



SHORT COURSE CATEGORY

Glen Helen Raceway



RJ Anderson is not only a driver with six off-road championships and over 100 podiums, he is also his own team owner and has been for the past five years. He currently sits at the top of the standings in the Lucas Oil Off Road Racing Series (LOORRS) Pro 4 Class. He is also second behind ORMHOF inductee Rob MacCachren in LOORRS Pro 2 points for 2018. Among his many short course accomplishments, RJ was the Lucas Oil ProLite Championship in 2015 and the Lucas Oil Pro 2 Rookie of the Year in 2014. RJ credits his dad, Randy Anderson, for helping to shape him into the person he is today. "My dad is definitely the person who let me be who I am; his hard work and sacrifices made this possible."



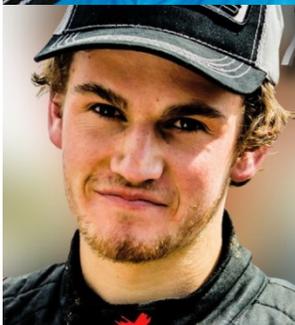
Ryan Beat started riding motorcycles at the age of five. An injury turned his focus from two wheels to four. His opportunity in Pro Lite came in the form of a pile of tubing. Relying on the expertise of Pro-2 racer Robby Woods, who built his own truck, Ryan learned everything he could. "We literally built it from one piece of tubing all the way to a fully working race truck," Ryan said in an interview with Four Wheeler Network. That build taught Ryan valuable skills and the concept of engineering a race truck. He finished that season second in points with seven total podiums. He currently sits atop the LOORRS point standings in Pro Lite. Ryan has also had success outside the Lucas Series, earning the Crandon World Champion® PRO Light title in 2017.



Brian Deegan is widely regarded as one of the most talented, savvy drivers in the history of the sport. His first full season of short course racing was 2009, the first year for LOORRS, and he became Pro Lite Champion in his rookie season. In 2011, Brian achieved the same feat a second time, this time in Pro 2. He has gone on to win six championship titles, three each in Pro 2 and Pro Lite. Brian is also the most decorated Freestyle Motocross rider in X Games history and founding member of the Metal Mulisha. Brian is one proud dad—His daughter 17-year old daughter Hailie, who grew up racing the LOORRS Kart Series, just became the first female driver to win a K&N Pro Series NASCAR race. "She always gives credit back to her time racing karts and trucks in short course," says Brian.



Darren Hardesty Jr is a third-generation racer and the two-time defending champion and current points leader in the LOORRS Pro Buggy class. He was the Junior 1 Kart Rookie of the Year in 2011 before moving up to the fastest Kart class. In 2015, his first year in a Pro Buggy, Darren earned Rookie of the Year honors and the regional points championship. Darren continued his winning ways in 2016 and 2017 with back-to-back Pro Buggy championships. He has his sights set on a third championship, and currently sits on top of the point standings. When asked about his goals for 2018, Darren said, "I want to improve my driving in any way I can...I watch videos of my races and do everything I can to improve myself."



Doug Mittag has been racing professionally since he was 14, prepping race vehicles out of the family garage. He has worked his way up from UTVs, to a Pro Lite, a Pro 2 and now a Pro 4. In 2015, Doug won a Pro Lite Championship. He is currently sitting second in Pro 4 points, battling for the 2018 Pro 4 championship. "The Lucas Oil Series puts in one hundred percent of their effort into the tracks, to helping us out, to making sure that we're happy," says Doug, "It's just a big family effort when I come to the race track...everybody's willing to help you out." Doug also competes in sand drags and races internationally in the Indonesia X-treme Offroad Racing (IXOR) series.

The ORMHOF 2018 Short Course Impact Award will be announced at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, October 29 at the South Point in Las Vegas. For tickets and information visit www.ormhof.org