



### POWRi Fan News



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## Schedule It and They Will Come-----

And boy did they! Car count for the races at Brownstown and Peoria were great. 44 Midgets at B'town with 31 Micros and then 42 Midgets at Peoria with 31 Micros. I was impressed. By the way, it is unusual for the Midget count to be larger than the Micro count but a lot of the young people and their families are dealing with graduations, and proms (yes, guys, some of our drivers are girls who like to go to the Prom) and stuff like that. We expect more micros to show up at the tracks soon. We had drivers from Australia, New Zealand and far away places like Wisconsin and Oklahoma. We had a great list of Badger Association cars as well.

The track at Brownstown was in great shape and the promoter, Charlie DePeuw, is a great guy to work with. If you see him around, encourage him to bring POWRi back twice next summer. That would be nice. Evidently, the Peoria fans had not seen midget racing in quite a while. They saw a great show. All I can say is that the trailer traffic was so dead during the midget main that I closed the door and went to watch the race. The girls in the beer stand even had time to change out a couple of light bulbs. It was fantastic. Some people told me on their way out at the end of the night that they had never seen midgets before and they were impressed. Congrats to all the POWRi guys and gals. You knocked their socks off!

For complete results with names and numbers and everything (along with Tim Tuttle's great driver interviews) go to the POWRi website [www.powri.com](http://www.powri.com).

## And The Fans Came Too---

I caught a group of POWRi Fans bench racing under the pavilion at B'town prior to the races on Friday night. We love our fans and appreciate their loyal support.

From left to right: Larry Turner and Brenda Haney from Alton, IL; Don and Burline Skidmore from Opdyke, IL. (near Mt. Vernon); and David Schaefer from Beecher City, IL.



## **POWRi Racing Press Release** — courtesy Tim Tuttle, POWRi Media Director

Knepper, Loyet lead Midgets, King, Beckinger top Outlaw Micros going into 1st POWRi events at West Plains, Springfield

Nick Knepper, of Belleville, Ill., leads the Midget championship over Brad Loyet, of Sunset Hills, Mo., 1,030-850 with six events completed. Tim Siner, of Dupu, Ill., is third with 740, followed by Dereck King, of Vienna, Ill., with 730 and Brett Anderson, of Belleville, Ill., with 680.

“The competition in POWRi is as tough as ever,” Knepper said. “There are seven or eight drivers capable of winning on any night.” Knepper, fourth in the championship last season, will be hunting for his first win of 2011 this weekend. “We’ve been consistent, so far, so good,” Knepper said. “Eighth at Brownstown has left a sour taste in my mouth, I know we were better than that. But we went from (starting) 14th to third at Peoria and that was a very good run. I’d like to get some wins. I’m tired of finishing behind those guys.”

Teams from the Southern Open Wheel Series (SOWS) and the Lucas Oil ASCS EcoTec Midgets are also expected to enter at West Plains and Springfield. Revolution Racing Engines will pay \$150 to the top finisher and \$50 for second with the RRE EcoTec.

King leads runner-up Trent Beckinger, of Evansville, Ind., 900-720 in the POWRi Outlaw Micros with Joe B. Miller, of Millersville, Mo., third with 710, J.B. Gilbert, of Charleston, Ill., fourth with 700 and Jordan Campbell, of Bloomington, Ill., fifth with 560.

“It’s really exciting to be that far up there after missing a race,” Beckinger said. “We’re going to really try to run all the races and run for the championship. I feel like POWRi is some of the best Micros racing in the nation.”

Saturday’s event on Springfield’s quarter-mile will be a showdown between the POWRi Micros and the Lucas Oil ASCS2 Outlaws, who are co-sanctioning. Teams from the ASCS2 Outlaws are also expected to run Friday on West Plains’ three-eighths mile. The event pays \$1,000 to win and \$100 to start.

POWRi Lucas Oil National Midget Series top-10 points standings (after six of 30 events): 1. Nick Knepper 1,030, 2. Brad Loyet 850, 3. Tim Siner 740, 4. Dereck King 730, 5. Brett Anderson 680, 6. Chett Gehrke 645, 7. (tie) Tyler Robbins, Austin Brown 505, 9. Brad Kuhn 460, 10. Zach Daum 390.

POWRi Speedway Motors 600cc Outlaw Micro Series top-10 points standings (after five of 26 events): 1. Dereck King 900, 2. Trent Beckinger 720, 3. Joe B. Miller 710, 4. J.B. Gilbert 700, 5. Jordan Campbell 560, 6. Paul Nienhiser 485, 7. Jacob Patton 485, 8. Andrew Felker 470, 9. Aaron Andruskevitch 450, 10. Ryan Guyett 415.

### **Notes from the Apparel Trailer—**

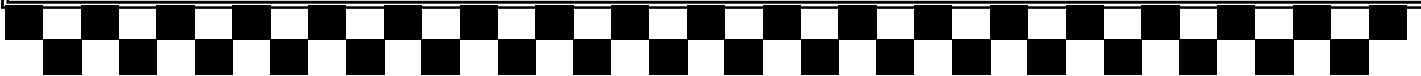
I had the opportunity to talk to a gentleman from New Zealand by the name of Lyndon Kendall at Brownstown, who is involved with motorsports in New Zealand. He was in the states to recruit some of our drivers for the racing season in New Zealand and Australia. The racing seasons are reversed between here and there. Our summer is their winter so when our guys have used up the good racing weather here, then they can fly ‘down under’ for the racing season there.

Lyndon was telling me that the race program in NZ is a little more ‘intense’, was how he put it. Here a midget program usually consists of a heat race for each car and maybe a semi and then a feature. For a field of 40 cars that would be about a total of 8 races for the night. He said that in NZ, a car might run 3 different heat races and then semis and features for a total of around 30 races for the night for a full show. Now that is a lot of racing folks. I mentioned that to our POWRi Officials and they said, “No way, Jose!”

Last year we enjoyed having a group of about 45 Aussie/NZ Race Fans attend our western swing. They were a blast. What would you think of a tour of Australia/New Zealand for a week of midget racing down under? It sounds like a good project for someone to put together. Any volunteers?

The POWRi Trailer will be taking a weekend off for June 10-11. See you soon back at Lincoln or Macon.

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## Next on the Schedule

### West Plains, Mo-June 10 & Springfield, Mo-June 11

We are on the road again this weekend with a trip to the Missouri Ozarks. The first stop will be in West Plains, Mo. at the West Plains Motor Speedway. The Micros have a shot at an enhanced purse so there should be a ton of them.



Springfield Raceway is a 1/4 mile, medium banked clay oval located 1/2 mile west of I-44 and just south of West Kearney on West Gate. We look forward to a great field of midgets and micros with support from ASCS2 as well as the SOWS midget group.

In another vein, if you have some extra days to spend in the Ozarks it is a great vacation area with Branson 40 miles to the south and

Lake of the Ozarks about an hour east. Think about it.!

### Micro Nationals — June 16-17-

This weekend will be special for Micro Racers and fans.

When micros first became a division of POWRi they were sort of an unorganized group of racers who just raced wherever for whatever. The POWRi Micros have come a long way in 7 years. Now they are a well organized, profes-

sional group who know their business and race hard. They have developed a strong fan base with the respect of promoters and media. They deserve special events like this with great purses and promotion. Go to Lincoln and Macon and see some great racers and races.

Midgets also at Macon.

### POWRi Fan Club T-Shirt Drawing Winners for 2011—

The Fan Club T-shirt drawing is held at each POWRi midget race. We try to announce the winner's name at the end of intermission. With the threat of rain at a few of the races, there has been no intermission but the drawing has been held and we announce the winner in an email news blast and in the monthly newsletter. The winner can pick up his/her shirt at any of the POWRi races during the season. Winners to date who have not picked up their shirts are:

George Kovacevich from Renselaer, IN.

Jason Woods from Arnold, MO

James Rhodes from Hillsboro, IL

Frank Wright from Owensville, MO

Lyndon Kendall from Auckland, NZ

If you know any of these people, please tell them to come to the POWRi trailer and claim their T-shirt.

