Richmond, Va. (September 8, 2010) – The NASCAR Nationwide Series will mark their third ever race in the Nationwide Series new car this week at Richmond International Raceway. The new car debuted at Daytona International Speedway on July 2 before its second appearance at Michigan International Speedway on August 14. This weekend at Richmond, Michael Annett will be behind the wheel of the No. 15 Germain.com Toyota Camry with Pilot Travel Centers carrying an associate position for the 27th race of the 2010 Nationwide Series season.

Making an effort to incorporate the new car into races at all of the different types of tracks that NASCAR competes on, Friday night's Nationwide Series Virginia 529 College Savings 250 will mark the first short track race in the new car before its full integration into the series in 2011.

In the first two Nationwide Series new car races, Germain Racing driver Annett finished 12th at Daytona International Speedway and 16th at Michigan International Speedway in his No. 15 Germain.com Toyota Camry. The second year Nationwide Series driver qualified 17th for both races.

In preparation for the series' first race at Richmond International Speedway in the new car, an extended practice day has been added to the schedule for Thursday with practice sessions from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday's extended practice is free for fans to attend and features a free autograph session afterwards at 4:30 p.m. at the Richmond International Raceway Amphitheater located outside of the track near turn one. Annett and several of his Nationwide Series competitors will participate in the autograph session. Wristbands for the signing will be handed out to fans at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Gate 40.

NASCAR Nationwide Series new cars hit the .750 mile track for final practice on Friday from 10-11:30 a.m. Qualifying at Richmond International Raceway starts at 4 p.m. and the green flag drops for the Nationwide Series Virginia 529 College Savings 250 at 7:30 p.m. Live coverage of qualifying and the race can be seen on ESPN 2 with the race broadcast beginning at 7 p.m. All times are ET.

For more information on Michael Annett, check out www.MichaelAnnett.com and www.GermainRacing.com. Get live updates on Twitter @MichaelAnnett.

For information on sponsors of Germain Racing's No. 15 Nationwide Series team, please visit www.Germain.com and www.PilotTravelCenters.com.

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