

Brooklyn, Mich. (August 11, 2010) – Nestled in the Irish Hills in the southeastern region of the Great Lakes State, Michigan International Speedway will host the second race in the NASCAR Nationwide Series new car this weekend before the car's full integration into the series in 2011. With a four leaf clover affixed to the back of his helmet, Germain Racing's Michael Annett will make his second ever appearance on Michigan International Speedway's two mile D-shaped oval in Saturday's Nationwide Series Carfax 250.

The Carfax 250 serves as the second of four Nationwide Series new car races this season after its debut race at Daytona International Speedway in July where Annett earned a 12th place finish. The Nationwide Series new car will have two more races this year at Richmond International Speedway in September and Charlotte Motor Speedway in October.

"I got a lot of seat time in the new car at Daytona during our test in May and throughout the race week there in July. I'm really excited about the direction NASCAR is taking on safety with these new cars. Not only have they made improvements in making our competition safer, but they are fun to drive and look really sporty too," said Annett.

Currently sitting 11th in Nationwide Series points, just 53 markers outside of the top-10, Annett looks to improve his standing in the points race with another respectable finish in this weekend's Carfax 250. Annett finished 13th at Michigan International Speedway in 2009 and has good results at Auto Club Speedway which is comparable to the Brooklyn, Mich. track. The 24-year-old driver has an average finish of 13th at Auto Club Speedway and notched his career best Nationwide Series finish of sixth there in October 2009.

Adding to the on-track excitement in the new car at Michigan International Speedway, race fans will be given the opportunity to meet Annett during an autograph session on Thursday. He and several of his Nationwide Series competitors will participate in an autograph signing from 4:30-5:15 p.m. outside the Turn One Grandstand Pavilion.

Nationwide Series track activity will begin with an extended day of practice in the new car on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Practice on Friday runs from 2:30-3:30 p.m. with live coverage on SPEED. Saturday kicks off with qualifying at 10:10 a.m. on SPEED, and the green flag waves signaling the start of the Nationwide Series Carfax 250 at 2 p.m. Tune to ESPN and MRN Radio for live race coverage beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday. All times are ET.

For more information on Michael Annett and Germain Racing's No. 15 Nationwide Series team, check out [www.MichaelAnnett.com](http://www.MichaelAnnett.com) and [www.GermainRacing.com](http://www.GermainRacing.com). Get live updates on Twitter @MichaelAnnett.

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