

## MASON MASSEY BACK IN BLACK FOR SPEEDFEST 2013

After a stellar 2012 season, which included multiple wins in his rookie Late Model season and a U.S. Legend Cars Pro Division National Championship, Mason Massey is returning to the seat for the JEGS/CRA All-Stars Tour portion of Speedfest 2013.

Massey, who will be celebrating his 16th birthday at Speedfest, will be piloting his Jeff Foxworthy/Elizabeth Lee sponsored Late Model. The car will be his familiar black number 15 and prepared by his 2012 Crew Chief and 2002 Snowball Derby Winner Ricky Turner.

During the 2012 season, driving for Bill Elliott Racing, Massey made quite an impact running a limited schedule. In only his sixth start, he drove to Victory Lane after a hard fought win in Round 2 of the "Show Me The Money Series" at Montgomery Motor Speedway (AL). Later in the season, Massey became the youngest winner ever (15) in the 48th Annual Alabama 200.

This was his first 200 lap race and he led the final 37 circuits to take home the prestigious victory. In October, at Atlanta Motor Speedway, Massey set fast time and led every lap to capture the Pro Division National Champion title at the 21st Annual Legends Asphalt Nationals.

"Man, 2012 was a season to remember," said Massey. "We were able to really have a great season, it definitely exceeded our expectations."



Ricky (Turner) and Doug (Stevens), who will Crew Chief us at Speedfest, always had our cars prepared and it showed on the track. We are just hoping we can build on our 2012 success into the 2013 season. And I love going to Cordele, we have always ran good there and they put on a good show."

**About Mason Massey:** Mason Massey, is a 16 year old racecar driver from

Douglasville, Georgia entering his 12th season of racing. Massey got his start racing quarter midgets at the age of five. After accumulating over 40 wins he made the transition to Bandoleros for four years where he earned over 100 victories before moving up to Legend cars.

The young driver saw success early and was moved up to the elite Pro division and has earned over 75 wins. Overall, this

young driver has won over 200 races in his career, 12 championships, including three Thursday Thunder Championships at Atlanta Motor Speedway and 11 track records.

For more information about Mason Massey, please visit his website at [www.masonmassey.com](http://www.masonmassey.com).

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## John Tucker: Legends Driver

I was asked to write about my rookie season experiences as a Legend driver in Thursday Night Thunder AMS. Here it goes!

I have always viewed life as an adventure, and an adventure it has been. My race team consists of a variety of characters. Sponsor: Topps Bar and Grill. Car Owner: Lucy (Daughter). Crew Chief: Charlie (Who advised me every week to sell and buy a boat). Prayers: Melinda. Car: #19 (Mid Pack). Driver: Me (Last Place).

During my very first practice lap, the front fender came off and went fifteen feet in the air. Mr. Ed Clark, President of AMS, told me I was going so fast I blew the fenders off (I doubt that).

At the second week practice session, I spun and thank heavens, didn't hit anybody or anything (blind luck). And to top things off, the third week, I ran it out of gas (brilliant).

Rookie NASCAR drivers have a yellow stripe on their bumpers, but with my performance, the whole car need to be painted yellow. The other drivers were going by me like I was sitting on a park bench.

With the patience of saints and a thousand questions answered by the staff of Legends of Georgia and all the Master Division drivers, I started to see, feel, and understand what they were saying.

Thanks guys and gal! The learning curve was steep,



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but they helped to shallow it a bit for me. My performance was slowly getting better, and I was no longer being lapped constantly.

When I was able to watch, the race was like a choreographed event: skilled drivers, proper lines, turn entry, braking, acceleration, lap after lap waiting for someone to make a small mistake. It was a high-speed chess game. I hope of someday achieving their level of skill.

In closing, I want to thank everybody for treating me with respect, courtesy, and understanding.

My next adventure, you ask? See you next season, and look out, I will have something for you. Take care.

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