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HEBRON, Ohio (July 18, 2012) – Following their most successful three-race stretch to date, Cassie Simonton and the Kon Rodz Racing Top Alcohol Funny Car team plan on keeping the momentum rolling at this weekend's Buckeye Fuel Wars at National Trail Raceway. The fourth race on the team's NHRA Lucas Oil Series regional tour will be another opportunity for the team to flex their muscles in conditions that they love; heat and humidity.

“Randy (Anderson) knows how to get the car down a hot track. The data from Chicago and Norwalk will help with the hot and humid weather that is predicted. The track isn't a national event track like the previous two races, so the track surface will be a bit different, but we're not worried about it,” Cassie said.

The hard-working crew members got a much-deserved break after Norwalk, allowing them to recuperate after two consecutive four-round Sundays. That break is over, and they're ready to get back to winning rounds.

“It was nice for the team to get a few days off after Norwalk. Now we're back at it in Columbus, servicing everything so we're ready for the weekend,” said the driver who not only wheels the 3,000 horsepower Funny Car, but works on it, too.

Back-to-back national event final rounds must add to the pressure of competing in the competitive Top Alcohol Funny Car class, right?

“It does add some pressure,” Simonton says. “We have a great car and the team is working really hard, so I want to keep that momentum going for them. We all want to continue winning rounds so we can get our first event win. I do better under pressure, so I think that added pressure will help me.”

Cassie and the Spiro Kontos-owned Kon Rodz team will get their first qualifying shot at 4 pm Friday. TAFC gets two more sessions on Saturday, with first round of eliminations scheduled for noon on Sunday.

Kon Rodz Racing is a NHRA Top Alcohol Funny Car team owned by Spiro Kontos, competing in the Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series. 25-year old Cassie Simonton drives the team's 3,000 horsepower Chevy Monte Carlo funny car. Spiro, Cassie, and the whole Kon Rodz Racing team would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support: Lucas Oil, NGK Spark Plugs, Goodson, BAE, Goodyear Tire, Clevite, Mac Tools, Artist ButchM, and ithreesixty Music Infused Apparel.

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