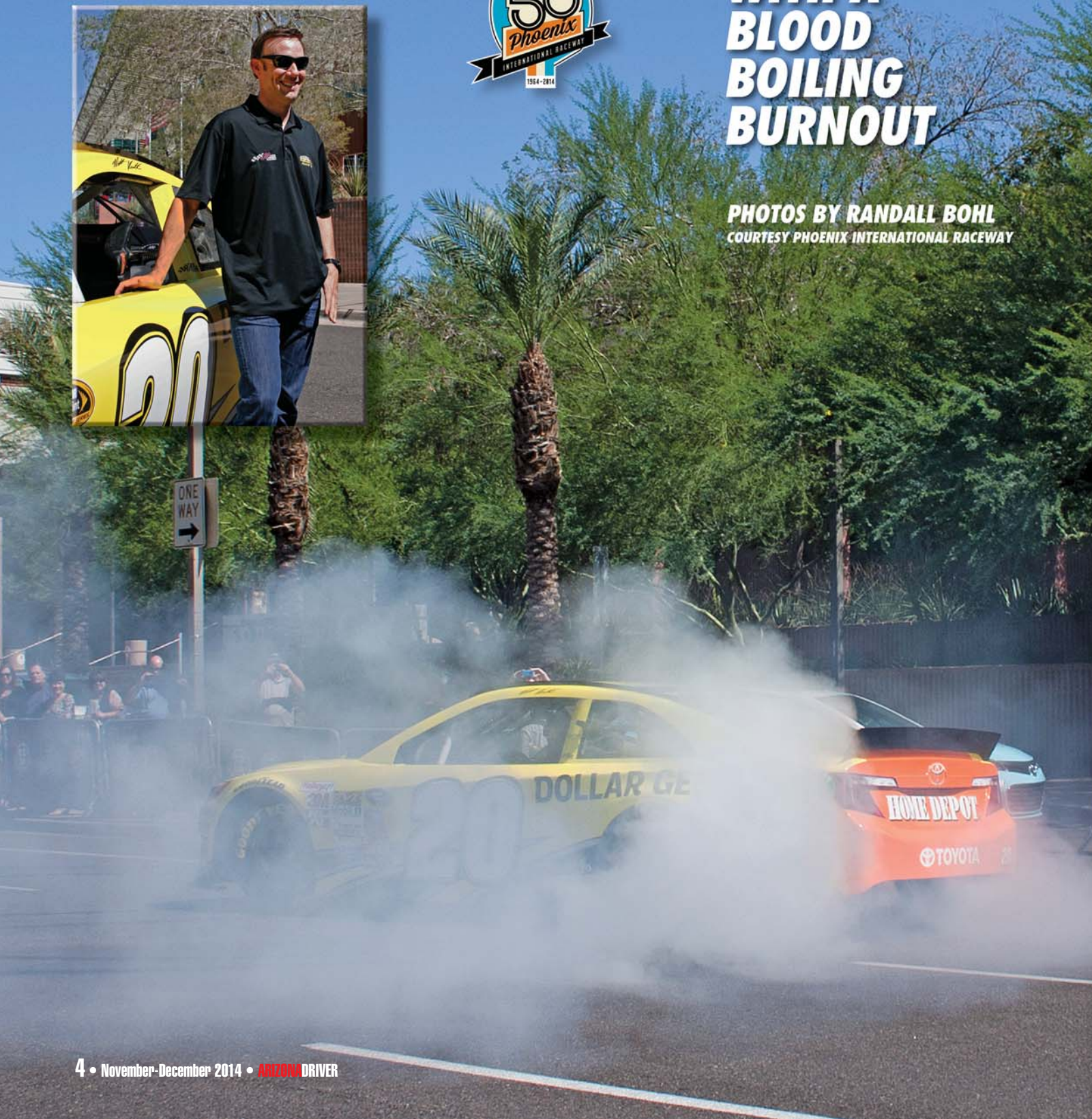


# NOVEMBER NASCAR



## KENSETH HEATS UP THE CROWD WITH A BLOOD BOILING BURNOUT

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### Matt Kenseth does smoky burnout in downtown Phoenix

To set the mood for the Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race weekend at Phoenix International Raceway, NASCAR star Matt Kenseth, driver of the No. 20 Dollar General Toyota Camry, 2003 Winston Cup Champion and two-time Daytona 500 winner, wowed race fans in downtown Phoenix in September, when he revved up his Camry and performed a burnout on 3rd Street.

Kenseth particularly enjoys racing at PIR. "We've always had great fan support out there," he said. "It's always fun to come and watch the grandstands be full here and so many people come out to watch us race."

He was also asked how the track's surface, repaved in 2011, has changed in recent years. "I like it," he said. "The pavement keeps aging a little bit more. The groove moves up a little bit more. It makes it a little bit easier to pass. It's a great race track."

Winner of the 2002 Checker Auto Parts 500 Presented by Pennzoil at PIR, Kenseth also gave some insight into the upcoming Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500—the final race in the Eliminator Round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup. The pressure will be on, for drivers and their teams, in Phoenix. "Of course, there's a huge sense of urgency," he said. "It's another elimination round before four lucky guys are going to go to Homestead and race for a championship."

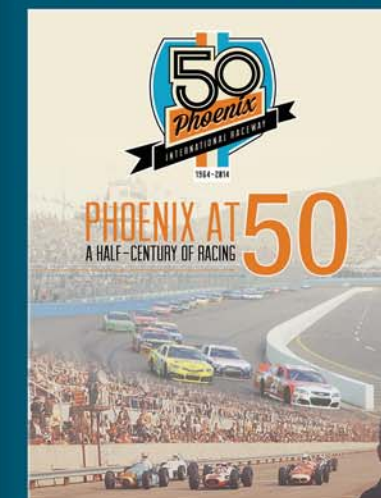
Following the burnout, Kenseth held a moderated question-and-answer session with fans at the Hard Rock Café where he talked about topics ranging from the race at PIR to a children's book he and his wife Katie released earlier this year.

The full weekend of November race action at PIR includes the semifinal races in each of NASCAR's top three series, headlined by the Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, November 9.

It all kicks off with the Casino Arizona 100—the championship race in the K&N Pro Series-West—on Thursday, November 6. Four days of NASCAR racing excitement continue with the Lucas Oil 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on Friday, November 7 and the NASCAR Nationwide Series 200 race on Saturday, November 8.

See ticket info at right. Don't delay—the popular fall weekend at PIR typically sells out. ■

## Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 Weekend Schedule



### PIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

*Phoenix at 50: A Half-Century of Racing* is a comprehensive journey through five decades of racing in the Valley of the Sun. Writers from varying backgrounds bring together the stories and secrets of PIR—with vignettes and short stories on the most exciting races and greatest drivers to compete in Phoenix. Foreword by Richard Petty. The book retails for \$49.99 and will be available on site during race weekend or is available online at Amazon.com.

### STREET FAIR AND SYMPHONY

A PIR 50th Anniversary Pit Road street fair and concert based on racing—"The Sound of Speed"—will be a first-of-its-kind confluence of NASCAR and orchestra, one night only on November 6 at Symphony Hall. Guests will be greeted by a showcase of classic race cars along 3rd Street. The event is courtesy of Barrett-Jackson CEO Craig Jackson. For information or tickets, visit phoenixsymphony.org/events/2014-sound-of-speed, or call 602-495-1999.

### NASCAR RACE WEEKEND TICKETS

Tickets to the Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 NASCAR race weekend are available online at PhoenixRaceway.com or at 866-408-RACE (7223). ■

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### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 10am .....Spectator Gates Open
- 10-11am : NASCAR K&N Pro Series-West Practice
- 11:30am-12:50pm : NASCAR K&N Pro Series-West Final Practice
- 1:00-1:55pm : NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Practice
- 2:05pm : NASCAR K&N Pro Series-West Qualifying
- 3:30-5pm : NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Final Practice
- 5:30pm : Casino Arizona 100, NASCAR K&N Pro Series-West Race (100 laps / 100 miles)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 10am .....Spectator Gates Open
- 10-11:20am : NASCAR Nationwide Series Practice
- 11:30am-1pm : NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice
- 1:10-2:20pm : NASCAR Nationwide Series Final Practice
- 2:40pm : NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Qualifying
- 4:40pm : NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Qualifying
- 6:30pm : Lucas Oil 150, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Race (150 laps/150 miles)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9am .....Spectator Gates Open
- 9:30-10:20am : NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice
- 10:40am : NASCAR Nationwide Series Qualifying
- 12:30-1:20pm : NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Final Practice
- 2pm : Nationwide Series 200, NASCAR Nationwide Series Race (200 laps/200 miles)

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 8am .....Spectator Gates Open
- 1pm : Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race (312 laps/312 miles)

