

K-AUTOMOTIVE FORCED TO REGROUP IN 2006

As the 2006 racing season approached, the K-Automotive Race team was excited and anxious to move forward with a vision of increased potential due to an excellent sponsorship package and a more experienced driver. Our sights were set on many accomplishments which were mainly to better our finishing statistics to reflect top ten placements and, most certainly, some numbers in the WIN column again. All of these things were within our grasp and we were eager to go out and earn those top finishes.

January came with expectations of funding and building our new fleet of race trucks. The clock kept ticking but the funding did not materialize. As Daytona drew nearer and the promises of funding drew fainter, it appeared that Daytona would not be attainable. So many people put so much effort into preparing for this first race of the season. It was incomprehensible that all of those efforts would be for naught.

The week before Daytona race week, we released the news that we would not be able to attend the event. We were flooded with phone calls from well-wishers, friends and competitors and it was very heart warming. One phone call we received was from an old friend from the past who was once a team owner in the Nascar Cup division. There are very few of us from the State of Michigan and he felt compelled to help us in our plight for Daytona. To make a long story short, he got us to Daytona and we were able to show that our hard work was paying off. The truck was awesome and Brad did a great job during the entire 4 days. He qualified 14th and ran a very cautious and controlled race. We had one more pit stop to go and then Brad was poised to see just how much he could do at the finish of the event. Sometimes even when you're the most aware, things happen. We got caught up in someone else's misfortune and our day for great things was over. The disappointment was heavy on everyone's shoulders, but we have all been there before and you know it is part of story.

Fontana would be the next race the next weekend. With no funding and no signs of another guardian angel, we elected to make an agreement with a fellow competitor who was fielding a truck for an inexperienced rookie. They needed a starting spot and we needed funding, so we agreed to establish a partnership per se, and we made the run to California. Again Brad and the entire race team did an excellent job of preparing the truck for competition and making the right calls for a good strong effort.

When Atlanta came along three weeks later, we decided to make another try to showcase the team's efforts. The details are too extensive to be written on this page, but we will just leave it, as it just didn't work out for us. We had to return home without participating in one of the most exciting events of the season.

At this point, we have had to take a step back and try to re-group our efforts. We are actively seeking replacement sponsorship with the firm commitment to showcase our abilities when the right situation comes along. Until we are able to secure the funding, we will be forced into a spectator role. Please be very certain that we are putting forth a strong effort to turn this around and return to the racetrack where our hearts and souls reside.

We would like to thank each of you that have responded in some way to our situation. Good friends and strong fans are what make this such a special field of work.

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