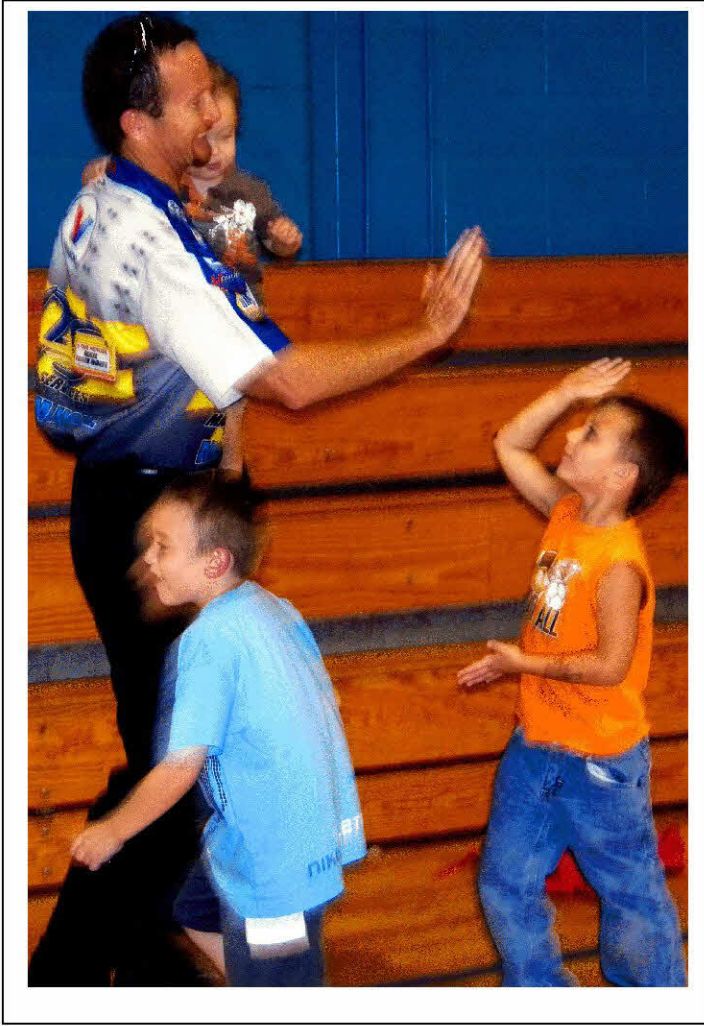


## JACK BECKMAN



NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series 2012 Fuel Funny Car National Champion, Beckman, who has made Racers Who Care Quick Tips on Winning in Life presentations since 2007, competes in the Don Schumacher Racing Valvoline NextGen/Aaron's Dream Machine Dodge Charger R/T. His fastest speed is 333.66 mph.

For some years, he has been an instructor at the Frank Hawley NHRA Drag Racing School where he has taught well over 7,000 racing students.

Beckman's love for racing grew and flourished while as a child he watched his uncle drag racing in Southern California. His career began in the National Hot Rod Association's Sportsman level, where he quickly scored four championships and 50 wins, including the 2003 Super Comp Championship.

Beckman was honored with the NHRA Pacific Division Person of the Year Award in 2004, following a six-month bout with chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma.

He eased back into racing driving Top Fuel Dragsters for a while then, in late 2006, moved on to his true racing love, Fuel Funny Cars, quickly winning his fourth race in Las Vegas, and later setting two national records: a 4.662-second elapsed time and a 333.66-mph top speed for the Don Schumacher team. In his first full Fuel Funny Car season Beckman won back to back races in Seattle and Denver and finished fifth in point standings.

2011 was Jack's best year as a professional Funny Car Driver. After winning three National events, he led the championship points during the countdown and lost by a very narrow margin to teammate Matt Hagan in the final race of the 2011 season.

Beckman served four years as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Fast Jack made his first Quick Tips on Winning in Life Presentation in late 2007 to a group of youngsters at the Santa Monica, California, YMCA's after school program. Some of the advice, garnered from his own career experiences, that he shared with the children was: "Don't gloat in your successes, and take the losses as an education. Never be a poor sport. Be dignified."

After this first Presentation, Jack's observation about the experience was: "Oh, my Gosh! These six-year olds are tough! A six or seven-year old doesn't understand the cause and effect and consequences, as much as say, an 11- or 15-year old, so the message is different. With older kids I can talk about bad choices and good choices. Seven-year olds don't care about that. They just want to try on the helmet!"

Other favorite Quick Tips Jack likes to share during his presentations are: "Treat others as you want to be treated." and "Stick to your goals and maintain a positive outlook."









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