

Coder Racing #42C

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CODER & RUNKLE START SEASON EIGHT FOR EIGHT

The #42c Stock Car Team is off to a consistent start to the 2008 Season with a record 8 straight feature finishes without a "Did Not Finish" (DNF). The credit goes to Jerry Runkle's excellent work as Crew Chief. "The car prep is great and Jerry's ability to focus us at the track is fantastic," says Coder.

The season has been an especially fun one as the team has focused on having a good time, finishing races and "driving her onto the trailer" at the end of the night. Fan and sponsor support has been excellent as well. The team is currently 7th in season points at Thunderhill Speedway and 8th in points at Heartland Park Topeka.

TOP FIVE AT THUNDERHILL

Coder Racing finished fifth in the A-Feature of the Factory Stock division at Thunderhill Speedway on May 17th. Coder started on the front row and ran 2nd for three laps before a near spin sent him to the back of the pack. Coder made his way back to fifth and was "reeling in" the 11m car for 4th when the checkered flag flew. In regards to the near spin, Crew Chief Jerry Runkle was overheard saying "Oh no, here it comes!"

The Coder and Runkle team was pleased with the heat race in which Coder "tapped" the rear bumper of the dominant #76 car - under green. "We at least let him know we were there", said Coder.

Brakes squealing? Front end vibrating?

Take it to:

**Mike's Frame Shop
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EXCELLENT RACING SURFACE AT HEARTLAND PARK

Track conditions at Heartland Park were outstanding for Dirt Series Event #3 on May 18th. However the tacky track frustrated Coder as the #42c factory stock's poor handling resulted in a disappointing 9th place finish. "Man – I though I was gonna hit the wall dead on a couple of times, but we still had fun" said Coder.

Subsequently, Crew Chief Runkle found a bad ball joint at the root of the problem. Mike Gish of **Mike's Frame Shop** lent the team alignment turn plates to realign the front end. The #42c team is hopeful these improvements will result in a higher finish at Heartland Park Dirt Series Event #4 on June 8th. Thank you to Mike's Frame Shop and thanks to Heartland Park for the great track.

MOTHER'S DAY RACE BITTERSWEET FOR CODER RACING

The Coder Racing Team found the #42c Factory Stock running and handling well on Mother's Day, May 11 at Thunderhill. Coder in fact led the first few laps of the A feature before getting too high coming out of turn 2 and having to get out of the throttle down the back stretch. "The world went by" said Coder.

Thank you to Mike Henry and the Thunderhill Speedway for getting the race in after the rain out the night before. We will return.....

SECOND TOP FIVE AT THUNDERHILL

Coder racing finished fifth the second week in a row at Thunderhill Speedway on May 24. A good time was had by all. A burnt plug wire limited the team's performance in their heat, resulting in a fifth place finish.

RACING INFORMATION ON THE NET

Check out these web pages for information on Area Racing:

WWW.inthepits.net

WWW.hpt.com

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FUEL MILAGE TIPS

Here are three tips for increasing the fuel mileage of your daily driver or race car hauler.

1.) Tire Inflation. Keeping your tires inflated to the proper level can significantly reduce the rolling resistance of your vehicle, thus improving fuel mileage. Keeping your tires inflated will also increase their service life.

2.) Clean Fuel System. Joel and Brandon at **Advance Auto Parts 1621 S. Kansas Avenue** introduced us to a fuel system cleaner /fuel additive called "Sea Foam." One pint of this added to 8 -16 gallons of fuel will really clean you fuel injectors and improve your cars performance. Judy Coder added a pint of this to her 1990 Cadillac's fuel and it instantly improved performance and increased the gas mileage by 2mpg. This stuff really works!

3.) Slow Down. Driving at 60 mph instead of 75 mph will reduce your fuel consumption. Sometimes we need to be in a hurry, other times not. So slow down, put a good yodelin' cd in the player and enjoy the drive home.

NEXT EVENTS FOR CODER RACING

Saturday June 14, Thunderhill Speedway

Sunday June 15, Heartland Park Topeka???

Make up date for June 8 rainout?

Saturday June 21, Thunderhill Speedway

Sunday June 22, Heartland Park Topeka

Saturday July 5, Thunderhill Speedway

Sunday July 6, Heartland Park Topeka

Star Spangled Modified Spectacular

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DON'T WORRY – BE HAPPY!

The following scripture was used as a sermon text at the Desoto United Methodist Church on June 1, 2008 at the confirmation of Madeleine Mikinski, daughter of Tammy Coder Mikinski and Mike Mikinski.

“This is why I tell you; do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about the clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes? Look at the birds: they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet our Father in Heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth much more than birds? Can any of you live a bit longer by worrying about it?

And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as these flowers. It is God who clothes the wild grass – grass that is here today and gone tomorrow, burned up in an oven. Won't he be all the more sure to clothe you? What little faith you have!

So do not start worrying: ‘Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?’ (These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these things. So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings.” (Mathew 6:25-34 Good News Bible)

Sponsored by Mike Fangman and the Silver Lake First Baptist Church.

RACER'S FAVORITES

Berry Good Breakfast Bread

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen unsweetened whole strawberries, thawed and mashed
- 1-1/4 cups vegetable oil

4 eggs

1-1/4 cups chopped pecans

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat two 9" x 5" loaf pans with nonstick cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, 2 cups sugar, the ground cinnamon, salt, and baking soda; mix well.

3. In a medium bowl, combine the strawberries and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar; mix well. Add the oil and eggs, and blend until well combined. Add to the flour mixture and stir in the chopped pecans, blending until moistened. Divide the batter equally into loaf pans.

4. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool on a rack for 10 minutes then remove from the pan to cool completely. Makes 2 loaves.

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FRIENDS HELP CODER MAKE FEATURE

Crew Chief Jerry Runkle was unable to attend the May 31 race at Thunderhill due to a commitment to his church. Runkle was missed. However, friends helped Coder in time of need and the team was able to maintain its streak of eight "A-Feature" races without a DNF.

The evening's troubles began when the car failed to start, to load it on the trailer. A broken battery terminal was to blame and friend and substitute crew member David Boyles made the parts run. By the time the team made it to the track, the drawing was closed and Coder had to start scratch in the 2nd heat. (See "Help"- Page 4)

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HELP

(Continued from page 3) Coder's heat race ended for him in the first crash of the season. That did not allow him to finish the heat race. "Well, I guess it was one of those racing things," said Coder. The damage to the car included a flat left front tire, a broken brake line and a crushed fender, firewall, door and quarter panel.

But friends and sportsmanship at the track came to Coder's aid as David Boyles changed the left front tire, factory stock driver Benny Lutz made expert repairs to the brake line, and other racers Drake Pitman and AJ Christianson bailing wired the #42c stock car's doors and fenders back on. Interim Crew Chief Judy Coder rendered first aid to driver Coder who had cut his hand trying to straighten torn sheet metal in the fire wall. "There are some great people in racing, and A.J., Benny and Drake are among them" said Coder.

A.J. Christianson manages the **Big-O Tires store at 21st and Washburn in Topeka**. Although not an official sponsor of Coder Racing, the Coders go to Big O for all their street tire needs. Help support an area racer and stop by and see A.J. for a good deal on tires. Another place where good racing folks hang out is **The Chic-a-dee Café, 3036 SE 6th**. Stop by the Chic-a-dee for small town atmosphere, good food, and fantastic cream pies.

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