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## DARON CLAYTON TO DRIVE THE HOFFMAN MEAN GREEN MOPAR MACHINE



## “THE MODERN DAY COWBOY ”TO TAKE OVER THE REINS AT PUTNAMVILLE

Loveland, OH (May 3 2011,2011) -- Hoffman Racing is announcing today that Daron Clayton will drive the Hoffman Mean Green MOPAR Machine beginning with the USAC National Sprint Car event at Putnamville Indiana on May 7 2011.



“ One constant in life is change. Our race team has not performed up to our expectations for an extended period of time. Lack of performance is never one person’s fault, we are a team and we win together and struggle together. Understanding that we have an obligation to our sponsors and ourselves ,the time comes when you have to make a change . All of us at Hoffman racing want to thank Jerry Coons Jr. for his contributions to the success of Hoffman Racing. Together we won the 2008 USAC National Sprint Car Championship. Jerry has also won 13 USAC National races for the Hoffman Team , more than any driver in team history. He is truly one of the good guys in our sport and it has been a pleasure to work with him. We wish Jerry, Amy and their family the best in the future and we hope that change is good for all of us, ”said Richard Hoffman , President of Hoffman Racing.

Richard Hoffman continued, “ While we are saddened by Jerry’s departure, we are excited to welcome Daron Clayton to our Team. Daron has driven for Hoffman Racing twice and won a USAC National Sprint car race for us at Gas City in 2007”. Rob Hoffman commented “ He is an exciting driver with great potential. We look forward to helping Daron achieve his goals.”

### ABOUT OUR SPONSORS

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### **About the Mopar Brand**

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Highlights of the team's history include: -1929-1960 Gus campaigned Sprint Cars and Midgets, his drivers included Eddie Sachs, and Don Branson - 1964 Gus's son Richard became co-owner of the Team - 1973-1984 HAR fielded Indy Cars, including 7 Indy 500 starts - 1989 HAR won the first of 9 USAC National Sprint Car Championships with Rob Hoffman as the crew chief('92,'93,'96,'97,'99,'02,'04,'08)

With 76 National Sprint Car wins and 9 National Championships, HAR has won more National races and championships than any other team in USAC sprint car history. HAR also has 7 Silver Crown wins for a total of 83 USAC National wins. In 2003 HAR was recognized for excellence by the Ohio State Senate and House of Representatives. HAR has finished in the top 3 in USAC National Sprint Car owners points 17 times since 1989.

Drivers from the past 82 years reads like a who's who of racing: Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Tracy Hines, JJ Yeley, Kasey Kahne, Kenny Irwin Jr, Rich Vogler, Dave Darland, Johnny Parsons Jr., Tim Richmond, Jay Drake, Brian Tyler, Robbie Stanley, Eric Gordon, Steve Butler, Jerry Coons Jr. Ryan Newman, Dave Steele, George Snider, Tom Bigelow Shorty Templemen, Don Branson, Eddie Sachs, Bill Puterbaugh, Elmer George, Pancho Carter, Roger Ward, Andy Michener. In all approximately 123 drivers have competed in the Hoffman cars. Of those there are four father/son combinations, Dick and Dickie Gaines, Jim and Tracy Hines Kerry and Dave Norris, Clark and Shorty Templemen. Two brother combinations, Larry and Steve Cannon, Pancho Carter and Johnny Parsons Jr. HAR also had a stepgrandfather and stepgrandson combination of Elmer George and Ed Carpenter.

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