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Nascar Modified Series Tour Races Have Sprint Car Like Seat (SFI APPROVED SEAT)

Modified Series Gets Big Changes

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USPA NEWS - I would like to start off by saying that money maded on this story is going back to the drivers.
This Cup Car LIKE seat (SFI) is required by Nascar. Was not built or R&D (Like it should have). The meeting that Nascar had for the Modified Series Drivers showed it was tested in ONLY one Modified car.

The film that they showed was 90% Cup Car and 10% Modified. I was there at that meeting so I know first hand. I was not a reporter at the time. I was filling in for Crew Chief that had to work is full time job and could not make it. A Nascar official told me it took them over 22 hours to put the seat. and it still wasn't right. That's way to long to put a seat in. Plus the seat could cost up to $5,000. Most guys can't afford the seat or the time to put it in. Talking with teams that have put it in. It took over 2 weeks to put it in right. I know Nascar is trying to do the best thing for it's drivers. I just think they need to re look at things.

Another thing is the Fuel Cell Rule. Guys have been running fuel cells in their car for 15 years. And I don't know of anybody ever getting hurt from a fuel cell. But now the new rule is that it has to be change every 3 years and it cost about $700 bucks.

The little guy running on the tour will not be able to keep up with all this cost. The fans are filling the seats but if there are only a few drivers. It's going to be a problem.

I feel the Cup drivers need to help out. Ryan Newman, Tony Stewart, and Carl Edwards have all run in the modified. And they have not given back. I feel they need to remember where they came from. And help out the little guys on the modified tour. Don't get me wrong some people are coming to the track with 18 wheelers and full crew. But they also have family that own Cup Car teams or married into a team. The only guys I know that are self made is Myers racing. All I am saying is to the Cup Car Drivers and teams is help a little. It will make a big difference. Before it becomes a problem. Could you see Nascar with out Bowman Grey? Hey I would have never thought Winston Cup series would have been gone into the night. I am just saying.

One driver that sticks out is Mike Norman. He has been a pace car driver for over 20 years. His dealership DMC Auto Exchange has been a sponsor of many races for a long time. In 2010 Mike took 2nd in "Rookie of the Year" Missed it by 2 points due to a blown motor and could not afford to fix. He could use your help. And he is just one of many teams just getting by.

This is the time of year for giving. If I can give back to the drivers. Surely, The Cup Car drivers also can give too.

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