

## **Kimmel Finishes Fourth at Salem Speedway**

**SALEM, I.N. (September 20, 2009)** – Frank Kimmel turned in another solid performance in Saturday's Kentuckiana Ford Dealers ARCA Fall Classic.

After recording the third fastest speed in practice, Kimmel qualified his No. 44 Ansell/Menards Ford Fusion in sixth position.

Kimmel took the green flag and quickly advanced into the top-five and was making up ground on the leaders by consistently recording lightening fast lap times. By lap 75, Kimmel was up to third place.

Shortly after, Kimmel reported to Crew Chief Bill Kimmel Jr. that he was very loose and wondered if they should try something with tire pressures on the team's next trip down pit road. A close call came in the form of Kimmel getting loose and nearly spinning out, but the veteran driver hung on to his racecar until the caution came out on lap 100.

The team opted to stay out and Kimmel did his best to forge ahead and attempt to make up ground on the lead pack of cars. Running in sixth place, with only seven cars on the lead lap, Kimmel tried to hold off leader Justin Lofton, who was lapping the field quickly. Despite going a lap down himself, Kimmel and crew talked about strategy to get the car back on the lead lap.

On lap 155, however, Kimmel was still shown in sixth place and with only three cars on the lead lap, the Lucky Dog would be a hard fought battle.

On lap 167, the caution flag flew saving Kimmel from going a second lap down to lightening fast leader Lofton. On lap 181, the No. 16 car of Joey Coulter got a flat tire, which somehow resulted in Kimmel not getting the Lucky Dog despite being in position. By lap 194, Kimmel was up to fourth place and was the first car one lap down. However, time ran out and the driver of the No. 44 car came home in fourth place, recording his seventh top-five finish of the season.

"It was an interesting night, that's for sure," said Kimmel after the race. "Our car was okay-it wasn't great. It had brake problems, it didn't handle very good right in the middle of the racetrack and then we kind of got screwed out of the Aaron's Lucky Dog really bad right there at the end of the race. We would have finished third instead of fourth but that was a bad, bad call. We didn't scratch the car too much and we finished the race so we will go on from here."

Kimmel Racing will enjoy a weekend off before heading to Kansas Speedway for the next ARCA RE/MAX Series event on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Kentuckiana Ford Dealers ARCA Classic Race Results**

1. Justin Lofton (Toyota)
2. Parker Kligerman (Dodge)
3. Dakota Armstrong (Dodge)
4. Frank Kimmel (Ford)
5. Steve Arpin (Chevrolet)
6. Stephan McCurley (Chevrolet)
7. Terry Jones (Dodge)
8. Tom Hessert (Ford)
9. Bryan Silas (Ford)
10. Ken Butler III (Ford)

**ARCA RE/MAX Championship Standings**

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Justin Lofton    | 4,765 points |
| 2. Parker Kligerman | 4,740 points |
| 3. Frank Kimmel     | 4,375 points |