

Holiday Happenings

Ring In A New Year Of NASCAR Fun

(NAPSA)—When the checkered flag drops on the 2005 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series season, the roar of engines will be replaced with holiday bells and songs. NASCAR fans can get a jump start on their holiday shopping with gifts that can be used throughout the year.

Fans can stay in the know with a subscription to NASCAR Scene, which follows all the details of the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series, including driver and crew chief changes, race schedules, new teams, paint schemes and new sponsorships. One-year subscriptions (50 issues) are available to fans at www.scedaily.com at 52 percent off the newsstand price. Once the dust settles from the off-season, fans can revamp their wardrobes with all-new NASCAR collectibles. T-shirts, hats, jackets and more are available in NASCAR Scene, all designed to keep fans looking their best throughout the year.

Any racing fan knows it's never too early to order tickets for next season and NASCAR.com is there to help. Fans can check with their favorite tracks to find out when race tickets will be available or log on to the "RACES" portion of www.NASCAR.com to find race tickets throughout the 2006 season. While planning for next year, fans can explore the abundance of new NASCAR.com tailgating offerings including games, grills, flags, coolers and more.

Fans can download Sprint Nextel Driver Voice Tones so they can hear Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart and six other NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series stars every



A NASCAR-themed gift can help you stay on track with the racing fans on your gift list.

time their phones ring. Driver Voice Tones make for a delightful stocking stuffer. NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series teams are working hard in the off-season with the latest technology to gain a competitive edge and fans can update their own race day gear with a Nextel 2-Way Communication Headset. This device can be plugged into most scanners, letting fans hear live, in-race communication between drivers and their crews. The product is simultaneously linked to the fan's wireless phone, enabling people to chat, even during the noisiest race moments, thanks to a noise-canceling device. For more information on voice tones, headsets and other racing-inspired Sprint Nextel products and services, visit www.sprint.com.

Sticking with the tech theme, fans with a need for speed must get the EA SPORTS (www.easports.com) game, "NASCAR 06: Total Team

Control" for the Microsoft Xbox and Sony PlayStation 2 gaming systems. The interactive video game puts fans in the driver's seat of four authentic NASCAR series including the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series racing machines. For the first time in a racing game, players can radio to teammates for assistance while managing on-track partnerships, or even take the wheel of a teammate's car in the middle of a race to fend off rivals. With all-new game controls, including real-time voice command, communicate with your crew chief, spotters and on-track allies to help punch your team through the pack.

And for the fan who has everything? How about helping out a charity by purchasing an authentic item from NASCAR Champion's Week in New York City? An autographed quarter-scale race car hood and numerous photographs from some of the most talented photographers in motor sports will be featured at an exclusive, invitation-only industry party in New York City when NASCAR invades the Big Apple to celebrate the 2005 NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series Champion. The items will later be sold on eBay with proceeds going to Victory Junction Gang Camp. Sprint Nextel arranged for a child from the Victory Junction Gang Camp to draw a unique design for the hood of the Nextel show car at the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series season finale in Homestead, Fla. The one-of-a-kind hood will be autographed by the series champion and will be available on www.ebay.com during the holiday season.