

**Johnson's Fifth ???
PHOOEY!!!**

Race fans ... I am growing tired of all the uninformed Jimmie Johnson fans in this world that go around "proclaiming his greatness" and comparing Johnson with our "true champions" of the past, especially Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, Sr.

If we examine the facts it becomes vividly clear that Johnson is floating around the fourteenth spot "on the all-time great chart" at best.

In our quest for the truth, let's look at modern day NASCAR and its "super-team" structure. There are typically four teams, two primary teams, and two utility teams. The utility teams are used for engineering and testing purposes to support the primary teams.

Before you say, "it ain't so", look at how Chad Knaus snatched Gordon's pit crew mid-race at Texas ... and kept them for the last races of 2010. All "for the sake of the organization" according to Knaus and Hendrick.

Question race fans, did Richard Petty or Dale Earnhardt, or any of our past champions have that convenience? Or should we say luxury? Certainly not! Back in the day when racing was real, there were individual teams racing head-to-head.

In 1994, the last year that Earnhardt won the Cup, there were 31 single car teams in the sport. Only six multi-car teams had been created ... five with two cars and Hendrick Motorsports with three. Earnhardt did not have a teammate to support him, as RCR was a single car team back then.

And now let's consider "The Chase", a failed points system created by Brian France that has contributed to the steady decay in race attendance and television ratings every year since!

Our past champions had to race consistently well all year as they struggled to accumulate enough points to win the Cup. Nowadays all a driver has to do is be good enough to make the chase and THEN be great for ten races! Friends ... this ain't real racin'!

Let's look at JJ's last five years under the "old points system" ... or should I say real racing.

Starting with 2010, Harvick would have overwhelmed Johnson by 285 points; 2009, Jimmie beats Jeffy by 66; 2008, Carl Edwards wins over Jimmie by 16; 2007, Jeff Gordon crushes Jimmie by 353; 2006, Johnson squeaks past Matt Kenseth by 4. As you can plainly see, if we apply "the fair traditions of racing" to his seemingly inspirational career, Jimmie has barely won two championships in the last five years! And he has had a multi-million-dollar

super-team supporting him throughout his deal ... something that our past champions and true heroes of our sport never dreamed of ...

For the record, Johnson has not earned the right to be compared to Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt, Sr., Lee Petty, David Pearson, Cale Yarborough, Darrell Waltrip, and even Jeff Gordon! He belongs at the "end of the list" of all of the two-time winners! (Around fourteenth spot!)

Allow me to close by saying, if you are a Jimmie Johnson fan and you realize that he is a mediocre driver with the weight of a super-team behind him, competing in unscrupulous times ... this article is not directed towards you; however, if you are one of those that preach Johnson's greatness ... you need to analyze the data! I do not want to hear anything that you have to say!

-Rocky Sinyard

