

Let the '09 Season Begin!

Thrive to Drive Motorsports is gearing up for the 2009 racing season, which is only weeks away! Our first race will see us at Dells Raceway Park for the ASA Midwest Tour "Race for the Gold" on April 25th.

The 2009 season will again see the #9 of Kyle Calmes competing in a full FRRC/WIR "Thursday Night Thunder" schedule, and also a full ASA Midwest Tour schedule, this year as a Touring Star! Some changes are in store for our team in '09 for both our WIR car, and the ASA MWT car, so without further adieu, we are excited to announce those changes!

2009 Team Changes

Crew & Chassis changes are established for the FRRC / WIR Thursday Night Thunder car. The team is excited to announce a new partnership in 2009 with Mike Butz Racing, that will see Kyle racing in a new 2009 Lefthander Chassis with an all-new design. Although Kyle will again be in the #9, this seasons car will be black, and lead by a new Crew Chief!

Mike Butz's son Matt will be the new Crew Chief for T2D behind the #9 at WIR. Matt Butz is no stranger to our team, and has had valuable contributions for over the past 3 years both in setup and strategy on the #9. The team is excited to have Matt on board and his knowledge of cars will be valuable as we experiment and set up the new chassis!

Matt is a second generation Crew Chief, following in his Dad's footsteps. Matt is 16 years old, and on the Honor Roll at Bayport High School. In his free time, Matt enjoys Hunting, Fishing, and (obviously) Auto Racing. Matt was in Florida this past March where he was a very active in the Hoosier / Goodyear tire testing at New Smyrna Speedway. Jeff Van Oudenhoven was Matt's biggest influence in racing, and the two have worked together on everything from fabricating to welding on a Late Model Race car.

Matt has obviously earned the respect of our team, and the confidence of Hank, who will be stepping aside on the WIR car, so that his focus can remain on the ASA Midwest Tour Series. Thrive to Drive continues to look for talented young adults such as Matt to join our organization!

2009 Sponsor Changes

Obviously this economy has affected our sponsorships. We have been working hard in the off season to secure partnerships with organizations that in turn help us achieve our goals. Most of those partnerships have been finalized, and we are excited to make those announcements!

The FRRC "Thursday Night Thunder" #9 at WIR this year will be sporting a new logo on the hood! ATCAM, Inc. of Little Chute, WI will now be featured on the hood of the #9. ATCAM has been a loyal partner of Thrive to Drive for two years running, and we welcome their increased involvement in '09! Orv's Pizza, & Bayland Buildings, Inc. also remain as major partners in 2009.

The ASA Midwest Tour car will not feature Arby's on the hood for every race this season. Unfortunately, Arby's will be scaling back their involvement in 2009. Due to that change, we will be rotating some of our other major sponsors from the FRRC/WIR car, and also feature some 'special event' sponsors at select races. Those announcements will be made throughout the season, as we are still working out most of the details.



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Most of the changes in this newsletter will be updated to thrivetodrive.com over the next week. As always, our website will keep you up to date with the latest info on the #9. We hope to get pics of the new WIR ride on the site soon as well!

2009 Bus Trip to the Dells!

Back by popular demand! 2009 will mark our 3rd Annual bus trip to see the #9 in action at an ASA Midwest Tour Event. This year, since the Milwaukee Mile will not be hosting an ASA MWT event, our luxury coach will depart for the Championship leg of the "Race for the Gold" at Dells Raceway Park in Wisconsin Dells on Saturday, September 12th. This year will feature a tailgate party specially tailored to and for #9 Kyle Calmes fans.

Mark your calendars now for the event! The trip is open to all fans on a first come / first serve basis. More info will be released as the season progresses (I know nobody wants to think of September in April).

We have already been getting questions about this trip from past attendees - it is an event not to be missed by race fans!

THANK YOU!

Thanks goes out to everyone affiliated with our organization! Our Sponsors & Marketing Partners, dedicated crew, Fans, and all those behind the scenes to make Thrive to Drive Motorsports a success! We cannot be more excited for the '09 season to get underway!

Please keep in mind to support and patronize our loyal sponsors! An updated sponsor list will be up on thrivetodrive.com very soon.

Attached is a printable copy of our complete 2009 Schedule.

Date	Event / Location	Series
April 2009		
4.25.09	Race for the Gold - Dells Raceway Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI	ASA Midwest Tour
May 2009		
5.3.09	Joe Shear Classic - Madison Int'l Speedway, Madison, WI	ASA Midwest Tour
5.16.09	Iowa Speedway 100 - Iowa Speedway, Newton, IA	ASA Midwest Tour
5.23.09	Elko 125 - Elko speedway, Elko, MN	ASA Midwest Tour
5.28.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
June 2009		
6.4.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
6.11.09	RED RACE - Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC (Bud Triple Crown)
6.18.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
6.20.09	Illiana 100 - Illiana Motor Speedway, Schererville, IN	ASA Midwest Tour
6.25.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
July 2009		
7.2.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
7.3.09	Hawkeye 100 - Hawkeye Downs Speedway, Cedar Rapids, IA	ASA Midwest Tour
7.9.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
7.16.09	WHITE RACE - Thursday Night Thunder, WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC (Bud Triple Crown)
7.18.09	Race for the Gold - Dells Raceway Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI	ASA Midwest Tour
7.23.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
7.30.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
August 2009		
8.4.09	WIR 150 - Wisconsin Int'l Raceway, Kaukauna, WI	ASA Midwest Tour
8.6.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
8.13.09	BLUE RACE - Thursday Night Thunder, WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC (Bud Triple Crown)
8.16.09	Raceway Park 100 - Raceway Park, Shakopee, MN	ASA Midwest Tour
8.20.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
8.27.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
September 2009		
9.3.09	Thursday Night Thunder - WIR, Kaukauna, WI	FRRC
9.6.09	Norway 100 - Norway Speedway, Norway, MI	ASA Midwest Tour
9.12.09	Race for the Gold - Dells Raceway Park, Wisconsin Dells, WI	ASA Midwest Tour (Bus Trip)
9.26.09	Elko 125 - Elko Speedway, Elko, MN	ASA Midwest Tour
October 2009		
10.3.09	Oktoberfest Wknd - LaCrosse Frgrnds Spdwy, West Salem, WI	ASA Midwest Tour

NOTE! Schedule is tentative and subject to change without notice. For the latest updates to our schedule, go to thrivetodrive.com.

