

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2009 FFRL Awards Ceremony. We would like to thank each of you for coming out tonight and spending time with your fellow racers in an evening where recognition is due.

As a quick recap on how this works, it is the time where the FFRL will present to the drivers the awards they have won throughout the 2009 season. When an award is presented, we will place the picture of the award within this chat system. These awards have been purchased and are currently in our possession. Within one week of tonight's event, these awards will be mailed either USPS or UPS to the drivers. The photos are taken first so everyone can see the awards that are passed out.

To start this evening, the FFRL isn't just made up of myself and Savina, but of all of you here. We had a very rough year this year and I really thank those of you who stuck around to see things through. Not only was it rough with the league, but with many family members and friends as well. We seen a lot of prayer requests on the forums this year and though some have been answered, there are many that still could use our thoughts and prayers. Please, as friends of the FFRL, keep those members in mind especially through the holiday season.

In order to make this night possible, there are many this year that deserve recognition. Sav and I have always said that the financial burden of this league is our job, but we have to admit, it is a joy to see some step up and help. If it wasn't for them, we probably couldn't give out the awards that we do and we really appreciate the help brought forth. I normally don't do this, but there are some who went beyond what we could image and I like to make it known here. But to not count someone out, I'm going to mention each name that helped.

Tim Hill (13.12), Aaron Burnett (14.00), Angie (20.00), Bone-Driver (20.54), Griff (23.97), Will Long (23.97), Stubbs (24.00), Pegleg (34.00), Roller (44.00), Grunt (47.75), Chris Bright (53.10), Doc (105.00), Sidewall (129.00), Tical (143.85), Sean (151.82), Duck & Sav (270.15)

Though it isn't much, compared to what you all did, the least we could do was put together some certificates for you to show our appreciation. And I think since Chris was the piggy this year, he should be more than grateful and hand over all his setups =)

Here is a photo of the certificates. Thanks guys. http://www.ffrl.org/cert_R.jpg

Like every year, we start the season off with the FFRL Shootout. The first non-points race of the year where drivers who have won pole positions in the previous year took part. This year 15 drivers qualified for the 70 lap dash to the checkered. But only one would take the crown and have his place in the Shootout for years to come. For his first time, let us congratulate driver #38 Will Long of Team Alliance.

Will, here is your award.... http://www.ffrl.org/shootout_R.jpg

The second award we would like to pass out tonight is the "FFRL Pole Award" which has been given each year for .. ummm... awhile now. In the past, it was Billy the Kid. Then Andrew Mendes who was known as BG Rocket came by and stole his thunder. Now, we have a new one who managed to take both awards for the Magnum and Sportsman Cup Series. In the Sportsman, he managed to take 18 pole

positions and in the Magnum, 12. Let's hear it for driver #32 Chris Bright of Daiichi Motorsports. Congrats Chris on your achievement.

Here is your awards..... http://www.ffrl.org/pole_R.jpg

In May of 2009, the All-Star Open took place with the winner, the #77 of Ruger, advancing to the All-Star Challenge. With a final entry of 14 drivers who either won the Open, was voted in as fan favorite, and those who won at least 1 race in the two main Cup Series, the drivers took to Charlotte for a 100 lap run. Broken down into three segments including a field reversal and a pit under green condition, it was up to skill of the driver to be the one to take the checkered flag at the end. And like the Shootout, there's a new face to add to the record books who has gained entry into the All-Star for years to come. Driving the #35 Vault Toyota, let us congratulate Andrew Mendes on winning the All-Star Challenge!

Congratulations Andrew, here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/allstar_R.jpg

Shortly after the All-Star, drivers buckle up for a 100% race at Indianapolis for the FFRL Indy 500. A race that is improving each year and has had 3 different winners in its three year running. 13 drivers participated in the event this year to take the long haul of 200 laps. With 18 lead changes, the last leader was able to kiss the bricks at Indy. Driving the #11, let us all congratulate Aaron Burnett for winning the FFRL Indy 500!

Congratulations Aaron, here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/indy1_R.jpg

For each Chase for the Cup, you have three placement awards. First, of course, the Champion of the series followed by the 1st runner up, and then what Nascar would call, the million dollar winner. We, obviously, cannot give out a million bucks but we do give recognition of the position as the OOC Winner. In the Sportsman Cup, with only 3 drivers in the Chase, there were several competing for this award. But with consistency in placement and managing to keep his car to the finish, the driver everyone was chasing kept adding points to his total. With a 317 point lead and 9 top 5's, we would like to congratulate the #19 of DM Racing, Stubbs! Congratulations Stubbs on winning the OOC for the Sportsman Cup Series.

Here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/OOC_spo_R.jpg

And in the Magnum Cup Series, a driver who has been a diehard in finishing a race and never wanting to give up. A driver, despite the hard luck at times, continues to try to be better and work harder. His countless efforts continue to improve each year. With a 385 point lead over 2nd spot, and having 14 top 5 finishes throughout the 2009 season, let us all congratulate the driver of the #07 Jack Daniels Toyota and owner of Boreal Motorsports, Ross "Grunt" Frisken!

Congratulations Grunt! And here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/OOC_mag_R.jpg

For the first time in its five year running, a new champion is crowned. With four consecutive championships in this series, Duck has been knocked down from the hill by someone a lot younger and a lot uglier too! LOL I'm referring to the Diamond Truck Series Championship. This driver who came to

the FFRL not long ago, who had at one point never raced before, has continued to improve each year and has been very impressive on the track. Not only on the track, but in the community as well. Last year he took the IROC Championship and moved ahead this year to go forth and win the 2009 Diamond Truck Series Championship. With a 6 point victory, 2 wins and 7 top 5's, let us all congratulate the driver of the #28 Motorcraft Ford F-150 and owner of Team Alliance, Gary "Griff" Griffith!

Griff, congratulations and here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/diamond_R.jpg

Following the Diamond Series, the final year of the FFRL IROC Series took place. 16 drivers entered the series for its short run, but only one would come out the champion. Using the same constructive points system as the Diamond Series, the series would finish with a very close run. Entering the final race, only 1 point separated the Championship. Putting together 5 poles, 4 wins and 8 top 5's, let us put it together for the driver of the #11 Pontiac, Aaron Burnett!

Congratulations Aaron on your accomplishment. Here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/iroc1_R.jpg

Up next, the Rookie of the Year!

In each series, I am going to say it was very close in the final outcome. In the Sportsman Cup Series, of all those that started in the Rookie of the Year Challenge, only 3 were eligible at the end. Why? Because only 3 had 16 races recorded in the series. In the Rookie of the Year, their best 16 races are recorded (17 for Magnum), the bonuses are added, and then finally a 90 point total could be added pending on three different departments; following rules and guidelines, involvement in the community forums, and their communication on ventrilo or game chat. Of the three, going from lowest to highest in point totals; #67 Fordboy would finish 3rd with 241.50 point. In second would be the #83 Calob Mclaughlin with 246.50 points. And winning the Sportsman Cup Rookie of the Year Challenge with a grand total of 256.00 points would be....

The driver in the #08 Pepsi Ford, Justin "Bomberkiller" Osborne!

And in the Magnum Cup Series, 7 drivers worked their way all season long and qualified to be in the final points total for the Rookie of the Year. Starting with lowest to highest; #55 Robert_A with 197.50 points. In 6th, we have the #64 of Gunfighter with 213.50 points. Taking 5th, the #76 of CamBurr with 246.50 points. In 4th, the #35 of Andrew Mendes with 254.00 points. Now it's getting close. Finishing in 3rd is the #18 of Rock with 341.50 points. In 2nd, the #28 of Griff with a total of 343.50 points which leaves...

With a grand total of 362.00 points, the #32 VT Toyota, Chris Bright!

Congratulations to both of you. Job well done. Gentlemen, here are your awards:
http://www.ffrl.org/rookie_R.jpg

Just a few more to go guys. Hold on for a few more minutes.

Now for the 1st runner up in both the Magnum and Sportsman Cup Series. First, the Sportsman Cup. Since the season is over, I can say that when I wasn't rooting for my own team, I was rooting for him to win. He's led laps in probably 80% of the races, and had some really good races in the last quarter of the season. Making the Chase by point value, he takes 4 poles, 1 win and 16 top 5's with him for the season. Winning the Sportsman Cup Series 1st runner up, let us all congratulate the driver of the #35 Best Buy Toyota and driving for Daiichi Motorsports, Andrew Mendes!

Congratulation Andrew, here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/sportsman_runner_R.jpg

Now in the Magnum Cup Series, what I can say about this driver has already been said. Just impressive on how much he's learned and what he has showed on the track. His 2009 season has been an impressive one and he takes 2 wins with it. Along with 19 top 5's, let us congratulate the Magnum Cup Series 1st Runner Up, driver of the #28 Motorcraft Ford and owner of Team Alliance, Gary "Griff" Griffith!

Congratulations Cupcake! LOL. Here's your award: http://www.ffrl.org/magnum_runner_R.jpg

Before I had out the Championship trophies, we have 2 other awards to hand out. First, the Good Hands Award. We all have read the responses by Cam on him not wanting the award for the Sportsman Cup Series with his own beliefs on how he feels. By his request, we will grant him his wish. But please, everyone, give Cam-Burr a round of applaud for his accomplishment this season on holding a 6.56 record in the Good Hands Award.

In the Magnum Cup Series, we are happy to hand out the award. It's unique and well deserving and I hope something that everyone will want to shoot for in the years to come. In the season long race, in the 30 events that he raced in, this driver only had 3 cautions all year long giving him a total of only 6.5 IP's. That's less than some of us do in a race! So I have to hand it to him. He did something that I really wanted to do this year. With a 7.34 standing in the Good Hands Rating, let us all congratulate the driver of the #28 Motorcraft Ford, Gary "Griff" Griffith!

Griff, congratulations on a job very well done. Here is your award:
http://www.ffrl.org/goodhands_R.jpg

The FFRL Sportsman of the Year award is an award that is one of the most prestigious. Not in size, but in worth. A driver who is selected by Savina herself. The award goes out to the driver who remains to be active all season long and has showed dignity and respect throughout the entire season. Not just on the track, but on ventrilo, chat, and the forums as well. It is a person who we feel holds true to the definition of the FFRL and whom we feel is a great representation of the league. This award reads:

FFRL Sportsman of the Year

Presented to...

In recognition of excellent

Performance in sportsmanship and an
Outstanding display of respect, integrity,
And graciousness throughout the 2009 season.

Everyone, please congratulate the driver who has earned this award.

The #51 Brad "Bone-Driver" Vaughan.

Congratulations Bone. Here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/sportsmanaward_R.jpg

And finally, the presentation of the Championship Trophies.

In the Sportsman Cup Series, he has been dominant. Of course we all know who were talking about. The #32 of Chris Bright. With 17 wins and 23 top 5's, Chris took the Championship with a 328 point lead. And in the last 10 races for the Chase, he took first in 9 of the 10. A performance that we have never seen. Alas, this will be Chris's last year in the Sportsman because we're kicking him out. LOL. Well.. him, Duck, and Q-Ball. Chris, what else could we say about you? You schooled us all but did show what is possible with fixed setups. Driving the #32 Bonzai Toyota for Daiichi Motorsports, let's hear it for the Sportsman Cup Champion, Chris Bright!

Congrats Chris. Here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/sportsman_champ_R.jpg

Now in the Magnum, I could simply just cut and paste the last entry here. I know I'm sick of reading the victory threads. LOL. I'm sure we all are. Taking 12 poles, 15 wins, and 23 top 5's, Chris Bright will win the Championship by 315 points. In the last 10 races of the season, he took 5 wins and led the most laps 8 of the 10 races. Another outstanding performance. So in light of what we all already know, driving the #32 VT Toyota for Daiichi Motorsports, let us all congratulate Chris Bright for winning the Magnum Cup Series Championship!

Congratulations Chris. Again, here is your award: http://www.ffrl.org/magnum_champ_R.jpg

Here is a collage of all the trophies handed out tonight: http://www.ffrl.org/collage1_R.jpg

Everyone, thank you and this concludes the 2009 Award Ceremony. I personally thank you all for everything that you have brought forth to this league. Let us all have a good time tonight at the Eight Bowl.

For those of you who do not have the track, get it here:

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