



## Kirila Makes Career Moves

Although we have a 2 week break from our race schedule, there are several issues we would like to keep you up to date about. The Kirila race team has made a major decision to opt out of running in the INEX 600 Summer Shootout at Lowe's Motor Speedway this June through August 2008.

While this is a very tough decision for our team since last year (our first season racing that series), Gene won 2 races and Jesse won 1 race, so we were looking for great results during this 2008 series.

We will miss running in the spotlight of national television coverage and foregoing the opportunity to show our skills in front of NASCAR's home crowd, however we have based our decision for our remaining 2008 schedule on several factors:

- Since Gene stepped into his Late Model in February, he has shown extreme maturity and is progressing much faster than we originally anticipated at the beginning of the year.
- Our home in Pennsylvania is forcing us to travel to Charlotte, NC for practices every Monday and racing every Tuesday as well as head to Gene's late model races which are all around the country each weekend. To try and travel this much would be very difficult.

### FAQ's from our Fans

We have been receiving repetitive questions from our fans, so we decided to take advantage of the week off to answer some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).

1. **Question:** The difference between the Legend and the Late Model?



#### Legend

**120 hp**  
**125 mph**  
**1,300 lbs**



#### Late Model

**500 hp**  
**175 mph**  
**2,700 lbs**

2. **Question:** How did Kirila Racing get hooked up with our crew chief, Tony Blanchard?  
**Answer:** Tony sought out Gene after watching him race in the '08 Winter Heat series this past winter. Tony was the crew chief for Joey Logano who in 2006 ran the Hooter's Cup and was the 2007 Busch East Champion while a development driver for Joe Gibbs Racing. Tony worked for the Joe Gibbs team. Logano moves to the Nationwide Series for Gibbs racing in 2008 with his first NASCAR race next month when he turns 18. Logano's success freed Tony's career to seek another opportunity. We are all excited about Tony's choice to work with Gene. Tony grew up in eastern North Carolina on a family farm and helped with the family trucking company. He is a degreed engineer and raced throughout the south himself. While he has been within the big team environments, it is the smaller teams that he enjoys the best. Gene's Dad has a real appreciation for the smaller working groups and understands Tony's physic. The whole Kirila Race Team is enthusiastic about Tony's leadership and experience.
3. **Question:** What are Jesse's 2008 race plans?  
**Answer:** Jesse took the 2008 winter series off to play basketball with the Notre Dame School JV boys team. He plans to race his bandolero all season beginning in June and when the opportunity arises, he will practice in the Legend car so when he turns 12 years old in December 2008 he will be ready to race the Legend

We will be back on the track on May 31, 2008 in Senoia, GA for the Atlanta Southern 100 at New Senoia Speedway.