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Message from the President

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2013 USLMRA President's Message

2012 was a MOWmentous year for the USLMRA and our STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series.



We celebrated our 20th Anniversary, added several new racing classes, held many special events, held "Mow Town Days" ceremonies across the country, saw the release of Mike Ratel's documentary film "On Your Mark, Get Set, Mow: A Tale of Hope, Redemption And Lawn Mower Racing," sang along with "Runnin' All Out" the Official Song of the USLMRA 20th Anniversary and honored Gold Eagle Co. and myself with entry into the Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame. We experimented with a U.S. Open Series and welcomed racers from other associations and independent groups into USLMRA-style racing.

As 2013 began, we completed two successful events, including the Florida State Fair in February and Charlotte Motor Speedway in April. We expect that our visibility at the Charlotte Motor Speedway will catapult us into new venues of this caliber as more people see the entertainment value we provide.

2013 has been bittersweet thus far, with the loss of beloved racers and friends Art Neavill and Janet Witt. National Tech Director Manny Torres eloquently puts in words elsewhere in this Yearbook what we all feel about these two Fallen Turf Warriors. Thank you, Manny. Art and Janet, we love and miss you.

Congratulations to our Award-Winning 2012 Drivers: Chuck Miller, Driver of the Year; Matt Strine, Most Improved Driver of the Year; Larry Jones, Rookie of the Year (Adult); Isaac Ogg, Rookie of the Year (Junior Prepared); Matt Strine, Dave Hertel Mowtivation Award; Richard Webb, Charles Powell Mr. Mowjangles Award; Chrissy Webb, The Dubba G Everyman Award and George Herrin, Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

I wish you all fun, clean and safe racing. Mow on!

Bruce Kaufman
USLMRA President
May 30, 2013



Congratulations to Mike Ratel on the release of his documentary film "On Your Mark, Get Set, Mow: A Tale of Hope, Redemption and Lawn Mower Racing." www.mowermovie.com

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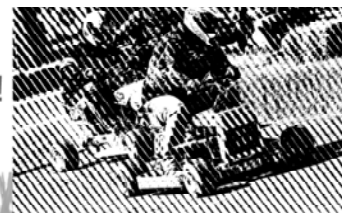
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Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame Welcomes Two New Members



New members were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012. Founded in 2009, the USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame is a place of honor for Turf Titans who have turned a weekend chore into a competitive sport. The USLMRA National Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame & Museum of America is located at Miller Lawn and Power, 1299 Harding Highway East State Road 309, Marion, Ohio.

Gold Eagle® Co., Makers of STA-BIL® Brand Fuel Stabilizer

In 1992, Chicago-based Gold Eagle® Co. brought lawn mower racing from England to America as a promotion for STA-BIL®, America's top selling fuel stabilizer. With the support of the British Lawn Mower Racing Association, Gold Eagle® Co. founded the USLMRA to sanction and present organized lawn mower races for fairs, towns and non-profit organizations across the USA. With one STA-BIL National Championship race in 1992, the STA-BIL Lawn & Garden Mower Racing Series has expanded to an annual 20-race circuit while the USLMRA sanctions 50 Chapters and Clubs nationwide. Gold Eagle® Co.'s 20 years of support is one of the longest consecutive sponsorships in all of American motorsports. Gold Eagle® Co. and the USLMRA have won numerous awards including accolades from Brandweek Magazine, The Publicity Club of Chicago, The International Festivals and Events Association, Inside PR magazine and the Public Relations Society of America.

Bruce Kaufman, "Mr. Mow It All"

As Founder and President of the USLMRA, Bruce Kaufman of Northbrook, Illinois is on the "cutting edge" of American motorsports and has been kicking grass since Day One. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the man known as "Mr. Mow-It-All" leads the USLMRA, the nations' oldest and largest national lawn mower racing sanctioning body, and is responsible for association management, event and TV production, media relations, marketing, sponsorship and finance. He also serves as TV color commentator on the Fox Sports Net "Race Freaks" Lawn Mower Racing telecasts, where his "Mowtivation" is on full display.



2009

- The Organizing Committee of Indiana's Twelve Mile 500, America's oldest lawn mower race, founded 1963.
- Jim Gavin of Wisborough Green, England, Founder and General Secretary of the British Lawn Mower Racing Association, founded 1973.
- "Racing Ray" Mroczka, also known as "Sodzilla," the first USLMRA member, who heeded the call to sod slinging glory on April 1, 1992, the birthday of national lawn mower race sanctioning in the United States.
- Chuck "Boogie Woogie" Miller, the only USLMRA member to compete in every STA-BIL Nationals since 1992.

2010

- Ken "Turfinator" Smolecki, whose mower, The Turfinator, was featured on the TV sitcom *Home Improvement* and who raced in the legendary British Lawn Mower Racing Association 12-Hour Race.
- Bill Simpson, who served as the first USLMRA Race Director, adding consistency to race officiating by directing a staff of race stewards and staff.

2011

- John Nelson, "Sir Lawns-A-Lot", as Past President of the Lone Star Mower Racing Association (LSMRA) and the nation's first "Mow Ambassador."
- Dr. Art Nevill, (1944-2013), beloved for his spirit, love of competition and eagerness to help fellow racers, Art, his son-in-law, and wife by his side, was an unsurpassed friend to lawn mower racers across the country.
- Charles Powell - "Mr. Mowjangles" (1950-2006), was USLMRA VP of Operations, LSMRA Founding President, Winner of the 2005 Pain in the Butt Award and simply, Mr. Mowjangles.



Bob Hirsch, Chairman of Gold Eagle Co. greeting racers at the 2012 USLMRA Lawn Mower Racing Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony.



It was great seeing all our youngsters playing together and having fun at the racer party at Jason Brown's dad's house the night before the 2012 Bowles Farms Race!



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2013 STA-BIL Sunshine State Winter Nationals
February 16 & 17, 2013 – Florida State Fair in Tampa, FL

STA-BIL Series Racing at the Charlotte Motor Speedway
April 6 & 7, 2013 – Charlotte, NC

STA-BIL Series Racing at River Bottom Raceway
June 29 & 30, 2013 – Carlisle, IA

Jim Keach Memorial Race For Huntington's Disease Research
July 20 & 21, 2013 – Sparta, MI

STA-BIL Series Racing at Bowles Farms
August 2 & 3, 2013 – Clements, MD

STA-BIL Series Racing at Lancaster TNT Speedway
August 17 & 18, 2013 – Tampico, IL

The STA-BIL Keeps Gas Fresh Finals
September 14, 2013 – Delaware (OH) County Fair in Delaware, OH

Schedule subject to change. Race details at:
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www.facebook.com/uslmra (Facebook Page)

USL MRA 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
2011, Wally Bender, Maryland
2012, Chuck Miller, Ohio



Chuck Miller, Ohio

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
2011, Ronald Rollman, Tennessee
2012, Matt Strine, Ohio



Matt Strine, Ohio

Rookie of the Year (Adult)

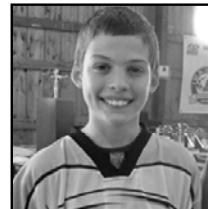
2002, Rich Yeager, Florida
2003, Tim Ragsdale, Tennessee
2004, Tanya Ragsdale, Tennessee
2005, Craig Pond, Michigan
2006, Kyle Ast, Florida
2007, Tom Berkey, Florida
2008, Kurtis Ast, Florida
2009, Kevin Repa, Illinois
2010, Nathan Mesalk, Wisconsin
2011, John Brewer, Tennessee
2012, Larry Jones, Michigan



Larry Jones, Michigan

Rookie of the Year (Junior Prepared)

2008, Christian Jones, Maryland
2009, Pierce Benton, Florida
2010, Garrett Bell, Michigan
2011, Wyatt Sullivan, North Carolina
2012, Isaac Ogg, Michigan



Isaac Ogg, Michigan

The Chase For The Golden Blade

Founded in 2006, the Chase For The Golden Blade is open to all USL MRA 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 Mason Dixon Lawn Mower Racing Association, winner of the 2012 Golden Blade Award.

The Chase For The Golden Blade was created to promote a friendly rivalry between all sanctioned Local Chapters of the USL MRA. The actual award is a perpetual plaque that is passed on

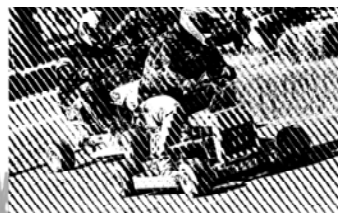
to the winning chapter at the conclusion of the racing season. The winning Chapter has their name added to the plaque and maintains possession until it is passed on at the conclusion of the following season. Along with plaque comes bragging rights.

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
- 2011: DelMarVa Lawn Mower Racing Association
- 2012: Mason Dixon Lawn Mower Racing Association



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 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, Ohio
2011, Jackie Andrews, Maryland
2012, Matt Strine, Ohio

Mace Mullins Crew Chief Award

2009, Kevin Penne
2010, Jayson Mikula, Michigan
2011, Lee Grover, New Jersey
2012, George Herrin, Tennessee

Charles Powell Mr. MOWjangles Award

2007, Manny Torres, Maryland
2008, Jim Witt, Florida
2009, Kerry Evans, Alabama
2010, Pat "Rocket Man" Sullivan, Florida
2011, Rodney Peeler, Tennessee
2012, Richard Webb, Michigan

The Dubba G Everyman Award

2007, Tim Robison, Texas
2008, Al Minaker, Wisconsin
2009, Bobby Cleveland, Georgia
2010, Jim Keech, Michigan
2011, Wally Bender, Maryland
2012, Chrissy Webb, Michigan

USLMRA President's Awards



Kerry Evans, USLMRA VP, AL
Manny Torres, USLMRA Tech Director, MD
Rodney Peeler, National Chief Steward, TN
Bobbie Peeler, Special Mowtivation, TN
Richard Webb, National Chief Steward, MI
Chrissy Webb, Timing & Scoring, MI
Lee Vine, U.S. Open Co-Chair, MN
Jon "Rooster" Lewman, Mow Ambassador, KS
John Nelson, "Sir Lawns A Lot" Mow Ambassador, TX



USLMRA US Spirit & Spark Award

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 lawn mower 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)



2012 USLMRA
Dave Hertel
Award Winner
Matt Strine

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.
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.



2012 USLMA Dubba G
Everyman Award Winner
Chrissy Webb

**Charles Powell
Mr. MOWjangles Award**

(Established 2007)

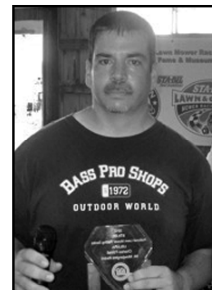
Charles Powell was the driving force behind the USLMA Local Chapter System. His support, guidance and forward-thinking are what has made the LC System so successful.

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, 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.



2012 USLMA
Charles Powell
Mr. MOWjangles
Award Winner
Richard Webb

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.

**Mace Mullins
Crew Chief Award**

(Established 2009)



2012 USLMA Mace Mullins Crew
Chief Award Winner George Herrin
(w/John Nelson)

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.

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2012 USLMRA National Points Champions



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1st Co-Champs	Isaac Ogg, MI, 2950
	Wyatt Sullivan, NC, 2950
2nd	Jordan Brown, MD, 2800
3rd	Lauren Filos, MD, 2700
4th	Jonathan Barber, IN, 2600
5th	Sam LaLonde, MI, 1950
6th	Joseph Freiks, MI, 1900
7th	Buddy Phippen, MI, 1100
8th	Hayden Crosby, MI, 1050
9th	Jacob Dean, AL, 900
10th	Jared Callantine, AR, 900

GP/K

1st	John Michael Bell, TN, 3000
2nd	Mariah Peeler, TN, 2850
3rd	Lauren Filos, MD, 2850
4th	Mateo Placios, MI, 1200
5th	Carter Trudgeon, MI, 650
6th	Jarrod Briggs, NE, 650
7th	Jacob Woolery, MO 550

IMOW

1st	Jayson Mikula, MI, 2950
2nd	Chris VanMaastricht, MI, 2900
3rd	Wally Bender, MD, 2700
4th	Keith Beacom, MD, 2700
5th	Dawn Filos, MD, 2700
6th	Eric Corner, MI, 2550
7th	Lou Filos, MD, 2250
8th	Jim VanMaastricht, MI, 2200
9th	Carol VanMaastricht, MI, 2000
10th	Ryan Porter, MI, 1800

BP

1st	Chuck Miller, OH, 3000
2nd	Ron Rollman, TN, 2950
3rd	Jason Brown, MD, 2800
4th	Glenn Vanepps, MI, 2650
5th	Gary Grinder, FL 2200
6th	Marty Callantine, AR, 2000
7th	Bobby Cleveland, GA, 2000
8th	Craig Jones, MI, 2000
9th	Mike Bell, TN, 1950
10th	Larry Jones, MI, 1850

AP

1st	Wally Bender, MD, 3000
2nd	Matt Tucker, IA, 2750
3rd	Michael Paccione, NJ, 2600
4th	Jackie Andrews, MD, 2550
5th	Christopher Cox, GA, 2350
6th	Ken Jones, IL, 2350
7th	Garrett Winchester, AR, 2250
8th	Pete Sullivan, NC, 2200
9th	Matthew Moran, MD, 1850
10th	Mark Moran, Sr., MD, 1800

FX

1st	Wally Bender, MD, 2800
2nd	Matt Tucker, IA 2600
3rd	Kenny Holder, KY, 2400
4th	Kevin Nipper, GA, 2400
5th	Mark Moran, Sr., MD, 1950
6th	Matthew Moran, MD, 1900
7th	Kevin Penne, IL, 1800
8th	Mike Miller, WI, 1650
9th	Greg Honchell, OH, 1600
10th	Paul Krueger, IA, 1200

FX SINGLE

1st	Pete Sullivan, NC, 2950
2nd	Jacob Herrin, TN, 2850
3rd	Thomas Flynn, TN, 2800
4th	Manny Torres, MD, 2700
5th	Kelsey Vanepps, MI, 2350
6th	Pat Sullivan, FL, 2300
7th	Freddy Burt, MI, 1450
8th	Andrew Maurice, GA, 1300
9th	Delaney Ruemkort, AL, 1150
10th	Jewell Strickland, AL, 500

FX TWIN

1st	Ryan Kerr, Ontario, Canada, 3000
2nd	Richard Webb, MI, 2950
3rd	Jayson Mikula, 2700
4th	Jim Mikula, MI, 2600
5th	Glenn Vanepps, MI, 2500
6th	Kenny Holder, KY, 2250
7th	William Campbell, MI, 1800
8th	James Russell, OH, 1650
9th	Wes Pyburn, FL, 1600
10th	George Herrin, TN, 1500

SP

1st	Matt Strine, OH, 3000
2nd	Jason Brown, MD 2950
3rd	Michael Paccione, NJ 2650
4th	Jason Nutbrown, OH, 2600
5th	Wally Bender, MD, 2250
6th	Larry Benning, KS, 2250
7th	Kelsey Vanepps, MI, 2050
8th	Jackie Andrews, MD, 2050
9th	Adam Dinkins, AR, 2000
10th	Duane Ferguson, IA, 1850

GP

1st	Jason Brown, MD, 2950
2nd	Scott Beacom, MD, 2650
3rd	Kevin Nipper, GA, 2450
4th	Lee Grover, NJ, 2300
5th	Greene Isaacs, FL, 2200
6th	Tyler Maroon, TN, 2150
7th	Chris VanMaastricht, MI, 2150
8th	Pat Gore, NJ, 1700
9th	Doug Garrett, OH, 1650
10th	Lou Filos, MD, 1650

CP

1st	Chris Cox, GA, 3000
2nd	Keith Beacom, MD, 2800
3rd	Alex Stella, MI, 2700
4th	Pete Sullivan, NC, 2650
5th	Drew Burton, IN, 2500
6th	Kevin Ferguson, MD, 2200
7th	Thomas Flynn, TN, 2200
8th	Jason Murray, AR, 2000
9th	Jacob Blackburn, TN, 2000
10th	Michael Paccione, NJ, 1850



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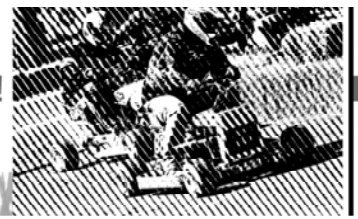
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IMOW				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	4k Jayson Mikula	MI	19.877	
2	380 Christopher VanMaasricht	MI	20.534	
3	129 Wally Bender	MD	20.504	
4	11 Eric Corner	MI	20.091	
5	614 Bobby Cleveland	GA	20.269	
6	43C Dawn Filos	MD	20.153	
7	47 Keith Beacom	MD	20.131	
8	382 James VanMaasricht	MI	20.714	
9	383 Ryan Porter	MI	21.12	
10	906 Tina Paccione	NJ	20.463	
11	999 Hayden Martin	MI	20.914	
12	381 Carol VanMaasricht	MI	23.396	
13	13J Egor	WI	25.167	
DNF	J01 John Brewer	TN	19.917	
DQ	43 Louis Filos	MD	20.399	

S/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	105 Matt Strine	OH	14.969	
2	3 Jason Brown	MD	15.052	
3	906 Michael Paccione	NJ	14.966	
4	03n Jason Nutbrown	OH	15.427	
5	615 Wally Bender	MD	15.604	
6	12 Tyler Frazier	IN	15.144	
7	15a Chandler Ellington		15.591	
8	96 Kelsey VanEpps	MI	15.716	
9	28 Jordan Tarnow	IL	15.638	
10	AR Troy Dinkins	AR	16.042	
11	52m Perry Mason Jr		15.862	
12	411 David Martin	MI	16.153	
DNF	36x Larry Benning	KS	15.834	
DNF	33 Jackie Andrews	MD	15.851	
DNF	3Y Duane Ferguson	IA	15.993	
DNF	24g Pat Gore	MD	16.604	
DNF	43C Dawn Filos	MD	16.872	

I/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	4k Issac Ogg	MI	19.674	
2	906 Wyatt Sullivan	NC	19.678	
3	43a Lauren Filos	MD	20.118	
4	10 Jordan Brown	MD	19.977	
5	19 Sammi LaLonde	MI	19.718	
6	382 Joseph Freriks	MI	20.445	
7	13j Johnthan Barber	IN	21.233	
8	380 Hayden Crosby	MI	20.919	

A/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	PTS	
1	129 Wally Bender	MD	15.624	
2	22g Lee Grover	MD	15.848	
3	509 Christopher Cox	GA	16.148	
4	33 Jackie Andrews	MD	16.407	
5	39 Matt Tucker	IA	15.428	
6	82 David Wright		18.298	
DNF	6 Ken Jones	IL	15.742	
DNF	906 Michael Paccione	NJ	15.597	
DNF	07G Garrett Winchester	AR	17.063	

G/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	22G Lee Grover	MD	15.877	
2	530 Jason Brown	MD	16.07	
3	19x Kevin Nipper	GA	15.821	
4	J03 Tyler Maroon	TN	15.754	
5	22 Scott Beacom	MD	16.243	
6	380 Christopher VanMaasricht	MI	17.074	
7	128 Douglas Garrett	OH	16.964	
8	37 Green Isaacs	FL	16.598	
9	24G Pat Gore	MD	17.019	
DNF	43a Louis Filos	MD	17.892	
DNF	6 Tina Paccione	NJ	16.915	

C/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	509 Christopher Cox	GA	14.733	
2	47 Keith Beacom	MD	14.937	
3	53 Alex Stella	MI	14.855	
4	325 Pete Sullivan	NC	15.023	
5	8 Tommy Hawley	MI	15.191	
6	22g Lee Grover	MD	15.122	
7	19 Scott Tarnow	IL	15.274	
8	43 Kevin Ferguson	MD	15.396	
9	c2 Martin Kunkel	IA	15.253	
10	180 Steven Smith	IL	15.174	
11	448 Thomas Flynn	TN	15.338	
12	28J Jason Murray	AR	15.719	
13	43 Louis Filos	MD	16.025	
14	922 Kellan Means	OH	19.072	
DNF	2 Jacob Blackburn	TN	14.967	
DNF	12 Jacob Allen	WI	15.206	
DNF	606 Perry Mason SR		15.627	
DNF	500 Shannon Kayhart	WI	16.955	
DNF	23 Drew Burton	MI	14.34	

B/P				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	104 Chuck Miller	OH	14.595	
2	522 Ronald Rollman	TN	14.908	
3	3 Jason Brown	MD	14.863	
4	14m Glenn VanEpps	MI	14.934	
5	66x Jared Callantine		15.12	
6	343 Mike Bell	TN	15.057	
7	13 George Herrin	TN	14.715	
8	6 Larry Jones	MI	15.056	
9	222 John Vinka		15.217	
10	11 Roger Smith	OH	15.399	
11	53x Marty Callantine	AR	14.799	
12	4 Gary Grinder	FL	15.249	
DNF	16 Bobby Cleveland	GA	14.512	
DNF	9 Craig Jones	MI		

F/X				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	104 Kevin Penne	IL	13.72	
2	16 Mike Miller	WI	14.242	
3	52 Greg Honchell	OH	14.586	
4	109 Matt Tucker	IA	14.439	
5	129 Wally Bender	MD	14.7	
6	606 Kenney Holder	KY	15.471	

F/XS				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	6 Jake Herrin	TN	15.203	
2	6 Pete Sullivan	NJ	14.258	
3	97 Thomas Flynn	TN	15.983	
4	1 Manny Torres	MD	15.82	
5	22 Freddy Burt	MI	17.652	
6	96 Kelsey VanEpps	MI	16.261	

F/XT				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	21 Ryan Kerr	MI	13.395	
2	3 Richard Webb	MI	13.572	
3	4 Jayson Mikula	MI	13.629	
4	14 James Mikula	MI	14.049	
5	6 George Herrin	TN	13.949	
6	179 William Campbell	MI	14.312	
7	14m Glenn VanEpps	MI	13.986	
8	11K Justin Altemier	IA	15.147	
9	922 James Russell	OH	16.256	
DNF	48 Dennis Lefebvre	MI	14.207	
DNF	606 Kenneth Holder	KY	16.442	

G/PK				
POS #	NAME	ST	BEST LAP	
1	497 Johnmichael Bell	TN	16.062	
2	97 Mariah Peeler	TN	16.598	
3	43a Lauren Filos	MD	17.231	

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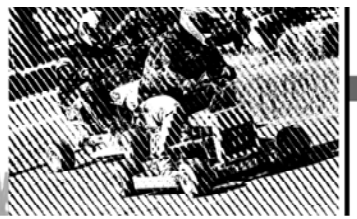
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I/P					A/P					S/P					F/X				
POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS
1	383	Joe Frericks	MI	319	1	509	Christopher Cox	GA	204	1	105	Matt Stine	OH	759	1	19	Kevin Nipper	GA	365
2	H60	Hunter Cannon	TN	209	2	6	Pat Sullivan	FL	203	2	12	Tyler Frazier	IN	556	2	109	Matt Tucker	IA	204
3	19	Sammi LaLonde	MI	206	3	413	Tony Thompson	IL	203	3	108	Duane Ferguson	IA	528	3	14G	Darren Gamache	MI	201
4	48	Jansen Stone	MI	203	4	28	Bruce Bielinski	IL	202	4	36X	Larry Benning	KS	506	4	33	Rex Coffin	MI	201
5	317	Jacob Dean	AL	184	5	39	Matt Tucker	IA	179	5	03N	Jason Nutbrown	IL	478	5	44	Alex Myers	AL	181
6	13J	Johnthan Barber	IN	181	6	19	Joshua Myers	AL	178	6	28	Jordan Tornow	IL	312	6	104	Kevin Penne	IL	179
7	24	Britnney Baley	MI	178	7	6	Ken Jones	IL	178	7	14	Randy Marshal	OR	184	7	7	Logan Mccammon	AL	161
8	11	Kalye Sanders	TN	164	8	43G	Pappy Gamache	AR	176	8	28	Kenny Thomas	TN	166	8	48	Chris Cox	GA	146
9	28	Darrell Dean	TN	149	9	07G	Garrett Winchester	AR	159	9	4	Bill Sanford	OR	164	9	11	Roger Smith	OH	144
10	380	Hayden Crosby	MI	146	10	23	Tyler Tornow	IL	158	10	91	Brian Darmer	IL	161	10	587	Brian Lawrence	TN	136

G/PK					G/P					C/P					F/XS				
POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS
1	202	Cody Eslinger	MI	203	1	380	Christopher Vanmaastricht	MI	340	1	12K	Jake Kruzan	IL	451	1	6	Jacob Herrin	TN	669
2	497	Johnmichael Bell	TN	202	2	21	Zack Pannell	IN	328	2	509	Chris Cox	GA	373	2	22	Freddy Burt	MI	325
3	199	Jerrold Briggs	NE	202	3	574	Jeremy Nellis	IL	210	3	53	Alex Stella	MI	343	3	327	Gill Myles Jr	AL	208
4	21c	Carter Trudgeon	MI	201	4	416	Taylor Culpepper	TN	209	4	19	Scott Tornow	IL	291	4	104	Kevin Penne	IL	206
5	306	Tanner Eslinger	MI	178	5	8	Doug Martin	OH	208	5	m37	Jon Lewman	KS	257	5	10	Daniel Crouch	NC	204
6	530	Lauren Filos	MD	177	6	49	Jason Deems	MI	205	6	180	Steven Smith	IL	211	6	14M	Kelsey VanEpps	MI	179
7	13J	Johnthan Barber	IN	177	7	46J	James Clark	IA	202	7	64	Aaron Bany	OR	209	7	54	Donald Hendon	AL	163
8	603	Tyler Stinmetz	IL	158	8	5G	Nick Gamache	IL	185	8	9	Ed King	IL	205	8	6	Pete Sullivan	NC	161
					9	94	Casey Beavers	TN	184	9	100	Blake Cazalas	AL	197	9	4	Michael Myles	AL	148
					10	21	Tom Trudgeon	MI	180	10	C2	Martin Kunkel	IA	186	10	01	Manny Torres	MD	146

IMOW					S/S					B/P					F/XT				
POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS	POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS
1	4K	Jason Mikula	MI	364	1	22	Jon Johnstad	IL	208	1	6	George Herrin	TN	745	1	14M	Glenn Vanepps	MI	518
2	J01	Johnny Brewer	TN	350	2	17	Mike Bailey	MI	205	2	6	Larry Jones	MI	345	2	6	George Herrin	TN	484
3	383	Ryan Porter	MI	283	3	21	Christopher Munson	OR	204	3	104	Chuck Miller	OH	231	3	21	Ryan Kurr	CN	479
4	380	Christopher Vanmaastricht	MI	248	4	187	Chad Pollack	IL	183	4	oo7	Daniel Crouch	NC	210	4	11K	Justin Altemier	IA	383
5	381	Carol Vanmaastricht	MI	223	5	o1	Brady McClintic	IL	180	5	65	Randy Marshall	OR	203	5	179	Bill Campbell	MI	311
6	42	Dan Shaw	OH	212	6	11	David Allen	OR	179	6	91	Rich Carlson	IL	203	6	21	Darrell Johnson	AI	212
7	13J	Eagor	WI	208	7	116	Robbie Shinn	IL	163	7	o1	Rex Crouch Jr	NC	185	7	3	Richard Webb	MI	210
8	48	Louis Parrott	GA	208	8	44	Sam Synder	MI	160	8	2	Troy Werachowski	IL	179	8	10	Rex Crouch Jr	NC	208
9	268	Mike Bliss	IL	206	9	12	Duston Workman	OR	159	9	150	Paul Krueger	IA	179	9	29N	Eric Mumoz	CA	205
10	23E	Casey Eaton	SD	206	10	7	Zac Dzikonski	IL	148	10	11A	Adam Welch	CA	178	10	32	Aaron Bany	OR	180

Kid Stock				
POS	#	NAME	ST	PTS
1st	46	Jacob Knutson	OR	201



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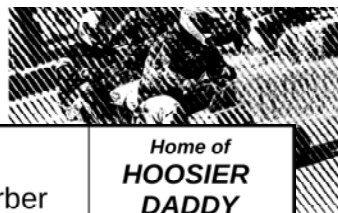
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Memories of our Fallen Turf Warriors

By Manny Torres

Over the past years we have the unfortunate experiences of losing some great members of our organization. Racers like Dave Hertel, Charles Powell, Mike Leonard, Dubba G, Mike Cupps, and Jim Keech just to name a few. But this year has really been hard on us with the passing of Dr. Art Neavill and Janet Witt.

I guess I am really affected by these to great American racers because I spent a-lot of quality time both on and off the track with these to individuals. I would like to take a moment to pass along my memories of these.

My first encounter with the Lawn Blonde (Janet Witt) came in 2002 at the Sta-Bil Keeps Fuel Fresh Finals in Mansfield, Ohio. Watching her race in the IMOW race and in a major wreck at the finish line, WOW-what a will to compete this driver had. I hadn't had the opportunity to meet her yet, but I was totally impressed by her determination and courage on the track. It wasn't until later that I was informed that she was and had been battling cancer, and, even though she was



undergoing treatment, she was determined that this would not prevent her from doing what she loves to do and that was to race lawn mowers. In the years that followed as she moved to the AP Class I would be sharing the track with her, racing side by side (or trying to keep up with her). I was privileged to get to know her and her husband Jim better. I remember in 2004 at Avon Park, Florida in the AP feature race, as the green flag dropped

we ran to our mowers, and as I looked to my right, I saw Janet fall to the track. As we raced around she was way behind, but with her fierce competitive spirit she fought her way to the front and won. But the event that I will always remember will be in Albany, New York, the heat race for AP. We were again racing and all of a sudden there was Janet once again laying on the track, being attended by the medical team and taken away in the ambulance. As we lined up for the AP Feature later in the day, here comes the Lawn Blonde lining up for the start. WOW-now this was the real Iron Woman I thought, and off we went, and once again she was victorious.

Many people know what the words Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage mean. Many young American serving in today's Army know and live by these values every day, but I for one can say that this woman who never served a day in the military lived by these values. The one that will always stand out in my mind when I reflect on the Lawn Blonde is Personal Courage and this I quote from the Army:

"Personal Courage:

Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral). Personal courage has long been associated with our Army. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others. You can build your personal courage by daily standing up for and acting upon the things that you know are honorable."

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The man who I will always remember as the wise one with a challenging personality and deep concern for the sport of Lawn Mower Racing is Dr. Art Neavill. In my early years in the sport no matter where I traveled to race there was Doc., a friend to all racers, always there when help was needed, and always with encouraging comments. However quick to voice his displeasure when things weren't right and willing to make a point wherever needed, no matter who he addressed his remarks towards. Everyone respected him for his outspokenness! Why? Because everyone knew he was right. He loved to be around

the young racers being a mentor, example and teaching the young. That was Doc. He was an icon; he was the IMOW man, believed in the class though he also raced in SP, and later CP and GP classes as well but will always be remembered for racing in IMOW. My most memorable memories of Doc will be, first in Jessup, Maryland, racing against him in SP, both of us in the middle of the pack. After the race he came up to me and stated, "That's what racing is all about, racing side by side hard and clean." Though neither of us won, just by talking to him you would have thought he had won the Daytona 500. Second, several years later in Athens, Alabama, I was parked next to him in the pits. In the SP race I had a major accident and was treated by the medical staff. When I returned to my pit area, Doc had recovered my wrecked mower, packed all my gear, loaded my trailer and had me ready to go before I returned to my area. That was Doc! Over the years we became close friends, and I would call him from time to time just to talk or seek advice. Doc, like the Lawn Blonde, had medical issues as well, but that would not keep him away from the track. After open heart surgery he returned to the track, the average person wouldn't have ever thought of such a return. And finally last year at the Sta-Bil Finals Doc made his last ride around the track on his mower; I guess that was his version of the farewell lap. The next day I was honored to team up with this Hall of Famer and induct Bruce Kaufman into the Hall of Fame. This is a day I will always remember!

When I think of Dr. Art Neavill, I think of the following:

Respect

Treat people as they should be treated. In the Soldier's Code, we pledge to "treat others with dignity and respect while expecting others to do the same." Respect is what allows us to appreciate the best in other people. Respect is trusting that all people have done their jobs and fulfilled their duty.

Integrity

Do what's right, legally and morally. Integrity is a quality you develop by adhering to moral principles. It requires that you do and say nothing that deceives others. As your integrity grows, so does the trust others place in you. The more choices you make based on integrity, the more this highly prized value will affect your relationships with family and friends, and, finally, the fundamental acceptance of yourself.

I was extremely fortunate to attend his memorial service, I thought I knew Doc, but after listening to those who knew him best, I learned about the real Dr. Art Neavill. I left Michigan feeling extremely honored to have known him, raced with him, and I will always be able to call him a close friend.

Art Neavill, a man who believed in consistency, being fair to all, a friend to all, being there to assist whenever needed, family first, education, and enjoying life.

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Greetings Fellow Racers;

During the past racing 2012 season, many things have crossed my mind in regards to racing and safety. After being a racer first, a National Chief Steward, and now the National Tech Director I learned that there are so many other things that need to be considered when the decision is made to race lawn mowers.

Prior to the start of the 2012 season we decided to take a big gamble and expand our field of racing classes to enable racers from all racing groups the opportunity to race within the USLMRA rules. This was probably the biggest gamble USLMRA had taken up to date. We understood that this expansion would require

the USLMRA staff to work harder and longer, but we felt that the end result would be well worth the gamble. And we were right. Adding the Governed Prepared classes for Adults and kids was a huge success, along with the addition of the FXS and FXT classes. We went from 7 classes to 11, the numbers may not seem a lot but taken in to consideration the number of races (Practice, Heats, and Features) you would think would mean longer days. Well to our surprise the fact was that with strong leadership running the races, the time running these races really didn't extend the day by that much. Bottom line was that despite some who may disagree this was an excellent move by USLMRA. With interest in the FXS and FXT classes starting to rapidly grow, we really expect that in the near future these two classes will be the fan favorites.

Over the past several years I have the opportunity to see firsthand and up close so many different types of mowers and some very interesting modifications made to these machines to transform them into race mowers. Remember the intent is to keep these machines appearance as close as possible to the original appearance as possible. And I must commend almost all of you; many of you take pride in what you have built. Why do I bring this up you may wonder? Well it's about the rules. We try our best to put together a set of rules with intent of outlining specific guidelines. I will mention just a couple;

Regulated classes (JP, IMOW, GP, GPK): We want to test the drivers skills in these classes, that's why we have specific guidelines in these classes, Gear Ratio, RPM, Tire Pressure for IMOW & JP for example. And I will say some of the best racing in the past has been in the IMOW with neck to neck racing and at times 3 wide in the turns. And the GP classes are just a step faster with just RPM regulated.

Appearance:

We (USLMRA) want to keep the sport as it was originally intended to be, racing on machines that resemble Riding Lawnmowers as much as possible. These machines should resemble the Original Appearance as much as possible from the engine to the chassis, with the only exception being the Factory Experimental Classes (FX, FXS, & FXT). Ensuring these Mowchines resemble Riding Lawnmowers is the # 1 goal.

Safety:

We continue to have an excellent safety record, yes there are some incidents/accidents that happen but nothing can ensure an accident-free event, that's racing. When actually on the track racing it's up to all drivers to pay extra attention to detail on their driving habits and maintaining awareness of the racers around them, learning the driving habits of other racers as well, and being prepared for the unexpected. We have to ensure that our mowchines are safely built from the engine to the chassis. Coming to the track prepared to race is the key. Yes things will happen, but the more time in preparing your mower prior to race day increases the chance of having an uneventful race day. Rules like the double throttle return spring, Axle mounted brakes in Prepared Classes and FX, Tether Kill Switches, requiring Billet Aluminum flywheels in prepared classes and FX, double lock nut on steering components, just to name a few, are for the safety of the drivers on the track and spectators alike. The Rules are not like some think (to make life miserable or chase away racers) but to try to make the sport as fun and safe as possible.

I have often said that "The USLMRA Staff" has a goal to keep this sport as safe and fun as possible. Remember No one wants to leave the track knowing one of their fellow racers has been injured and what could have been done to prevent it. It's the worst feeling you can have, I know I've had that feeling before.

I look forward to the 2013 season and seeing many of you once again. And remember if any of you have questions, recommendations, or complaints feel free to contact me any time.

Manny Torres
National Tech Director



John Nelson, Sir Lawns A Lot.
Thank you for all you do for us!



Bob Hirsch, Chairman of Gold Eagle Co. (c) with
Bobby Cleveland (r) and Bruce Kaufman at the 2012
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National Chief Steward Rodney Peeler, in action.



Thank you, Richard and Chrissy Webb, for all you do for
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