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**Thorntons® to Host Race Week**

*Guests have chance to win Xfinity Series tickets and view Thorntons racecar  
September 12-16 in Chicagoland*

**(Louisville, KY –September 9, 2016)** Thorntons announced today its first-ever Race Week, featuring a Thorntons racecar. From September 12-16, guests can visit participating Thorntons locations to see the racecar, and will have the chance to enter to win Xfinity Series tickets. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meet-and-greet with Xfinity Series driver, Brendan Gaughan, who will be driving the Thorntons racecar.

The racecar will be available for viewing during the following times at these locations:

- Mon., Sept. 12: 24144 W. Eames St. Channahon, IL 60410 (2-7 p.m.)
- Tues., Sept. 13: 2 North Barrington Rd. Streamwood, IL 60107 (10 a.m.- 1 p.m.)
- Tues., Sept. 13: 601 Route 83, Bensenville, IL 60106 (3-6 p.m.)
- Wed., Sept. 14: 2609 N Farnsworth Ave., Aurora, IL 60505 (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
- Wed., Sept. 14: 2401 63<sup>rd</sup> St., Woodridge, IL 60517 (3-6 p.m.)
- Thurs., Sept. 15: 14805 S Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, IL 60452 (2-7 p.m.)
- Fri., Sept. 16: 2798 W Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435 (2-7 p.m.)

Thorntons has partnered with Growth Energy and the Illinois Corn Marketing Board to showcase the octane E15 fuel usage. The Thorntons car will be driven by Brendan Gaughan in the NASCAR Xfinity Series Chicagoland 300 on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thorntons has also partnered with Prime the Pump, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Corn Marketing Board, United States Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Renewable Fuels Association to add E15 fuels to stores in the Chicagoland area.

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**About Thorntons:**

Founded by James Thornton in 1971, the company has been recognized as one of the top independent convenience store chains in the nation. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons currently operates 185 stores that provide fresh foods, high quality beverages and fuel in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. Thorntons' mission is not only to provide top of the line food and beverages, but makes giving back a top priority in every market. Learn more about Thorntons by visiting [www.thorntonsinc.com](http://www.thorntonsinc.com). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc](https://www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc](https://www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc).

**About Refreshing Rewards®:**

Launched in 2014, Thorntons Refreshing Rewards® is a loyalty program that provides guests with discounts on gas and rewards based on the number of visits, not the dollar amount spent. More than 1.5 million guests are already registered. Learn more about Thorntons Refreshing Rewards® at [www.thorntonsinc.com](http://www.thorntonsinc.com).

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