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USAC WESTERN CHAMPS FETED IN PASO ROBLES

USAC's 2012 Western Champions and special award winners were honored Saturday night, February 9th at the Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland Auto Display in Paso Robles, Calif. Competitors in the Ignite Midgets, Western Midgets, Western Classic Sprints, West Coast Sprints, USAC/CRA Sprints, and more were celebrated as a large crowd was in attendance. Perris Auto Speedway Announcer Chris Holt served as master of ceremonies and before the festivities began, Anne Wilkerson honored Dick Woodland with the "Billy Wilkerson Award." Western Region Director Chris Kearns addressed the crowd and celebrated Clay Daly and Steve Drake for winning their Dirt Late Model Championships at Santa Maria Speedway. Kearns also announced that the Woodland Auto Display will sponsor both the West Coast and AMSOIL USAC/CRA Sprint Cars during the 2013 campaign.

USAC/CRA Sprint Champion Mike Spencer was honored by USAC Vice President Dick Jordan for making history with his fifth consecutive title. Bud Kaeding (West Coast Sprint), Tony Hunt (Western Classic Sprint), and Ryan Bernal (Santa Maria Sprint) were also celebrated for their championships. Shannon McQueen was noted for becoming the fifth female champion driver in USAC history by claiming the Western Midget crown. David Prickett (Western Dirt Midget), Chad Nichols (Western Pavement Midget), along with Ignite Midget champions Garrett Peterson (Northern Pavement), Cory Elliott (Western Dirt), and Bryant Dawson (Las Vegas Pavement) were also recognized.

Ron Chaffin (USAC/CRA Sprint) and Junior Bowman (West Coast Sprint) were celebrated for winning their respective Car Owner Championships. Rookie of the Year honors were awarded to Jake Swanson (USAC/CRA Sprint), Austin Ligggett (West Coast Sprint), and Nick Chivello

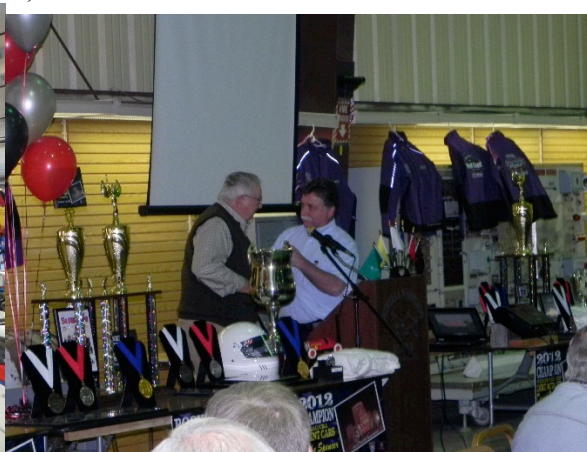
(Western Midget). Brody Roa earned the title of USAC/CRA's Most Improved Driver and Mechanic of the Year Awards went to Bruce Bromme Jr. (USAC/CRA Sprint), and Brian Matherly (West Coast Sprint). Jimmy May earned the Western All Out Mechanic Award for the JFM team's success with the USAC/CRA Sprints, West Coast Sprints, and Western Midget Series. Veteran driver Wally Pankratz presented the Joe Lynch Mechanical Achievement Award to Kirk Swanson.

A good time was had by all in attendance and visitors had free access to the exhibits at the Estrella Warbird Museum and Woodland Auto Display. The USAC, United States Auto Club, sponsorship is something that will keep the names of the Estrella Warbirds Museum/Woodland Auto Display in front of people throughout Calif. and Arizona. Between the USAC/CRA group, which is a 410" non-wing Sprint Car Group and the 360" USAC Western Sprint Cars which are also non-wing, they have a combined schedule of 48 races during the 2013 racing season. Local resident, Dick Woodland will sponsor for added cash for each Trophy Dash for the Western Sprint Cars. For the USAC/CRA group it will be in the form of helping with travel expenses. Between the 2 different groups, they will be appearing at 10 different tracks during the year. That should give us some really good exposure.

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- 1) Auto display building with guests enjoying the exhibits at the Woodland Auto Display at Estrella Warbirds Museum.
- 2) Chris Holt, race announcer for the USAC/CRA races, the emcee for the evening, awarding the Billy Wilkerson Memorial Award to Dick Woodland for outstanding contributions to the sport of sprint car racing. The large perpetual Billy Wilkerson Memorial Award will now reside at the Woodland Auto Display at Estrella.