

## BILSTEIN MOD LITE STARS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WINTER NATIONALS DATE SET

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Ocala, FL (October 17, 2016) – The Bilstein Mod Lite STARS is proud to announce that the STARS will be returning to Bubba Raceway Park February 22<sup>nd</sup> thru February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bilstein Mod Lite STARS Winter Nationals. Bill Bauer, President of Competition & Racing Operations announced the much anticipated dates today after talking with Bubba Raceway Tom Bean. “We’ve been working hard this year with more than 400 events on the schedule and announcing the 2017 STARS rule package” Bauer stated, “Many of our teams, fabricators and engine builders were calling for dates so that vacations and delivery dates can be set”.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Nationals were a big success with more than 40 drivers competing for \$20,000 dollars in cash for the three day event. Iowa Heartland West – MADCRA and 2012 STARS National Champion Josh May driving the familiar #99 Velocity Chassis was the overall champion taking home close to \$4,000 in cash. “We were very fortunate to have good sponsors for the 2016 season which provided us with the financial support to pay our driver the larger purse.” Bauer stated. Now with the dates set, we will be able to get all the logistics in place for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Nationals will kick off Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> with early bird registration and tech inspection starting at 2:00 pm. Open practice will take place Wednesday night.

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Bilstein Mod Lite STARS will be on the track for the 20-lap feature. Registration and Inspection opens at 2:00 pm. Pit gates will open at 4:00 pm, Drivers Meeting at 6:00 pm, Hot Laps/Racing at 7:00 pm

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm the Mod Lite STARS will be hosting a drivers/owners meeting for the annual Mod Lite STARS review followed by chassis manufacture and engine rebuilders meeting.

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Night Two of the Winter Nationals will have the Mod Lite STARS back for the 20-lap feature. Registration and Inspection opens at 2:00 pm. Pit gates will open at 4:00 pm, Drivers Meeting at 6:00 pm, Hot Laps/Racing at 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> the final night of the Bilstein Mod Lite STARS Winter Nationals will be on the speedway for Registration & Inspection open at 2:00 pm. Pit gates will open at 4:00 pm, Drivers Meeting at 6:00 pm, Hot Laps/Racing at 7:00 pm

**Lineups:** Pill draw will be used to determine heat race lineups. For Thursday & Friday night; Top 3 finishers from each heat race will draw for their starting position at the scales. Saturday night feature will be raced heads up based on heat and B main finishes. The final A-Main qualifiers will fill in the middle part of the feature lineup. B-Mains will determine the final starting positions and Alternate positions for the feature. All Alternates will be required at the starting lineup for the feature and will be added in the case that a qualified car has scratched from the feature event.

Heat races will be 8 laps in length with B-Mains (8-10 lap depending on amount of cars).

All heat races, B-Mains and features will follow normal track procedures.

**Order of events and lineups:** The order of events and lineups at each individual track will be posted at the Modified Lite STARSs International Championship Tour trailer which will be located in the pit area. It is the responsibility of each individual race team to stay abreast of changes to those lineups in the event of changing weather conditions, etc.

**Provisionals:** Race tracks will choose their provisional first. In the case a track chooses not to take a provisional then Modified Lite STARSs International Championship Tour will use both provisionals in keeping with the 24 car starting field. For night one, Mod Lite STARS Tour provisional will be chosen from the points list for 2016.

**Automatic qualifiers for Saturday night 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Winter Nationals:** To be eligible you must make the attempt to qualify through heats and take the B main green flag.

<b>CHAMPION</b>		
2016 National Champion	TBA	
2016 Futures Cup Champion	Kolbe Kimbrew	
<b>NATIONAL EVENT CHAMPIONS</b>		
Winter Nationals Champion	Bubba Raceway Park	Josh May
Ingnite Race Fuel Nationals	Montpelier Speedway	Tyler Riggs
MEGA 30 Nationals	Tyler County Speedway	Josh Baldwin
Heartland Nationals	Stuart Speedway	Kevin Blum
MWML Nationals	34 Raceway	Mike Morrill
Harvest Race Fest Nationals	Butler Speedway	TBA
Texas Grand Nationals	Royal Purple Speedway	TBA
<b>REGIONAL CHAMPIONS</b>		
Regional Champion	Greater South West - ADCRA	TBA
Regional Champion	Heartland Central - MMLRS	Justin Rafferty
Regional Champion	Heartland East - MWML	Mike Morrow
Regional Champion	Heartland North - NML	Dave Rafferty
Regional Champion	Heartland South - NCRA	TBA
Regional Champion	Heartland West - MADCRA	Josh May
Regional Champion	Mid Atlantic West	Rayan Saffell
Regional Champion	Mid West - IML	TBA
Regional Champion	South East Sunbelt - ETML	Micah Collins
Regional Champion	Southeast Sunbelt - Florida	TBA
Regional Champion	Southeast Sunbelt - NCML	TBA
Regional Champion	Texas Mod Lites	TBA
<b>SPECIAL EVENT WINNERS</b>		
Summer Shootout	Bubba Raceway Park	Austin Martin
Deep Fried Shootout	Duck River Raceway Park	Josh Baldwin
Prelude to the Winter Classic	Rockfish Speedway	TBA

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. To reverse the downward trend that it was experiencing the Modified Lite STARS established stability and direction. 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, American Ethanol, Ignite Racing Fuel, Sidewinder Chassis, Velocity Race Cars, Extreme Motorsports, Oil Medics, Schoenfeld Header's, Superior Race Cars, Reynolds Farm Equipment, John Deer and Hoosier Racing Tire.

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