



## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **SPEED™ PRODUCER BURNETT WINS RUSS CATLIN AWARD FOR *NASCAR RACE HUB* VETERAN'S DAY FEATURE**

#### **CLAVETTE, HEMBREE EARN NATIONAL MOTORSPORTS PRESS ASSOCIATION HONORS**

SPEED Associate Producer Justin Burnett was honored this week with a 2012 Russ Catlin Award for his Veteran's Day feature that ran as part of the popular program, *NASCAR Race Hub*, in November of last year.

"For me, this piece crystallizes everything that makes racing, and sports in general, great," said Burnett, who has been with SPEED for nearly two years. "Far away from the bright spotlight of a NASCAR race weekend, *Accessible Racing* (<http://www.accessibleracing.com/>) is using their passion for racing as a vehicle for inspiration and change. I felt that the sincerity and resolve of the veterans, particularly 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ian James Brown, would likewise inspire viewers and the judges."

As part of the annual Taxslayer.com Motorsports Journalism Awards in honor of motor sports media pioneer Russ Catlin and presented by Charlotte Motor Speedway, Burnett's segment earned high praise from the Indiana University School of Journalism judging panel.

Among the judges' comments: A timely feature that demonstrates racing's contributions beyond the track; this story's effectiveness lies in its use of multiple sources and themes. It addresses a serious social issue with an updated approach and shows how racing can benefit society. This story meets all technical requirements while telling an inspiring story.

To view the feature, please visit: [http://www.speedtv.com//video/nascar/race-hub/nascar-race-hub-wounded-warriors-1270632729001/1#\\_vtop](http://www.speedtv.com//video/nascar/race-hub/nascar-race-hub-wounded-warriors-1270632729001/1#_vtop)

Burnett is the second SPEED producer to win the Russ Catlin Award. Associate producer Rob Nelson took home the honor for his work in 2003.

SPEED freelance producer Suzanne Clavette needed help carrying all of her trophies, going seven-for-seven with her entries in the annual National Motorsports Press Association awards for Spot News, Short-Form Features and Long-Form Features as part of her work on *NASCAR Race Hub*. Clavette, in just her first year at SPEED, earned the Charlie Harville Award as the overall winner in the television category.

To view one of Clavette's first-place winners please visit:  
[http://www.speedtv.com//video/nascar/race-hub/nascar-race-hub-field-fillers-1414343850001/1#\\_vtop](http://www.speedtv.com//video/nascar/race-hub/nascar-race-hub-field-fillers-1414343850001/1#_vtop)

SPEED.com NASCAR Editor Mike Hembree, a six-time NMPA Writer of the Year, also was honored with a first place in "Spot News" by the NMPA for his story on James Hylton.

To read Hembree's article, please visit: <http://nascar.speedtv.com/article/hembree-hylton-taking-another-swing-at-darlington/>

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