

## **“2006 CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT HICKORY SPEEDWAY”**

Newton, NC.....Saturday, November 18 th , Hickory Motor Speedway family and friends gathered at the Holiday Inn Select, in Hickory, for their annual Champions' Banquet. Many awards were presented and points funds were disbursed, including the following:

Late Model Stocks: Andy Loden, Champion. 2 nd – Coleman Pressley, 3 rd – Kevin Leicht, 4 th – Andy Mercer, 5 th - James Hansen.

Limited Late Models: Matt DiBenedetto, Champion. 2 nd – Andy Mercer, 3 rd – Marc Davis, 4 th – Jesse LeFevers, 5 th – Rance Hume.

Pro-4's: Adam Beaver, Champion. 2 nd – Rob Lewis, 3 rd Walter Hoke, 4 th – Jacob Lehn, 5 th – Allen Huffman.

Super Trucks: Ben Stancill, Champion. 2 nd – Ben Ebeling, 3 rd – Trevor Hignutt, 4 th – Kenneth Pardue, 5 th – Scott Whittaker.

Hobby Stocks: Tim Reece, Champion. 2 nd – Jimmy Whisnant, 3 rd – Ronnie Sims, 4 th – Caleb Road, 5 th – Nikki Long.

Street Stocks: Gary Ledbetter, Jr., Champion. 2 nd – Waylon Flynn, 3 rd – Kevin Eby, 4 th – Marshall Sutton, 5 th – Terrence Ray Tucker.

## **“2006 MECHANICS OF THE YEAR NAMED FOR HICKORY SPEEDWAY”**

Newton, NC.....Saturday, November 18 th , the 2006 “Mechanics of the Year” were announced at the annual Hickory Motor Speedway Champions' Banquet showcasing the rising stars among this year's group of racers.

The “Mechanic of the Year” Awards are determined by voting by Track Management and 2006 HMS Officials.

The 2006 Mechanics of the Year are: Late Model Stocks, David Mercer; Limited Late Models, Bill Lett; Super Trucks, Nick Pistone; Pro-4's, Doug Beaver; Street Stocks, Kevin Eby; Hobby Stocks, Stephen Clippard.

The 2006 “Mechanics of the Year” received a beautiful shadowbox display featuring Craftsman Tools.

## **“MOST POPULAR DRIVERS NAMED FOR HICKORY SPEEDWAY”**

Newton, NC.....Saturday, November 18 th , the 2006 “Most Popular Drivers” were announced at the annual Hickory Motor Speedway Champions' Banquet.

The Most Popular Driver Award is highly sought after, as it shows sponsors and potential sponsors even more value in supporting their raceteams.

The Most Popular Drivers are determined by votes cast by fans and competitors during the final races of the regular points season.

The 2006 Most Popular Drivers are: Late Model Stocks, Andy Loden; Limited Late Models, Matt Dibenedetto; Super Trucks, Ben Ebeling; Pro-4's, Todd Harrington; Street Stocks, Marshall Sutton; Hobby Stocks, Nikki Long.

The 2006 Most Popular Drivers received a beautiful cast-resin sculpture of a uniformed race car driver holding a helmet.

## **“2006 ROOKIES OF THE YEAR NAMED FOR HICKORY SPEEDWAY”**

Newton, NC.....Saturday, November 18 th , the 2006 “Rookies of the Year” were announced at the annual Hickory Motor Speedway Champions' Banquet showcasing the rising stars among this year's group of racers.

The “Rookie of the Year” Award is determined by final points standings, race finishes, conduct (both on and off-track), and improvement over the course of the season; and is voted on by Track Management, selected HMS Officials, and veteran drivers.

The 2006 Rookies of the Year are: Late Model Stocks, Andy Mercer; Limited Late Models, Matt Dibenedetto; Super Trucks, Ben Stancill; Pro-4's, Walter Hoke; Street Stocks, Jeremy Harrell; Hobby Stocks, Tim Reece.

The 2006 “Rookies of the Year” received a beautiful brass sculpture of a rising star.

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