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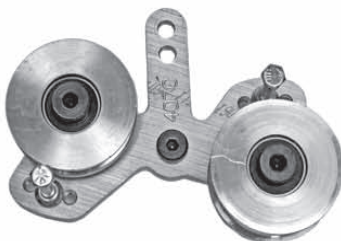
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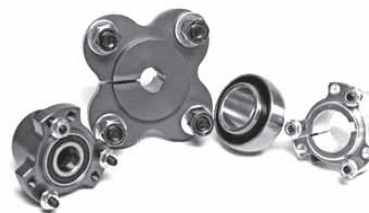
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U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association

2011 USLMRA President's Message

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The sport of Lawnmower Racing continues to experience rapid growth, and the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association continues to take the lead and set the pace for its expansion.

2010 was a transformative year for the USLMRA with:

- The creation of a U.S. Open Racing Program.
- Re-branding of our STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series to become the STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series.
- Additions of new Local Chapters and Affiliated Clubs across America.
- Rapid expansion into Social Media Marketing across our National, Local Chapter and Affiliated Club networks.
- Continuing our National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame and Museum and Performance Mowersports Expo.
- Televising the STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals via a 3-Race Series on Fox Sports Net's "Race Freaks."

The creation of the U.S. Open concept has opened USLMRA racing to various sanctioning bodies, racing organizations and local groups across the country, and even into Ontario with our friends at the Western Ontario Outlaws. In 2011, the U.S. Open program expands to three events, with plans for a full-blown U.S. Open Points Series on tap for 2012. By opening up our rules, we've made many new friends and attracted many new racers throughout the sport of lawnmower racing. "If it's safe, it will race" is a key theme of our U.S. Open program.

The re-branding of our STA-BIL Series has established a foundation to attract new sponsors and partners from the \$22 billion lawn & garden industry. Using a Best Practices sponsorship model has resulted in partnerships with EZ Lift Rider Ramps and Hand-E Hauler from Blitz USA along with www.GnomeFrenzy.com. The STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series will continue to offer excellent ROI via our television, event marketing, media and promotional opportunities.

The addition of many new Local Chapters and Clubs has proven that providing a flexible, adaptable and "Open" concept allows local racing organizations to customize the USLMRA program to suit their own needs.

Some key components of our Affiliated Club Program include:

- No cost to join USLMRA.- Racers do not have to pay national USLMRA dues.
- Full Insurance Benefits.
- No minimum number of racers to become a club.
- Flexible rules.
- Various sanctioning bodies and independent groups welcome.
- No club fees paid to USLMRA.
- No changes to your existing build rules (as long as safety requirements are met).
- You can customize build rules, "mix and match" if you wish.
- You can create new race classes to suit your local racers' needs.
- No Lemans starts required.
- Rolling starts are OK.
- Extensive tech, operations, personnel and promotional support from USLMRA.

Affiliated Clubs are designed for:

- Groups of racers wishing to race locally on a home track, and not travel.
- Racetracks wishing to host sanctioned USLMRA events.
- Venues seeking weekly or monthly races.
- Groups or wanting insurance.
- Groups wishing to get into lawn mower racing ON AN AFFORDABLE BASIS.

The word of social media is changing the very fabric of our society, and of course our lawn mower racing community. In addition to the USLMRA Facebook Page, Cutting Edge Blog, YouTube Channel and Twitter Feed, our local chapters and affiliated clubs are using Facebook to communicate, market and promote their respective organizations. Under the direction of Andrew Stone and Loud Whisper Media, we have created a solid social media presence that provides benefits across the various levels of USLMRA.

The USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum continued

to gain momentum in 2010. This showcase for some of our favorite "Legends of the Lawn" serves as a place of honor for our sport, and pays homage to those who have helped make lawnmower racing what it is today.

Our USLMRA Performance Mowersports Expo (PME) also continued to showcase companies, products and services that support our sport. We thank the vendors and suppliers who provide service to our racing community and are happy to in turn help promote their businesses via free participation at the PME.

In 2010 we televised three shows on Fox Sports Net's "Race Freaks" series that created solid visibility for our sport and delivered strong ROI for our sponsors.

With excellent production values from Newave Productions, great racing action, professionalism of our racers and an overarching spirit of serious - yet fun - competition, our Fox Sports Net telecasts continue to legitimize our sport. Being on TV with strong production values creates legitimacy and allows lawnmower racing to be the envy of many other types of motorsports and sports properties.

As we mow along in our 19th season, here are some key elements of our 2011 racing program:

- Open classes added at various STA-BIL Series Races.
- Free membership for first time STA-BIL Series Racers at several STA-BIL Series and Open Events.
- Rolling starts at several STA-BIL Series and Open Events.

2012 IS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USLMRA! We're already looking ahead to this milestone year and:

- 20th anniversary special events.
- First Annual Sam Rogers U.S. All American Open (Nov. 4-6, 2011).
- Expansion of the U.S. Open Racing Series.

I congratulate our 2010 Driver of the Year Richard Webb, who was voted in for the second consecutive year; Most Improved Driver "Wild" Bill Campbell; Adult Rookie of the Year Nathan Masalk; Junior Prepared Rookie of the Year Garrett Bell; Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award Winner Chuck "Boogie Woogie" Miller; Charles Powell Mr. Mowjangles Award Winner Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan; Dubba G Everyman Award Winner Jim Keech; and Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award Winner Jayson Mikula.

My personal thanks also goes to USLMRA Vice President Kerry Evans, who does so much for our Association both at the track and during the week. Kerry, you are The Man! I also wish to thank National Tech Director Manny Torres; U.S. Open Co-Chair Lee Vine; Chrissy Webb for all you do for us at the track; Bud Elmore our main man in the West; the Mikula family; Tommy & Tina Bowles; Ronnie Mattingly; George Dukas; and our National Chief Stewards, Rodney Peeler, Tracy Donihue and Henry MacCarty.

A special thanks and "way to mow" to all of our Local Chapter and Affiliated Club presidents and officers who work so hard to bring USLMRA lawnmower racing to so many communities around the country.

Of course, thank you from all of us to Gold Eagle Co., makers of STA-BIL Fuel Stabilizer, Ethanol Treatment, Diesel and Marine Formula and a host of other great products, for your ongoing guidance, support and MOWtivation.

Let's all heed the words of third generation lawnmower racer Wyatt Sullivan and his three keys to lawnmower racing: Have fun, have fun, have fun!

Bruce Kaufman
USLMRA Founder & President
May 2, 2011





2nd Induction Ceremonies for USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame and Museum of America

After the Inaugural Class of 2009 entered the USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame and Museum of America, two more Legends of the Lawn were inducted at the 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Ceremonies during the 2010 STA-BIL Nationals Weekend in Delaware, Ohio.

- Ken "Turfinator" Smolecki of West Chicago, Illinois whose mower, *The Turfinator* was featured on the hit TV sitcom *Home Improvement* for the famous jet-powered lawn mower race pitting Tim Allen vs. Bob Vila. Smolecki joined the USLMRA in 1992, raced until 2000, served on the Rules Committee and as Technical Director and raced in the legendary British Lawn Mower Racing Association 12-Hour Race, where he was honored as the first American to wave the checkered flag (1999).

- Bill Simpson of Trevor, Wisconsin, who served as the first USLMRA Race Director, adding consistency to race officiating by directing a staff of race stewards, technical directors and flaggers. Simpson created a Race Operations Manual, served as racer liaison, handled venue negotiations, implemented insurance programs and organized an annual Rules Committee Meeting.

Ken and Bill join the 2009 inductees: the Organizing Committee of the Twelve Mile 500 in Twelve Mile, Indiana; Jim Gavin of Wisborough Green, West Sussex, England, Founder and General Secretary of the British Lawn Mower Racing Association (BLMRA); "Racing Ray" Mrocks of Lake Zurich, Illinois, the first member of the USLMRA; and Chuck Miller, of Marion, Ohio, the only USLMRA member to compete in every STA-BIL Nationals since 1992.

The Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame is located at Miller Lawn and Power, 1299 Harding Highway East State Road 309 in Marion, Ohio.



Bill Simpson and Ken "Turfinator" Smolecki Inducted into the Hall of Fame



Bill Simpson (l), Bruce Kaufman and John, "Turfinator's" Crew Chief



Bill Simpson (l-r), Bruce Kaufman and Ken Smolecki



Ken "Turfinator" Smolecki (l) and Bruce Kaufman



Bill Simpson



Ken and Laurie Smolecki



2011 STA-BIL National Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series

USLMRA National Points Races

April 2 - 3, Potomac Speedway,
Mechanicsville, MD

April 16 - 17, Windy Hill Mower Speedway,
McDonough, GA

June 11, Englewood Lions Club
Englewood, TN (Double Header)

June 24 - 25, Nostalgia Days,
Zion, IL

July 2 - 3, 4th July Festival Estacada
Estacada, OR (includes U.S. Pacific Coast Open)

July 16 - 17, Huntington's Disease Race for Research,
Sparta, MI

August 5 - 6, Bowles Farms,
Clements, MD (includes Eastern Seaboard Open)
St. Mary's County National Lawn Mower Race

August 20, Westmoreland Fair,
Greensburg, PA (Double Header)

August 20, Englewood Lions Club,
Englewood, TN
Volunteer Summer Nationals

September 3 - 4 - 5, 20th Annual STA-BIL
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Schedule subject to change. Race details at:
www.letsmow.com (Official USLMRA site)
www.facebook.com/uslmra (Facebook Page)

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
2009, Richard Webb, Michigan
2010, Richard Webb, Michigan



Richard Webb, 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
2009, Manny Torres, Maryland
2010, "Wild" Bill Campbell, Michigan



"Wild" Bill Campbell, Michigan

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
2009, Kevin Repa, Illinois
2010, Nathan Mesalk, Wisconsin



Nathan Mesalk, Wisconsin

Rookie of the Year (Junior Prepared)

2008, Christian Jones, Maryland
2009, Pierce Benton, Florida
2010, Garrett Bell, Michigan



Garrett Bell, Michigan

The Chase For The Golden Blade

Founded in 2006, the Chase For The Golden Blade is open to all USLMRA Local Chapters: win a trophy at a STA-BIL National Lawn Mower Racing Series event and your designated Chapter gets a point. The Chapter that has accumulated the most points at the conclusion of the season wins the Golden Blade.



The Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association, winner of the 2010 Chase for the Golden Blade.

The Chase For The Golden Blade was created to promote a friendly rivalry between all sanctioned local chapters of the USLMRA. The actual award is a perpetual plaque that is passed on to the winning chapter at the conclusion of the racing season. The winning Chapter has their name added to the plaque and maintains possession until it is passed on at the conclusion of the following season. Along with plaque comes bragging rights.

The inaugural year of the Chase was won by the Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association. The Florida Lawn Mower Racing Association was a close second. The 2007 season saw a reversal in the final trophy tally with Florida accumulating the most trophies and Michigan taking second. The Golden Blade remained in the Sunshine State for 2008 and 2009, but in 2010 it returned to Michigan.

Here's to friendly, safe racing...and the Chase for the Golden Blade!

Past Winners of the Golden Blade:

- 2006: Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2007: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2008: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2009: Florida Lawnracing Association
- 2010: Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association

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USLMRA Honorary Awards Program

USLMRA Honorary Awards are bestowed upon one USLMRA member, staff member, volunteer or related person who epitomizes the spirit of the following 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
2009, Lou Filos, Maryland
2010, Chuck Miller

Charles Powell Mr. Mowjangles Award

2007, Manny Torres, Maryland
2008, Jim Witt, Florida
2009, Kerry Evans, Alabama
2010, Pat Sullivan

Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

2009, Kevin Penne
2010, Jayson Mikula

The Dubba G Everyman Award

2007, Tim Robison, Texas
2008, Al Minaker, Wisconsin
2009, Bobby Cleveland, Georgia
2010, Jim Keech

Golden Blade Award

Michigan

USLMRA President's Awards

Kerry Evans, USLMRA VP / US Open Co-Chair
Manny Torres, USLMRA Tech Director
Lee Vine, U.S. Open Co-Chair
Tracy Donihue, USLMRA Chief Steward
Rodney Peeler, USLMRA Chief Steward
Henry MacCarty, USLMRA Chief Steward
Chrissy and Richard Webb, USLMRA Registration & Tech
Tom Cole, ARC Racing
Aaron Turner, Mowmentum Magazine
Paul Krueger, Missouri Valley LMRA
Shannon Kayhart, Wisconsin LMRA
Bud Elmore, Pacific Coast LMRA / Mowtivated Hillbillies
Amanda Whitehead, Michigan LMRA
Ferris Hipolite, Ithaca Dirt Devils
Ryan Kerr, Western Ontario Outlaws
Al Minakaer, Lawn Money, USLMRA Announcer
Tim Wood, Delaware County Fairgrounds

Larry Moreland, Delaware County Fairgrounds
Wally Bender, USLMRA Tech Inspector
Dave Glassnor, Roughriders, Michigan

Special Recognition – USLMRA Tech Inspectors

Manny Torres Wally Bender
Lou Filos Richard Webb

U.S. Open Spirit & Spark Awards

Lee Vine, Co-Chair
Kerry Evans, Co-Chair
Tracy Donihue, Chief Steward
Chuck Miller

Mowmentum Award – Presented By Aaron Turner

Jon "Rooster" Lewman

2010 Mr. Mow It All / A.K.A. Mr. Grass Hole "Let Me Raid Your Cooler" 2010 Racer Award

Bruce Kaufman

Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award

(Established 2005)

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)



2010 USLMRA Dave Hertel Award Winner Chuck Miller

Gonzo Go To Fund

(Established 2007)

Note: As announced at the 2007 STA-BIL Nationals Weekend, funds are being awarded 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, Local Chapters are collecting funds to be given to racers to help them so that they may "go to" races. Here is what the Michigan Lawn Mower Racing Association (MILMRA) is doing.



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.



Dubba G Everyman Award

(Established 2007)

"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.

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."

4. Candidates are willing to help others. When times of need arise, sacrifice is not uncommon, being willing to volunteer, add a hand, step up to the plate.

5. Enthusiasm is key. They want to be here, at the race, in the paddock, and at the driver's meeting. Their excitement will help the group's positive energy grow and surge just by their presence. People like being around the candidate.

6. General knowledge of what's going on on race day, at the 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, during negotiations with the rules committee, and during arguments about rules infractions and who gets the last beer after the race.



2010 USLMRA Dubba G Everyman Award
Winner Jim Keech, Michigan

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 who 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.

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Charles Powell Mr. MOWjangles Award

(Established 2007)

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.



2010 USLMRA Charles Powell
Mr. Mowjangles Award Winner
Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan, Florida

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, being on the telephone, sacrificing time with family and friends and sometimes 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, Caody, Mama MOWjangles and I can think of no better way to honor him.

Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

(Established 2009)



2010 USLMRA Mace Mullins
Crew Chief Award Winner
Jayson Mikula, Michigan

Racer, engine builder and Crew Chief Mace Mullins passed away on July 17, 2009. Mace, a multi-year racing champion, will be honored annually with the Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award. "Mace was like a brother to me, and I'm proud to honor him," said Multi-Year AP Class Champion Dale Becker. "Mace was loved by lawn mower racers everywhere, and I love the guy." It was Dale Becker's idea to honor Mace with this award.



2010 US Open Winners

JP

- 1st Mariah Peeler, TN
- 2nd Kelsey Van Epps, MI
- 3rd Hayden Martin, MI

IMOW

- 1st Jay Keur, MI
- 2nd Bryan Wood, MI
- 3rd James Keech, MI
- 4th Robert Sparbel, MN
- 5th Chris Vanmaastricht, MI

AP

- 1st Don Whitehead, Sr. MI
- 2nd Matt Tucker, IA
- 3rd Tony Thompson, IL
- 4th Ken Jones, IL

SP

- 1st Tyler Frazier, IN
- 2nd Paul Krueger, IA
- 3rd Joe Whitehead, MI
- 4th Richard Webb, MI
- 5th Tim Luell, MN

CP

- 1st Lee Grover, NJ
- 2nd Nathan Masalk, WI
- 3rd Kevin Repa, IL
- 4th Pete Sullivan, NC
- 5th Michael Paccione, NJ

BP

- 1st Chuck Miller, OH
- 2nd Jayson Mikula, MI
- 3rd Brian Smith, AL
- 4th Jim Mikula, MI
- 5th Glen VanEpps, MI

Super Stock Main 1

- 1st William Byrd, MI
- 2nd Kris Loffin, MI
- 3rd Jesse Coffin, MI
- 4th Joe Whitehead, MI
- 5th David Glassnor, MI

Super Stock Main 2

- 1st Chance Morrison, MI
- 2nd Freddy Burt, MI
- 3rd Jay Keur, MI
- 4th Larry Benning, KS
- 5th Jim Shilling, MI

Open Single

- 1st Mike Miller, WI
- 2nd Kevin Penne, IL
- 3rd Paul Krueger, IA
- 4th Matt Tucker, IA
- 5th Greg Honchell, OH

Open Twin

- 1st Mike Miller, WI
- 2nd Jayson Mikula, MI
- 3rd Jim Mikula, MI
- 4th Skeeter Pallister, ONT
- 5th Dale Becker, MI

Western Ontario Outlaws (WOO)

- 1st Shane Ross
- 2nd Rob Arnel
- 3rd Garry Glenn
- 4th Dennis Leferbure
- 5th Skeeter Pallister



JP US Points Champions



Super Stock Main 2 US Champion



AP US Points Champions



SP US Points Champions



CP US Points Champions



BP US Points Champions



Super Stock Main 1 US Champions



IMOW US Points Champions



Open Single US Points Champions



Open Twin US Points Champions



Western Ontario Outlaws US Champions

**2010 USLMRA NATIONAL POINTS CHAMPIONS****JP**

- 1st Pierce Benton, FLA
- 2nd John Michael Bell, TN
- 3rd Lauren Filos, MD
- 4th Hayden Martin, MI
- 5th Mariah Peeler, TN
- 6th Garrett Bell, MI
- 7th Kelsey Van Epps, MI
- 8th Tanner Eslinger, WI
- 9th Dalton Tryba, FL
- 10th Ari Kaufman, IL

CP

- 1st Pete Sullivan, NC
- 2nd Michael Paccione, NJ
- 3rd Kevin Repa, IL
- 4th Tommy Hawley, MI
- 5th Nathan Mesalk, WI
- 6th William Campbell, MI
- 7th Charles Bowen, IL
- 8th Robert Ginn, TN
- 9th Michael Formentini, AL
- 10th Tom Hawley, Sr. MI

IMOW

- 1st Wally Bender, MD
- 2nd Chris Vanmaastricht, MI
- 3rd Robert Sparbel, MN
- 4th Pat Sullivan, FL
- 5th Art Neavill, MI
- 6th James Keech III, MI
- 7th Dawn Filos, MD
- 8th Charles Bowen, IL
- 9th Bob Cleveland, GA
- 10th Tina Paccione, NJ

BP

- 1st Jayson Mikula, MI
- 2nd Richard Webb, MI
- 3rd James Mikula, MI
- 4th Robert Sparbel, MN
- 5th Bob Cleveland, GA
- 6th Chuck Miller, OH
- 7th Jason Brown, MD
- 8th Mike Bell, TN
- 9th Randy Schulz, MI
- 10th Jason Hughes, MN

AP

- 1st Donald Whitehead, MI
- 2nd Matt Tucker, IA
- 3rd Pat Sullivan, FL
- 4th Wally Bender, MD
- 5th Tony Thompson, IL
- 6th Pete Sullivan, NC
- 7th Ken Jones, IL
- 8th Louis Filos, MD
- 9th Mark Moran, MD
- 10th Matthew Moran, MD

FX

- 1st Kevin Penne, IL
- 2nd Manny Torres, MD
- 3rd Mike Miller, WI
- 4th Robert Sparbel, MN
- 5th Tim Luell, MN
- 6th Paul Krueger, IA
- 7th Matt Tucker, IA
- 8th Mark Moran, MD
- 9th Dave Stratton, MN
- 10th Brian Tronnes, MN

SP

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- 2nd Richard Webb, MI
- 3rd Wally Bender, MD
- 4th Joe Whitehead, MI
- 5th Tim Luell, MN
- 6th Paul Krueger, IA
- 7th Jackie Andrews, MD
- 8th Dawn Filos, MD
- 9th Michael Paccione, NJ
- 10th Matthew Strine, OH

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2010 STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals Winners

JP

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- 1st Robert Sparbel, MN
- 2nd Jayson Mikula, MI
- 3rd Jason Brown, MD
- 4th James Mikula, MI
- 5th Richard Webb, MI

FX

- 1st Kevin Penne, IL
- 2nd Mike Miller, WI
- 3rd Manny Torres, MD
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Lawn Mower Racing: The State of the Sport

By Jon "Rooster" Lewman



Jon "Rooster" Lewman, with his son Jeffrey (r) and Larry "Teddy Bear" Benning, (l).

Note:

Jon "Rooster" Lewman is the President of the American Heartland Mower Racers, a USLMRA Affiliated Club based in Coffeyville, Kansas. Rooster is also a frequent contributor to many of the well-known lawn mower racing forums and publications such as

Heymow.com and Mowmentum Magazine. Rooster travels the country racing lawn mowers with his buddy Larry "Teddy Bear" Benning and his son Jeffrey.

So one day Gorg is sitting there with his hammer and chisel, all the furniture was done, his long hair was happy with her new vanity, and he found himself in a quandary...what to do with this rock?

So he figures the stegosaurus steaks would be better if they didn't have to eat them off the floor and began working on a table. He made a nice round circle for a tabletop and decided he would roll it in the cave to set it up. Then the dang thing got away from him and took off down the hill past Bong's cave and was really moving! Bong came running out when he saw Gorg running after it. Upon seeing Bong, Gorg gave up the chase. "Wow that is the fastest table I have ever built," exclaimed Gorg. "I could build one faster!" replied Bong. Thus, in one fell swoop, the wheel and racing was born!

We all owe a debt to Gorg! When and where mower racing started is a question probably all of us have been asked, and I don't believe anyone has a completely true answer, but I have the best answer! Who gives a chicken's beak? When's the next race?

I don't care where; I don't care who is going to be there, I don't care what they are serving for lunch (Ok, that's a lie!). As long as there are good people to swap dirt with and a free meal and I have a truck, I can get there! Yeah I know I might spend \$600 in gas, but not feeding me after driving that far is rude and I don't race with rude people!

The questions you get when you tell people about mower racing can be tough to answer.

"Why do we race lawn mowers?" • "Because cornstalks don't have engines!"

"How fast does it go?" • "Hopefully faster than the rest!"

"How much money do you win?" • "\$12,000."

"Where do you race?" • "The track."

"How did you get started?"

"Well the winter of 1972 must have been a cold one, I guess."

"Why do they change the rules every year?"

"Because you guys complain about them every year, and the only thing important to BK is getting all of you whiners to shut up!"

In this, the 19th season of the USLMRA, there were, as always, some rule changes. Some of them were fairly significant changes that many have said would never happen. Modified body panels and rolling starts have been the big buzz around the pit fires. Some like them, some don't. Personally, I have mixed emotions; I find red hair attractive but painful at the same time! Honestly, does the rule book matter?

The big question that I always have is "Where is Lawnmower Racing going?" It is the future of the sport that concerns us, not the past. Many give both praise and blame to the leaders of our sport for where we are and where things are going, when the truth of the matter is, those in charge are nowhere near in control. It is like an old-fashioned family, this crazy sport of ours. "Father Knows Best" may be the mantra of many, and maybe Daddy is in charge, but the decisions he makes and the house rules he hands down are not directives as much as they are reactions to the actions of the family. When the family speaks, he has no choice but to listen. The rule-makers and leaders of our sport wear many hats, and one of those hats has ears on it. At every race attended by "the powers that be," they get an earful of racers' ideas, opinions and feelings. If they ignore those racers, the racers go somewhere else to race.

Look at the US Open. The membership as well as those outside of the membership spoke. The message they sent was loud and clear. "We want to be part of the big show!" So the USLMRA answered with "Bring it!" Now any mower can show up to a USLMRA National event and "If it's safe, it races"! Way to go guys! I tell ya they are making more noise than two elephants tap dancing on a tin roof. Have you ever heard two elephants tap dancing? Noise I tell ya. Noise that's loud enough to wake a dead yard dog!

So where is Lawnmower Racing headed? Wherever we take it! Load it up and haul it to the moon and then I could finally get some real air!

As for the bigger questions:

Will BK ever get new socks? • How does Bobby keep his hood so shiny?

Art Neavill vs. Pat Sullivan... IS this the ultimate USLMRA Showdown?

Rocket Man Racing Team Makes History with 3 Generations of Lawn Mower Racers

Rocket Man Racing has made lawn mower racing history by fielding 3 generations of lawn mower racers! Grandpa Pat Sullivan (center) is flanked by son Pete (right) and grandson Wyatt (left).

Rocket Man Racing also includes Pat's daughter Tina Paccione, son-in-law Michael Paccione, brother Bruce Sullivan, nephew Danny Sullivan.



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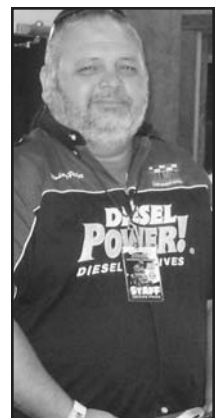
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USLMRA Partners with GnomeFrenzy.com

In a perfect example of life imitating art, the USLMRA has joined with GnomeFrenzy.com to promote two great American icons: the racing lawn mower and the garden gnome.



GnomeFrenzy.com - whose motto is "Finding good homes for happy gnomes," makes it their business to provide the perfect Lawn Gnome for every home or garden. They have a wide variety for gnomes a Traditional Garden Gnome, an NCAA Garden Gnome, an NFL Gnome and an MLB Gnome.

The movie "Gnomeo & Juliet" is a fun take on the William Shakespeare classic tale of star-crossed lovers set in the world of warring indoor and outdoor gnomes. The tale pits the Blue Gnomes and Red Gnomes in a series of run-ins and turf battles including an epic lawn mower race between the two warring gnome families.



"How MOWtivating, garden gnomes racing lawn mowers - in 3D no less!" exclaimed Bruce Kaufman, "Mr. Mow It All," USLMRA Founder & President. "This wedding of two garden icons is especially timely for the 2011 STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series just weeks away. For lawn mower racing fans and garden gnome enthusiasts, there is even a racing video game, "Gnomeo Kart" on the Gnomeo & Juliet site that really kicks grass!"

Racers will be winning garden gnomes throughout the 2011 STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series.



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BLITZ USA RAMPS UP FOR LAWN MOWER RACING SEASON; HAULS IN GRASS-KICKING PARTNERSHIP

The United States Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) has announced a partnership with **Blitz USA** for the 2011 STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series to market and promote its EZ Lift Rider Ramps and Hand-E Hauler product lines.

Blitz USA is the industry leader in fuel containment & oil change and has grown into a multi-product company providing great stuff from Garage to Garden." Blitz USA continues to focus on developing innovative and useful products to provide customers with solutions to their everyday needs.

Here is what's in store for Blitz USA and race fans across America:

- EZ Lift Rider Ramps and Hand-E Hauler promotion and giveaways at every STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series event.
- EZ Lift Rider Ramps and Hand-E Hauler on display at each stop of the 40-city, 15-state tour of the World's Fastest Lawn Mower (WFL).



- EZ Lift Rider Ramps and Hand-E Hauler on Fox Sports Net "Race Freaks" broadcasts televised nationally in the fall.

- Mowtivating social media product contests and giveaways.

The EZ Lift Rider Ramps make mower maintenance EZ! Innovative design provides 6" of lift with unobstructed access for fast blade removal, oil changes, and more. Features include skid resistant feet and grip points for use on concrete or grass, compact hanging or stackable storage and lightweight construction for easy use and transport. EZ Lift Rider Ramps are made of durable, rust-proof materials and holds 500 lbs per pair. The Hand-E Hauler provides secure can storage and transport to minimize mess and movement on the go. Designed for versatility, the Hand-E Hauler holds one- 5 gallon can, two- 2 gallon cans, one- 1 gallon can with one- 2 gallon can, or even a 20lb LP tank. Features include anti-slip rubber feet and carpet grips, hooks for securing bungee cords and corner strap attachment designed specifically to hold the unit to a truck bed.



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USLMRA Offers 3 U.S. Open Events For 2011 Season



Based on the success of the inaugural U.S. Open in 2010, the United States Lawn Mower Racing Association is proud to announce The U.S. Open Racing Series. The U.S. Open Racing Series will be an excellent addition to the USLMRA's stable of racing mower events and will allow race mowers from various organizations and independent groups to participate in safe, sanctioned and fun lawn mower racing. The races are open to any mower deemed safe by USLMRA Tech Staff and that meets all USLMRA Safety Standards (see the USLMRA Rule Book), and we strongly encourage racers of all ages, shapes, sizes, speeds and experience levels to bring it!

This year, The U.S. Open Racing Series kicks off on the West Coast with the U.S. Pacific Coast Open at the STA-BIL Pacific Coast Summer Nationals, July 2nd & 3rd at the 4th of July Festival in Estacada, OR. The series returns only weeks later, on August 5th & 6th for the U.S. Eastern Seaboard Open at the STA-BIL Bowles Farms Turf Battle in Clements, MD. And finally, the 2nd Annual U.S. Open at STA-BIL Nationals Weekend - more than a full day of USLMRA Sanctioned and Open Class lawnmower racing on the heels of the USLMRA STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals will insure this event is must-attend!

Once again in 2011, all roads lead to Mow-hi-o!

"We hope to see a ton of new racing friends at these events," said U.S. Open Co-Chair Lee Vine. "Remember, USLMRA will offer **FREE MEMBERSHIP** and run ROLLING STARTS at the U.S. Open events.

There are so many great reasons to come out and have fun!"

Pre-Registration for all 3 U.S. Open Racing Series events is now available, and as a special invitation, please make note that all First Time Racers that sign in at the Registration Table will be given free 2011 USLMRA Membership.

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Race Day Format

FRIDAY

- 8:00am Open for Performance Mowersports Expo Setup
- Noon - 5pm Registration for Finals & U.S. Open PME Open
- 5:00pm Seafood Throwdown Meet & Greet

SATURDAY

- 8:00am Registration for STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals & U.S. Open Events PME Open
- 10:00 - 12:00pm Practice By Class (5 lap sessions)
- 1:00 - 3:00pm US Open Class Qualifying By Class
- 5:00pm STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals (USLMRA Points Series)

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Breakfast and Awards Banquet
- 12:30pm Mandatory drivers meeting
- 1:00 pm US Open Qualifying by class
- Heat Races by class
- Feature races w/trophy presentation

1. Each class (except U.S. Open classes) will pull a ball for initial grid start positions.
2. Heat races will be lined up per qualification.
3. Heat Races – 15 laps



FEATURE GRID

1. Sunday's feature grid may be set by the finish order of heat
2. The possibility of an invert exists, this will be a race day decision made at the discretion of USLMRA officials on race day.
3. All starts will be "Rolling Starts."
4. Feature Races – 30 laps (subject to conditions.) (5 laps US Open Kids)

MULTIPLE QUALIFIERS

Depending on amount of participation, there is the chance we may run multiple qualifiers to pare down the fields for features; this will be a race day decision made at the discretion of USLMRA officials on race day. (Everyone will have a chance to race.)

RACE DAY DECISIONS

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Again, all roads lead to Mow-hi-o... Bring it.

Pre-registration for the 2nd Annual USLMRA Open (U.S. Open), to be held on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend 2011, is now available.

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US Open Co-Chairmen





The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA) will present the 4th Annual Performance Mowersports Expo (PME) during the 19th annual STA-BIL Nationals, Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Sunday, September 2-4 2011 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.

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USLMRA Announces 4th Annual Performance Mowersports Expo

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"With 19 years of experience, we are excited about this next area of growth. Hosting the 4th Industry Expo at the 19th 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."



Tom Cole (center) of ARC Racing along with Tracy Donihue (left) and Kerry Evans (right) at the 2010 PME Show.

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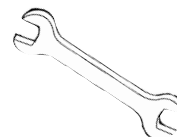
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From All American Race Founder George Herrin:

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This will make this event one of the biggest and best events ever. With this will be some changes for the good. As we all know, last year we lost a great friend and racer at this event. With that said and with teaming up with the USLMRA for this event, the name will now be the SAM ROGERS U.S. ALL AMERICAN OPEN. This event will not only be a tribute to Sam Rogers from here on out, but it will also be, as always, an opportunity for everyone to come together for some great racing.

The weekend will be OPEN to everyone; from coast to coast everyone is invited. No memberships required, no race fees, and with the move to Stevenson, Alabama, and all the room there will be no limit to the amount of racers. We have room for everyone and this truly will be for everyone. For those of you who have raced in Stevenson, you know we will be treated well by this community that Loves Lawn Mower Racing.



Sam Rogers

We will be posting updates and information on an ongoing basis. There will also be an All American on-line registration process on the USLMRA web site (www.letsnow.com) similar to the existing form now available for the other 3 US Open Events, so stay tuned for more updates. Info about Stevenson, Alabama:

<http://stevenson.alabama.com/>

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George Herrin (r) with his son Jacob (l) and Daisuke Miyagawa (c).

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- Cleans fuel injectors, carburetors and intake valves for better, overall performance
- Safe for all 2 & 4 cycle engines
- Recommended for use at EVERY FILL UP

