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## 2009 USLMRA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In the spring of 2008, I posed the following questions as gas prices rose and our nation began to feel the pinch of what we now call the "economic downturn."

*Where does lawn mower racing fit into the family budget? Are racers going to travel as far as they once did to compete? Are host venue budgets going to constrict?*

Lawn mower racing continues to grow and there is a place for it in the family budget. Some racers continue to travel long distances, but there are many new racers staying closer to home. Host venues are still looking for affordable entertainment, although working with much tighter budgets, and turn to lawn mower racing as an affordable event to add to their entertainment roster.

Racers are also looking for the most value for their tight budgets, which also has upside potential for our sport. We are still the most affordable motorsport out there, the most participatory and the easiest to get into.

More than ever, sponsors are looking for affordable events and properties to support while realizing return on investment. Our two new partners, Anti Monkey Butt Powder and K&N Filters are good examples of that.

One year ago, I touted the USLMRA Affiliated Club Program as an excellent system to grow our sport in an affordable, flexible manner. The fact that we are up to 43 Chapters and Clubs is proof that we are on the right track with our Affiliated Club program.

This year we will televise the STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals on both Fox Sports Net and Outdoor Channel. In addition to the TV presence for our racers and media return for our sponsors, our association has been offering pass-through rights to USLMRA members seeking individual Race Team sponsors by offering banner and signage opportunities at our televised events.

USLMRA also continues to set the pace with forward-thinking programs. Our inaugural Performance Mowersports Expo in 2008 and the creation of the National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum of America to debut during 2009 STA-BIL Nationals Weekend are two prime examples of our leadership and vision.

Congratulations to Jayson Mikula, for his Three-Peat (2006, 2007, 2008) as BP Class Triple Crown Winner (Winner in US Points Class, STA-BIL Finals, Challenge of Champions) and to Kevin Penne, Triple Crown Winner in FX Class.

I applaud Jim Mikula as 2008 Driver of the Year (featured on the front cover), Jason Brown, Most Improved Driver, Kurtis Ast, Rookie of the Year and Christian Jones, JP Rookie of the Year. Way to mow to Dave Hertel Award Winner Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan, Charles Powell Award Winner Jim Witt and Dubba G Every Man Award Winner Al "Lawn Monkey" Minaker. See you at the track!

Bruce Kaufman  
USLMRA Founder & President  
May 15, 2009



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UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION



# **U.S. LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACING HALL OF FAME**

In an effort to continue to legitimize the sport it brought to America in 1992, the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) has announced the creation of the USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum of America.

"Every legitimate sport and endeavor has a Hall of Fame," said Bruce Kaufman, USLMRA Founder and President, also known as "Mr. Mow It All." "Now lawn mower racing takes its' rightful place along such noble American pastimes as baseball, country music, motorcycle racing, pinball, juggling, trivia and quilting with a place to honor ingenuity and mowtivation."

The location of the USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum of America. its and Inaugural Inductees will be announced on the 4th of July with Induction Ceremonies to take place Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 5-6 at the 17th annual STA-BIL Nationals in Delaware, Ohio.

Founded on April 1, 1992, the USLMRA sanctions and presents organized lawn mower racing across America including the 18-race STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series and a network of 42 Local Chapters and Affiliated Clubs hosting more than 140 sanctioned races nationwide each year. Races feature riding lawn mowers with cutting blades removed at speeds up to 60 mph. Lawn mowers race in four road course classes: Stock (8 mph), IMOW (20 mph), Prepared (50 mph) and Factory Experimental (60 mph).

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# 2009 STA-BIL NATIONAL LAWN MOWER RACING SERIES SCHEDULE

## USLMRA NATIONAL POINTS RACES

May 30-31, LaPorte County, IN  
STA-BIL Off Road Truck & Tractor Nationals

June 13-14, Barbourville, KY  
STA-BIL Kentucky Blue Grass Spring Nationals, Barbourville, KY  
Chapter Host: East Tennessee Lawn Mower Racing Association

June 19-20, Zion, IL  
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July 18-19, Sparta, MI  
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## USLMRA SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

### DRIVER OF THE YEAR

2002, Tim Hamilton, Alabama  
2003, Janet Witt, Florida  
2004, George Herrin, Tennessee  
2005, Jayson Mikula, Michigan  
2006, Troy Larson, Michigan  
2007, Pat Sullivan, Florida  
2008, Jim Mikula, Michigan

### MOST IMPROVED DRIVER OF THE YEAR

2002, George Herrin, Tennessee  
2003, Tim Robison, Texas  
2004, Jayson Mikula, Michigan  
2005, Tracy Donihue, Michigan  
2006, Tom Ast, Florida  
2007, Becky Kuhfeldt, Florida  
2008, Jason Brown, Maryland

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (ADULT)

2002, Rich Yeager, Florida  
2003, Tim Ragsdale, Tennessee  
2004, Tanya Ragsdale, Tennessee  
2005, Craig Pond, Michigan  
2006, Kyle Ast, Florida  
2007, Tom Berkey, Florida  
2008, Kurtis Ast, Florida

### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (JUNIOR PREPARED)

2008, Christian Jones, Maryland

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# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION USLMRA HONORARY AWARDS PROGRAM



USLMRA Honorary Awards are bestowed upon one USLMRA member, staff member, volunteer or related person who epitomizes the spirit of our dear, departed friends.

USLMRA members, staff, volunteers and related parties are eligible for the Award. USLMRA members, staff, volunteers and related parties can submit an essay, in writing, nominating a person who is deserving of these honors. Essays can be submitted in any written format, and must be submitted direct to Bruce Kaufman, USLMRA President. All entries submitted by 5:00 PM on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend (STA-BIL Nationals Weekend) will be considered.

The USLMRA President will select the Honorees. The Honoree will be announced at the Racer Banquet during STA-BIL Nationals Weekend. The Nominators and actual Honorees do not have to be present.

## USLMRA HONORARY AWARD WINNERS

### DAVE HERTEL MOWTIVATION AWARD

2005, Art Neavill, Michigan  
2006, Mike Leonard, Ohio  
2007, Jim Mikula, Michigan  
2008, Pat Sullivan, Florida

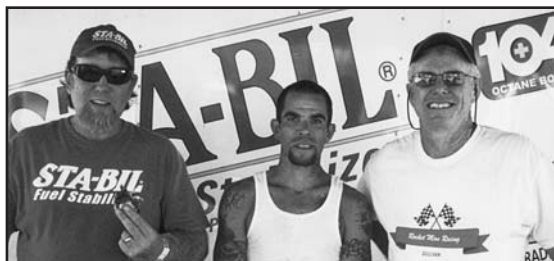
### CHARLES POWELL

#### MR. MOWJANGLES AWARD

2007, Manny Torres, Maryland  
2008, Jim Witt, Florida

### THE DUBBA G EVERYMAN AWARD

2007, Tim Robison, Texas  
2008, Al Minaker, Wisconsin



L-R, 2008 Charles Powell Mr Mowjangles Award Winner Jim Witt, 2008 Dubba G Everyman Award Winner Al Minaker, 2008 Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award Winner Pat Sullivan



L-R, 2008 Driver of the Year Jim Mikula, 2008 JP Rookie of the Year Christian Jones, 2008 Rookie of the Year Kurtis Ast, 2008 Most Improved Driver of the Year Jason Brown

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## DUBBA G EVERYMAN AWARD

"I was put here to make others happy. I believed in myself so others could." Dubba G

From Dubba G, himself:

1. We are looking for people with dedication, integrity and conviction to stand up for what they believe, even when unpopular.
2. The candidate will carry a positive disposition. Obviously, game face before the race doesn't count.
3. Actions on the track, including driving style, will show gentlemanly demeanor - not necessarily always deferring to other drivers, but not creating unsafe situations. Their competitive spirit needs to be tempered with a "spirit of a sound mind." Intentionally running people off the track, running into or bumping and/or ignoring the Safety Crew repeatedly will disqualify a candidate.
4. Candidates are willing to help others. When times of need arise, sacrifice is not uncommon and being willing to volunteer, add a hand, and step up to the plate.
5. Enthusiasm is key. They want to be here, at the race, in the paddock, at the driver's meeting. Their excitement will help the group's positive energy grow and surge just by their presence. Similar to #2, but more encompassing. People like being around the candidate or at least don't mind their presence.
6. General knowledge of what's going on on race day, race track, in the paddock, in general. This would imply that first month rookies may not fully qualify, but depending on their learning curve, they could be in the running. This doesn't mean they have to know everything, but a good solid understanding of how things work is the basic idea.
7. Most important, at least to me, is their Sense of Fair Play. We have all seen racers over the years that possess some or a few of these qualities, but when bump comes to shove, this particular attribute gets left behind or thrown out the window, depending on the situation. This applies on the track, negotiations during the rules committee, arguments about rules infractions and who gets the last beer after the race.
8. Comes prepared to help. Spare parts, rope to hang clothes, share knowledge, extra mower to run on race day in order to keep accumulating points for the season. Having made preparations to help others in advance, knowing someone will need something. #4 shows the willingness, #8 exhibits the forethought to add extra supplies, etc.
9. One of the traditions I enjoyed most was having a steak and a beer (or mower) after the race. I know most people want to run home. But there are always a few that will stick around or meet you on the way to the airport. This one is a bit hard to wrap your arms around, but I think this is part of the mix.
10. I always preferred plaques. Trophies can be hard to store, but there's always room for a plaque - a lot less dusting along with less space used.

## CHARLES POWELL MR. MOWJANGLES AWARD

Charles Powell was the driving force behind the USLMRA Local Chapter System. His support, guidance and forward-thinking are what has made the LC System so successful.

Charles was a fortunate man. The three things he loved most in the world were his family, his job and lawnmower racing. How many people can say they spend their days doing what they love, in one capacity or another?

Charles loved everything about lawnmower racing: the preparation, travel, excitement, the adrenaline rush and, most especially, the people. He also loved doing whatever he could to make the sport better. He was constantly thinking, mulling, tweaking – just trying, in some small way, to make it something for everyone. No one will ever know how much of himself he gave.

This award is exciting because it means someone who is working just as diligently as Charles always did will be recognized. If the recipient is anything like Charles, he/she is pretty much behind the scenes and wants no recognition, which is all the more reason for accolades.

These are the people who make things happen and keep things running smoothly, yet no one knows unless something goes wrong. They spend countless hours arranging, meeting, editing, mediating, putting in physical labor, on the telephone, sacrificing time with family and friends and sometimes sacrificing their own dollars to make the Local Chapters work. They step up when called upon and just roll up their sleeves and get to work. They are leaders, and like many good leaders, they stand back when it is time for applause.

With this award comes a small token of appreciation for all the work that goes into this crazy, wonderful sport of lawnmower racing. As long as these people are willing to continue to give of themselves it will only get better and better. Tyler & Crystal, Cody, Mama MOWjangles and I can think of no better way to honor him.

## DAVE HERTEL MOWTIVATION AWARD

Named in honor of USLMRA Tech Inspector and "everybody's good friend" Dave Hertel. "Words fail to describe how I feel after having read this email. My only thought is what a wonderful honor to be bestowed on my husband. I know without a doubt Dave would have a smile the size of Texas and, of course, be indulging in the greatest award of lawnmower racing, "BRAGGING RIGHTS."

Have a safe racing season. Thank you so much for forwarding messages from the racers. It brings peace to my heart. May everyone love the sport and keep it safe, competitive and friendly."

Yolie Hertel

I am deeply touched that there is an award for my father Dave Hertel. I know he would be proud, and he probably is. May his spirit and his legend live on in the lawn mower community.

Thanks to all.

Dawn Teska (Dave's daughter)





**2008 US POINTS CHAMPIONS****JP-JUNIOR PREPARED****KIDS AGES 10-15**

- 1st Nolan Goad
- 2nd Kari Ast
- 3rd Carrie Goad
- 4th Matt Kirkendoll
- 5th John Michael Bell
- 6th Christian Jones
- 7th Mariah Peeler
- 8th Katie Jones
- 8th Dawn Filos
- 10th Lauren Filos

**SP**

- 1st Bill Vinka, Jr
- 2nd Kenneth Williams
- 3rd Wally Bender
- 4th Troy Larson
- 5th Richard Webb
- 6th Tyler Frazier
- 7th Joe Pearce
- 8th Kurtis Ast
- 8th Jackie Andrews
- 10th Jason Brown

**BP**

- 1st Jayson Mikula
- 2nd Jason Brown
- 3rd Tom Ast
- 4th Michael Formentini
- 5th James Mikula
- 6th Rodney Peeler
- 7th Darin (Doc) Kuhfeldt
- 8th Chuck Miller
- 8th Joseph Nahas
- 10th Richard Webb

*STA-BIL Series US Points Champion Trophies***IMOW**

- 1st Michael Paccione
- 2nd Sid Whiteside
- 3rd Dr. Art Neavill
- 4th Charles Bowen
- 5th Bryan Wood
- 6th Pat Sullivan
- 7th Bill Barkoczy
- 8th Steve Winkler
- 8th Richard Dean Port
- 10th Paul Breeson

**CP**

- 1st John Vinka
- 2nd Don Gienger
- 3rd Donald Whitehead
- 4th Scott Thieme
- 5th Michael Formentini
- 6th Kyle Bridger
- 7th Pat Sullivan
- 8th Freddy Burt
- 8th William Campbell
- 10th Tommy Hawley

**FX**

- 1st Kevin Penne
- 2nd Mike Miller
- 3rd Manny Kuhl
- 4th Becky Kuhfeldt
- 5th Greg Honchell
- 6th Jayson Mikula
- 7th Tracy Donihue
- 8th Pete Sullivan
- 8th Allen Minaker
- 10th Bryan Wood

*IMOW US Points Champions***AP**

- 1st Pat Sullivan
- 2nd Dale Becker
- 3rd Glenn Bridger
- 4th Pete Sullivan
- 5th Janet Witt
- 6th Joe Pearce
- 7th Tony Thompson
- 8th Wally Bender
- 8th Bill Barkoczy
- 10th Kary Koellicker

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**2008 STA-BIL CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS****JP**

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2nd Carrie Goad  
3rd Dawn Filos  
4th Kari Ast  
5th Lauren Filos

**AP**

1st Dale Becker  
2nd Pat Sullivan  
3rd Matthew Tucker  
4th Thomas Lavalette  
5th Wally Bender

**CP**

1st Don Whitehead  
2nd Don Gienger  
3rd Tommy Hawley  
4th Michael Formentini  
5th Jon Frey

**FX**

1st Kevin Penne  
2nd Chuck Miller  
3rd Jayson Mikula  
4th Tracy Donihue  
5th Kyle Ast

**IMOW**

1st Bryan Wood  
2nd Wally Bender  
3rd Steve Winker  
4th Michael Paccione  
5th Matthew Helser

**SP**

1st Timothy Luell  
2nd Tyler Frazier  
3rd Ronald Sowers  
4th Kurtis Ast  
5th David Martin

**BP**

1st Jayson Mikula  
2nd James Mikula  
3rd Chuck Miller  
4th Tom Ast  
5th Bobby Cleveland

*IMOW Challenge Winners**AP Challenge Winners**BP Challenge Winners**CP Challenge Winners**JP Challenge Winners**FX Challenge Winners**SP Challenge Winners***East Tennessee Lawnmower Racing Association**

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 2nd 497 John Michael Bell  
 3rd 164 Matt Kirkendoll  
 4th 842 Christian Jones  
 5th 97 Mariah Peeler

**SP**

- 1st 355 Kenneth Williams  
 2nd 129 Wally Bender  
 3rd 264 Bill Vinka, Jr.  
 4th 012 Tyler Frazier  
 5th 2L Troy Larson

**FX**

- 1st 104 Kevin Penne  
 2nd 16 Mike Miller  
 3rd 109 Matt Tucker  
 4th 273 Kyle Ast  
 5th 52 Greg Honchell

**IMOW**

- 1st 906 Michael Paccione  
 2nd 7 Dr. Art Neavill  
 3rd 614 Bobby Cleveland  
 4th 58 Steve Winkler  
 5th 830 Bryan Wood

**CP**

- 1st 227 Don Whitehead  
 2nd 3 Don Gienger  
 3rd 222 John Vinka  
 4th 83F Michael Formentini  
 5th 569 Scott Thieme

**AP**

- 1st 006 Pat Sullivan  
 2nd 30 Dale Becker  
 3rd 39 Matthew Tucker  
 4th 102 Wyatt Sowers  
 5th 808 Joe Pearce

**BP**

- 1st 4 Jayson Mikula  
 2nd 104 Chuck Miller  
 3rd 938 Robert Sparbel  
 4th 16 Bobby Cleveland  
 5th 839 Joey Nahas

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# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION USLMRA ANNOUNCES TV DEALS WITH FOX SPORTS NET AND OUTDOOR CHANNEL



The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association will again make motorsports history when the 17th annual STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals, September 5, 2009 in Delaware, Ohio, is taped for both Outdoor Channel and Fox Sports Net (FSN).

Also known as the STA-BIL Nationals, the Labor Day Weekend races will be taped for the new FSN On the Track series and is scheduled to air Sunday, September 27, 2009 11am ET/10amCT/8am PT.

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2009 marks the 4th year of the STA-BIL Nationals televised on Outdoor Channel, as part of the *Motor Mania* series airing in the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2009.



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L-R, Veteran USLMRA Racing Champions Mike Miller and Kevin Penne spoke at Career Day at a Chicago area junior high school this spring, turning on the next generation of lawn mower racers to America's Fastest Mowing Sport.



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# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION FOND MEMORIES BY MANNY TORRES



*Manny Torres*

## *Fellow Racers,*

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on my time as National Chief Steward for the United States Lawn Mower Association from 2006-2008.

This was a time during my affiliation with lawn mower racing that I will never forget. Without a doubt the best time of my sporting life. Meeting, working and learning from some of the greatest individuals in the sport, this was an experience I'll cherish for the rest of my life.

The individual racers who I had witnessed in years past and admired, it was truly an honor to get to know them up close and develop a bond that I feel no other sport has.

## **SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD A POSITIVE INFLUENCE:**

Charles Powell: selecting me for this position then training me.

Bobby Cleveland: trying to mentor me in Skoaling and dealing with the Media (I think he failed the latter).

Chuck Miller: with his calm and cool personality and love for the sport.

Jim Witt: his compassion for the sport, always wanting to do the right thing.

Janet Witt: for her morale, courage and strength.

Al Minaker: The Lawn Monkey; for his determination on the track.

The Mikula Family: for what family values stand for, and their charity support, without a doubt a true American Family.

Doc Kuhfeldt: his dedication and willingness to help any one in the pits.

Art Neavill: WOW, what a Man, intelligent, feisty, competitive, outspoken but yet compassionate, determined. A man of wisdom and most importantly supportive. An individual you could always talk to and would listen to what you wanted to say.

Bill & Johnny Vinka: no one could ask for better friends, always just a phone call away, brothers who I always looked forward to seeing, knowing they would keep me from losing my composure.

Kevin Penne & Mike Miller: Two individuals that many get the wrong impression about. Extremely competitive individuals, but two of the best people to be around, two of the best drivers in the sport.

## **INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE:**

None

## **SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS:**

### Brooke Highline:

The true unsung hero, for her never ending work at Mow Central to keep us all straight and for always being there when needed.

### Kerry Evans:

No words can express my gratitude for this individual, always there when I needed him, always willing to listen, and just simply one of the greatest individuals in the sport of Lawn Mower Racing. I couldn't have been successful (I think I was) without him there at every race and always looking out for me.

### Bruce Kaufman:

What can I say. He put his trust in me, allowed me to do what I felt was the right thing, always standing behind me, and allowed me to be in control once the driver meeting was over. He gave me the opportunity to do something I dreamed of doing since attending my first National event years ago. When he did question me, he would always listen to what I had to say with an open mind. If it weren't for me wanting to get back on the track, I would have loved to continue working for him as Chief Steward! And this I say sincerely.

### My Wife:

A very special person! She supported me in my venture as Chief Steward even though I was gone much of the summer months. Maybe at times she wasn't a happy person; but she never made it to a point where she wanted me to quit. I couldn't have and wouldn't have done it without her support.

As most of you know this was a position that I humbly accepted and took very seriously. Though there were times I had to make decisions that were not popular and I may have lost some friends because of them, I always had the best interest of all of the racers. When I was wrong, I admitted the mistakes.

Arriving to the track days ahead to ensure all was set for racers was my favorite part. Laying hay bales, Teching, Flagging, laying the loop, generally setting everything up, helping my Battle Buddy Kerry set up and tear down, and greeting everyone as they arrived were my general rules of engagement for each event. So you want to be a Chief Steward? Go for it—you'll never forget the experience, friends, and memories. I know I never will.

Thank you all for your support and friendship; I love you all!

Manny Torres

Former National Chief Steward 2006-2008

Current USLMRA

National Tech Director

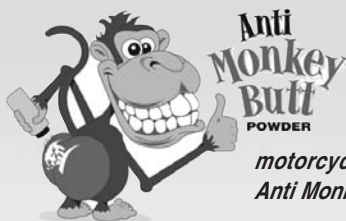


*Mower with parachute*





# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION ANTI MONKEY BUTT POWDER PARTNERS WITH USLMRA



The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) has announced a sponsorship with Anti Monkey Butt Powder and Lawn Monkey Racing.

Anti Monkey Butt Powder is specially formulated to absorb excess sweat and reduce frictional skin irritation. It's Calamine-based formula is ideal for butt busting activities such as truck driving, motorcycling, bicycling, horse back riding, extreme sports – and now lawn mower racing. Anti Monkey Butt Powder is available at Ace Hardware, Tractor Supply, Rite Aid Drug and other fine stores.

Anti Monkey Butt Powder has also signed on "The Lawn Monkey," Al Minaker of Turtle Lake, Wisconsin as Official Spokesman for the Anti Monkey Butt Lawn Mower Racing Team.

"I've been racing mowers with the USLMRA for five years and am a proud member of the Wisconsin Lawn Mower Racing Association (WILMRA)," said Minaker, who has become a favorite among the many children who attend USLMRA events. "We're going to promote a great product, have fun and kick some grass!"

Anti Monkey Butt Powder and Lawn Monkey Racing will be featured on USLMRA telecasts on Fox Sports Net and the Outdoor Channel this fall and will have a prominent display at the 2nd Annual Performance Mowersports Expo during the 17th annual STA-BIL Nationals Weekend, Sept. 3-5 (Labor Day Weekend) in Delaware, Ohio.

In 2008, Minaker finished second in Factory Experimental (FX) Class points for WILMRA and 9th in national points in the STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series. He also received the 2008 USLMRA Dubba G Everyman Award, an annual honor in memory of a departed USLMRA racer. He was also voted 2006 WILMRA Most Improved Driver. Minaker races a 1968 Bradford Wildcat, powered by a Cooter-built 28-cubic inch Overhead Valve Briggs & Stratton motor, with a top speed of around 60 mph.



Al Minaker, AMB Mower

## USLMRA LAND SPEED RECORD

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Formentini, President of the Dixie Lawn Mower Racing Association, who set a Land Speed Record of 70.070 mph to claim the Title of World's Fastest Lawn Mower at the Texas Mile. Michael set the record during the October 26-26 Land Speed Record Weekend at the Texas Mile in Goliad, Texas. Way to mow Michael.



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# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION K&N FILTERS JOINS USLMRA



K&N Filters has teamed up with the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) and Ken Jones Racing for the 2009 STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series. K&N Engineering, of Riverside, California, is the inventor and leading innovator of reusable cotton gauze filter technology for automotive applications. K&N is a family-owned business with an enthusiastic mindset and a direct connection with motor sports that carries over throughout all levels of management and manufacturing.

K&N is a sales and brand leader for performance filters, and maintains a catalogue of over 3,500 part numbers, including an extensive line of both factory replacement drop-in filters, FIPK (Fuel Injection Performance Kit) applications, and its line of innovative Performance Gold oil filters. K&N is well known for its line of high-flow intake systems, high-flow air filters and wrench-off oil filters.

Ken Jones of Mendota, Illinois will also be Official Spokesman for the K&N Filters Lawn Mower Racing Team. Jones is a 15-year USLMRA racing veteran, USLMRA Steering Committee Member, Race Director and President of the Illinois Lawn Mower Racing Association.

"It's an honor to be selected to represent K&N Filters," said Jones who races the Number 6 A-Prepared (AP) mower. "Now USLMRA lawn mower racing can take its place among the world-class racing organizations that K&N supports." Ken also races with his daughter, Katie, who competes in the Junior Prepared Class.

K&N Filters and Ken Jones Racing will be featured on USLMRA telecasts on Fox Sports Net and the Outdoor Channel this fall and will have a prominent display at the 2nd Annual Performance Mowersports Expo during the 17th annual STA-BIL Nationals Weekend, Sept. 3-5 (Labor Day Weekend) in Delaware, Ohio.



Ken Jones

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# **DELMARVA**

## **Lawnmower Racing Association 2009**

Greetings from the Delmarva Lawnmower Racing Association.

2008 once again proved to be a successful Delmarva Lawnmower Racing season. During the 2008 season we continued to provide the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia regions with competitive, safe, fun and family-oriented races.

As the Delmarva-LMRA continues to grow, several of our members once again proved that they can venture out to any US Points race and run with the best. Prime examples were: Jason Brown, Wally Bender, Joey and Vicky Nahas, Christian Jones, Dawn and Lauren Filos, Jackie Andrews, and Paul Bresson, whom all raced to top ten finishes nationally and raced to top ten finishes in the Sta-Bil Finals in Delaware, Ohio this past Labor Day weekend. Congratulations to all.

A special congratulation goes out to the following for being voted as USLMRA 2008 National Most Improved by their racing peers:

Jason Brown (BP)

Christian Jones (JP)

What major accomplishments for Delmarva, 11 mowers at Nationals, with all drivers receiving recognition in their classes!

We continued with our traditional Season Championships Finale which was held at the Laurel Moose Lodge in Laurel, Maryland. This event was sponsored By Apple Ford, M&T Bank, County National Bank, Bank of Glen Burnie, Mid Atlantic Deck & Fence Co. , Raybestos Brake Lining , Valvoline Oil , Exide Battery Co. , U-Haul Corp.-Chicago, ILL, Perone Performance and Line-X Bed liners .

Champions were crowned in all classes and presented beautiful Championship Trophies.

### **2008 POINTS CHAMPIONS:**

JP Champion: Christian Jones  
IMOW Champion: Vickie Nahas  
AP Champion: Carmel Libercci  
SP Champion: Jackie Andrews  
CP Champion: John Hyatt (PA)  
BP Champion: Joey Nahas  
FX Champion; Manny Torres

### **2008 SPECIAL AWARDS:**

Delmarva End of Year Awards:  
Driver of the Year: Vickie Nahas  
Most Improved Driver: Christian Jones  
Rookie of the Year: Carmel Libercci  
Delmarva President's Award: Mike Boris

In support of the USLMRA Sta-Bil Points Series, Delmarva once again co-hosted along with Tommy and Tina Bowles of Bowles Farm LLC, a Double Header in July. This year racing was held on Friday and Saturday evenings. Weather was great and racers from throughout the country made the journey to this beautiful part of Maryland to provide the crowd with 2 days of spectacular racing.

With the spectator area full (about 9,000) to capacity on both days, it turned out to be an overwhelming success. A sincere thanks to all who attended and we look forward to returning again this year.

The 2009 season is shaping up to be a challenging and competitive season. Once again on July 31-August 1 we will support Tommy and Tina Bowles, our hosts at the Sta-Bil US National Points Double header at Bowles Farm. Racers, I will mention once again, if you haven't been there before, you have really missed out on a first class event. As always I extend this invitation to all racers and hope to see you there.

A major event on our schedule will be held in Laurel, Maryland on Sept 19th. Mr Clyde Williams (with assistance from Joey Nahas), has been working on this event for months and it is turning out to be a major LC event for Delmarva. So if you are looking for a race after Nationals this looks like something you won't want to miss. Details will be posted on all group sites as the event nears.

We will close out the 2009 season with the Delmarva Region Championships, to be held once again in Laurel, Maryland. As in years past Mike and Mary Lou Boris not only put on a terrific event with a fabulous and challenging track, but all proceeds are forwarded to many charities in their area. So if you happen to have an open date on your calendar, Mow On Down to Delmarva Country, with your Mower in tow, and stop by to join us on the track and enjoy the hospitality of the Mike and Mary Lou and the Delmarva Turf Warriors. We'd be glad to have you!

Congratulations to all!

We look forward to seeing everyone during the 2009 season!

Manny Torres,  
President of Delmarva-LMRA  
USLMRA "Mow To Guy"  
USLMRA National Tech Director



*L-R, David Hill won First Place in the Specialty Vehicle Class at the 2009 Dallas AutoRama Show. Carol Campbell won Second Place and Robbie Trimm took Third Place*





## GONZO GO TO FUND

As announced at the 2007 STA-BIL Nationals Weekend, funds are being created to honor the memory of late great Mike "Gonzo" Leonard, 2006 Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award Winner, who passed away in 2007. Mike loved to "go to" races, so to honor Mike, a monetary sum will be given by random selection to one (1) racer in each USLMRA Class during STA-BIL Nationals Weekend in honor of Mike "Gonzo" Leonard.

### THE MOWTIVATED HILLBILLIES, ANZA, CALIFORNIA

*The Mowtivated Hillbillies are based in Anza, California, and are under the direction of Bud Elmore, who races with his son. Let's hear from Bud himself:*



*2 BUDZ Racing, Bud Elmore and Bud, Jr. show off what it's all about!*

Others have expressed the same sentiments that I feel but it can't be said enough. I have been in one form of racing or another for the past 35 years; those include everything from bicycles to top fuel funny cars. Currently I enjoy building street rods and lawnmowers-who'd a thunk that? In my years of dealing with politics and rules which have to be met of course in racing, I have never been involved with a more down-to-earth as well as personable group of people than those I have met in the USLMRA.

This stuff is fun instead of work! As a new Affiliated Club we have developed new friendships as well as a new outlook on racing. It's not how fast you can go, but how much fun you can have while doing it. Approaching 50 now I have a new respect for speed and what it can do for you which now is a lot more enjoyable. My only regret is I wish that I discovered lawnmower racing years ago.

Sincerely and thankfully,  
Bud Elmore founder of "The Mowtivated Hillbillies" from SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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# ***THE IMOW LAWN MOWER DRIVING EXPERIENCE***



The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) has announced a new program designed to encourage participation in the rapidly growing sport of lawn mower racing: The IMOW Lawn Mower Driving Experience.

Now spectators at some of the 140+ USLMRA-sanctioned lawn mower races across the country will get to experience the thrill that is taking America by storm, USLMRA lawn mower racing.

Would-be Sod Warriors will complete a Driving School covering mower operations, track safety and flags and will then take to the turf to race in a USLMRA-legal IMOW class racing lawn mower. At the conclusion of the Experience, the newly-minted Turf Titans will receive a Certificate of Completion suitable for framing...in the garage.

The USLMRA IMOW Class is an entry-level class designed to provide a safe opportunity to demonstrate driver ability when in competition with essentially identical mowers. This is a highly regulated class to insure uniformity between machines.

Mowers will be provided by USLMRA Race Officials and drivers, ensuring as close to a real-race experience as possible.

Mowers are full-size lawn tractors, front engine, steering column behind the motor, and a stamped steel frame with engines governed at 3650 maximum RPM (no load). IMOW mowers run single- cylinder valve-in block engines, not to exceed factory rating of 15 horsepower. All cutting blades are removed. Top speeds are around 18 mph.

Founded in 1992, the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) sanctions and presents organized lawn mower racing across America, including the 18-race STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series and a network of 45 Local Chapters and Affiliated Clubs hosting more than 140 sanctioned races nationwide. Races feature riding lawn mowers with cutting blades removed at speeds up to 60 mph. Lawn mowers race in four road course classes with all cutting blades removed: Stock (8 mph), IMOW (20 mph), Prepared (50 mph) and Factory Experimental (60 mph). USLMRA lawn mower racing is featured on the Discovery Channel, Fox Sports Net and Outdoor Channel.

For more information visit [www.letsnow.com](http://www.letsnow.com).



*Paul Boggs from Gilmer Texas (l) participated in the IMOW Driving Experience in Longview, Texas on April 11, 2009. He received his Certificate of Completion from John Nelson President of Lone Star Mower Racing Association.*

## ***U.S. LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION***

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| <b>WHAT</b>      | 17-event US Points Series featuring riding lawn mowers with cutting blades removed at speeds from 5-60 mph. 32 Local Chapters and Affiliated Clubs hosting more than 130 sanctioned races nationwide.  |
| <b>WHEN</b>      | Year-round, hosted by fairs, festivals, non-profit groups and racetracks. Annual STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals and Challenge of Champions, Labor Day Weekend, Delaware, MOWhio.   |
| <b>WHERE</b>     | Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.                    |
| <b>MOW INFO</b>  | Formed 1992. Nation's oldest and largest National Lawn Mower Racing Sanctioning Body. There are more than 500 USLMRA members nationwide. Lawn mowers race in four road course classes with all cutting blades removed: Stock (10 mph), IMOW (20 mph), Prepared (50 mph) and Factory Experimental (60 mph). |
| <b>TV</b>        | Outdoor Channel, three (3) 30-minute shows (2006-2008), Speed Channel, "Lucas Oil on the Edge"(2006-2008), ESPN2 (2004-05) Produced by Master's TV, Bristol, TN.   |
| <b>SPONSORS:</b> | STA-BIL Fuel Stabilizer, 104+ Octane Boost, HEET Gasline Antifreeze, Diesel Power!, Alumaseal, No Leak Automotive Sealers.   |



***2009 STA-BIL Lawnmower Racing Series***





# UNITED STATES LAWN MOWER RACING ASSOCIATION USLMRA ANNOUNCES 2ND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MOWERSPORTS EXPO



The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) has announced the 2nd Annual Performance Mowersports Expo (PME) to be held during the 17th annual STA-BIL Nationals, Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Sunday, September 4-6, 2009 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio.

The Performance Mowersports Expo will bring together manufacturers, suppliers, builders and related product and service providers in the rapidly expanding lawn mower racing industry. Engines, engine components, chassis, performance products, race equipment and related services will be featured with company representatives on site to discuss, sell to and educate the lawn mower racing community and the public.

"The first PME was a great success, and the USLMRA is pleased to continue to take the lead in presenting the first ever lawn mower racing industry expo," noted USLMRA Founder and President Bruce Kaufman. "Having created nationwide organized lawn mower racing in 1992 and as the nation's oldest and largest national sanctioning body, the USLMRA is proud to recognize that lawn mower racing has become a growth industry."

"With 16 years of experience, we are excited about this next area of growth. Hosting the 2nd Industry Expo at the 17th STA-BIL Nationals will also continue to position our annual Labor Day Weekend event as America's premier lawn mower racing destination for racers, families and fans."

Expo Chairman will be Darrin "Doc" Kuhfeldt of D&B Mowersports, USLMRA/STA-BIL Series racer, USLMRA event announcer and veteran trade show expert.

More companies will be signing on over the next few months.  
Companies appearing in 2008 included:

- Acme Mower Sports
- ARC Racing
- D&B Mower Sports
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- Mikula Motorsports
- American Power Sports
- BMI Karting
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Thanks to Tom Cole and ARC Racing for attending the 2008 PME, [www.arcracing.com](http://www.arcracing.com)



Don Gienger of G Team Racing



Doc Kuhfeldt (r) with Glen from BMI Karting



L-R, Doc Kuhfeldt with Vicky and Mike Cupps of Acme Axles



Doc Kuhfeldt (l) with Stan Kovalak of American Power Sports





**MR. COOL: KERRY EVANS***Kerry Evans*

Since my affiliation in this sport in early 2000, I have witnessed many, many individuals who have had an incredible impact in supporting and promoting this great sport. But what most fail to realize is that there are individuals behind the scenes that make our National Events a great success. When thinking of the individuals behind Lawn Mower Racing, many think of Bruce Kaufman (the founder of the organization), or Doc Kuhfeldt (our announcer), or even Bobby Cleveland. But there is one individual in the shadows of all who quietly performs the duties as Chief of Timing and Scoring.

This article is about this individual.

A long time racer and "ambassador to the sport of lawnmower racing," Mr Kerry Evans has devoted much of his time to our sport. A local business man (Evans Outdoor Power) in the community of Mobile, Alabama, Kerry spends much of his summer traveling throughout the country providing USLMRA with the best timing and scoring the sport has ever seen. Last season he started EOP Promotions, a company dedicated to electronic scoring for Lawn Mower and Go Kart Racing. Purchasing everything required along with his truck and trailer to haul everything from race

to race Kerry has been an individual that we all have been able to count on to ensure that racers get the best scoring possible at each and every race.

He can talk to anyone at any level; treats everyone with dignity and respect, solves problems, and is truly a man with all the answers. In years past he has been racer, a race mower builder, a National Chief Steward, and currently the man behind the scenes in Timing and Scoring. He travels to every single race and is one to be counted on for honest, straightforward opinions on all racing matters. Plus, he makes a fantastic Conecuh Sausage and Shrimp Sea Food Throw Down!

He is continuously seeking ways to improve our sport and has even personally hosted a STA-BIL National Points Race Weekend as a charity benefit for the local high school band in which he is involved. An untiring individual involved in many community activities, Kerry is also a certified EMT, an active member of the renowned Dixie Outlaws LMRA, a USLMRA Steering Committee member, and most impressively a father of a truly impressive son. In addition, he never, ever loses his cool!

So whenever you're at a National Race remember this about Mr. Cool, for he is one of the individuals who never looks for recognition, or credit for what he does; he is just there ensuring everyone of us can come out and have a time of our life on the track.

I for one am proud to say; Kerry, from all of us," Thanks for all you do and stand for!"

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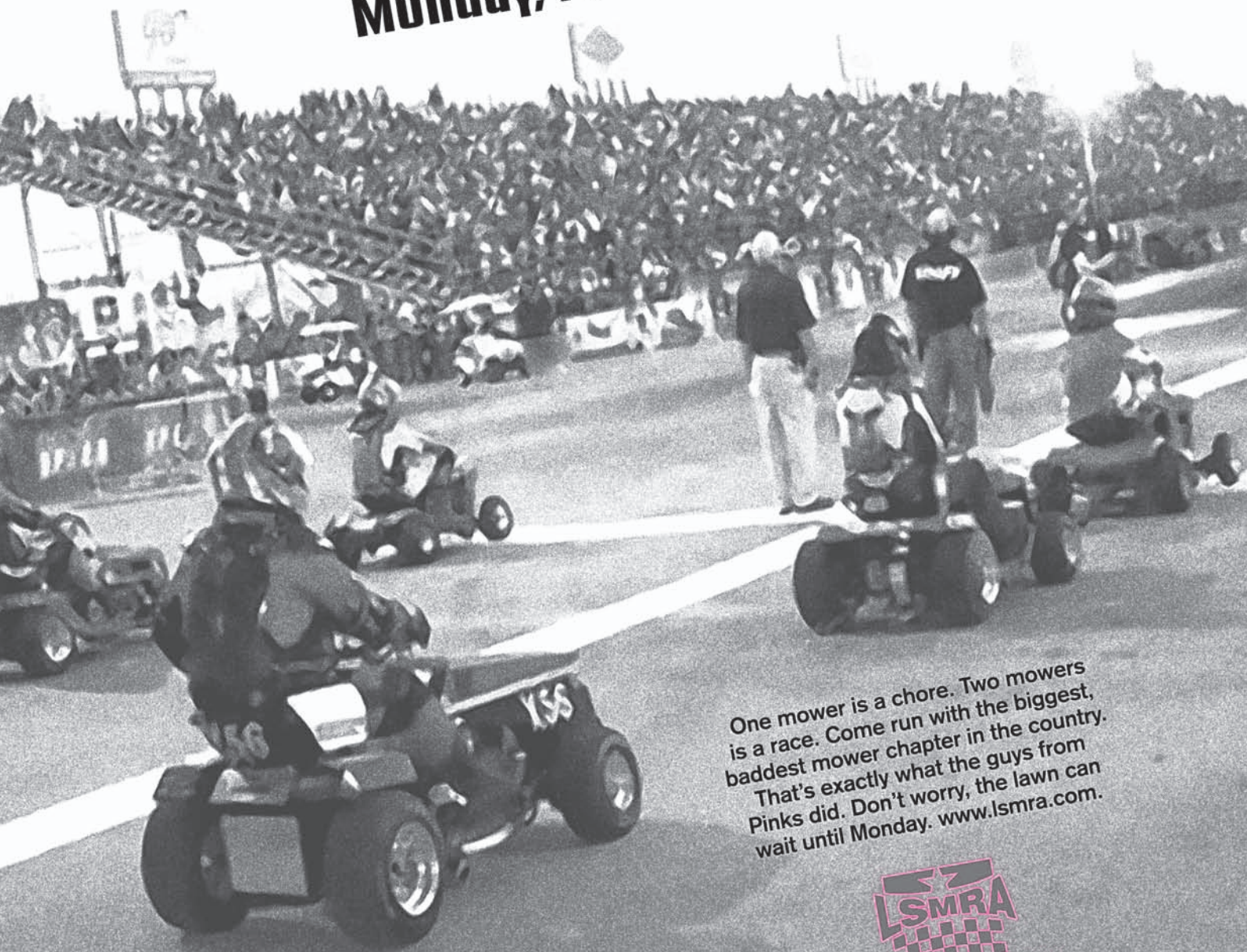
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