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event.

Dover controversy number three – a NASCAR trifecta.

The penalties for the infraction – which have come in bunches for the 2012 and defending Sprint Cup champion this season – will be announced later this week.

Earlier this year, Keselowski was brash enough to suggest NASCAR was targeting his team. He's blasted the sanctioning body in everything from Twitter to USA-Today leading to yet another controversy that NASCAR has it in for him.

Maybe, maybe not.

You can be sure NASCAR isn't too pleased with Keso and his new wave media blasts. Are his comments enough for NASCAR to single him for penalty?

Again, probably not.

Then again, loose lips sink big ships.

In spite of these sideshows and controversies, Dover wasn't a complete cluster. It was, after all, the final episode of 'Hee Haw Goes Stock Car Racing' as FOX now gives way to another network to telecast the Cup events.

Boogity, Boogity, Boogity.

**About John Close**

John Close covered his first NASCAR race as a professional media member in 1986 at Bristol Motor Speedway. Since then, Close – a former Associated Press newspaper sports editor - has written countless articles for numerous motor-sports magazines, trade publications and Internet sites.

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## Horton hauls in Hobby Stock Hardware

Grantville's Austin Horton held off numerous challenges from Roopville's Clifton Moran to win Saturday night's June 4 Summit Racing Equipment Hobby Stock feature.



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tion banquet will be held on Dec. 13 at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame in Dawsonville. Info on tickets available at [www.georgiaracinghof.com](http://www.georgiaracinghof.com).

NASCAR Hall of Fame: It was sad that a couple of Georgians that should already be in the NASCAR Hall of Fame have been overlooked again. Raymond Parks and Rex White are still waiting in the pits to be voted into the Charlotte facility. At least one Georgian was tapped to be inducted. Tim Flock, a member of the famous Flock family, will be inducted next year. In 187 starts, Flock had 39 victories, a total that still ranks 18th on the all-time wins list. Flock won his first series title in 1952 and

his second in 1955. He dominated that season, posting 18 wins, 32 top-fives and 18 poles in 39 races. Flock's 18 wins stood as a single-season victory record until Richard Petty surpassed it with 27 wins in 1967.

CRUISE IN FOR PETS: Check out my friends Sam and Diana Memmolo's Cruise-In to raise money for the Douglas County Humane Society on Sunday, June 30 and September 29. The events will be at Burke's Grill, 4040 Chapel Hill Road in Douglasville, across from Chapel Hill Middle School. The fun runs Noon until 5PM. Details available at [www.DouglasCountyHumaneSociety.org](http://www.DouglasCountyHumaneSociety.org) or call 770-489-7164.

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