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## **UFO Race Championship Readies for Blastoff for 2009!**

Coming off a successful inaugural run, alliance tracks of the Unified Force Race Championship Tour have set initial dates for the 2009 schedule. The most innovative regional tour has once again assembled an exciting schedule of major events. The 2009 season will be dedicated to Shawn McGarvey, the 2008 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher in UFO points, who was recently taken away in a work-related accident.

The tour will kick off with the return of the "PENNational" at Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway at Imperial, PA on Saturday Night, June 6. This event will also be the first of 5 events where drivers will earn both UFO and UMP DIRTcar points, as well as track points. Full event payoff and details will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Miley Motor Sports is exploring the possibility of adding 410 Sprints to the program if enough Sprint teams pre-enter in the event by May 8.

The tour will come to full action in July with 3 events. Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex near Markleysburg, PA will host the "Mega-Blitz 2009" on Saturday Night, July 11. The "Mach 41"-lap, \$3,000 to win UFO Championship feature will highlight the racing program. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 point series qualifying events for September's UFO King of the Knob event at the track. The highest combined points driver from those 3 qualifying events will earn a track guaranteed starting position in the King of the Knob. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Mega-Blitz" with a new location for 2009 at Roaring Knob.

The following Saturday night, July 18<sup>th</sup>, PPMS will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Red Miley 53" paying \$5,300 to win. In a tribute to Red, the feature will also run a distance of 53 laps for the UFO/DIRTcar Super Late Models. Josh Richards and Steve Baker are the previous winners of this event.

Saturday night, July 25<sup>th</sup>, the UFO Race Championship will make its only scheduled appearance in the mountain state for the "WV/PA Border State Bullring Battle." This event will feature the first "Area 51"-lap feature of the season, paying \$4,000 to the winner. The UFO Super Late Models will be paired up with the BRP Big Block Mod Tour that night for an all-out invasion from the north. Tim Dohm from Cross Lanes WV was the winner of the 2008 UFO event at Tyler County.

The UFO Race Championship welcomes the Lernerville Speedway to the tour for 2009 on Friday Night, August 7. The "Lunarville 33" will also be UFO/DIRTcar Fan Nite, It will feature a complete UFO/DIRTcar Super Late Model program along with Lernerville's DIRTcar Sprints, Big Block Modifieds and Sportsman classes at regular admission price. The 33-lap UFO/DIRTcar Super Late Model feature will pay \$2,000 to the winner.

The next night, Saturday, August 8, the UFO/DIRTcar Super Late Models will descend again on Dirt's Monster Half-Mile for the "F-2 Shockwave." The "Shockwave" will be a tri-sanctioned event including the United Late Model Series from the Northern Tier. This unique format event will feature Twin 31-lap features with a total of \$5,000 going to the winners. In 2008, Steve Baker and Al Atallah split the thrilling wins in this event. This date will also serve as a rain date for the Red Miley 53.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "King of the Knob." This year's event is bigger than ever, paying \$6,000 to the winner of the "Area 51"-lap feature. Jeremy Miller collected the event last year over a large UFO Super Late Model field as the tour made its first ever appearance at Roaring Knob.

The 2009 tour will conclude with Pennsylvania's two major fall events. "The Pittsburger" will take place on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, September 17-18-19. Last year's "Pittsburger" was claimed to be the "best ever" by fans in attendance with the UFO format as the wide racing surface producing amazing, top-to-bottom racing the entire feature distance. Steve Baker and Davey Johnson crossed the finish line in a virtual tie with Baker being declared the winner. DIRTcar point will also be awarded for this spectacular event.

"The Ultimate" is scheduled at the Challenger Raceway on October 8-9-10. At "The Ultimate" in 2008 Jimmy Mars landed a huge payday after starting absolutely last in his heat race and 12<sup>th</sup> in the feature event. Billy Drake captured the companion "Mega-Blitz 2008" at Challenger.

The UFO Race Championship is formulated to provide race teams a reasonable schedule of well-paying events with a season ending points bonus, while providing fans excellent racing action with its superior format. Extended-lap heat races, a redraw of the top heat race qualifiers and double file restarts are the key points of the format. Only minor changes have been made to procedure rules for 2009. While provisional starting drivers will still race into the feature through the consolation, the eligible provisionals will now be determined from the top 4 non-qualified drivers that have perfect attendance on the tour. Tracks will also have the option to allow courtesy laps. The optional rule of returning lapped cars to the lead lap of the race now may be stopped at any specified lap.

Car rule changes include allowing all cars 40" deck height at all events to match that of Spec motor cars. All other open motor car rules will remain the same. Taking into consideration the differences of track sizes and configurations, two rules package options will be available for tracks to use for the Spec Motor cars in 2009. Spec motor car rules will remain unchanged for tracks using the Option 1 rules package. The Option 2 rules package will require a 2,250 weight limit for the Spec motor cars and will not permit the nose spillboard. PPMS will use the Option 2 rules package in 2009 to allow more even competition between the two motor types. An open tire rule will be in effect at all events, including those that are DIRTcar co-sanctioned. All events except the WV-PA Border State Bullring Battle at Tyler County will use RACEceiver 1 way radio communication.

Alex Ferree of Saxonburg PA was crowned the first-ever UFO Race Champion in 2008 after 10 thrilling events. Alex also claimed the 2008 Lernerville Track Championship. Alex also accomplished the remarkable feat of qualifying for every 2008 UFO event through the heat races and not having to compete in one consolation race on the tour. Jared Miley of South Park, PA claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> in points while also taking the 2008 PPMS track championship. Keith Barbara was 3<sup>rd</sup> in points and captured his biggest feature win ever for \$7,000 while competing on the tour. 4<sup>th</sup> in points was new generation star Gregg Satterlee of Rochester Mills, PA.

Shawn McGarvey of Coalport, PA finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the points, while also capturing the 2008 Dog Hollow Speedway Super Late Model championship. Shawn was lost on April 14, 2009 in a tragic work accident. Shawn captured multiple track championships at Dog Hollow Speedway and Thunder Valley Raceway as well as a Central PA Speedway track championship during his successful career.

Mike Johnson of Imperial, PA, Rodney Sweitzer from Stoystown, PA, Matt Dobnak of West Mifflin, PA, Mel Minnick, Jr. from Uniontown, PA and Steve Baker of Fairmont, WV followed in the final points standings. The top 10 were paid almost \$16,000 of bonus money just 2 weeks after the completion of "The Ultimate" at Challenger. Hoosier Tire Mid-Atlantic, Lias Tire/American Racer and Townsend Gas & Oil were 2008 sponsors, and 100% of their contributions went to the UFO points bonus fund.

Full information on the UFO Race Championship tour may be obtained at <http://uforacechampionship.com> or by emailing [ufochampionship@gmail.com](mailto:ufochampionship@gmail.com) . Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway is located just west of Pittsburgh off US 22/30 at Imperial, PA off the Noblestown exit. The track website is <http://ppms.com> , office phone 412-279-7223 and race day phone 724-695-3363 or 724-695-0393. Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex is located off US 40 between Farmington and Markelysburg, PA. The track website is <http://roaringknob.com> , office phone 412-771-0124 and track phone 724-329-0306. Tyler County Speedway is located south of Middlebourne, WV on SR 18 at the Tyler County Fairgrounds. The track website is <http://tylercountyspeedway.net> , race day phone 304-758-2660 and office phones 304-758-2934, 304-652-1557 or 304-758-0558. Lernerville Speedway is located at Sarver, PA off SR 356. Track website is <http://lernerville.com> with office and track phone 724-353-1511. The Challenger Raceway is located west of Indiana, PA at Jacksonville off SR 286. Office phone is 724-726-5494 and the track website is <http://challengerraceway.com> .

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#### 2009 Unified Force Race Championship Tour

Saturday / June 6 / PPMS / PENNational / 33 laps / \$TBA to win!  
Saturday / July 11 / Roaring Knob / Mega Blitz 2009 / Mach 41 laps / \$3,000 to win!  
Saturday / July 18 / PPMS / Red Miley 53 / 53 laps / \$5,300 to win!  
Saturday / July 25 / Tyler County / WV-PA Border State Bullring Battle / Area 51 laps / \$4,000 to win!  
Friday / August 7 / Lernerville / Lunarville 33 / 33 laps / \$2,000 to win!  
Saturday / August 8 / PPMS / F-2 Shockwave / Twin 31 laps / \$5,000 total to win!  
Saturday / September 12 / Roaring Knob / King of the Knob / Area 51 laps / \$6,000 to win!  
Thu-Fri-Sat / September 17-18-19/ PPMS / The Pittsburgher / 102 laps / \$TBA win!  
Thu-Fri-Sat/ October 8-9-10/ Challenger / The Ultimate / 91 laps / \$TBA