

## THOMAS JR. TO RUN FAMILY OWNED SPRINT CAR IN 2016!



January 20, 2016 – Indianapolis, IN – 2016 brings new challenges for Kevin Thomas Jr. as he tries his hand at pavement racing. Thomas Jr. will be piloting the number 22 Cunningham Motorsports entry for the full ARCA season, in hopes of Championship contention and Rookie of the Year honors.

Filling in the dates between ARCA racing, Kevin will run his family owned, 9k non-wing sprint car. The 9k team plans to run the majority of the USAC schedule with a few exceptions. Kevin will also be attending several local and MSCS races. However, ARCA races will take priority this season.

Coming off a seven-win season, the choice to leave Michael Dutcher Motorsports was not an easy one. The two decided to amicably part ways after it was determined Kevin would not have the time to dedicate to running a full season with MDM. Michael Dutcher Motorsports will also be chasing championship titles on the USAC circuit and needed a full time driver. “I’ve been with Dutch off and on for three years and we

win races together. Not being able to run for him this year was tough on me, but they deserve someone who can be there full time and try to get them a championship. I've enjoyed racing with him and AJ and wish them the best of luck in 2016," says Thomas Jr.

In addition to sprint cars, Thomas Jr. is looking to run a select midget schedule if the opportunity presents itself. Kevin is coming off of a successful Chili Bowl Midget Nationals and would potentially like to race the Kokomo Grand Prix, USAC Midget week, Gold Crown Midget Nationals, Leffler Memorial, and Turkey Night to name a few. Any interested parties can contact [KTMotorsports@gmail.com](mailto:KTMotorsports@gmail.com).

"I've got a lot of opportunities to win this season," says Thomas Jr., "and I could not be more excited and fortunate to have another 100 plus races on my schedule again this year." Kevin starts off his ARCA schedule February 13<sup>th</sup> at Daytona International Speedway. His return to dirt in the 9k will kick off March 26<sup>th</sup> at Brownstown Speedway for the No Way Out 40.