

DELAWARE

SPEEDWAY

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NASCAR Sprint Cup Series guest driver biographies:

KYLE BUSCH



He's young, smart, brash, outrageously talented and anything but modest. Kyle Busch is NASCAR's fastest rising star and a competitor whom many fans love to hate for his hot temper mixed with magic on the track.

In 2001 while he was still in high school, Kyle started racing late models. At the same time, his older brother Kurt was a NASCAR rookie. (This fact earned Kyle the nickname Shrub - a smaller bush!) At just 16, Kyle made his debut race in the Craftsman Truck Series driving for Roush Racing. However, the NASCAR sanctioning body implemented a rule that disallowed any driver under the age of 18 to compete in any of the three premier NASCAR series in 2002. Kyle's promising start came to an abrupt but temporary halt.

Meanwhile, he competed in the American Speed Associate (ASA) in 2002, and finished eighth in the final championship standings.

Once he turned 18, Kyle returned to NASCAR, immediately advancing to the Nationwide Series and moving up full time to the Sprint Cup Series in 2005. He set records for youngest pole winner and youngest race winner as well as winning Rookie of the Year honours.

He is the only NASCAR driver to win races in two of its national touring series on the same day by winning the Camping World Truck Series and Nationwide Series races held on February 21, 2009.

Kyle Busch now races for Joe Gibbs Racing and despite a promising start to the 2009 season, Busch failed to make the chase and ended the in 10th place.

At the end of 2009 Kyle Busch officially entered the ownership ranks of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series with plans to field a pair of full-time Kyle Busch Motorsports entries in 2010. Busch plans to compete in select races for his own team while sharing driving duties with another young driver and may field another full-time entry. Kyle has won 16 Truck races since starting with the series part-time in 2001.

Kyle is all about winning on the track but his heart is as big as his ambition. In 2006 he started the Kyle Busch Foundation which raises much-needed money for children in need who have been taken out of their family homes.

DAVID REUTIMANN

David Reutimann is a Florida native, and a third generation racer who races for Michael Waltrip in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and for Braun Racing in the Nationwide Series. He drives #00 in the Sprint Cup, the same number driven by his father, Emil "Buzzie" Reutimann.

Reutimann was the Truck Series' Rookie of the Year in 2004 and picked up his first win in 2005.

2008 was a bumpy year for Reutimann. The loss of his crew chief led to a working with three different crew chiefs in three seasons. However, he won his first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Pole Award in 2008. His first Sprint Cup victory came in May 2009 in the rain at Charlotte and he ended the season in 16th place.

David Reutimann hosts an annual charity "Golf Tournament, Cook Out And Auction" in his hometown of Zephyrhills, Florida that raises tens of thousands of dollars for the community.

REGAN SMITH

Regan Smith was born into racing. The son of former NASCAR Busch Series owners, he has been honing his driving skills since the age of four when he began racing go-karts and quarter midget-type cars. He won several regional and state championships prompting his family to move from New York to North Carolina to allow Regan to advance his driving career.

Smith began his NASCAR career racing in the Craftsman Truck Series in 2002. He also made his Busch Series debut at Memphis Motorsports Park for Ed Whitaker, and moved to the Busch Series full-time in 2006. Despite a lack of major sponsorship, he had three top-20 finishes.

Funding issues and uncertainty have dogged Smith's career thus far. He ran in 20 races in 2009. However, he has a lot to look forward to in 2010. Furniture Row Racing has announced that it will run the full 36-race NASCAR Sprint Cup schedule in 2010 with Regan Smith at the wheel. Burlington, Ontario native Ryan Coniam has been promoted to his crew chief.

