

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Orchex presents The Royal Purple® King of the Wing National Sprint Car Series presented by Xyience Energy Drink

## Stockton & Kern Raceways Host Final Events of 2016; Kern event renamed the "George Snider Classic"

September 9, 2016 – Indianapolis, IN. Many great racers hail from Bakersfield California including 4-time Indianapolis 500 Winner Rick Mears and NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion Kevin Harvick; but to a hardcore oval track fan, George Snider is the patriarch of Bakersfield's racing royalty. For that reason, Kern County Raceway and the Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprint Car Series are proud to announce their annual fall event will now be called the "George Snider Classic".

"Ziggy (Snider's nickname) is a legend in the sprint car community and at the Indy 500 ~especially on Bump Day," stated King of the Wing Series Race Director and Co-Owner Chuck Handley. "We're honored to name the Kern County event after him." Former Owner and Founder of the King of the Wing series Davey Hamilton said, "Ziggy has always been a huge supporter of sprint car racing and is still involved today. He's always been a hero of mine and became legendary with Indy fans for his ability to jump in an unknown car in the final hours of qualifying and make the race."

The 2016 event is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>, and will be the third annual King of the Wing event at Kern County Raceway. It is also the final race of the year for the Royal Purple King of the Wing's national series. This will be the series' third annual event on Kern County Raceway Park's half-mile asphalt oval. Last year, the King of the Wing event was won by the series' Queen, Sierra Jackson, who took the first feature win series history by a female driver. This year, Jackson will return to attempt to defend her win along with many of the top pavement sprint car drivers from the US and Canada.

On the night before, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the series will kick off the final weekend of the 2016 tour at The New Stockton 99 Speedway in Stockton, CA (<u>www.stockton99.com</u>). The ¼-mile high-banked oval will kick off the "*Orchex presents The Royal Purple King of the Wing National sprintcar series presented by Xyience Energy Drink*. This will be the national series first visit to the historic Stockton track, which has been hosting events since shortly after WWII ended. The Orchex Western Sprint Car Series has visited this track 1 each in 20015 and 2016. Idaho's Bryan Warf won the last race in August.

Heading into the final weekend of the Royal Purple King of the Wing National Sprint Car Series, Davey Hamilton Jr. holds a slim 24-point lead of Canada's Ron Larson. While Hamilton has been consistent and won the Meridian, ID event, Larson has been among the fastest every time on-track but plagued by mechanical issues and bad luck. Be sure to join The Royal Purple King of the Wing Series as a National Champion is crowned and a legend of American racing will be honored at Kern County Raceway on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### About the King of the Wing Series:

The "King of the Wing" Series is designed to work with all teams, promoters, fans and sponsors, to strengthen pavement Winged Sprint Car racing from coast to coast, working directly with all existing pavement Sprint Car Series. Long term plans for the Series are to provide a competitive rules package that can apply to all Sprint Cars and create race events that truly allows the promoters and racers to build bigger venues, show the sponsors and fans the world's fastest short track cars, and to promote some of the best short track drivers competing head-to-head no matter what part of the country they are from or what Series they run on a regular basis. This is the only pavement Sprint Car Series that features competitors from all across the United States and Canada.