



## Second Annual Winter Nationals to Kick off 2016 Bilstein Mod Lite International Championship Tour

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Somerset, PA (December 1, 2015): The Bilstein Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour will make its second visit to Bubba Raceway Park, in Ocala, FL, February 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2016. Three complete programs await the best Mod Lite drivers from all across the country, and a point fund paying the top ten overall will be provided. The Mod Lite STARS will appear in support of the United States Auto Club Sprint Cars as part of the speedway's Winter Dirt Games Nationals.

During the First Annual Bilstein Mod Lite STARS saw many of the top drivers from across the United States in attendance. Fulton, NY "Rick Demo" driving the Isabell Evo #5J demonstrated how to race consisted fast time laps holding off a charging field of drivers taking home the \$500 win for night one of the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS Winter Nationals Presented for Evolution Chassis.



On night two Alan Knepper driving his familiar Jimmy Owens look alike #20 went the distance to score the win, but he had to fend off a late race charge from Channelview, TX Corey Babbitt and Pennellville, NY driver Joe Isabell to do it. Babbitt came up a couple of car lengths short. Isabell, along with Steve White and Lynn Knepper battled to the end for the third spot with Isabell taking the spot.

With both night one and night two in the books, and the new 1000cc Mod Lite STARS rules in effect, it was evident that the full field of mod lite's were more equal than in the pass. Some drivers were heard saying the driver that hit the set up and made the least mistakes would take home the win. That statement was true for Alan Knepper who found that sweet spot winning Saturday night 25 lap feature and repeated his performance with a second win Sunday night fighting off second place finisher Joe Isabell and third place runner up Corey Babbitt late charge.



"I want to thank Bubba Clem (the owner of the unique D-shaped track) for making the Bilstein Modified Lite STARS part of this prestigious event," said Tour President of Racing Operations Bill Bauer. Last year we had a very successful winter nationals paying out more than \$12,000. "In 2016 with support from our sponsors, we will be able to pay our drivers more than \$16,000 for the three day show" Bauer stated. We're hoping to close all of our sponsorship agreements during next week's PRI show which will guarantee the below posted purse.

	<u>Feb 18th</u>	<u>Feb 19th</u>	<u>Feb 20th</u>
1	\$555.00	\$555.00	\$1,200.00
2	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$750.00
3	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
4	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$375.00
5	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$350.00
6	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$325.00
7	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
8	\$120.00	\$200.00	\$275.00
9	\$110.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
10	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$225.00
11	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
12	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
13	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
14	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
15	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
16	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
17	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
18	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
19	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
20	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
21	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
22	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
23	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
24	\$75.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

**Non-  
Qual** \$30.00      \$30.00      \$50.00

### **Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Automatic Qualifiers**

#### ***National Champions***

**Randy Bryan**  
**Alan Knepper**  
**JT Jones**  
**Jeff Stensland**  
**Corey Babbitt**  
**Josh May**  
**Alan Knepper**

NATIONAL CHAMPION  
WINTER NATIONAL CHAMPION  
MID WEST NATIONALS CHAMPION  
HEARTLAND NATIONAL CHAMPION  
TEXAS GRAND CHAMPION  
CORN BELT NATIONAL CHAMPION  
MEGA 30 NATIONAL CHAMPION

**Jamie Crutchfield**  
TBA

NC WINTER CLASSIC WINNER  
THANKSGIVING BLOW-OUT NATIONALS

***Regional Champions***

**Kyle Purifoy**  
**Brad Lucy**  
**Josh May**  
**Mitch Ward**  
**Danny Rodgers**  
**Todd Padgett**  
**Shon Sanders**  
TBA

GREATER SOUTHWEST REGION  
HEARTLAND EAST REGION  
HEARTLAND WEST REGION  
MID ATLANTIC WEST REGION  
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL CHAMPION  
MID WEST REGION  
HEARTLAND EAST REGION  
FLORIDA REGION

An open practice session, pre-registration, and tech will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The overall champion will leave the sunshine state with another \$300. The entire point fund, based on a 24 car field, will be \$1,425. There will be a one-time entry fee of \$100, payable at the track.

Hoosier Tires will support the program, with free tires going to several of the competitors. Negotiations are underway to obtain even more contingencies.

All cars must meet the 2016 Mod Lite STARS rules. Tire rules will Hoosier Dirt Bozz Style tread pattern "V" non plated, Hoosier Racing Tires sanctioning body STARS and TUSA plated tires 40-durometer minimum before the race will remain in effect. Race tracks will choose their provisional first. If the track doesn't take a provisional then Modified Lite STARS Tour will use both provisional's in keeping with the 24 car starting field. Modified Lite STARS Tour provisional will be chosen from the points list for 2016, with the exception of the first night which will be taken from the final 2015 Modified Lite STARS Tour points.

The BILSTEIN Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is a non-profit organization formed to fill a void and restore much-needed stability to the brand of mod-lite racing. Serving as a national sanctioning body the Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour represents an aggressively growing segment of motor sports' racing and is recognized as the leader in modified lite racing. In its eighth year of operation the STARS program has gained widespread acceptance with its standardized rules, sponsorship program, with the STARS model becoming the basic guide for pockets of localized modified lite racers.

The Modified Lite STARS International Championship Tour is proudly supported by its major sponsors: BILSTEIN Shock Absorbers, North East Modified Lites, Knepper ATV Repair, Evolution Chassis, nXs Motorsports, New Augusta Auto Services, Ignite Racing Fuel, Sidewinder Chassis, Velocity Race Cars, Extreme Motorsports, Oil Medics, Schoenfeld Header's, Steinjager, Inc. and Hoosier Racing Tire.

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