



Bulletin
August 20, 2014
Late Model Kooy Protest of Holden

On August 16, 2014 the carburetors of all top 5 finishing cars were to be teched and crate engine carburetors confiscated. Rhonda Kooy submitted a protest regarding the carburetor of Mike Holden. The protested carburetor was disassembled, along with the others that were confiscated. No alterations were found on any carburetors with the exception of epoxy resin applied to retain the boosters of the protested carburetor. NASCAR rule book classifies this as a safety measure and is encouraged.

First and foremost, it is NASCAR's position that the epoxy is a safety measure and is encouraged in all classes (see NWAAS Rule book page 65 20F 5.10.1 Carburetor Section 4). In classes above NWAAS, it is required. In a phone call with Doug Hobbs, Promoter, Jerry Cook, NASCAR Head of Tech, explained that any penalty, loss of points, money or position in any race due to an alleged infraction that was in compliance with any NASCAR safety recommendations or bulletins would be unacceptable to NASCAR. The fact that the alleged infraction was out of compliance with Evergreen Speedway rules is an error by omission on the part of the Speedway. It remains compliant with NASCAR safety standards and not performance enhancing. Therefore, the protested carburetor is found to be legal and the first place finish stands for Mike Holden without penalty.

Additional factors were considered. First, the protested carburetor was the same carburetor used in the dyno test from the protest on July 12. It was found to make 390hp and 388ft lbs torque in its current configuration with its current engine. By most measures, this would constitute a finding that there is no performance advantage with the epoxy in this carburetor, supporting the position of NASCAR.

Second, the epoxy was observed and they were allowed to compete on August 16 with a minor handicap, until further research could be conducted and NASCAR consulted.

Director of Competition Chris Cunningham had notified Technical Inspector Ron Daggett that Evergreen Speedway would be confiscating all top 5 finishing crate carburetors and inspecting all other top 5 carburetors before the start of the main event as well as the carburetor of Holden, regardless of his finish. As the inspection was already underway when the protest accepted, the protesting team of Kooy will receive their protest money back.

Additional bulletins will follow regarding carburetor boosters, protests and on-track procedure.