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2009 NASCAR NATIONAL SERIES SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

** NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule Has Realignment Involving Atlanta, Auto Club, Talladega Tracks*

** NASCAR Nationwide Series Includes Date At Iowa Speedway*

** NASCAR Truck Series Realigns Date To Chicago For Night Race*

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Aug. 19, 2008) – NASCAR announced today its national series schedules for the 2009 season, which features realigned dates for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR Nationwide Series and NASCAR Truck Series.

In the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series there will be a three-way date swap between Atlanta Motor Speedway, Auto Club Speedway (formerly California Speedway) and Talladega Superspeedway.

- Atlanta's second 2009 race will be held on Sunday, Sept. 6, taking the Labor Day weekend slot now held by Auto Club Speedway.

- Auto Club Speedway's second race will be Sunday, Oct. 11 – the fourth week of the "Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup," a slot formerly held by Talladega.

- Talladega's second event will move to Sunday, Nov. 1, making it the seventh Chase event – the slot formerly held by Atlanta.

"The 2009 schedule reflects realigned dates that are good opportunities for everyone involved in our sport – fans, sponsors, tracks and teams," said NASCAR President Mike Helton.

The season begins with a tripleheader weekend at Daytona International Speedway capped by the running of the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 15.

In addition to that season-opening event for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, the NASCAR Truck Series starts its season on Friday night, Feb. 13, followed the next afternoon by the NASCAR Nationwide Series opener.

For all three series, the season will conclude with another tripleheader weekend, at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 20-22.

Other key NASCAR Sprint Cup dates in 2009:

- The 31st annual Budweiser Shootout at Daytona – a non-points event – will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7.

- On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 12, Richmond International Raceway will again host the "Chase cut-off" race, affording the last opportunity for drivers to qualify for NASCAR's championship playoffs.

- New Hampshire Motor Speedway will host the first races in both the "Race to the Chase" (Sunday, June 28) and the Chase (Sunday, Sept. 20).

There also will be an additional off-week for NASCAR's premier series in 2009, prior to the Labor Day weekend event, giving teams a final break before a 12-week stretch that will end the season. Because of the way the calendar falls, NASCAR Sprint Cup teams will have a total of four off-weeks during the 2009 season.

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The NASCAR Nationwide Series will have a 35-race schedule. Changes from this year include a new event at Iowa Speedway on Aug. 1, replacing Mexico City; a switch of the Atlanta Motor Speedway event from March to September; and moving the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve event in Montreal to Sunday, Aug. 30.

The NASCAR Truck Series in 2009 again will have 25 races, with one realigned date: The series' late-season race at Atlanta will be replaced by a night event at Chicagoland Speedway on Friday, Aug. 28.

(The 2009 schedules follow on subsequent pages. Starting times and television information will be announced at a later date.)

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2009 NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Feb. 7	Budweiser Shootout at Daytona, Daytona International Speedway*
Feb. 15	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 22	Auto Club Speedway
March 1	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 8	Atlanta Motor Speedway
March 22	Bristol Motor Speedway
March 29	Martinsville Speedway
April 5	Texas Motor Speedway
April 18	Phoenix International Raceway
April 26	Talladega Superspeedway
May 2	Richmond International Raceway
May 9	Darlington Raceway
May 16	NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, Lowe's Motor Speedway*
May 24	Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 31	Dover International Speedway
June 7	Pocono Raceway
June 14	Michigan International Speedway
June 21	Infineon Raceway
June 28	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
July 4	Daytona International Speedway
July 11	Chicagoland Speedway
July 26	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Aug. 2	Pocono Raceway
Aug. 9	Watkins Glen International
Aug. 16	Michigan International Speedway
Aug. 22	Bristol Motor Speedway

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Sept. 6	Atlanta Motor Speedway
Sept. 12	Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 20	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Sept. 27	Dover International Speedway
Oct. 4	Kansas Speedway
Oct. 11	Auto Club Speedway
Oct. 17	Lowe's Motor Speedway
Oct. 25	Martinsville Speedway
Nov. 1	Talladega Superspeedway
Nov. 8	Texas Motor Speedway
Nov. 15	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov. 22	Homestead-Miami Speedway

* – *Denotes non-points event.*

2009 NASCAR NATIONWIDE SERIES SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Feb. 14	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 21	Auto Club Speedway
Feb. 28	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
March 21	Bristol Motor Speedway
April 4	Texas Motor Speedway
April 11	Nashville Superspeedway
April 17	Phoenix International Raceway
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway
May 1	Richmond International Raceway
May 8	Darlington Raceway
May 23	Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 30	Dover International Speedway
June 6	Nashville Superspeedway
June 13	Kentucky Speedway
June 20	Milwaukee Mile
June 27	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
July 3	Daytona International Speedway
July 10	Chicagoland Speedway
July 18	Gateway International Raceway
July 25	O'Reilly Raceway Park
Aug. 1	Iowa Speedway
Aug. 8	Watkins Glen International
Aug. 15	Michigan International Speedway
Aug. 21	Bristol Motor Speedway
Aug. 30	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve
Sept. 5	Atlanta Motor Speedway

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Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway
Sept. 26	Dover International Speedway
Oct. 3	Kansas Speedway
Oct. 10	Auto Club Speedway
Oct. 16	Lowe's Motor Speedway
Oct. 24	Memphis Motorsports Park
Nov. 7	Texas Motor Speedway
Nov. 14	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov. 21	Homestead-Miami Speedway

2009 NASCAR TRUCK SERIES SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Feb. 13	Daytona International Speedway
Feb. 21	Auto Club Speedway
March 7	Atlanta Motor Speedway
March 28	Martinsville Speedway
April 25	Kansas Speedway
May 15	Lowe's Motor Speedway
May 23	Mansfield Motorsports Park
May 29	Dover International Speedway
June 5	Texas Motor Speedway
June 13	Michigan International Speedway
June 19	Milwaukee Mile
June 27	Memphis Motorsports Park
July 18	Kentucky Speedway
July 24	O'Reilly Raceway Park
Aug. 1	Nashville Superspeedway
Aug. 19	Bristol Motor Speedway
Aug. 28	Chicagoland Speedway
Sept. 12	Gateway International Raceway
Sept. 19	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Sept. 26	Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Oct. 24	Martinsville Speedway
Oct. 31	Talladega Superspeedway
Nov. 6	Texas Motor Speedway
Nov. 13	Phoenix International Raceway
Nov. 20	Homestead-Miami Speedway

Note: All dates subject to change.