

# SPECIAL EVENTS ADDED TO GEOFF'S SCHEDULE

Geoff has announced plans to participate in "The Race of Champions" tour on selected dates during 1988 when no Winston Cup events are scheduled. The tour, arranged by Greensboro, NC-based race promoters Bruce Patrum and Terry Taylor, will visit asphalt and dirt tracks across the U.S. as an added attraction to scheduled weekly shows.

Other Winston Cup regulars reported by Bruce Patrum as participating in various tour events are: Brett Bodine, Harry Gant, Bobby Hillin, Jr., Dale Jarrett, Sterling Marlin, Mike Waltrip, and Cale Yarborough.

According to Mr. Patrum, the drivers will

be available to sign autographs for one hour before the on-track portion of the program. A short practice for the Winston Cup drivers will be followed by time trials. A shortened version of the local weekly racing program will also be run. Trackside interviews will precede each special event.

Late Model Stock Car, Sprint, and Modified Divisions, representing the feature class at each of the local tracks, will provide the racecars for the visiting drivers. Events on the asphalt tracks will run 40-50 laps, while the dirt track races will be 25-30 laps.

Geoff's first "Race of Champions" event will be on May 14th at Hickory Speedway,

Hickory, NC. Other planned appearances for Geoff are: June 18th - Grandview Speedway, Bechtelsville, PA; July 9th - Saugus Speedway, Saugus, CA; July 10th - Big Sky Speedway, Kalispell, MT; July 15th - Lee Raceway, Lee, NH. "The Race of Champions" schedule for the remainder of the 1988 season will be announced in June.

(The special appearances listed above are subject to cancellation or rescheduling due to the weather or other unanticipated problems. Call the participating racetracks for additional information.)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEOFF:** Geoff will celebrate his 39th birthday on April 18th. You may send birthday greetings to him: C/O The Geoff Bodine Fan Club, P.O. Box 377, Suffield, CT 06078.

**GEOFF'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Join in the celebration of Geoff's birthday at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday afternoon, April 23rd, following final Winston Cup practice for the "Pannill Sweatshirts 500."

The celebration, sponsored by The Geoff Bodine Fan Club, will be held under yellow-and-white-striped tents located in the Sponsor Hospitality Village behind the Turn Two Grandstand.

Popular motorsports commentator, Charlie Harville, will be guest emcee.

Following a short program, Geoff, who won the Martinsville event in 1984, will sign autographs and meet with fans.

Birthday cake and coffee will be served. **THE CHARLOTTE FAN CLUB MEETING/AUTOGRAPH PARTY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21ST HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO A CONFLICTING COMMITMENT.**

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### WIN A CAMARO IROC-Z!

Conwood Company of Memphis, TN, maker of Levi Garrett Chewing Tobacco and sponsor of Geoffs #5 Levi Garrett Racing Team, is sponsoring the Levi Garrett Racing Team Sweepstakes. The Grand Prize is a

fully-equipped Chevrolet IROC-Z, the same type model driven by Geoff to his IROC XI Championship. Additional prizes, 130 in all, will be awarded to runner-up contestants.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a special photo postcard of Geoff with the Grand Prize. Further information on the prizes, contest rules, and contestant eligibility is printed on the reverse side of the postcard. Please note that contest entries must be sent to the address on the SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY FORM and that entries must be received no later than June 17, 1988. Contestants must be 18 years old or older.

Become a Chevrolet IROC-Z driver like Geoff! Submit your entry today. You too, can be a winner!

## AT YOUR REQUEST

**Dear Geoff:** Why is it that the majority of Busch Grand National (GN) Series engines are V-6's, but Winston Cup (WC) Series engines are V-8's? Will V-6's become a major force in Winston Cup Racing in the future?

George Williams  
Clemmons, NC

**Dear George:** The reason the Busch GN Series runs V-6's is that the way the rules are now you can still run the V-8 if you want to, but the rules regarding carburetors and restrictor plates make it much better to run a V-6 engine in that division. You end up with more horsepower and a better running engine.

The V-8 is required to have a real small carburetor with a restrictor plate on it, and it's just too small, you don't have enough horsepower to really do well. The Ford V-8 can run a little larger restrictor plate and that's why you might see a Ford V-8 running against the V-6's. But the Chevrolet V-8 has a smaller restrictor plate with a small carburetor and it just isn't feasible to run that engine combination now in that series.


The WC cars, someday, probably will be running V-6 engines but we don't know when that will be or how many years it will take before the auto manufacturers do away with the V-8 engine and only manufacture V-6 engines. When that happens, naturally we'll have to run the V-6. But it really looks like the V-8's will be around for quite a while because they still build the 350 V-8's at Chevrolet and Ford. Until they stop building these engines, I guess NASCAR is going to keep running them.

They have a slight problem with speed. They think we're going a little to fast on some of the tracks with the V-8 engine. Running the V-6 engine would definitely slow us down a little bit. But what they're doing now to regulate that is putting restrictor plates on the V-8's on the superspeedways to slow them down. So, as long as they can regulate the speed with the restrictor plate, NASCAR is in no hurry, really, to get the WC Division running V-6 engines.

The Busch GN Series is kind of a test program for that V-6 engine. They've been using it for two years now. They're developing

the engine well. It's reliable now, so when we're ready in the WC Division to run the V-6 engine it will be field-tested and a good engine to race.

**AT YOUR REQUEST** will appear in each issue of The Geoff Bodine Fan Club News, featuring your racing questions for Geoff. If your question is selected for use in the News, you will receive an autographed Geoff Bodine Racing Cap. The deadline for questions to be used in the June issue is May 15th. Send your questions to: At Your Request, C/O Geoff Bodine Fan Club, P.O. Box 377, Suffield, CT 06078



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