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## Racer Miller looks to make his mark on reality show

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Marc Miller has no intentions of becoming Movie Star Marc, although he is hoping that the small screen will help him reach his destination.

Producers from a brand new reality television show, Racin' For A Living, selected 50 race car drivers across the nation to participate in an online voting contest in May, and the top 15 vote-getters will earn a spot on the show. Look for the show to hit the airwaves in early 2007.

Miller, of Holland, was not one of those 50 drivers, but producers also drew 21 more names for its Wildcard segment, and the five drivers with the most votes will earn a spot on the show. Miller has been selected as a Wildcard out of nearly 3,400 drivers.

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"I was surprised because as far as I know, I was chosen by a random draw," Miller said. "So I was really lucky. I wasn't one of the 15 picked, and I thought I missed out and will have to do it next year. But now I have a chance with the Wildcard."

Wildcard voting began July 1 and is scheduled to continue through the end of the month. Fans can vote for their favorite driver on [www.racinforaliving.com](http://www.racinforaliving.com). Miller has set up his own site. [www.voteformarcmler.com](http://www.voteformarcmler.com) to make the process easier for his fans.

Drivers will hit the track once the field of 20 has been selected, and they will square off against each other each week before a panel that includes the legendary A.J. Foyt, along with Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton and NASCAR great Harry Gant. The panel will eliminate drivers each week, with fans nationwide having the final say when the field is trimmed to two.

The eventual winner will receive a seven-race NASCAR Busch Series ride in 2007. It is unknown which network will carry the program.

Miller, a 1993 Zeeland High School graduate and later Western Michigan University, is back for his fourth season of competing in the Canadian-based NASCAR circuit in the No. 8 Carhartt Racing Dodge Charger. He was a national go-kart champion before making the jump to cars in 1998. He made his open-wheel debut in the Canadian Pro F1200 Championship Series and won his first time out.

Miller is now finding himself running a whole new race this summer. No. he

won't be kissing babies and passing out campaign buttons, but he is looking to drum up votes.


"We have sent out e-mails to our fans to encourage them to vote," Miller said. "When we do personal appearances in Canada, we hope to stimulate voting there as well. Hopefully, even if you don't like racing, you will vote.

The show isn't just about racing, it's about what a driver's lifestyle is, and it lets you see what he has to do behind the scenes. It's a pretty exciting look for someone who doesn't know what we do."

The show is the creation of former open wheel racer Jerry VanDenHul, who is the executive producer of JVI Productions.

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