

## LEBANON I-44 SPEEDWAY

# J and C Racing team could field as many as six cars at I-44 Speedway this season

Chris Johnson and family members will compete in several different classes

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Keeping one race car going is a large undertaking, but imagine attempting to keeping as many as six cars going and competing weekly.

That is just what The J and C Racing team of Lebanon does as Chris Johnson and his family compete at I-44 Speedway.

Originally from Michigan, the Johnson family calls Lebanon home.

Chris Johnson, and his familiar 00 Modified; brother Tony Johnson, in his 0 Street Stock; cousin Michael Juergensen, in his 00 Street Stock; daughter and high school student Breken Johnson; in her Charger Car; and friend Sgt. Chris Kerperien and his 15 Modified, keeps them all busy.

In addition, Chris Johnson plans to race a Street Stock in a few events when the Modifieds aren't competing at I-44 Speedway. He is looking forward to



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**Michael Juergensen** and family celebrate after a win last season at I-44 Speedway.

the 2017 Race season after an emotional up-and-down season in 2016.

Chris Johnson and Kerperien were involved in a hard crash early in the 2016 season, putting both on the sidelines for some time as both cars had to have extensive repairs.

Tony Johnson had several good runs but fell to problems while first-year driver Breken Johnson

would start tailback each night and kept her car in one piece each night while improving as the season went on.

The highlight was Michael Juergensen, who won the opening night feature and also captured at least two other wins while announcing he would become a father in the off season.

Juergensen was consid-

ered one of the big three in the Street Stock class in 2016 and finished third in the final point standings as problems on two nights took him out of contention for a title run as champion Justin Allen had top five finishes in all 19 races.

During the off-season, two new Street Stocks are being built for Juergensen and Tony Johnson, while Chris Johnson's Modified

came to life late in the season after a trip to Howe Enterprises.

Chris Johnson is looking at a possible run for a championship and knows it will be tough.

"When you have to race against guys like Tim Swearengin, Ricky Icenhower, David Bates, Brian and Richard Lewis weekly it is tough, they all are so good and Mark Riddle is coming back this season with a new car to him and Wayne Lewis will be racing out of Swearengin's shop and knows how to wheel a car from seasons past," Chris Johnson said.

Kerperien is currently stationed in Oklahoma, but calls Lebanon home.

The hard working Johnson family will start the championship chase on April 29 when I-44 Speedway opens the 2017 NAS-CAR Whelen season.

For more information, visit the track website at [www.i44speedway.net](http://www.i44speedway.net).