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Will run both the Challenge and Northern Divisions in '08.

By Matt Prieur
ASA Late Model Series

Lexington, Mich.-- Sometimes in life there are more important things to worry about other than "How we're going to be able to pay for all of this to go and race?" Some things just have to take a back seat to our passion for auto racing, such as life! 2007 Pat Bourdow Memorial Rookie of the Year runner up Derek Thorn knows that all too well.

Thorn's Agent, Scott Pfeiffer suffers from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease" yet despite his trials and tribulations just to get to the track, Pfeiffer is always there for his driver and now Thorn is able to return the

favor.

For the 2008 racing season, Thorn and Pfeiffer have formed a brand new ASA Late Model Series team; "Racin For a Cure" in conjunction with Shawn Keep Inc.

While Thorn wheels a brand new No. 44 machine in the ASALMS Challenge and Northern Divisions in 2008, he'll also be helping his dear friend fight a treacherous and life threatening disease.

"Racin for a Cure is going to be great program for the 2008 season. Its going to raise awareness and help find a cure for the disease ALS, which my agent (Scott Pfeiffer) is suffering from." Thorn explained.

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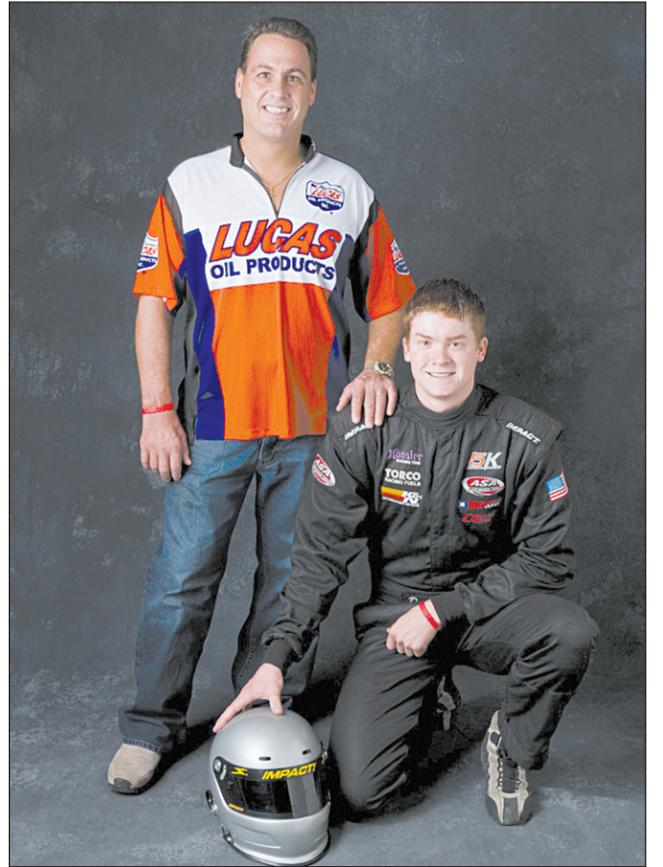


Photo courtesy Racin for a Cure

2007 Pat Bourdow Memorial Rookie of the Year Runner-Up, Derek Thorn (kneeling) and his Agent, Scott Pfeiffer.

Great start to 2008 on Lake Speed

Ice racing season, well underway in North-East Wisconsin.

By Scott Owen

Tilleda, Wis.-- A great turnout of drivers and fans made their way to Tilleda on Saturday, January 5 for opening day of the 2008 ice-racing season on Lake Speed. Fifty two racers were on hand to fight it out in four divisions of racing.

The front wheel drive studded class started the feature action. Twelve cars took the green flag. Scott Leisner earned the pole by winning his heat race. He grabbed the lead at the start and was unchallenged.

Behind Leisner though, there was some great door-to-door, back and forth racing between the likes

of Chris Quaintance, Brice Huntington, Rick Habeck, and Dillon and Dallas Kralovetz. In the end it was Leisner bringing home the first place hardware, followed by Quaintance, Habeck, Dillon Kralovetz, and Dallas Kralovetz.

The next feature on the track was a who's who of rear wheel drive nonstudded talent, with 22 cars taking the green flag. Tony Wudstrack took the lead on lap one before Clint Forstner took the top spot on lap two.

Wudstrack got back around Forstner on lap three to take back the lead. Wudstrack built up a big lead quickly, before catching the tail of the field. Lapped traffic

proved to be the undoing for Wudstrack as it allowed Dan Michonski to run down Wudstrack and overtake him on lap 10.

Michonski led the final five laps for the win. Wudstrack had to settle for second. Tony Schawmer had a great showing to finish third.

Three cars started the rear wheel drive studded feature. Mike Schmidt shot from the outside pole to the lead on lap one. Schmidt held off Craig Wildenburg and Rocky T. Spencer to bring home his first win on the ice.

The front wheel drive nonstudded feature finished out the program, with 15 cars starting the race. Perennial-front runner, Nate Michonski, took the lead to start the race. It soon looked like

Michonski would run away with the win.

After a few laps though, Greg Gutt moved from his sixth place starting position into second. Gutt was able to catch Michonski, but never able to make a pass. Michonski would equal his brother by winning the feature race. Gutt took second place in front of Chris Fifarek.

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Mike Schmidt (left), Rocky T. Spencer (right) and Craig "Pugs" Wildenburg (center) during RWD Studded heat action.

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