"Racing"

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Dale Jarrett, 7. Jimmie Johnson, 8. Rusty Wallace, 9. Jeff Burton, 10. Kyle Petty, 11. Hut Stricklin, 12. Geoffrey Bodine, 13. Brett Bodine, 14. Ricky Rudd, 15. Ward Burton, 16. Jeff Green, 17. Jimmy Spencer, 18. Ricky Craven, 19. Bill Elliott, 20. Terry Labonte, 21. Kenny Wallace, 22. Bobby Hamilton, 23. Mike Skinner, 24. Ken Schrader, 25. Steve Grissom, 26. Casey Atwood, 27. Stacy Compton, 28. Kevin Harvick, 29. Tony Stewart, 30. Matt Kenseth, 31. Dave Blaney, 32. Jerry Nadeau, 33. Robby Gordon, 34. Steve Park, 35. Frank Kimmel, 36. Jeremy Mayfield, 37. Mark Martin, 38. John Andretti, 39. Johnny Benson, 40. Elliott Sadler, 41. Bobby Labonte, 42. Mike Wallace, 43. Ryan Newman

Top-10 Winston Cup points leaders, after 9 of 36 events: 1. Martin-1364, 2. Kenseth-1260, 3. R. Wallace-1208, 4. Busch-1192, 5. Earnhardt Jr.-1178, 6. J. Gordon-1168, 7. Johnson-1168, 8. Stewart-1138, 9. Martin-1137, 10. Rudd-1111.

Fan Comments: P.M., Toledo, Oh.: "NASCAR has come a long way since Dale's death, why can't they come up with something better in restrictor-plate racing?"

P.N., Bolton, N.C.: "Dale Jr. showed a lot of maturity. I think his dad would have been proud of him."

E.T., Dushore, Penn.: "I loved the race, but I think Kenny Wallace was shafted because Martin pushed him below the yellow line."

J.Y., Opp, Ala.: "I think NASCAR did right by throwing the red flag. But I hope they will be consistent in their decisions to do so."

J.R., Potosi, Mo.: "I wonder if Michael Waltrip could have won the race, or was he content to just block for his teammate?"

Roush is stable and improving

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (April 20, 2002) - Roush Racing owner Jack Roush's condition has been upgraded to serious but stable, at the intensive care unit at University of Alabama-Birmingham Medical Center, after being injured in a plane crash late Friday afternoon near Troy, Ala.

Roush suffered closed head injuries but, according to his attending physician, he is "following commands." Other injuries include two leg fractures, which were set Saturday, and minor chest and internal injuries.

Roush's twin-engine light aircraft crashed into a housing subdivision pond outside Troy.

The police log showed that both the Troy Police and Troy Fire Department responded and the first officer was on the scene at 6:08. An ambulance arrived at 6:11.

Chief Scarborough said the first stroke of fortune for Roush, who was celebrating his birthday Friday with a group of friends that were aviation buffs, was that the crash was witnessed by Larry Hicks, 52, and his wife. The policeman said Hicks was a game warden and conservation officer for the state of Alabama.

"He's some hero, is what he is," Scarborough said. "He is a retired U.S. Marine who at one time was on a SAR Unit -- Search and Rescue -- so he was familiar with this type of operation."

Scarbrough said Roush's plane ended up "30 yards offshore, upside down but not totally submerged." He said he had "no idea" how long Roush was submerged, but that "he was under for a period of time, according to Mr. Hicks."

Roush Racing president Geoff Smith on Saturday morning at a news conference at Talladega Superspeedway credited Hicks with extricating and resuscitating Roush prior to his being loaded in the ambulance.

"Larry is the man that pulled Jack out of the water and resuscitated him," he said. "Without Larry and the efforts of the Troy police and emergency response team, we wouldn't be feeling as positive as we do at this moment."

Hicks also received injuries during the rescue effort.

Roush Racing has four drivers in Winston Cup, Matt Kenseth, Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, and Kurt Busch.

Keller wins crash marred Busch race

TALLEDAGA, Ala.-Jason Keller missed "The Big Wreck" that involved 29 cars, then held off Stacy Compton during the last 10 laps to win the Aaron's 312 Busch race.

Replay monitors showed Shane Hmiel's No. 47 Pontiac nudged the No. 10 Ford driven by Scott Riggs, who then hit Johnny Sauter, triggering the wild crash fest.

Jimmy Spencer, who drove through most of the damaged cars before getting hit, said, "It was obviously driver error, you know, without a question."

Finishing order: 1. Jason Keller, 2. Stacy Compton, 3. Tim Fedewa, 4. Todd Bodine, 5. Casey Mears, 6. Andy Kirby, 7. Jimmy Kitchens, 8. Andy Foyt, 9. Kenny Wallace, 10. Hank Parker Jr., 11. Kevin Grubb, 12. Chad Chaffin, 13. Jack Sprague, 14. C.W. Smith, 15. Jeff Purvis, 16. Larry Gunselman, 17. Randy LaJoie, 18. Kerry Earnhardt, 19. Scott Riggs, 20. Tony Raines, 21. Shane Hmiel, 22. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 23. Ashton Lewis Jr., 24. Mike McLaughlin, 25. Lyndon Amick, 26. Greg Biffle, 27. Jamie McMurray, 28. Scott Wimmer, 29. Ron Hornaday Jr., 30. Jay Sauter, 31. Shane Hall, 32. Tim Sauter, 33. Johnny Sauter, 34. Joe Nemechek, 35. Michael Waltrip, 36. Joe Ruttman, 37. Jimmy Spencer, 38. Mike Wallace, 39. Mike Harmon, 40. Jeff Fuller, 41. Coy Gibbs, 42. Brad Teague, 43. Christian Elder.

Top-10 Busch Series points leaders after 8 of 34 events: 1. Sprague-1169, 2. Keller-1147, 3. LaJoie-1079, 4. K. Wallace-1069, 5. Riggs-1068, 6. Biffle-1001, 7. Hamilton Jr.-983, 8. Compton-971, 9. McLaughlin-964, 10. Wimmer-919.

A racing legend is gone

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -- Buck Baker, one of NASCAR's racing legends was laid to rest last Thursday at the age of 83.

Baker died late Sunday night, April 14 at Carolinas Medical Center while undergoing a procedure for a new pacemaker.

Gene Tapia, another longtime racer and moonshine runner from Mobile, Alabama recalls his first experience with Baker.

"The first time I laid eyes on him was in 1948 at a NASCAR modified race in Montgomery, AL," said Tapia. "Most of the tracks back then were dirt. When he took to the track for practice, he really threw a rooster-tail of dirt up. He could drive it into the corners harder than any other driver.

"There were a lot of good drivers there that day, Gober Sosebee, Lee Petty, Tim and Fonty Flock, Curtis Turner, Frank Mundy and a bunch of other Georgia drivers, but Buck Baker became my hero."

"I'd say that over the years, he was one of the best, if not the best driver I ever raced against."

Baker learned his driving skills while running moonshine along the backroads of North Carolina. He was a city bus driver in Charlotte when he turned to racing full-time, competing in NASCAR's inaugural season.

He went on to win 46 Winston Cup races -- 13th on the all-time list -- and 44 poles. He was the first back-to-back series champion, winning titles in 1956 and 1957.

"Throughout the entire racing world, I don't know of anybody who would said he didn't give 110 percent from the time they dropped the green flag until the time the race was over," said his son Buddy Baker. "He was that same way in life, too."

Buck Baker, born Elzie Wylie Baker, on March 4, 1919, in Richburg, S.C., started 631 races, seventh-most in NASCAR, and ran the most laps and miles for three consecutive years beginning in 1955. He was a three-time winner of the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway, one of NASCAR's most storied races.

"There was a time in the modified division that nobody could beat him," Buddy Baker said. "He won 27 in a row once at the old Charlotte fairgrounds track, and the bad part was that we were the promoters at that track. They'd boo him coming in and boo him going out, but the next day everybody would be hanging around at his shop."

Baker retired in 1976, and was inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association's Hall of Fame in 1982 and the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1990.

For the past 20 years, Baker had operated the Buck Baker Racing School, one of the first schools to teach the skills involved in stock car racing. The school was based at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham and also operated at tracks in Atlanta and Bristol, Tenn.

Baker is survived by his wife of 30 years, Susan Painter Baker; two sons, Buddy and Randy; a daughter, Susie Baker of Charlotte, a sister, two grandsons and two great granddaughters.

Weekend Racing

The Winston Cup and Busch Series travel to Fontana, California. The Craftsman Trucks have an off weekend.

Saturday, April 27: Busch Series Auto Club 300, event 9 of 34; Starting time: 4 p.m.(EST); TV: Fox; Distance: 150 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Hank Parker Jr., Chevrolet.

Sunday, April 28: Winston Cup NAPA Auto Parts 500, event 10 of 36; Starting time: 2:30 p.m.(EST); TV: Fox; Distance: 250 laps/500 miles; Defending champion: Rusty Wallace, Ford.

California Speedway track information: Size: 2-mile oval; Banking in turns: 14 degrees, trioval: 11 degrees, backstretch: 3 degrees; Length of frontstretch: 3,100 feet, backstretch: 2,500 feet. Grandstand capacity: 90,000.

Racing Trivia Question: Who was the youngest champion in Winston Cup history?

Answer To Last Week's Question: Martinsville Speedway is the only track that has been part of NASCAR since its beginning.

SOUND OFF: If you have an opinion about NASCAR or Sunday's Winston Cup racing and want to be heard, call us within one hour after the end of the race at 1-800-726-7022. The call is free, and if we use your comments in our next column, we will send you a photo of your favorite driver.

Gerald Hodges/the Racing Reporter is a syndicated NASCAR columnist. If you have a racing question that you would like answered send it to The Racing Reporter, P.O. Box 160711, Mobile, AL, 36616, or e-mail it to: 110335.405@compuserve.com

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Al-Anon

Al-Anon and Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-2129.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., April 29: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero, Pine Hill.
Tues., April 30: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax, Three Links.
Wed., May 1: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla.

Smoke Detectors

Rockcastle Hospital Home Health, with the assistance of local volunteer fire departments, is distributing smoke alarms to the citizens of Rockcastle County who are over age 60 or disabled, and do not have a smoke detector in their home. To apply call 256-1808. Necessary information: Name of applicant, address, date of birth, phone number, nature of the disability (if under 60 years of age).

Clothing Donations Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program, 245 Richmond St. (across from the Board of Education) is in need of clothing of all types. Call for a pickup (256-2157) or bring your donations by the Migrant Office any week day 8:00-3:00.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

City Wide Yard Sale

City of Crab Orchard - City Wide Yard Sale - Fri. & Sat., May 3 & 4.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation Meeting will be held Mon., April 29 at 6 p.m. at RCHS.

Citizens of Brodhead

Notice to all citizens of Brodhead - Please post house numbers for the purpose of 911. If you are unsure about your number please call us at (606)758-8635. This needs to be done as quickly as possible. Cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Last Day to Register

The last day to register to vote in the May Primary Election will be April 29, 2002. Anyone needing to register or make any changes in their voter registration must do so by this date.

Retired Teachers

Retired Teachers will meet Mon., April 29th at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Butterfly Gardening

April 30, 10 a.m. a class on Butterfly Gardening will be taught by Lora Frazier-Howard, Clay County Extension Agent, at the Extension Office.

Breast Cancer Awareness

April 30, 11 a.m., Breast Cancer Awareness will be taught by Lynnette Fortney and Ruth Lane at the Extension Office. Lunch will be provided.

Pie Supper

Livingston Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary will host a Pie Supper and Auction Fri. night, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the new fire house on Main St. in Livingston. All proceeds will go to the fire dept. Everyone welcome.

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00 Cirrus LX - 4 dr, white	WAS $9,990	NOW $9,250	$205
00 Chrysler Concord - 4 dr	WAS $12,990	NOW $11,990	$263
00 Mazda 626 LX - 4 dr	WAS $13,990	NOW $12,990	$286
00 Sable LS - 4 dr., Loaded	WAS $9,990	NOW $8,990	$197
00 Gr. Vitari 4x4 - 4 dr	WAS $13,990	NOW $12,990	$286
00 Malibu - 4 dr., Loaded	WAS $11,600	NOW $10,990	$242
99 Astro Cargo Van - 4 dr	WAS $7,990	NOW $7,450	$169
99 Chev. S-10 LS - 4 dr	WAS $9,990	NOW $8,990	$197
99 Safari Cargo Van	WAS $9,490	NOW $8,490	$186
99 Breeze - Loaded, 4 dr	WAS $9,490	NOW $8,990	$197
99 Toyota Camry - 4 dr	WAS $13,400	NOW $12,990	$286
98 Town & Country - 5 dr	WAS $15,990	NOW $14,990	$329
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