

Chad Meyer
Huset's Speedway Hall of Fame Class of 2019

Like a lot of racers, Chad Meyer caught his racing bug in a go-cart at the age of seven, but the sprint cars didn't get into his blood until three years later.

Meyer recalls his first visit to Huset's Speedway. "I remember my first sprint car race. I was probably 10 years old or so, and I distinctly remember walking it by turn four during hot laps and I saw the number 11. I was SURE it was Steve Kinser, but it wasn't. It was Lyndon Johnson in a 360. I remember how loud and awesome they were and that's what got me hooked."

Meyer's first race at Huset's Speedway was on Sunday, July 5th, 1992 at the age of 14. At the time, he was the youngest driver to compete at Huset's, piloting the family owned #11 from that point until 1998. The following season, Meyer would team up with close friend Steve Wilson and formed Wilmer Motorsports to race in the 360 sprint car and 410 sprint car divisions. This partnership was very successful, as the team won many races in the 360 sprint car Huset's Speedway, Rapid Speedway in Rock Rapids, IA and Lake County Speedway in Madison, SD, along with the 1999 360 "Team of the Year". Meyer and Wilson also captured the 2001 Ethanol Race of Champions.

The 2002 season would find Meyer joining Watertown, SD businessman VJ Julius and the team would make an immediate impact, securing the 2002 Huset's Speedway championship in the 410 sprint car division. The combination would be short lived though, as a crash in Jackson, MN would break his leg, sidelining him for much of the remainder of the season. He climbed back in the car one final time in 2003, finishing second at a race in Madison, SD.

The 2004 season would see Meyer join close friend Dave Lunstra, who formed Lunstra Motorsports. Duo would hit the dirt with success from the start. During his stint with Lunstra, this is when the team did it's most traveling, including racing regularly at Knoxville Raceway (Iowa) and traveling regionally with the World of Outlaws. While behind the wheel of a 410 sprint car until 2007, Meyer would put Lunstra Motorsports in the "A" Main event at the 2004 Knoxville Nationals and win the 2005 Gold Cup and "Sportsman of the Year" honors as well.

Meyer then started doing double duty in 2008, racing 360 sprint cars for Mike Sandvig of Spencer, IA and 410 sprint cars for Kenny Hansen (Huset's Speedway Hall of Fame Class of 2015) of Nunda, SD. He would drive for both owners until his retirement until 2012 when he hung up the helmet for the final time.

During Meyer's 20 year racing career, he started over 700 sprint car feature events in the 360 and 410 sprint car classes, racing in 10 different states at 30 different tracks and amassing 57 feature victories. 19 wins came in a 410 sprint car including 18 at Huset's Speedway and one with the Interstate Racing Association in Jackson, MN. The other 38 wins came in a 360 sprint car, including 12 each at Huset's Speedway and Rock Rapids, IA, five at Hartford, SD, two each at Madison, SD and Jackson, MN, and one each at Knoxville, IA, Fargo, ND, Fairmont, MN, Wagner, SD and the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, SD.

Chad, his wife Angie and their family reside in Hartford, SD.