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The Miramichi SPCA is a registered charity that is a private and independently run not-for-profit organization that has been in operation for over 16 years. It is a common and damaging misconception that our SPCA receives government or municipal funding; we are primarily supported by local in-person and online fundraisers, donations from the community, and special events.

Why We Need Support

Our volunteer board of 8 members, all with full-time jobs, is deeply passionate about animal welfare. Although our shelter has the potential to make a big impact for lost and abandoned animals, we need funds to continue this work.

The shelter only has 3 full-time and 4 part-time staff members to keep things running 7 days a week, and we are

currently running at maximum capacity with over 60 cats in-house and many others out in foster care. Our waitlist for surrenders grows by the day.

The average monthly expenses for our shelter have increased by 30% in the last 2 years and currently sit at almost \$25,000. The cost of everything continues to increase and we are struggling each month to make sure the bills are paid and animals are cared for. We have a “wish list” of upgrades and items we would like to see at our shelter, but we cannot afford to do them. Fundraising takes a lot of manpower and volunteer hours and we do our best with the small team we have, but are so grateful when our community rallies on our behalf to help keep money coming in!

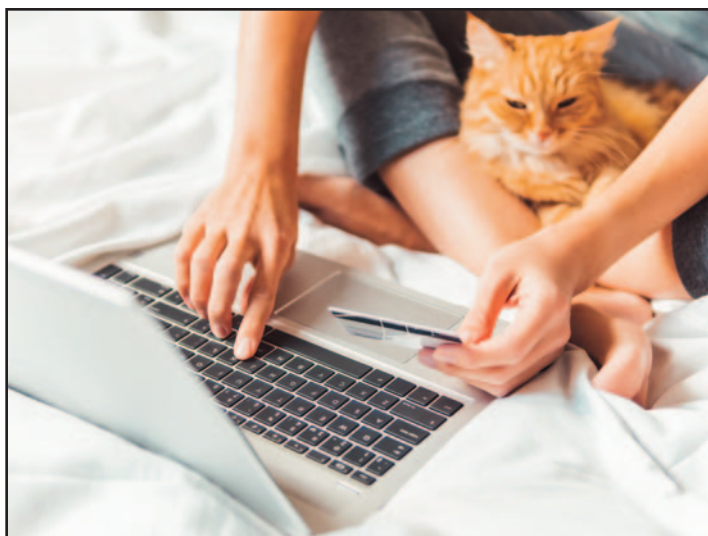
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The quickest and easiest way the public can help us raise money is to play our weekly toonie draw, Kitty Kash! It's a 50/50 draw and if you play your number every week, you have a chance to win half the weekly jackpot. Our Kitty Kash sign-up and pre-pay is now available online through our website - www.spcamiramichi.com/kitty-kash-how-to-play.

You can also easily donate online through our website - www.spcamiramichi.com/donate-online/

Some employers also have the option to donate directly to us through your paycheck, if you'd like to ask them!

Through all the hard times we've had these past few years we have never once wavered in the knowledge that what we do at the Miramichi SPCA makes an impact - on the lives of the animals brought to us, the humans that get to take them home, and the community that gets to see how far kindness, caring, and compassion can truly take a rescue small organisation.



It's easy to play Kitty Kash; you can sign-up and pre-pay on our website.

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EVENTS

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Aug. 31: Williamstown Country Church/Cemetery Musical

Tyrone, Donna Hubbard and Billy Hache will be performing outside at the Williamstown Country Church/Cemetery from 2-4pm. Located at the junction of the Williamstown and the Parker Road. Bring your lawn chairs. Admission is a free will offering to assist with the building repairs. If rain, will be inside.

Sept. 2: Harvest Home Church Supper

St. Stephen's United Church Annual Supper is held from 12pm to 4pm at the Black River Centennial Hall, Black River Bridge. Eat-in or take-out. Choice of Turkey Dinner (\$18) or Salmon Dinner (\$20). Only 500 dinners to be sold. Advance orders only, cash at the door. (deadline for reserving dinners: Sunday, August 25) Order by contacting: Grant at (506) 773-9312 (phone) or Chrissy at: (506) 210-1499 (phone/text), e-mail: cghamlyn@gmail.com

Sept. 7-8: A Walk Through Time: Nelson

Join your guides (their names currently being withheld due to a pending investigation for violation of the Canada Temperance Act, 1878) for a walk through Scenic Nelson. Get a new perspective on the buildings and historic homes that make up the village's front street, and the surrounding neighbourhood. Your walk begins at the Friendly Neighbour Senior Citizens Hall (26 Sutton Rd) and will visit the interior of several buildings. Tickets (\$15) available at start of tour. Tel: 506-210-1830

Sept. 14: Celebrate with the NB Aviation Museum

A celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal

Canadian Air Force and other important milestones Miramichi Airport 1:30 to 4:30pm. Visit the aviation artefacts, aircraft, and presentations, try the flight simulator, enjoy dessert theatre, learn about morse code, and more! See page 14.



Sept. 14-15: A Walk Through Time: Newcastle

Stroll through Downtown Newcastle with everyone's favourite philanthropist, Lord Beaverbrook. An adopted son of the Miramichi, and a lifelong champion of the community, meet him in the Town Square, a testament in itself to his generosity. Then rediscover your downtown, with the stories behind the many unique shops of today and the monuments to the shire-town's past. Tickets (\$15) available at start of tour. Tel: 506-210-1830

Sept. 21: Fall Market

The Miramichi Quilt Guild will be hosting a Fall Market from 10am until 2pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 67 King Street in Chatham. Free admission. See page 13

Sept. 21-22: A Walk Through Time: Chatham

See Historic Chatham alongside the charismatic business mogul, Joseph Cunard, the prince who stood astride the town's industrial might in the middle decades of the 1800s. Travel with him from Waterford Green and explore rich history, and see what hidden treasures await. As you walk, meet the business owners of today, whose stories are as vibrant as any of their nineteenth century predecessors. Tickets (\$15) available at start of tour. Tel: 506-210-1830

Sept. 28-29: A Walk Through Time: Lower (Douglas)Town

A village of many firsts, join a walk through the centuries with Character Matters Miramichi, beginning at the Seamen's Hospital (12 Vye Street), while hearing about the union between past and present evident throughout the community today. Tickets (\$15) available at start of tour. Tel: 506-210-1830

Sept. 29: Community Breakfast

9 am to 12pm at Father Morrissy Centre, 88 Bartibog Church Road, Bartibog. Eggs, two meats, baked beans, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea. Adults: \$10. Youth under 13 years: \$6. Everyone welcome.

Oct. 6: Golf ball Drop Fair

This annual event takes place at the Nordin Recreation Centre and features a pancake and sausage breakfast (8am) Vendors on site from 9am, silent auction, pumpkin carving, face painting, a free bicycle draw for 16yrs and under, and dropping of golf balls to get a winner. 506-226-1210

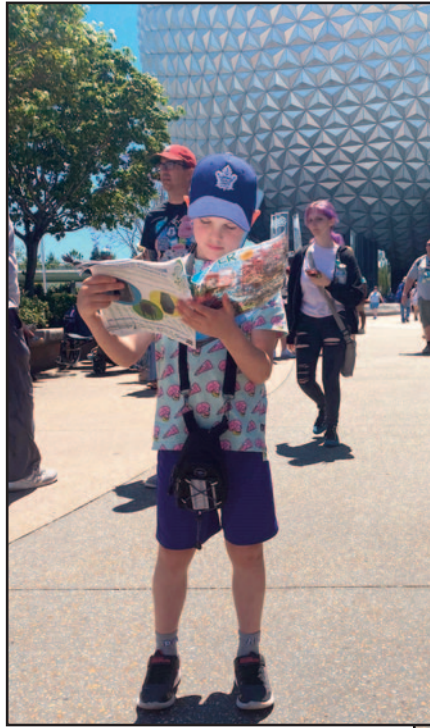
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Vurn McInerney took his Giv'er magazine on vacation in Burlington, Ontario.



Nico Furlong and Myka Furlong enjoying Giv'er magazine at Epcot, Orlando.



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MHL Releases 2024-25 Regular Season Schedule

The Maritime Junior Hockey League (MHL) has released the schedule for the 2024-25 regular season. The league's twelve teams will play a 52-game, balanced schedule. Teams will play eight games against each of their divisional opponents and two games against each of the teams in the opposite division. The top four teams in each division will qualify for the Metalfab MHL Cup Playoffs.

The regular season gets underway on Friday, September 13th with four games. The defending Metalfab MHL Cup champion Miramichi Timberwolves open their season on the road against the Grand Falls Rapids, the Truro Bearcats visit the West Kent Steamers, the Pictou County Weeks Crushers are on the road against the Yarmouth Mariners, and the Campbellton Tigers visit the Edmundston Blizzard.

In a rematch of the Metalfab MHL Cup Final, the Summerside Western Capitals host Miramichi on



League Champions: Miramichi Timberwolves capture the 2023-24 Metalfab MHL Cup. Photo source: Miramichi Timberwolves, Facebook

Saturday, October 19th with Miramichi hosting Summerside a week later on October 26th. The MHL will begin its Christmas Break on Sunday, December 22nd, with games resuming on Thursday, January 2nd. The final day of the regular season is Sunday, March 9th.

Follow all of the action from across the MHL live on FloSports, with news and information, statistics, and more available at www.themhl.ca and across the MHL's social media.

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DATE: Saturday 14 September
PLACE: Portage Restaurant,
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9:30 – 11:00am
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Join our veterans association for year-round comradeship and numerous social and commemorative activities. All veterans and serving military, regardless of where or how you served, are wholeheartedly welcome.

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missions and other NATO missions. Canadian military and police force members continue to do so worldwide.

For more information contact Chapter Membership Chair Tom O'Keefe at tjok107@gmail.com

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Miramichi Quilt Guild Celebrates 25 Years

by Susan Fowlie

In 1999 the Miramichi Quilt Guild was founded by the following thirteen ladies: Joyce Atkins, Laura Blakely, Maureen English, Geraldine Gordon, Vita Hachey, Phyllis Innes, Carmel Jagoe, Alphonsine McCray, Marilyn Richardson, Thelma Rogers, Margaret Ross, Jackie Stephens, and Judy Vautour.

In May 2024 the guild members celebrated their 25th anniversary, honoring the founding members. In attendance were (left to right) Phyllis Innes, Jackie Stephens, Joyce Atkins, and Geraldine Gordon (picture courtesy of Betty Doyle). Of the 13 original members, sadly five have passed away - Carmel Jagoe, Alphonsine McCray, Marilyn Richardson, Thelma Rogers, and Margaret Ross, while the others were unable to attend due to various reasons. A greeting message from the first president of the Guild, Judy Vautour was read by the current president Carol Miki.

Presentations were made to those founding members who attended the celebration. A gift was given to the member who had finished the most unfinished projects, displaying them at the show and tell, over the past Guild year. A presentation of a potted patio plant was made by Bev Ross, vice-president to Carol Miki in recognition of her service as president for the year.

A buffet was enjoyed by 50+ members attending, featuring a vast number of salads, cold cut plates, vegetable and fruit trays, and beverages followed by a celebration cake, all organized by Jennifer Kingston.

A **quilter's fashion show** was hosted by Betty Doyle



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with three categories: kitchen, sewing room and wearables. Items were either displayed or worn by members to showcase the vast number of projects that quilters love to work on, beyond quilts, such as table runners, placemats, coasters, quilted shoulder bags, jackets, quilted sewing machine cover, etc.

Since 1999, when it started with just 13 members, the guild has grown significantly and has, at times, seen its membership exceed 100. Because of Covid, the number of members since 2020 has dwindled a bit, but we still have meetings every Tuesday evening and 'workdays' on Thursdays.

New members welcome! If you are interested in joining the Miramichi Quilt Guild, the regular Tuesday evening meetings will resume on the first Tuesday of September at the Knights of Columbus Hall on King Street. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, come check it out! Follow Miramichi Quilt Guild on Facebook.



Fall Market September 21

The Miramichi Quilt Guild will be hosting a Fall Market on September 21 from 10am until 2pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 67 King Street in Chatham. Free admission.

Shop or browse the many handmade crafts, quilts and quilting supplies, fabric, baked goods, and preserves, just to name a few. Also, tickets will be available for a 50/50 draw. Hope to see you there!



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NB Aviation Museum Celebrates 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force



By George Quigley

The New Brunswick Aviation Museum will host an event on **September 14** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), the 75th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the 75th anniversary of the reopening of RCAF Station/CFB Chatham including the stand up of 421 (F) Squadron, the second Canadian Fighter Squadron to be reinstated following the Second World War.

Come and explore Chatham's important role in the history of the RCAF, as a primary training and support facility, from the Second World War until the 1990s, and New Brunswick's important role in NATO and the Cold War.

Discover our amazing collection of **aviation artifacts** and try out our **flight simulators**. The New Brunswick Aviation Museum is located in Hangar 6 right next to the Miramichi airport main terminal. This interim Museum is our base of operations, providing a secure home and exhibition space for our artifact collection, and for our growing **fleet of museum aircraft**.

The Museum celebrates New Brunswick men and women who have made a significant contribution to military and/or civilian aviation history, at home and abroad. Through our exhibits, programs and activities, the Museum tells the stories of New Brunswick's aviation pioneers and heroes, mentors and role models, from cities, towns and communities all across the province.

The Museum also offers leading edge aviation and aerospace educational programs and activities. In



Larry Ricker at the controls of the New Brunswick Aviation Museum replica First World War fighter aircraft, the Nieuport XI.

partnership with the Anglophone North School District, we focus on STEM goals and outcomes through formal classroom programs, outreach and home school offerings. We are a resource for flight training across the province, and we offer immersive aviation-themed educational programs and activities for provincial Air Cadet Squadrons and for students from ASD North and neighbouring school districts.



Crest of Canadian Forces Base Chatham, 1949 to 1996 (formerly RCAF Station Chatham, 1941 to 1945)



Crest of the Royal Canadian Air Force, 1924



Crest of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, formed in April 1949

September 14th Celebration
Miramichi Airport
1:30 to 4:30pm

Visit our event tent and enjoy the afternoon's activities that include book signings and a presentation on the history of Chatham, an aviation activity school project, and a **dessert theatre** with an RCAF/NATO theme.

Our museum aircraft, as well as visiting aircraft and a helicopter, will be on display, and our pilot (Larry) will fly our First World War replica Nieuport XI.

At the Amateur Radio Display you can learn about Morse Code and key in your name to obtain a certificate, and have a chat with museum staff and volunteers, veterans and aircrew members from the visiting aircraft.

Students and Air Cadets will be there to act as guides and to answer any questions that you might have. Refreshments will be available.



Explore the skies over the Miramichi with New Brunswick Aviation Museum's flight simulators. This is just one of the many displays and activities happening on September 14th as the museum celebrates important milestones in aviation history including the 100th Anniversary of the RCAF.

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Over the past year and a half, we have noticed many familiar faces in the crowd at our various tours and theatre productions. We greatly appreciate their

continued support; as a small, local, business, whenever you buy a ticket you are putting faith in us as performers, and giving us the opportunity to entertain and engage with you.

Since our audience is such an essential part of our operation, we want to make certain that everyone is well aware of our productions, along with the information about when and where they will be presented. In the age of social media, we are bombarded with information from around the globe, and when we are competing with billion-dollar companies, with million-dollar advertising budgets, it's easy to become lost in the shuffle, or, rather,

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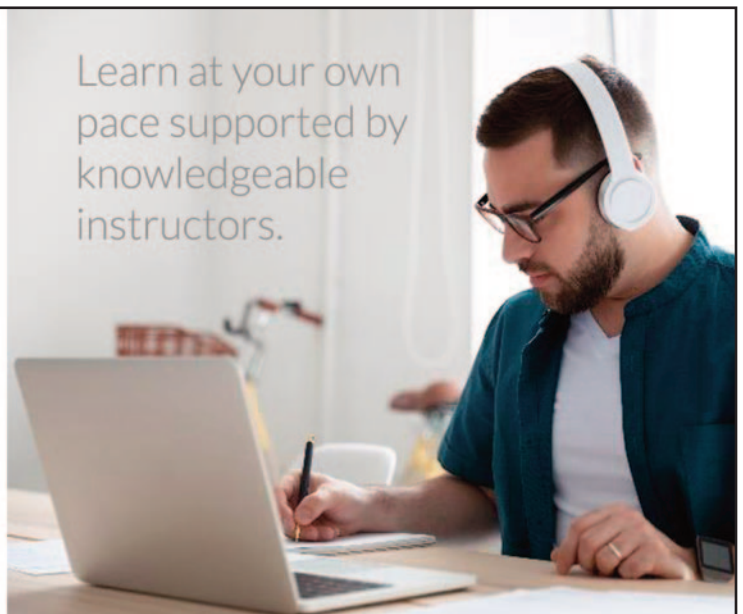
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the newsfeed.

With these challenges in mind, we will be launching an e-mail newsletter in the coming months, which will feature direct information on forthcoming performances. Those who sign-up to receive these notifications will be first to know about upcoming plays, signature tours, and special events. From laugh-out-loud comedies to tearful tragedies, to frightening folklore, we have something for everyone, all delivered with a unique local flavour that can only be found here.

Those who wish to receive the e-newsletter will also be first to receive a digital copy of the Character Matters Miramichi program for 2025 in January, detailing all of our planned shows for the new year. At that time, we will also announce options for paid memberships, which will offer a VIP treatment, with greater access to information and select members-only benefits.

We look forward to developing this more personal approach to communicating with our wonderful audience. To start receiving our FREE email newsletter, reach out to us at hello@charactermattersmiramichi.com with your contact information.



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This Peanut Butter Cookie Banana Pudding can be prepped first thing in the morning and refrigerated until it's time for a treat. Portioned in 1/4-pint canning jars (or small, kid-proof cups to avoid a mess) for individual servings, you can simply break them out when the dessert bell dings and top them with whipped topping and extra cookies.

Peanut Butter Cookie Banana Pudding

Recipe courtesy of Peanut Butter Lovers on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

- 1 box (153g) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups cold milk
- 1 package peanut butter sandwich cookies
- 12 canning jars (1/4 pint each) or small dishes
- 2-3 bananas
- frozen whipped topping, thawed as per package instructions

In large bowl, whisk pudding mix and milk until thoroughly combined. Set aside to soft set, about 5 minutes.

Cut or break six cookies in half and set aside. Pour the remainder of package in a large zip lock bag, seal it and use rolling pin to crush cookies.

Spoon a layer of cookie crumbs in bottom of each jar, reserving some for topping. Top with layer of vanilla



pudding. Cut one banana in half lengthwise and slice. Put a layer of bananas on top of pudding. Top bananas with another layer of pudding. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, top with whipped topping and sprinkle with crushed cookies. Serve each with broken cookie half.

Note: Twelve 1/4-pint canning jars fit into disposable foil lasagna pan with clear lid for easy refrigeration and transportation.

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Wondering about Wandering

Project LifeSaver Launches September 16

By Paulette Arsenault



Does your loved one wander or have a tendency to bolt from the effects of Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, Down Syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury or other cognitive challenges? All these conditions can push a person to wander and wandering and bolting is a reality that caregivers must face.

A missing person with a cognitive impairment, represents a critical emergency. They may be unaware of their situation, may not call out for help and may not respond to others who call out to them.

Project Lifesaver's technology can help:

- Decrease the chances of fatalities and injuries to a loved one.
- Significantly reduce the time needed to search for a missing wandering person.
- Provide families with a peace of mind.

This program is available to individuals who live with a cognitive challenge who may wander and are continually under care and supervision by a responsible family member or caregiver.



With Project Lifesaver, a transmitter bracelet is worn by an individual who is at a higher risk of wandering and becoming lost.

Clients who are a part of the Project LifeSaver program wear a one-ounce battery operated radio frequency transmitter that emits a unique signal every second, 24 hours a day. The battery provides a continuous signal for up to 45 days; however, it must be changed every 30 days. Should a loved one go missing, caregivers are instructed to **immediately call 911.**

Miramichi Ground Search & Rescue members are already trained in traditional search and rescue techniques, incorporate their training skills with the Project LifeSaver radio frequency tracking equipment to quickly locate a missing person.

MGSAR responders search using directional radio frequency receivers. Project LifeSaver requires a minimum of two searchers and recovery has been an average of under 30 minutes.

This proven technology has the capability of penetrating through obstacles such as concrete walls and thick forest to locate the battery powered, water resistant radio frequency transmitters emitting a signal that is tracked on the ground over several kilometers.

Where is Project LifeSaver available?

Volunteers from Miramichi Ground Search and Rescue have undergone specialized training to be able to respond in the event that a Project LifeSaver client wanders or bolts from care in the greater Miramichi area.

How can you help with Project Lifesaver?

There are many opportunities to volunteer with Project LifeSaver. You may:

- Be a monthly maintenance volunteer battery changer.
- Share this information with others.
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Ashton Tucker Hopes To Have Saved The Best For Last with Easy-Kleen SLMS Championship Race!

After winning his heat and feature at the Fog City Auto Spa 150, the 23-year-old competitor hailing from Miramichi, found himself atop the point standings since May - that is, until the conclusion of the Chapman Bros. 150 presented by Hynes Paving earlier this month. Tucker watched his points lead evaporate from the fourth position as Cory Hall (#83) captured the win to steal the top spot heading into the season finale, the ReCar 150 presented by Wonder Auto & Tire.

“Honestly, we were pretty happy with our results leaving Oyster Bed Speedway,” Tucker said. “Obviously, we didn’t like to lose the points lead, but we struggled all day. To salvage a fourth-place finish and keep Cory close heading back to Speedway 660 was a win to us, all things considered. We just need to do exactly what we did last time at 660 and we’ll be in good shape.”

The last trip to Speedway 660 was for the Castle Building Centres 150 presented by Taiga Building Products, and that was certainly a memorable day. Tucker joined Hall and Ryan Messer (#1) at the back of the starting grid for the race, and methodically picked his way to the front, passing every car and taking the lead with 46 laps to go en



Ashton Tucker (#2) of Miramichi is ready to regain what has been his all season long.

“It will be nice to not have to start at the back this time,” Tucker said. “Cory being the most recent winner will be starting pretty deep, so hopefully we can capitalize on heat races and stay ahead of him for 150 laps.”

Tucker - who works at the local Sheriff’s department by day - has blossomed into an elite caliber driver and fan favorite in the region. Ranked as the third best Super Late Model

2020, Tucker has continued to achieve greater success with every season. With a knack for saving his equipment and tires until the closing laps of the race, Tucker has pulled off many wins in seemingly unlikely scenarios.

Tucker started his racing career in Bandoleros in 2012 - making a few starts before jumping in full-time in 2013. He would score his first feature win at Speedway 660 en route to

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earning Rookie of the Year honors during that initial campaign. Quickly a dominant force, Tucker captured two championships in the same season, picking up the Bandolero championships at Speedway 660 and Petty International Raceway in 2015. That year, at 14 years old, Tucker would make his debut in the Super Late Model division during Speedway 660's Yard Gear 250, surviving a wild race to post a 12th place result.

Moving into a full commitment to the Super Late Model ranks, Tucker ran the Re/Max East Coast Elite Realty Pro Stock division full-time at Speedway 660 in 2016 - earning his first podium and Rookie of the Year honours during the season finale. That momentum translated into a monumental 2017 season that truly vaulted the then-teenager to star status - two Speedway 660 wins, podium finishes in the Yard Gear 250 and the Best of the Best 150, and posting a runner-up result in points.

However, everything changed over that off-season with the sudden passing of Ashton's father. Determined to persevere and continue, the then-17-year-old continued to compete weekly at Speedway 660 - but it would be during that summer when Tucker would first become aligned with Brad Silliker Motorsports. On the surface it was a match made in heaven - but it was a relationship that was tested early and often, with DNQ's, DNF's and engine failures plaguing their initial runs.

In 2019, Tucker and the Brad Silliker Motorsports team finally broke through to victory lane, conquering the Yard Gear 250 for the first time, and etching the beginning of a dynasty. Since then, Tucker has gone on to capture eighteen (18) feature wins - including three (3) Yard Gear 250's, the 2022 Summer Clash 250, the 2023 Mike Stevens Memorial, and four (4) Easy-Kleen Super Late Model Series wins.

Tucker and team also have a championship to their credit - earning the 2020 four-race points series held between Petty International Raceway and Speedway 660 during the COVID season. But this is different - this is for the Easy-Kleen Super Late Model Series title and the stakes are high.

"This has been a major goal since the series was announced to be in this position," Tucker said. "We started 2023 rough with a broken foot and car issues which really

set us back, but we found our groove by the end of the season and knew we had a good piece for this year."

"It's been a lot of fun battling with Cory every week - I got to thank him for the respect he's shown all season. I hope to see the same respect going both ways racing for the championship - but stakes are high and I think we both acknowledge we both want to win and leave it all on the line and give the fans a great show."

Much like Hall, Tucker did not overlook the possibility of third place in points upsetting the dynamic duo. Robbie MacEwen (#40) has kept it a three-horse race all season, and enters twenty-two (22) points behind Hall and nineteen (19) behind Tucker. While it would take some circumstances to get MacEwen to overcome his deficit, anything can happen on the track.

"Robbie has had a great season too. He's a great driver with a strong car and strong team, and he's raced everyone with a lot of respect," Ashton commented. "I think for Cory and I, Robbie having a bit of a shot to take it from us forces us to race with a bit of restraint so that we both don't end up losing it."

When asked about what message he'd like to share with his competitors, Tucker made note of one that got away last year in the ReCar 150 presented by Wonder Auto & Tire.

"We come to win every week, and this is no different. We feel the ReCar 150 owes us one, and we're going to go get it."

The ReCar 150 presented by Wonder Auto & Tire on Saturday August 17th at Speedway 660 will be round six of six on the 2024 Easy-Kleen Super Late Model Series calendar. Action will get underway at 4pm with heat races for the Easy-Kleen Super Late Model Series.

As race day nears, fans are encouraged to stay tuned to social media for breaking news as it happens! The Easy-Kleen Super Late Model Series can be found on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X (formerly known as Twitter) at @SLMSeries. Also be sure to check out our official website at SLMS.ca.

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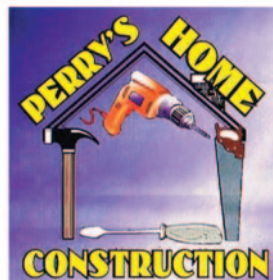
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