

Nationally known stunt man “Tricky” Travelstead headlines Saturday’s Salem Speedway action

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Nationally known stunt man “Tricky” Travelstead brings his breathtaking brand of entertainment to Salem Speedway on Saturday night, July 31st, as he headlines the Casey’s General Store Night of Thrills, presented by the Country Kitchen Buffet & Catering.

Travelstead, a veteran stunt performer that has traveled throughout the United States and Canada for more than 30 years, will thrill fans with such daring stunts as the “car explosion body burn”, the “steel wall crash” and the death defying “trailer crash”.

The famous “trailer crash” involves Travelstead driving a vehicle at high speed off a ramp and through a parked camper.

“Tricky may very well be the center of attention for many of the young fans in attendance on July 31st,” said Salem Speedway general manager Richard Deaton, “but some great racing action is also on tap.”

The Lucas Oil Super Stocks and Dave & Deb’s Winner’s Circle Street Stocks will be racing on the high banks, while the Salem Speedway Pure Stocks and Front Wheel Drive Stocks are set to share the new quarter-mile infield oval.

“This is a great night of family entertainment with our lowest ticket prices of the season,” said Deaton.

When the Lucas Oil Super Stocks return to Salem Speedway for the Casey’s General Store Night of Thrills, presented by the Country Kitchen Buffet & Catering, defending champion, Frank Kimmel II of Borden, Ind., will be attempting to protect a precarious three point advantage (304-301) over Louisville’s Tony Johnson in the current standings.

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Former track champion, Chris French of Vine Grove, Ky., is third in the standings with 274 points, while Rookie of the Year candidate, David Frizzell of Jeffersonville is just two points back (272) in fourth. Veteran Louisville racer Jerry Norris (262) rounds out the top five.

Second generation driver Winston Wood of Bloomington and defending Dave & Deb's Winner's Circle Street Stock champion, Brian Bayer of Birdseye, Ind., are locked in a tight battle for the top spot in the street stock standings. Wood, who captured the first two races of the season, leads Bayer, winner of race number three, by just eight points (307-299).