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### ***Warnert Racing's Buckhannon First Overall and Sturdivant in the Top Five***

**Lafayette, TN** – This past weekend the Can-Am Warnert team showed that whether it be a familiar facility or a new one, they are still the dominating force.

Weather played a big part in round six as rain fell Friday and into Saturday, which gave the utility classes a big advantage. The track was similar in nature to the famous Loretta Lynn's Ranch, but with fewer hills and there was plenty of mud to go around. The start was a very important part of this race as whoever was in front, had the clearest visibility.

Leading the charge in the morning classes was Bryan Buckhannon, who claimed an early overall lead and checked out. Buckhannon kept up a blistering pace, which had him holding the overall lead all the way to the finish line, and Buckhannon was also the only A.M. class racer to finish with a time under the two hour mark. "It feels real good to bring a win like this to the team," stated Buckhannon, who finished with a time of 01:56:43.

Right behind Buckhannon was 4x4 Limited class racer, Michael Swift. Swift grabbed the holeshot, but chose a different line that put him back to second place, a place where he is not accustomed to being in. Determined to take the win, Swift made a hard charge, retaking the lead in lap two. Once in front, Swift checked out and began to gain ground on Buckhannon. Swift would finish his race in second overall and taking his class win with a time of 02:01:00. "The utilities definitely had the advantage today with all of the mud. The 450 classes were having trouble getting traction, but we just hooked up," said Swift, who should wrap up the 4x4 Limited championship before the summer break if he is able to take the win in the remaining rounds before the break.

Cliff Beasley, who is also looking to wrap up the 4x4 Lites championship before the summer break took one step closer to achieving just that as he once again, dominated his class. Beasley grabbed the 4x4 Lites holeshot and checked out. Beasley ran a rather uneventful race, as he was unchallenged for his position. Beasley took his class win with a time of 02:03:20, which also earned him the number five position overall. "I had a great time out there this weekend. The bike handled all the mud with no problem what so ever," said Beasley happily.

Rick Cecco claimed second place in the U2 class and is still the points leader with 115 points, which is 13 points ahead of second place. Cecco grabbed the holeshot and led for two laps before falling to second where he would stay all the way to the checkered flag.

Meanwhile in the XC1 Pro class, Brent Sturdivant put on a strong performance despite the muddy conditions. Sturdivant was one of the lucky riders who was able to miss a big pile up shortly after the start, which put him in the lead for the entire first lap. Even with the wet and muddy conditions, Sturdivant held strong to take a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish, his best finish this season.

Round six of the 2009 GNCC series will have the team heading to the rugged terrain of Somerset, Pennsylvania on May 16<sup>th</sup> where Buckhannon, Swift, and Beasley will fight hard to stay on their winning streaks.