

One-on-One with Mandy Pittman

Your father used to race- does he still?

Dad has not raced since the WOO show at Riverside in 2007. He is now "officially" a car owner. Tim Crawley drives the #88 sprinter around the mid-south with USCS and the national ASCS tour.



How did Daryn and you meet?

Daryn and I first met at Riverside Speedway aka "The Ditch" in the summer of 1997. Our trailers were parked side by side. Daryn rode on the four wheeler with my dad to the driver's meeting and asked, "how old is your daughter?" Dad responded, "WHY?" After the races we began talking and the rest is history!

You recently became a mother- how is it going with Daryn traveling, etc? Do you attend with her?

Being a mother is great! Taylor is 9 months old now and doing something new every day. It is truly amazing to see the world through the eyes of a child. Taylor and I attended all the races from May - Nov. Taylor does really well and usually falls asleep when the sprint cars are on the track.



What happened with Titan Racing?

When we returned from Australia last Jan. we were fired from the Titan ride. It was very hard for both of us especially me. We basically started the business and Reeve was like our family. It is no secret that our results in Australia were horrible, but to say we were shocked is an understatement. We did not end on bad terms because Reeve allowed our family to make a great living doing what we love for 4 years and we are very thankful for that opportunity. At the beginning of July a business opportunity presented itself and we bought all of the assets of Titan Racing. We have currently sold all of the racing equipment. We are still in contact with Reeve and remain friends.

Will Daryn's family own another WoO team someday and/or what are the future plans?

I do not think Daryn's parents will ever own another sprint car team. Daryn's family provided the stepping stone he needed to get to where he is today, and for that we will be forever grateful. They helped their child follow his dream - that is something that I truly hope Daryn and I can also do for Taylor.

We are driving for Jesse and Lorraine Keen in the #17 sprinter in 2010. We will travel to Florida to begin the season and then hit and miss All Star, WOO, and local shows. They are great car owners and we appreciate the opportunity to drive for them. As far as future WOO plans: Would we like to be back with the WOO, of course, if the right opportunity presented itself.

Do you miss traveling with the WoO Series?

Yes, I do miss traveling with the series. The non-stop traveling of being in a different city each day is just a life style that once you get use to ..you miss it when it's gone, but I probably miss the friendships the most. People on the road become like family and when you are not around them ...you miss them. (You all know who you are!)

Your favorite win with Daryn?

We have been fortunate to win a handful of big races, but my favorite win would be the 2008 King's Royal. Daryn was having a low year and to pull off a win at the King's Royal was huge. Actually I think the Historical Big One was even bigger than that since we were a HUGE underdog and we had a flat tire on the last red flag. The boys put fix a flat in the tire and it held!! Some things are just meant to be!!

Your greatest win with your dad?

Short Track Nationals in 2000. The Short Track Nationals was his biggest race of the year and the race ended at 3:00am in the morning!!

Your favorite track food?

I love the pizza at Williams Grove!!

You are heavily involved in the business side of things with Daryn's racing- can you explain all that you do?

I was really a lot more involved when we were at Titan because I basically handled all the paperwork side of things for the team and Daryn. I do all the merchandise, PR, business paperwork, and any other thing that needs to be handled.

Your favorite race track?

It is hard to pick a favorite. I love driving into Eldora Speedway for the King's Royal when you can see motor homes and people everywhere. I love the racing at I-55 Pevely, MO because it is a small high banked track that if you blink you can gain or lose several spots. I love Chico, CA for the atmosphere. I love "The Grove" because the racing is so competitive and since it is our new hometown track!



What makes you a Diva?

Well, I looked up the word Diva and it says a woman with attitude and personality! Sounds like me! Everything I do... I do with all of my heart! I am an outspoken person and sometimes I find words coming out of my mouth before I have thought it through but that is just me!!

I have known Mandy & Daryn for a long time and both of them were great to me while I was traveling with the WoO Gumout Series and while I worked for the WoO Sprint Series. Mandy and I had shown off our modeling skills a few years ago and had to model some attire for the WoO Sprint Series. We had so much fun☺ the photos and commercials actually turned out- how could they not- she is beautiful, but we laughed and we recently reminisced about that fun time in Florida! There are a lot of reasons I really enjoy talking with Mandy but one of them that has always stood out to me is that she is extremely knowledgeable about "what it takes to race" and she truly has a passion for it!