

Welcome to Auto Clearing Motor Speedway's Family Day! This is the first race of the year for the Super Late Models, Sask. Legends, and Sportsman divisions, and the second race for our Street Stocks. As today's focus at ACMS is on the families, we would like to introduce you to a racer, who is not a second, but third generation race car driver.

"The name Shirley entered into stock car racing back in 1960 at the Motor Dome with my Great Uncle Tom. He raced for many years which inspired both my dad, Dan Shirley and his cousin Chris Shirley. My father, Dan, started racing when he was 16 years old and after a few rough patches at the beginning, he became one of the fastest guys on the track. From 1990 to 2009 he was able to capture two Super Late Model Championships, a CASCAR Western Championship and four consecutive championships in the Sportsman division. His cousin, Chris, was also successful, winning the Sportsman Championship three out of four years between 2002 and 2005. Now the racing passion has been passed down to the 3rd generation. My brother, Connor Shirley, had a stint in go-kart racing, winning rookie of the year in junior, but has found a new passion in sledding and dirt biking. As for myself, I will be going into my 3rd year in the Sportsman division, hungrier than ever to capture the championship and hopefully start making a name for myself.



Racing is truly a family sport. As I reflect on the past, I have seen numerous family members helping out whenever we are in need. My Grandpa Mike, Great Uncle Denis, second cousin Greg Shirley and my brother Connor Shirley are just a few of these. It brings relatives together, but that's not the only way it's a family sport; As I become more and more involved with the racing community, I have built relationships with sponsors, such as the Saskatoon Co-op as well as other race teams (the Heintz's, Dyck's and Sheetka's to name a few) which has made the sport so much more fulfilling. I am truly lucky to have been born into the Shirley family and am thankful to McDonalds for hosting this event. I hope you, the fans, enjoy our Family Day." – Matthew Shirley, #12 Sportsman

As promised in our May 24th edition of the Track Talk Newsletter, Auto Clearing Motor Speedway would like to introduce you to the remainder of our announcers.

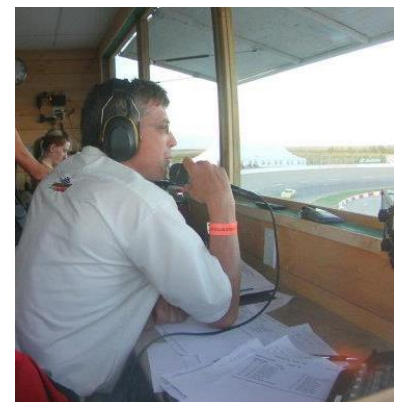
Todd Jalbert

"My name is Todd Jalbert, I'm a talkaholic.... Oh crap, wrong meeting! I have been involved with the SSCRA since the mid 90's. In the fall of 1996 I ran my first of 3 Enduro races, and then took time off to raise kids! In 2006, I participated in a street car test drive (set up and conceived by Cliff Yelland), and realized I needed to be on the track more. That winter I built a Honda Civic Mini Stock known as Spongecar Squaretires, and went on to race the #4 civic with reasonable success for 4 years. During this period I became director of junior racing and developed an active junior training program to get youth 12 to 18 years of age involved with the SSCRA. I then developed an adult orientation program, giving fans the opportunity to experience our track first hand.

In 2011 I handed Spongecar over to my 14 year old son, Zachery, and became his crew chief for 2 years. At the time the track was desperate (badly so, for they gave *me* the mic) for an announcer to fill in in the pits, so I figured I would give it a try, and I am still not sure how it went! I had no previous public speaking experience, but I did have experience with racing and the ability to talk, and talk, and talk. When the club needed someone in the tower, me being of weak mind and flappy lips, I figured I would give it a shot. I must admit that most of the time spent in the tower was quite satisfying, especially when you get to work with people like Don Pogoda and Trevor Gowen, as they truly make doing this job a whole pile of ridiculous fun.

I find that when I work in the pits, I try my best to keep the fans informed on the status of drivers and cars, and work to give the racers the 15 seconds of the glory they truly deserve. If I sense a driver is mad after an "incident", I will warn them of an impending interview, and let them collect their thoughts. I find this can provide some interesting perspectives, which I believe the fans truly appreciate. In the tower the job becomes much more intense, making sure all relevant sponsors are mentioned is of the utmost importance for the drivers.

To sum up my thoughts, I could never have imagined announcing in front of thousands of people, but having had the opportunity, it has become very rewarding and entertaining. Sometimes you just have to try something new and, hey, it might actually work out." – Todd Jalbert



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Doug Bienia

"It is very fitting that autobiography begins with the word "auto". Happenstance? Perhaps not. I grew up in Calgary where my older brother's friends all were car guys. I moved to Saskatoon to attend racing announcer school only to find out I had been lied to, and there was no such school. So, I did what any self-conscious wanna be announcer would do and signed up for veterinary school.

In reverse alphabetical order, I love my wife, my job, my farm and my car. Stock car racing is fun and rewarding. Announcing is the same. It is humbling to put to words the effort and dedication racer folks put into their craft (hobby), and to try to bring that effort to life for the fans. Winning and losing, racers have a ton of sweat and effort put into their cars that should be brought to light.

Having worked in the non-winning end of a race career most of my life, I have experienced most of the ups and all of the downs of competitive racing. This has allowed me to accumulate a veritable storehouse of feelings and experiences. Explaining or relating the pitfalls and the skills that are exhibited every night at our track becomes like second nature. Knowing what is going on in the heads of racers, and having a feel for what is involved in preparing cars to race well (or not), is an important facet of racing that I feel most race fans would like to hear about (geez, I hope I'm right on that one).

The dream sporting event that I would like to announce, sadly past now, would be the intricate but intoxicating happy dance of one Don Pogoda after Mickey (likely totally loaded) agreed to a first date. Ah, the moves we would have seen!

Enjoy racing. Make friends. Live Long.

In the words of an old Bob Dylan song, "When you see a fellow with a heavy load, be nice, and that house across the road may not be paradise". – Doug Bienia



Stan Reddekopp

"My name is Stan Reddekopp and I have been addicted to racing since 1997! My sister brought me to the races when I was seven years old to watch Earl Harms, Tun Harms, Garth Hazelhurst, Al Bakke, and Walley Eby. That's when I fell in love with racing, the addiction came later. I started racing back at the old track, where I ran a few Enduros and Thunder Stock races. From there I moved to Street Stocks and then Pro Trucks.



I started announcing as Matt Bradley's infield reporter at the new track. It was a blast! I was able to be in the pits when I wasn't racing and get to know everyone on a more personal level. From there I moved into the tower for a couple of years and was privileged to work with the AMAZING Don Pogoda! For the last few years, I chose to be in my boys' pit crew while they raced.

Challenges as a track announcer are dead air, and making sure all the corporate sponsors get their names mentioned. They make this place happen along with the fans so it's a triangle you have to take care of; 1. Sponsors, 2. Fans, 3. The performers (drivers). Dead air is always fun when you work with Don Pogoda. He has the best jokes and you

have to be ready for them. Maybe me and Don have the same sense of humour, I'm not sure. Thank you for the opportunity to announce at ACMS, I am looking forward to an amazing year of racing!" – Stan Reddekopp



Mini Stock		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#95 Robin Boomsma	87
2	#92 Brennan Kirton	84
3	#1 Scott Barrand	76
4	#41 Jamie Tataryn	72
5	#4 Shawn Magee	69
6	#25 Tanner Reimer	65
7	#88 Tom Smith	56
8	#23 Cole Nixey	29

Street Stock		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#44 Craig Katelnikoff	87
2	#42 Nicole Sheetka	81
3	#81 Curtis Houben	77
4	#18 Mike Rea	73
5	#22 Ryan Fredrickson	68
6	#15 Todd Pluhator	65
7	#3 Ron Eby	53
8	#8 Alvin Dube	17
9	#9 Justin Tooley	14

Pro Truck		
Pos	Driver	Points
1	#10 Kevin Dyck	91
2	#19 Aaron Anderson	88
3	#67 Ken Ross	86
4	#18 Bill Zubrecki	81
5	#12 Aaron Deagnon	77
6	#93 Neil Schneider	75
7	#51 Luc Haukaas	74
8	#49 Shantel Firth	66
-	#7 Darnell Schick	66
-	#14 Wade Wohlford	66
11	#94 Mickey & Ben Pogoda	65
12	#15 Andrew Hardy	54
-	#88 Brad Wrennick	54
14	#8 Andrew Clewes	52
15	#83 Ken Bone	47
16	#55 Ian McLean	29
17	#01 Alex Leschenko	27