

## PERMATEX/FOLLOW A DREAM TEAM ANNOUNCES NEW DRIVER

**Marston's Mills, MA-February 23, 2016**-Jay Blake's Permatex/Follow A Dream Top Alcohol Funny Car team has a new driver for the 2016 season: Phil Burkart. "Our whole team is excited to have Phil driving as another era begins here at Follow A Dream. We've had some changes in the off season and are ready to get the 2016 season underway," said Blake, who has led the team to multiple victories since fulfilling his lifelong dream of owning his own Alcohol Funny Car team in 2003. Burkart began drag racing at age 14, starting with bracket cars and moving up the ranks to both Alcohol Funny Cars and nitro Funny Cars. "Jay and I have been friends for a long time and I'm eager to get back to my Funny Car roots, where I honed my skills," Burkart said. "I'm hoping to pick up where Todd Veney left off and not miss a beat for Jay and this group."

Blake's Follow A Dream team will compete throughout the country, on a 13-race schedule that includes seven national events and six Lucas Oil Drag Racing Series events.

Anthony Terenzi is set to tune for Blake, the only totally blind crew chief in all of motorsports, who, between racing events, encourages countless thousands of others across the country through motivational presentations delivered at technical schools, colleges, automotive shows, and corporate events, to follow their dreams. For more information about Follow A Dream and the team, go to [www.followadream.org](http://www.followadream.org).

### **About Follow A Dream**

Follow A Dream Race Team is a remarkable story in itself, and winning at the national level is only part of it. Follow A Dream's owner and crew chief, Jay Blake, is totally blind. Jay lost his eyesight in a tire explosion over 19 years ago, but he did not lose his positive attitude on life, nor his desire to pursue his dreams. Jay had always wanted to form his own race team, and in spite of his serious setback, he continued to focus on his goals. Through years of incredible determination and perseverance, he was able to realize his dream and founded Follow A Dream Racing. Since then, the team has worked its way up the rankings to become one of the top Funny Car teams in the world.

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