



**Sportsman Series**

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## **Quick 32 Sportsman Series teams to do battle this weekend at Grand Bend**

***Stratford Spectacular Hot August Nationals presented by Ideal Supply & NAPA Auto Parts  
to showcase two solid days of drag racing***

**GRAND BEND, ONTARIO (August 12, 2009)** – Although postponed for a week, the Stratford Spectacular Hot August Nationals presented by Ideal Supply & NAPA Auto Parts will return to the Grand Bend Motorplex this coming weekend, August 14-15.

Continual rains hampered the race, and track officials and organizers had no choice but to use the scheduled rain date.

And with over 40 cars ready to race in the Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts, round three of the 2009 season promises to be an exciting one.

With Top Sportsman and Top Dragster teams competing, the Quick 32 Sportsman Series has become very popular with fans and race teams alike.

Presently leading the Championship Point Award Series Standings is T.J. Schipling of Shakespeare, Ontario with 473 points. The dragster driver won the opening round at Cayuga Dragway. Second at present with 451 points is Darrin Grubb of Pine River, Ontario. The Cavalier driver won the Top Sportsman side at the June Grand Bend event. Another door car, the Dodge Stratus of Stratford, Ontario's Kevin Wicke, is third with 438 points.

The dragster of Jamie Bridge of Napanee, Ontario is fourth with 435 points, and rounding out the top five is another dragster, driven by Spencer Hyde of Stratford, Ontario with 419 points.

Wagg & Bell, Paul Martin, Mitch Elliott, Todd Hope, Doug Cadman, Lisa Spiering, Melanie Simmons, Michael Hinbest, Scott Wildgust, Carl Spiering, Michael Kalin, Darryl McMillen and James Lichty round out the top 18 teams.

The first qualifying session is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, August 15, and round one of eliminations for the 32-car field will take place Sunday, starting at 11:30 a.m.



The eighth-mile racing event will feature the popular Pro Modified Racing Association (PMRA), [www.PMRA.ca](http://www.PMRA.ca), and the Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts, featuring Top Dragster and Top Sportsman action with quick six and seven-second cars, the event will feature a Paul Noakes versus Rob Atchison "King of Canada Funny Car" rematch, Jet Truck action, and a Supercharged V8 Drag Bike. Also on tap will be the Grand Bend Motorplex Top Dragster and Top Sportsman Series and some great racing action in the Thunder series and Junior programs, along with a fireworks display.

Complimentary spectator event tickets will still be available at Ideal Supply & NAPA Auto Parts locations across Ontario, at businesses in Stratford, or by contacting the Quick 32 Sportsman Series or the Pro Modified Racing Association.

General parking is \$20 per car load and weekend camping is available.

For information about the Stratford Spectacular Hot August National presented by Ideal Supply & NAPA Auto Parts at the Grand Bend Motorplex, call (519) 238-7223 or visit [www.grandbendmotorplex.com](http://www.grandbendmotorplex.com)



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**About the Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts:**

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts, [www.Quick32.ca](http://www.Quick32.ca), of drag racing was started early in 2009 as an alternative for high-horsepower Sportsman-class teams to compete on a regular basis.

For 2009, dates include Toronto Motorsports Park in Cayuga, Ontario, starting with the season opener on May 16 and 17 and the season-closer "Double Header" on September 19 and 20, and the South-western Ontario track of the Grand Bend Motorplex on June 27 and 28, the Stratford Spectacular Hot August Nationals presented by Ideal Supply & NAPA Auto Parts August 15 and 16 and September 5 and 6.

With 32-car qualified fields comprised of the 16 quickest open wheeled cars (Top Dragster) and the 16 quickest door cars (Top Sportsman), the Quick 32 Sportsman Series will feature the best in ET-style, dial-in drag racing, competing on a Sportsman ladder and will pit door-slamers against dragsters in every race day final.

Competitors in this Ontario-based series must comply with the IHRA Top Dragster and Top Sportsman Safety rules and regulations, and the maximum dial-in will be 7.95 seconds for the quarter-mile.

This new venture is providing \$3000 to win for each event and \$5000 for the annual Championship Point Award Series champion, payouts very popular with competitors and will provide large fields of race cars.

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series is committed in providing a professional atmosphere for its teams. It will also provide solid media and logistic support to ensure it becomes one of the most popular drag race series running Top Sportsman and Top Dragster race cars.

The Quick 32 Sportsman Series presented by NAPA Auto Parts will compete several times with the Pro Modified Racing Association (PMRA), [www.PMRA.ca](http://www.PMRA.ca), as well as selected special events, offering fans a great show of drag racing.

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