorite band or musician?

BS: Hardy....By Far

GDN: If you could only race one more time, where would it be?

BS: I'd have to go with Fairbury (FALS)

GDN: What is your favorite restaurant?

B5: Tough one... "Mimosa" is a great Sushi spot right by my house. I would maybe take that back though...

"Cooper's Hawk Winery" is in Springfield... It's badass.

GDN: Who in racing do you dislike the most?

BS: Shoot... I don't know. I don't really have any beef with anyone I don't think... I definitely don't know anyone that I hate. I get along with everyone pretty much.

DRAKE

Gateway Dirt Nationals: What is your favorite pizza topping?

Drake Troutman: Barbecue Chicken

GDN: Most memorable racing moment?

DT: Lernerville

GDN: If you could have dinner with someone, dead or alive

who would it be?

DT: Dale Earnhardt

GDN: What do you like most about the Dome?

DT: The energy

GDN: If you could travel to one place, where?

DT: Australia... To race over there would be cool.

GDN: What is your favorite "Spot" in St. Louis?

DT: Sugarfire BBQ Restaurant

GDN: What is your favorite band or musician?

DT: Gavin Adcock

GDN: If you could only race one more time, where would it be?

DT: Probably Eastbay... I really like that place.

GDN: What is your favorite restaurant?

DT: Shoot I don't know... Sugarfire in St Louis.

GDN: Who in racing do you dislike the most?

DT: Oh Gosh... Does it have to be in late model racing? I don't know, I don't really have anyone that I dislike.

No one in particular.





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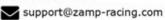




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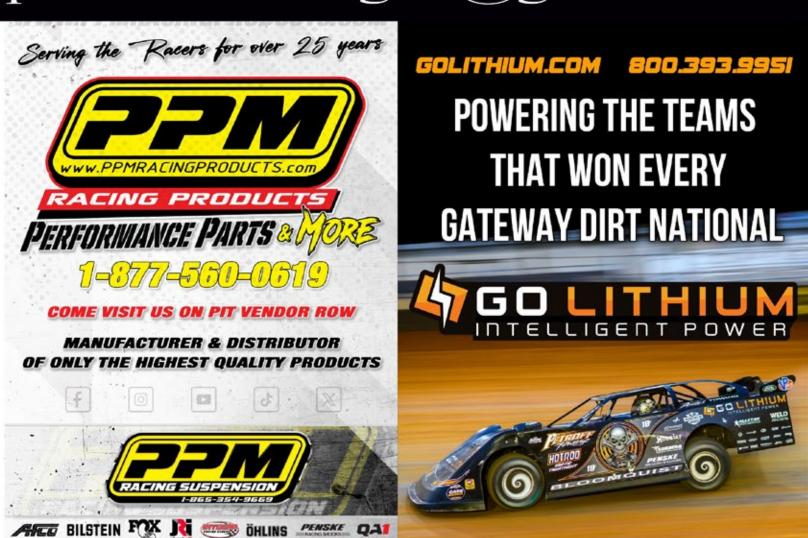


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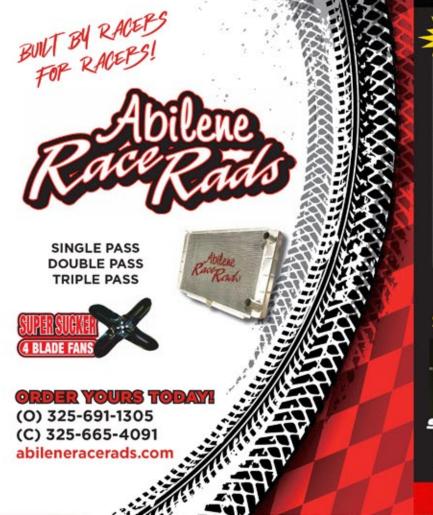


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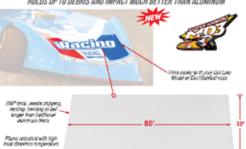
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IN THE MOMENT WITH THE GATEWAY DIRT NATIONALS

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"We do not know the true value of our moments until they have undergone the test of memory." - Georges Duhamel

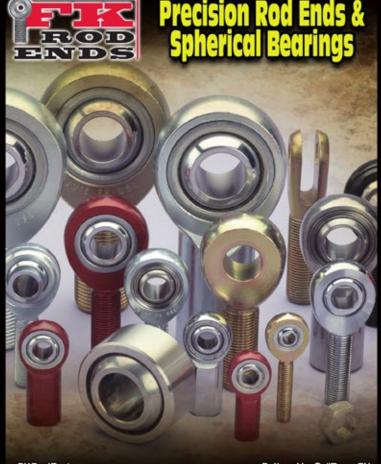
The Gateway Dirt Nationals is such a unique event that it was destined to make lasting and memorable moments. This event truly embodies the adage "jet planes in a gymnasium" with its tight confines and elbows up (and out) aggressive nature. It is a perfect storm to both electrify and shock the thousands in attendance. We caught up with many staffers and attendees who have been at the December staple since its inception in 2016 to find out their favorite or at least their most memorable moments.

Opening Ceremonies

Gateway Dirt Promoter Cody Sommer knew from the beginning that he wanted the opening ceremonies to rival the biggest of sporting events. Known for being innovative and thinking outside of the box Sommer knew that this was one of the most important aspects of the event. It had to be big and loud and it had to be American. Sommer accomplished exactly what he wanted to do beginning in year one.

The pyrotechnics, the lighting and maybe most importantly the music had the crowd memorized from the word go. The energy in the building and the crowd is most palpable during these 12 minutes. Playing Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA followed by God Bless America into the Star Spangled Banner with the mega talented Rusty Shields on the mic brings down the house.





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Contact Sport

The obvious focal point of the event is it's bullring 1/5 th of a mile racetrack. The smaller track often tends to create some sheet metal rubbing and even some all-out all-out elbow throwing. There have certainly been many a memorable kerfuffle during the seven years of the Gateway Dirt Nationals. But the one that may be the most memorable came during the opening night preliminary feature. Early race leader Scott Bloomquist slips high exiting turn 2 and a hard charging Shannon Babb fills the bottom groove bringing Darrell Lanigan along with



him. Bloomquist keeps pace with Lanigan and entering turn 3 Bloomquist delivers a shot in the shorts to Babb. Babb nearly loops it but a little contact from Lanigan straightened him out and the crowd went wild. Babb went on to take the victory and write his name in the Gateway history books as the first Late Model winner in the Dome.



To Be the Man...

There is little question that Kenny Wallace is one of the most beloved characters in the sport. And that is even more magnified when the St. Louis native is racing in front of his hometown crowd. Kenny has been an avid supporter of the Gateway Dirt Nationals and his support has been pivotal in the event's success. Kenny is also a true competitor who loves getting up on the wheel in the Dome. That was never more evident than his stirring victory in his "Win and You're In" race in 2022. Wallace started 4 th

in the race that transferred only the winner to the feature. Wallace went to the top side and ripped the lip to get to the second spot. Wallace gave chase to race-long leader Jordan Wever. The two drivers were door to door when they took the white flag of the 10-lapper. But a last lap yellow brought a one lap shootout. Wever got away cleanly on the restart but stumbled on the exit of turn 2 which allowed Wallace to grab the point and take the win. The crowd and our announcers went berserk. Wallace was pumped up and let the fans know it as he celebrated his victory with a big

"woooo" and some heavy Ric Flair vibes on the mic. It was electric.

Surreal

I have presided over hundreds of races in my career, many of which were on some of the biggest stages from Arizona to the Carolinas and Pennsylvania down to Florida. But nothing could have ever prepared me for the way I felt that first night I made my way up to Race Control in the Dome. I had obviously already seen several photos of the



racetrack and how it was situated on the floor of the Dome at America's Center. But when I walked out on that balcony and surveyed what was in front of me it blew me away. The thought that in a few hours from that moment we were going to put Dirt Late Models out on that track and turn them loose to race was one of the most surreal moments I have ever experienced.



Driver Intros

In the same way Cody Sommer wanted his Opening Ceremonies to impact the crowd, he knew that over-the-top driver intros were the perfect build up to the action on the track for the features. Taking a cue for professional wrestling, Sommer pushed the competitors to be creative and gave fun while showing their personalities. Sommer's idea was an immediate crowd pleaser. And over the course of the event each year it has become one of the most anticipated parts of the event. And there have been some doozies. Who can forget Jonathan Davenport and his flame thrower. Shannon Babb rolling his cajónes out in a wheel barrow was priceless and accurate. 2-time Gateway Dirt Nationals Champion Tyler Carpenter made the most of an event penalty and showed off his new non-Hey Dude racing shoes. And no one can forget the ol' Chrome Dome himself with his "Scott Who?" sign which he later followed up with another poke at Zero with his "No Provisional Needed" sign.

Triumph in the Midst of Adversity

The 2022 Gateway Dirt Nationals was as exciting as ever. And when the ever-popular Tyler Erb grabbed the lead in a 3-wide slugfest with Wil Herrington and Tanner English and held on to claim the victory. The crowd was at fever pitch for this popular victory as the Texan pulled into victory lane. An obviously emotional Erb emerged from his car and shared embraces with his crew and his mother before his interview in Victory Lane. Erb talked about the race and thanked his many supporters and then he proceeded to leave everyone stunned when he announced that his father had passed away shortly after they had arrived in St. Louis. When the words came out of his mouth the Dome fell completely silent. The news was gut wrenching but Terbo's perserverance was an incredible display of grit and focus.



Planet Zero

The great Scott Bloomquist was a part of many incredible and memorable moments at the Gateway Dirt Nationals since 2016. Bloomquist went to victory lane in year one and helped to put the event on the map. Bloomquist was incredibly complimentary about the event and its staff which was high praise from the Dirt Late Model legend. Bloomquist was right in the middle of the excitement on the first prelim as well when he made heavy contact with eventual winner Shannon Babb after relinquishing the lead to



him. And Scott, maybe better than anyone else, understood the theater of the driver intros. Scott holds claim to 2 of the most memorable driver intros. Crotch Chop 2.0 was exactly the perfect response from Scott to Welshan's sign. And who could ever forget when Scott emerged from the curtains with Rico Abreu atop his shoulders. Iconic moments from our sport's biggest icon. We will all miss Scott.

Validation

When the final checkered flag flew on December 17, 2016 Gateway Dirt Nationals Promoter Cody Sommer immediately breathed a sigh of relief. His vision happened and it was a tremendous hit. What he had dreamed up had come to fruition. Immediately after the event was announced the naysayers emerged. But Sommer knew that he had assembled the right group to make the event happen. The entire staff was all in and believed in what they were doing. Sommer has kept his head down and has steadily evolved and grown the event to all new



heights. In 2024 the event is set to have a record number of Late Model entrants and potentially another record crowd on hand to watch what has become one of the sport's highest profile events.





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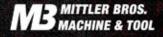
























































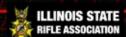






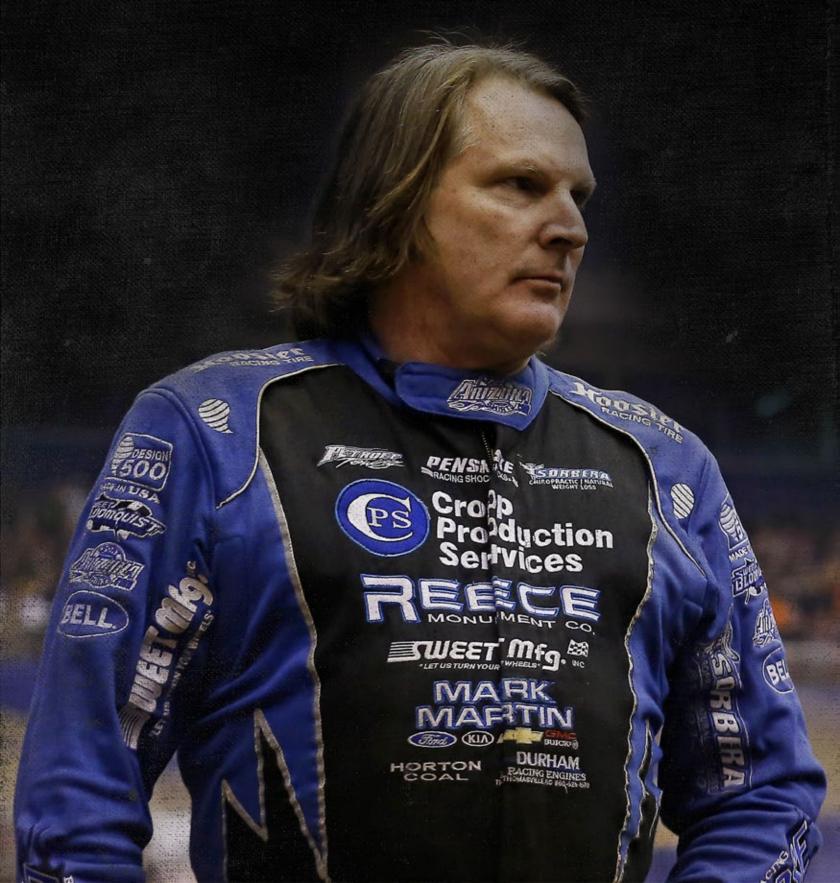






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