

Sports

Nascar driver visits track, talks safety

A three-time Nascar winner talked with racers Monday in Oberlin about safety and signed autographs for fans.

Randy LaJoie, who won the Nascar Busch Series in 1996 and 1997 and the Nascar North in 1985, was in town for the Blood, Sweat and Tears race Monday night.

Mr. LaJoie said he's out on a safer racing tour, which started last year, at the short tracks. This year, he said, he's been to seven tracks, starting in Ohio and working his way to Oberlin. This race was his 15th and final day on the road.

He said after the race Monday he would head home to North Carolina.

Nascar, said Mr. LaJoie, has made racing very safe since the death of Dale Earnhart Sr. He said he's passing on that information to those working and racing on the short

track circuit. "Small things really make a huge difference," he said.



Randy LaJoie

One of those things is the seat the driver uses. After feeling like he was a crash test dummy for more than 20 years, he said, in 1993 he started his company, The Joie of Seating, to build form fitted aluminum seats.

Drivers need to not be able to be rattled around in their seats. Instead it should hold their heads and shoulders.

Racing is a dangerous sport, said Mr. LaJoie, but there are things racers can do to make it safer. Sometimes, it seems racers are the slowest people to make safety changes, he said.

Mr. LaJoie said Oberlin's David Murray, who just got his 402 win, has been using the seat for the last four years.

TRUCKS AND CARS WAITED for the good ahead to go onto the Oberlin Speedway track at 6:30 p.m. Monday night for a few warm-up laps. Racing started at 7 p.m.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

Mr. LaJoie said he learned the importance of a good race seat from his dad, five-time Danbury Race arena Champion, Don LaJoie, who used a form-fitted seat.

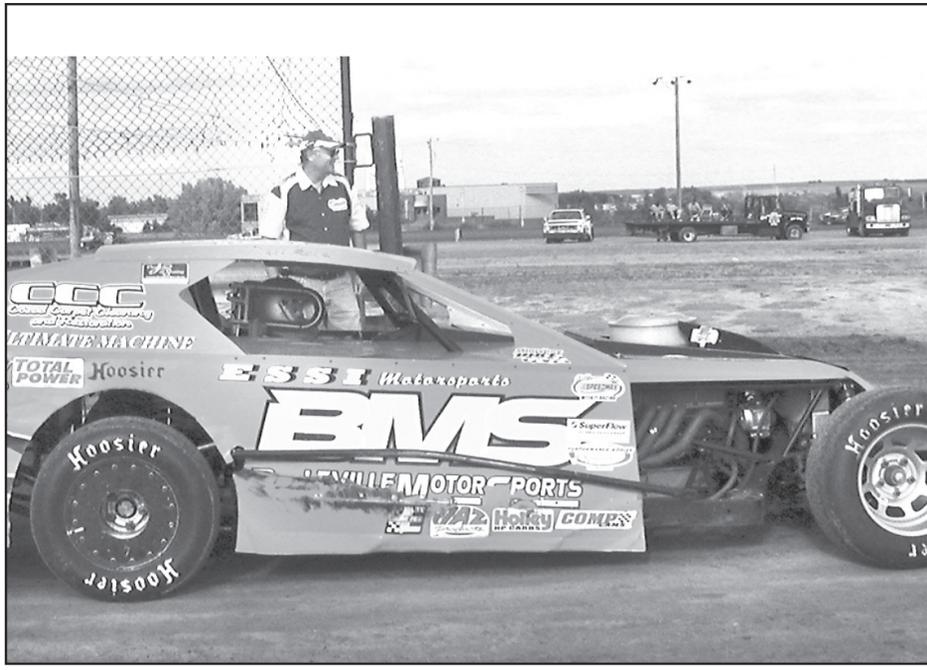
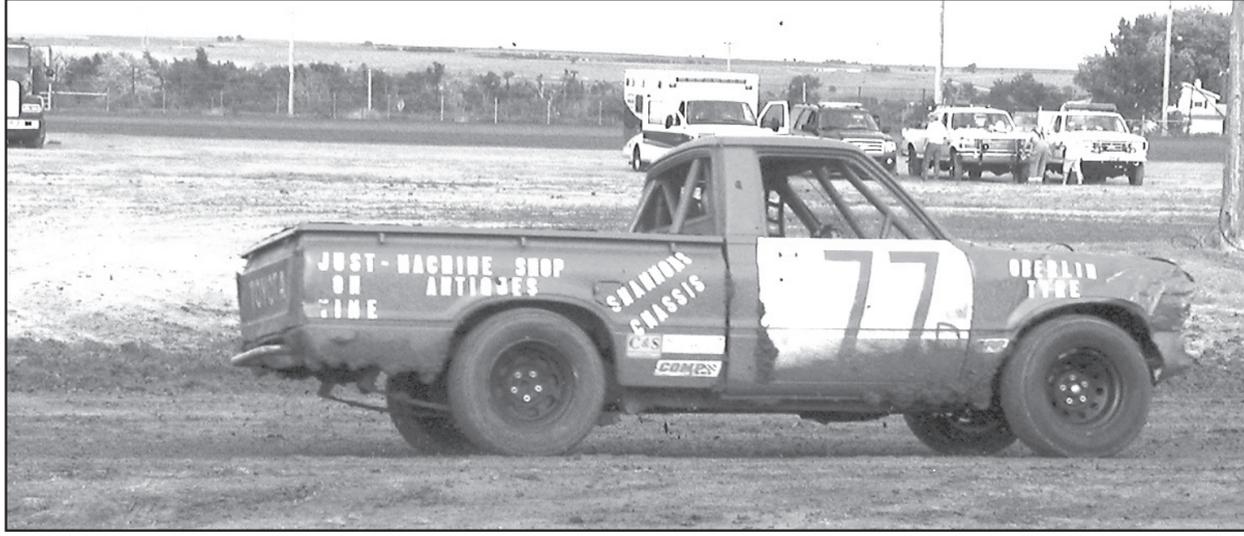
Mr. LaJoie said he spent 25 years doing full-time racing. Now he is passing the tradition down to his sons Corey, 16 and Casey, 14. Corey wants to race and is committed and works on his cars, his dad said.

Over his years of racing, he said, he has never raced full-time in the cup series because it was always important to stay home with the kids and family on Sunday.

Mr. LaJoie took his turn racing on the dirt tracks the past three nights finishing 10th, 14th and 16th, but was not planning to race in Oberlin, because his hip was hurting him.

Racing on a dirt track, he said, is totally different than racing on an asphalt or concrete one.

While this is his last stop for now, he said he has six more events planned for the year.



Swimmers take second, set three pool records in Goodland

The Oberlin Swim Club brought home three new pool records from a meet in Goodland on June 7 and placed second.

Setting new pool records were Kiah Blau in the 50-yard freestyle for ages 13 and 14; Nicky McDonald in the 25-yard butterfly stroke for swimmers 8 and under; the ages 11-12 mixed relay team in the 200-yard medley. Coach Stephanie Blau "I'm proud of all the swimmers for their hard work."

Swimming for Oberlin were:

Ages 8 and under:
• Nicky McDonald — 50-yard freestyle, first, 38.49 seconds; 25-yard freestyle, first, 16.74; and 25-yard butterfly stroke, first, 18.27, a pool record.

• Kyleana Blau — 25-yard freestyle, second, 22.02; 25-yard butterfly stroke, second, 28.24; and 100-yard individual medley, second, 2:23.53.

• Jean Soderlund — 25-yard butterfly stroke, third, 29.43; 25-yard freestyle, fifth, 23.22; and 25-yard backstroke, 14th, 36.19

• Dani Rouse — 25-yard backstroke, 17th, 40.49; 25-yard freestyle, 22nd, 36.87; and 25-yard breaststroke, 42.73.

• Ezra McDonald — 50-yard freestyle, 10th, 1:23.55, and 25-yard freestyle, 27th, 1:28.72.

• The mixed relay team of McDonald, Blau, Soderlund and Rouse, 100-yard freestyle, first, 1:42.05

Ages 9 and 10

• Jakobi Blau — 100-yard freestyle, first, 1:23.90; 25-yard freestyle, first 15.72; and, 100-yard individual medley, second, 1:35.96



• Kelsey May — 25-yard butterfly stroke, second, 21.8; 100-yard individual medley, third, 1:41.16; and 25-yard freestyle, fifth, 16.62

• Jenna Long — 25-yard breaststroke, sixth, 24.91; 25-yard freestyle, 10th, 19.27; and 25-yard backstroke, 23.05.

• Albany McDonald — 25-yard breaststroke, third, 22.94; 100-yard freestyle, fourth, 1:29.27; and 100-yard individual medley, fourth, 1:46.37.

• The girls relay team of Blau, May, Long and McDonald, 100-yard freestyle, second, 1:11.68

• The girls relay team of Blau, May, Long and McDonald, 100-yard medley, second, 1:26.6

Ages 11 and 12

• Jamie Soderlund — 50-yard freestyle, first, 30.81; 50-yard backstroke, first, 38.78; and 100-yard individual medley, first, 1:20.78.

• Cassidy Shields — 50-yard breaststroke, first, 40.34; 100-yard freestyle, third, 1:18.01; and 50-yard backstroke, third, 44.22.

• Caitie Shields — 50-yard breaststroke, fifth, 50.44; 50-yard freestyle, 17th, 45.37; and 100-yard freestyle, 1:36.31

• Kariah Castle — 50-yard freestyle, second, 31.22; 50-yard breaststroke, second, 43.02; and 50-yard butterfly stroke, third, 38.62.

• Keagen Blau — 100-yard freestyle, second, 1:21.43; 50-yard backstroke, second, 42.91; and 50 yard freestyle, third, 33.49

• The girls relay team of Soderlund, Castle, Shields and Shields, 200-yard freestyle, first, 2:23.02

• The mixed relay team of Soderlund, Blau, Castle, Shields, 200-yard medley, first, 2:46.46. a pool record.

Ages 13 and 14

• Brittany Urban — 100-yard backstroke, 13th, 2:04.27; 100-yard breaststroke, 16th, 2:06.62; and 50-yard freestyle, 21st, 39.27.

• Kaylee May — 100-yard breaststroke, seventh, 1:34.55; 50-yard freestyle, 10th, 33.27; and 100-yard freestyle, 12th, 1:18.01

• Darbi Rouse — 100-yard freestyle, third, 1:09.22; 100-yard butterfly stroke, fourth, 1:27.59; and 100-yard breaststroke, sixth,

1:32.62.

• Kiah Blau — 100-yard freestyle, first, 1:07.75; 50-yard freestyle, first, 28.01, a pool record; and 100-yard butterfly stroke, first, 1:21.47

• Nolan Henningson — 100-yard backstroke, second, 1:37.12;

200-yard individual medley, third, 3:22.5; and 100-yard breaststroke, sixth, 1:42.55

Ages 15-18

• Ashley Horton — 100-yard breaststroke, first, 1:29.08; 100-yard freestyle, fourth, 1:08.96; and 100-yard backstroke, fourth,

1:18.97

• Daniel Jordan — 100-yard freestyle, first, 1:05.22; 50-yard freestyle, first, 26.90; and 100-yard breaststroke, first, 1:21.37

The team was to swim in Wray, Colo., on Sunday.

McCook Honda Dealer To Offer Gas For 99¢ Per Gallon[†] Until 2009 & To Sell Vehicles For Just \$29 Down & \$99 Per Month*!

Customers To Pay Just 99¢ Per Gallon Until the End of The Year When They Purchase Any Vehicle This Wednesday, June 18th Thru Saturday, June 21st!

Clair Wilson
Staff Writer

McCOOK, NE — Mr. Mark Kool, co-owner of **Janssen Kool Honda on 711 West C Street**, stunned the competition and area residents today by announcing a 99¢ per gallon gas offer for anyone

who purchases a vehicle this **Wednesday, June 18th through Saturday, June 21st**. "People are currently driving cars, trucks & SUV's that are not as fuel efficient as those we offer at Janssen Kool Honda. To encourage people to turn in their gas guzzlers and purchase a more fuel efficient vehicle, I am offering them the opportunity to purchase vehicles for just **\$29 down & \$99 per month PLUS they'll pay just 99¢ per gallon of gas until 2009[†]**." Response to this unprecedented offer is expected to be huge over the 4-day period. Kool wants people to know that the event must take place regardless of any weather issue that may arise.

Kool offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale, "We know people are concerned about the rising cost of gas and that gas prices are impacting vehicle sales. At Janssen Kool Honda we offer over 9 different fuel efficient Honda models along with over 240 economically priced pre-owned vehicles to choose from between three locations." In order to maintain our monthly sales pace, we decided to offer the easiest and most affordable way possible to purchase a vehicle. With prices starting at just \$29 down and \$99 a month*, and with gas for just 99¢ a gallon until 2009[†], it doesn't get any better

than this — and the service you can expect is second to none." There will be many vehicles to choose from including recent trade-ins, lease returns, hard-to-find program vehicles, former service loaners and many more. Kool goes on to mention, "Most of

"Vehicles to sell for \$29 Down and \$99 Per Month* with Gas for Just 99¢ a gallon until 2009[†]."

Mark Kool — co-owner

the vehicles we're offering will have incredibly low pricing; some at or below NADA wholesale price levels. I can assure you, if you want to get a great deal on the vehicle of your dreams, you won't want to miss this event." During this incredible event every pre-owned vehicle will be available for the low down payment of just \$29^{*}. Extended terms and special financing will be available to help reduce monthly payments & obtain credit for those who may have had challenges in the past.

Many of the pre-owned vehicles offered are late model vehicles with low miles and the balance of factory warranty remaining. Auto shoppers can choose from many makes and models including: Toyota, Honda, Jeep, Chrysler, Ford, GMC, Pontiac and more. There will be vehicles available with easy low monthly payments. Payments will be clearly marked. All you'll need to do is pick a vehicle. It's that simple.

Kool cites an example, "We have a 2001 Hyundai Elantra with A/C and power steering for only \$29 down and \$99 a month^{*}. Add

gas for only 99¢ a gallon until the end of the year[†] and that's an unbeatable deal!"

During this event all trades are welcome, paid off or not. No matter how much you owe on your trade, Janssen Kool Honda will pay it off! You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to obtain a pre-owned car, truck, van or sport-utility with an unbelievably low down payment of just twenty-nine* dollars!

Kool also reminds customers that the event is first-come, first-serve, so it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle of your choice.

The exclusive site for this exciting event is **Janssen Kool Honda, located at 711 West C Street in McCook for 4 days only, Wednesday, June 18th thru Friday, June 20th from 8am-6pm & Saturday, June 21st from 8am-3pm.**

Hurry for the best selection. For further information on this Exclusive Sales Event please call:

**Janssen Kool Honda
308.345.3600**

*\$29 denotes down payment, subject to lender approval and creditworthiness. Exact rate and term varies by vehicle. Example: 2001 Hyundai Elantra, stk#493, \$29 down and \$99 per month for 66 months at 9.99% APR. Cash price \$5,029.

†Incentive based on customer purchase of any pre-owned vehicle from inventory, driving an average of 9,600 miles/year (800 miles/month) at an average of 25 Miles Per Gallon at \$3.90 per gallon of gas. Customer pays \$.99 per gallon, dealer pays balance (\$3.90-\$99=\$2.91) per gallon for six (6) months. Total value up to \$558.72. Value of gas paid by dealer is to be charged as a vehicle cost and will be paid to customer via dealer check or gas card upon completion of pre-owned vehicle purchase.

‡Any negative equity will be applied to new loan balance. Vehicles subject to prior sale.
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4 Person Scramble

(Any combination of Men and Ladies)

Oberlin Country Club

Sunday, June 22, 2008

8 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. Tee Off
\$40 per player - \$10 Mulligans (per player)
(Meal included after play)

Hole Prizes
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(\$15 per cart)

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