



Defending Champion Looking to
Have Some Fun in 2018

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Before the 2018 season gets underway we would like to introduce everyone to our defending champions of each division. Kicking off the four-article series is the Charger division. The Charger class is the entry level class here at Lebanon I-44 Speedway that consists of 4-cylinder street cars converted into race cars. Drivers learn the fundamentals of short track racing in this division and almost always provide exciting, door handle to door handle action.

The 2018 Lebanon I-44 Speedway defending Track Champion in the Charger division is No. 12, Ronnie Taylor. Ronnie is a second-generation driver out of Springfield Missouri who has found a great deal of success in the Charger class. Ronnie is a two-time Charger Track Champion with 7 feature wins in the 2017 season. While Ronnie's statistics are quite impressive, the Springfield native remains very humble regarding his success. "It is an honor. I didn't think I would win the first championship, let alone two," added Taylor. Racers main goals are to win races and have fun, Ronnie and his crew have accomplished both. Ronnie enjoys the atmosphere of the race track, hanging out with his crew in the pits, and seeing what they can get their car to do on the race track.



Ronnie Taylor running a hot lap at Lebanon I-44 Speedway. Photo Provided by Jamie Martin

Although Ronnie does not plan on chasing his 3rd consecutive championship this season, he does plan on running a "just for fun" schedule this year and has plans to put his wife in the driver's seat. "My wife has put up with me racing for two years now so it is time to just have some fun," stated Ronnie. The race to the Championship for the Chargers, and all other divisions, begins on May 5th. We hope to see everyone there cheering on the drivers and enjoying the exciting side by side racing. Be sure to check out our website at i44speedway.net or like us on Facebook at Lebanon I-44 Speedway to keep up with track updates and news!