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# TERMINAL VELOCITY



**ROCK 'N' ROLL & CARS!**  
AC/DC's Brian Johnson,  
Blondie's Deborah Harry  
and much, much more!

**MOTOWN  
LOWDOWN!**  
FORD  
MUSTANG  
SHELBY GT500 &  
CHEVROLET  
CAMARO ZL1

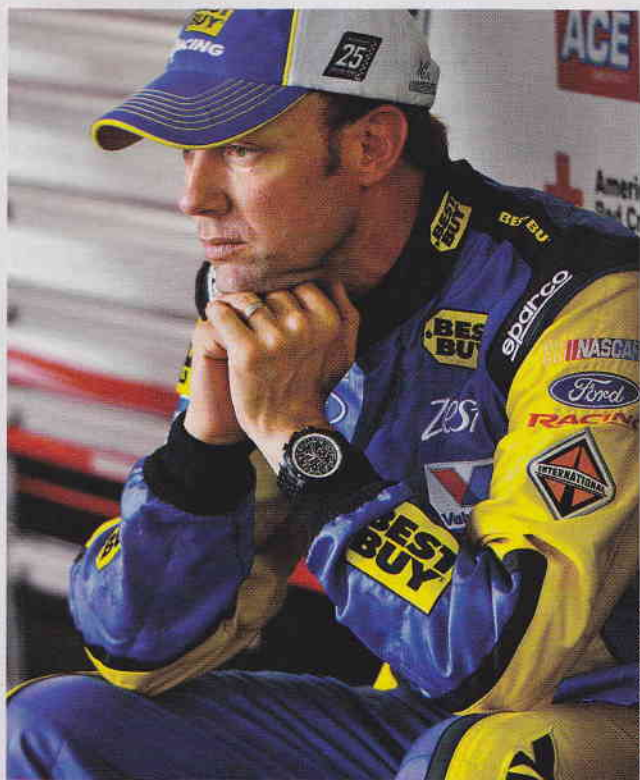
Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg announced that they've extended their deal through 2017. Next year's race will take place on March 24, 2013.

Meanwhile, the Milwaukee Mile will host the series again next year, according to race promoter and IndyCar team owner Michael Andretti. Andretti Sports Marketing announced that the event will run on June 14-15.

The FIA World Touring Car Championship has a deal to race at the Sonoma road course in California, and the contract will

run through 2014. The track confirmed last fall that the series would come to Sonoma this September. The first race will be held the weekend of Sept. 21-23, 2012.

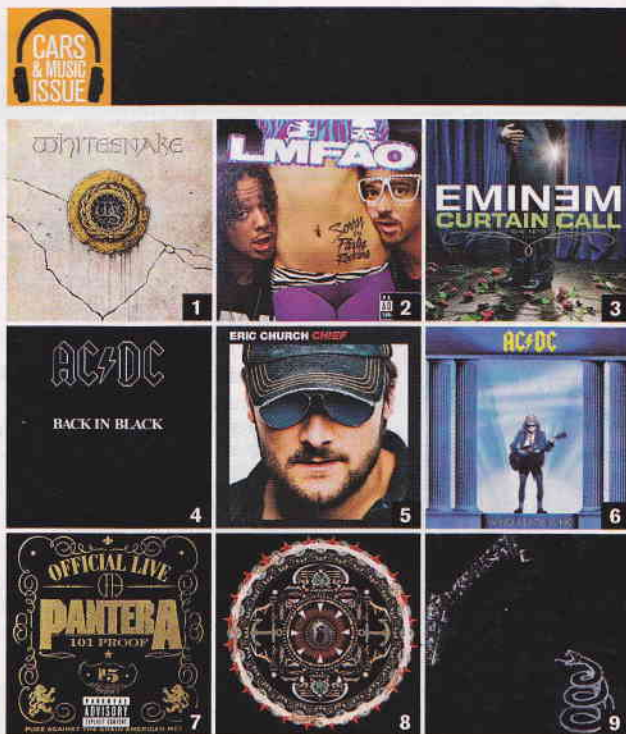
No TV deal for U.S. broadcasts has been worked out yet. The promoter of the WTCC is Eurosport, which holds all TV rights to the series. The Sept. 21-23 weekend of racing will include three other series: the Nitto Tires United States Touring Car Championship, Auto GP (essentially cars known previously as Formula 3000) and the Maserati Trofeo World Series. 🍷



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■ **Matt Kenseth's** future with NASCAR Sprint Cup Series team Roush Fenway Racing appears far from certain. There were rumblings at Sonoma over the weekend of June 23 that this year's Daytona 500 winner has been speaking with other teams. The series points leader as of Sonoma declined to comment, but his No. 17 Ford Fusion has limited sponsorship, forcing team owner Jack Roush to spend some of his own money to field the entry full-time.

Chatter in the Sonoma garage area linked the 2003 Cup champion to Joe Gibbs Racing and Penske Racing. A Gibbs spokesperson declined to comment, and a Penske official said flat out that the team was not in talks with Kenseth.



## Crossroads, Part II

Big-time drivers don't usually need something to pump them up, but when they do, these are some of their favorite prerace tunes.

**1. Tony Kanaan:** "Here I Go Again" by Whitesnake.

**2. Helio Castroneves:** "Sexy and I Know It" by LMAFO. "You can put that one in, ha-ha!"

**3. Graham Rahal:** "I'll listen to any sort of pissed-off Eminem song to get me going. Beyond that, kind of our song—me, my girlfriend Laken and our families—for the last year is 'Good Life' by OneRepublic. We always have

a song of the summer that we listen to when we're driving to our cabin or taking a road trip or whatever, kind of our theme song." **4. Alex Tagliani:** "In my playlist I have 'Shoot to Thrill' from AC/DC and a bunch of David Guetta remixes."

**5. Kevin Harvick:** "Springsteen" by Eric Church. "I really enjoy listening to 'Springsteen' before a race as it keeps me relaxed."

**6. Brad Keselowski:** "For Those About to Rock" by AC/DC. "One of our sponsors used to play that song during my hospitality appearances, and I thought it was the coolest song to listen to before a race. . . . You [go] listen to it and try *not* to get fired up!"

**7. Paul Menard:** "Dom/Hollow" by Pantera. "I listened to it before every football game I played back in the day, and it's still my go-to song if I need a pick-me-up."

**8. Regan Smith:** "Adrenaline" by Shinedown.

**9. Kyle Petty:** "If there is one song that gets me pumped up, it's Metallica's 'Enter Sandman.' "