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Check Out NCMA's New Member Spotlight
In Today’s Newsletter

News from North Carolina

Kyle Busch, Doug Herbert to kick off Summer Shootout finale
The annual Summer Shootout Series will go out with a bang Tuesday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway with fireworks and appearances by NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver and former Legend Car racer Kyle Busch, as well as NHRA driver and B.R.A.K.E.S. founder Doug Herbert...

Veteran Wins Record-Setting 9th Bowman Gray Crown
Brown, who has raced at Bowman Gray Stadium since 1991 and owned or shared many track records at the historic track, now owns another one all to himself...

Engines Failures Shake Up Points
Sunday's Pure Michigan 400 saw another huge shake up in points, thanks mostly to the failures of three Hendrick Motorsports engines in the race...

Pruett & Rojas Get No. 150 For Ganassi
The win marked the 150th victory in all forms of motorsports for Chip Ganassi Racing...

NCMA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FORSYTH TECH

There is so much to cover regarding the Race Car Technology department at Forsyth Tech in Winston-Salem, it’s hard to know where to start.

The program started in 1999 and in 2003 became accredited
by the state, offering an associate degree after completion of the two-year, 76-hour school. And it's not all car classes either. Students have to take humanities classes, varying from oral communication to interpersonal psychology to expository writing. All with the goal of being well rounded graduates.

Randy Buttner, program coordinator, started with the school in 2001 and does he love what he does. A former racer and chassis builder, Randy is proud of the program and says that more than 20 graduates are employed at Richard Childress Racing alone. In fact Childress was so impressed with his original hires, he has put his name and money into the school. It's called Richard Childress Race Car Technology at Forsyth Tech.

Twenty students each year produce 10-15 graduates each semester. Students build cars from the ground up, field race cars at area tracks, all while learning skills that can garner employment in other fields like tool and die making, TIG welding and heating and air conditioning. None of this breaks the bank either. In-state students pay less than $5,000 to earn an associate degree in Race Car Technology.

In fact, students from Winston-Salem State University's classes for its Sport Management major come to Forsyth Tech for Tech Aspects 101.

Forsyth Tech (the rest of it, that is) normally has a student body of 10,000 and it offers certificate and two-year degree programs. There are more than 190 programs, ranging from nursing to carpentry to plumbing to cardiovascular sonography. There is something for everyone.

Thanks to Randy Buttner for his enthusiastic tour. You can learn more here.

Corinne Economaki

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**News from Around the Country and the World**

**WIFE AND HUSBAND-TO-BE WILL BATTLE IT OUT IN INDY PRO STOCK**

There will be an engaged couple competing in Pro Stock car during the NHRA U.S. Nationals in Indianapolis...

**IndyCar testing will be reduced in coming season**

IndyCar testing will be reduced by as much as 60 percent next season in a cost-savings move, a senior official said Friday...

**Attorney general doesn't resolve questions about F1’s eligibility for state funds**

In an opinion issued Friday, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott did not resolve questions about whether Formula One race planned near Austin...
beginning in November should receive state money...

**1 killed, 3 injured in Serbia rally car accident**

Police say a car taking part in a local rally race plunged into a crowd in central Serbia on Sunday, killing one spectator and injuring three others...

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