



Bilstein Continues Relationship with Modified Lite STARS Series Second Annual Bilstein Winter Nationals will pay \$2,000 to Win \$200 to Start

SOMERSET, PA (December 15, 2015) – Modified Lite STARS Championship Tour are pleased to announce the signing of a title sponsor for the 2016 season. ThyssenKrupp Bilstein of America has sign with the STARS for its sixth year has agreed to be the title and presenting sponsor for the Modified Lite STARS program for 2016.

BILSTEIN Shocks, based in Poway, California, has increased its involvement greatly in Modified Lite racing over the past six years establishing a clearly and defined footprint in the industry. Racers using BILSTEIN Shocks have won some of the biggest events in the country last year both sanctioned and unsanctioned like Somerset, PA driver Alan Knepper who won last year's Winter Nationals.

“We’re very pleased with our involvement with the Mod Lite STARS Series and what they have done for the industry. We’re looking forward to a great year with the STARS series and working with everyone associated with the national organization,” stated Scott MacDonald, Director, Marketing & Product Management for ThyssenKrupp Bilstein of America.

During the First Annual Bilstein Mod Lite STARS Winter Nationals saw many of the top drivers from across the United States in attendance. Rick Demo, driving the Isabell Evo #5J, won night one taking home \$500 for the win and on night two Alan Knepper driving his familiar Jimmy Owens look alike #20 on Bilstein Shocks went the distance to score the win for \$1,000 followed up with a second victory on Sunday night \$500.

With the success of the 2015 nationals Bilstein will also be providing the winner of the Saturday night nationals race an \$800 bonus providing they are on Bilstein Shocks and have the Bilstein logo displayed on their car.

The fun will start with 20-lap preliminary races starting on February 18th paying \$500 to the win, \$75 to start, on February 19th event will pay \$500 to win and \$200 to start. The finale event of February 20th will go for 25 laps, with the winner taking home a cool \$1,200 and \$800 Bilstein bonus for a total \$2,000. The Saturday night feature will have an enhanced payoff for the 24 car field paying a \$200 to start.

Throughout the world, the name ThyssenKrupp BILSTEIN is synonymous with innovation and high-tech engineering in the shock absorber market. With production facilities throughout the world, the company supplies products for the complete spectrum of damping applications. In addition, the name BILSTEIN has for many decades been closely associated with the most advanced technology in the field of suspension design, driving comfort and safety. In order to

expand this position in the future, BILSTEIN became a division of ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG in 1988 and a wholly-owned subsidiary in 2005. The partnership and co-operation within the group will enable the company to continue to inspire with innovations in the traditional BILSTEIN way.

On top of this, ThyssenKrupp BILSTEIN has for many years now been a much sought-after partner in the motor sports and tuning sector. ThyssenKrupp BILSTEIN is an operative business unit in the Components Technology business area.

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, 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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