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READING, Penn. (October 4, 2012) – This weekend Auto Service Plus Funny Car driver Blake Alexander returns to the track where he made his Pro debut just one year ago. Now after one full year in NHRA fuel Funny Car competition, the rookie returns to Maple Grove Raceway with experience and renewed enthusiasm.

"I obviously had aspirations to do better than we have done this year, but it also has been eye-opening to be out here with the top-tier competition that the NHRA Funny Car class has to offer. To see how close we are to being on the same level is encouraging to me," said Alexander, the former Comp and Top Alcohol Dragster pilot.

The Auto-Plus Nationals is a special race for Blake. It's where his dream was realized; to be driving the Paul Smith Racing Funny Car with legends of the sport. Since the Auto-Plus Nationals is Blake's primary sponsors' title race he is more than excited to be at Maple Grove Raceway with a large crowd of supporters on hand.

"There's always been something magical about coming to Maple Grove. The Friday night session is usually where everyone runs their best all year. I've been racing here since '07 and now it's Auto-Plus' race so the excitement is un-parrallel. It's a great weekend for me; it's very special," Blake claimed.

Blake and the Auto Service Plus Funny Car will get four chances to qualify at the 28th Annual Uni-Select Auto-Plus Nationals, October 5-7. Friday's sessions are at 2 and 5 pm, and Saturday's are at 12:30 and 3:30 pm. First round of eliminations starts around 11 am on Sunday.

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Blake Alexander Racing is a company that was started and maintained by nitro funny car driver Blake Alexander while in college. Blake worked his way up from Jr. Dragsters through the competitive sportsman ranks, now achieving his goal of driving a professional Nitro Funny Car. Through his efforts on and off the track, Blake secures corporate sponsorships and works actively with each supporter to activate and stimulate their respective brands from market to market. Blake Alexander drives for iconic master tuner Paul Smith, who owns and operates Paul Smith Racing out of Boynton Beach, Florida.

Companies that support Blake Alexander Racing include: Auto Service Plus, Gates Rubber Company, Exide Batteries, Tenneco Automotive, Valvoline, Standard Motor Products, Pro Jack Race Car Stands, and Spy Optics

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