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PIERCE GEARING UP FOR SUMMER LEGENDS RACING, VISITS TURNER FIELD

GRIFFIN, Ga. – Georgia's Currie Pierce has been racing for most of the winter and early spring of 2009, but the most competitive and important races of the legends car season are just around the corner. Pierce, who races in the pro legends division, plans to compete this summer in both Atlanta Motor Speedway's Thursday Thunder Series and Lowe's Motor Speedway's prestigious Summer Shootout Series on Tuesday nights. Both series are 10-race schedules; both begin in early June.

Pierce made every race in both series last summer, and hopes to fare well throughout his first summer in the pro legends class.

"Competition will be even tougher than last summer, but I think we have more experience and the car is working better than it was last year. We're second in the points right now at Lanier (National Speedway, Ga.) and we've been running well in the pro class."

Currie battled a loose car in last Saturday's 20 lapper at Lanier and finished seventh. It was one of the first average runs of the season for the Curry's Collision Center team.

"The car was real loose and it happens. Sometimes you just miss the setup and you have to live with it and move on. We hung on, on the outside the best we could, but it was too loose to make any moves."

Tuesday afternoon saw Currie doing some racing work away from the track. The 17-year-old driver and his father, Dwight, traveled to the home of the Atlanta Braves, Turner Field, to have their No. 16 legends car on display to promote the upcoming Thursday Thunder Series at Atlanta.

"I think this is pretty cool," said Pierce, who will graduate from high school on May 22. "We were asked to have our car on display at Turner Field and we were happy to do it. I hope it's a great summer at Atlanta, and we'll do the best we can when we travel up for the Shootout on Tuesdays, too."

Pierce will race again this Saturday night at Lanier.

Currie Pierce is a Georgia legends car racer. Racing three to four nights in the summer, Pierce has gained a wealth of experience behind the wheel of a legends car after racing dirt bikes and bandoleros throughout his earlier years. At 17, Currie is looking forward to a future step to a late model stock car. He has one feature win thus far in 2009.

Currie is a member of the Team Full Throttle Driver Development Program and is represented by Driver Development Services, Inc., Charlotte, N.C. His marketing partners are Curry's Collision Center, Chris Daniels CPA, and Firehouse Subs.

Team Full Throttle is a Mooresville, N.C., based driver development program that specializes in all areas of personal and professional development, including leadership, teamwork, and communications as well as marketing, promotion, and on-track driving skills. TFT currently comprises over 30 racers who reside and race in all regions of the country.

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