

Joliet, Ill. (July 7, 2010) – Returning to America’s Heartland for a four week stretch of summer races in the Midwest, Des Moines, Iowa native Michael Annett and the No. 15 Pilot Travel Centers Toyota Camry will make their way to the Windy City this week for the NASCAR Nationwide Series Dollar General 300 powered by Coca-Cola at Chicagoland Speedway.

As a former ice hockey defenseman for Team Illinois, Annett previously called Chicago home during his junior year of high school. Leading the league in penalty minutes, Annett guided Team Illinois to the 2002 Calgary Mac’s AAA Hockey Tournament Championship before joining the USHL sanctioned Waterloo Blackhawks back in his home state of Iowa where he was part of the Clark Cup Championship winning team.

Now off the ice and behind the wheel of a stock car, Annett will hit Chicagoland Speedway for his second career appearance on the 1.5 mile D-shaped oval. In a record-setting Nationwide Series race for the fewest cautions and fewest laps under caution, Annett started 18th and drove through the checkered flag to finish 17th in last season’s Dollar General 300 powered by Coca-Cola.

In conjunction with race weekend at Chicagoland Speedway, the No. 15 Pilot Travel Centers Toyota Camry show car will be making an appearance at the local Pilot Travel Centers location at 301 North Ridge Road in Minooka, Ill. on Thursday from 2-6 p.m. and Friday from 1-5 p.m. Annett will be on-site from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday to sign autographs for store customers.

Additionally, Pilot Travel Centers gift cards and three pairs of tickets to Friday’s Dollar General 300 powered by Coca-Cola will be given away in a raffle.

Track activities at Chicagoland Speedway begin on Friday with practice from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and final practice from 11 a.m. until 12:20 p.m.

Nationwide Series qualifying starts at 4:05 p.m. SPEED will air a live broadcast of final practice and qualifying. The green flag waves for the start of the Dollar General 300 powered by

Coca-Cola at 8 p.m. Live race coverage begins at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN and MRN Radio. All times are ET.

For more information on Michael Annett and Germain Racing's No. 15 NASCAR Nationwide Series team, check out

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