

Track Talk



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2010 Rules

Race teams are reminded the new rules packages for 2010 will be released at the January general membership meeting on January 18th.

The Competition Committee held several informational meetings, gathering ideas from race teams in each division. Since then they have been hard at work formulating these ideas into workable solutions for 2010. The SSCRA Executive accepted the various proposals at its meeting January 11th.

The rules packages will be available for downloading from the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway website after the January 18 meeting.

2009 A Successful Year

2009 proved to be the most successful year ever for the Saskatoon Stock Car Racing Association and the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway, both on the track and off.

Cars, race teams and fans came out in record numbers to push the yearend financial picture into the black. The weather certainly didn't cooperate early in the season, with your Executive concerned about how the year would shape up. Fuelled by the NASCAR Canadian Tire race on July 29, fan numbers rebounded and the stands were running near capacity for the last seven weekends of the season.

Facility improvements and changes to the program definitely made race nights more enjoyable. Members worked hard starting in the spring and everyone could see the changes through the season. By the time the NASCAR event rolled around, the whole facility had a brighter, cleaner and friendlier feel to it. It was transformed from just another race track to a hopping, happening event centre.

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The replacement of the corporate tents with 15 custom chalets completely changed the appearance of the facility and gave it a clean permanent look. Grass on the berms became a popular place for fans to sit and watch the action.

Completing the back advertising panels and filling it with corporate advertising added an attractive colour backdrop, as did painting the wall around the track and adding lines to the racing surface.

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Successful Year, cont'd

Race teams are here for the fans and when hundreds come down into the pits after the races to meet the teams and learn more about what goes into racing leaves the teams with a very gratifying feeling.

NASCAR Returning to ACMS in 2010

Saskatoon and the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway was being talked about in Daytona Beach, Florida on November 14. NASCAR released its 2010 schedule for the Canadian Tire Series and Saskatoon was prominently included with an August 4 date.



“The final stop on the western swing is set for Wednesday, Aug. 4 at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Saskatoon, Sask. In 2009, the series made its debut at the track in the first ever NASCAR-sanctioned event in the province of Saskatchewan that sold out

weeks in advance. Scott Steckly overcame a blown engine in practice and a start at the rear of the field to collect the historic victory.”

The NASCAR Canadian Tire Series race played a big part in 2009's financial success and facility improvements. The entire SSCRA Executive is excited to be included in 2010 and looks forward to a long and successful partnership with NASCAR.

What's Going on with the Super Late Models?

Auto Clearing Motor Speedway was the first track in western Canada to announce it would not be hosting an ARCA West Mac's Series race in 2010. ACMS Business Development Manager Herm Hordal explains, *“It was a business decision that had to be made. Our partnership over the past two years has not been financially successful for the club, break even at best.”*

ACMS has hosted the ACRA West Mac's series the past two years and the NEWALTA series the two previous years. We've seen car counts drop from 28 visiting cars in 2006 to 12 at the event in May 2009. The cars are still out there, but have chosen for various

reasons not to participate in the ARCA sanctioned events.

Drivers from other provinces have been especially critical of ARCA West. Several drivers from Alberta and BC have been talking about starting a new series... not necessarily a competing series, but an alternative series.

In Saskatoon, plans are underway to create a series of races at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway that will feature a program and rules designed by the drivers. Three or four invitational events will be held through the summer.

SSCRA President and SLM driver Trent Seidel says, *“By putting the event organization in the hands of the drivers, we can ensure an event that is popular with those drivers. We can take the same money we are spending on ARCA West and put more money back into the pockets of the drivers.”*

A committee of Saskatoon SLM drivers have been working on a business plan and proposal for this new Saskatoon series. They will be meeting with drivers from throughout western Canada in Red Deer on January 16, where a new series and partnership is expected to be formed

Super Trucks are Back

The JB Water and Vacuum Service Super Truck Racing Series will be back at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Saskatoon for 2010. Once again they will be running a four race Bobcat of Saskatoon series within their main championship chase.

The Super Trucks have proven popular with fans in Saskatoon. They run fast, run hard and put on one heck of a show for race fans.

Trent Seidel has confirmed he will not be running a truck in the series in 2010. Trent ran the number 70 in the 2009 Saskatoon series.

"A truck was available and it was one division I'd never tried. It was great fun, but I'd over committed myself and my SLM program suffered because of that decision."



The tentative 2010 schedule has the Super Trucks opening their season here on June 9 and their Championship Final on September 19.

Long Time No See

Negotiations are still ongoing, but the Baby Grands are looking at holding their Canadian Championship Final at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway on September 4th.



The Baby Grands were last in Saskatoon at Bridge City Speedway. Similar in frame to the Legends cars, the Baby Grands are 2/3 scale replicas of Sprint Cup cars, powered by a 1300 cc Yamaha engine.

Legendary...

The Legend Cars of Alberta will once again be making two stops at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway. The annual Mac's Froster 50 will be run on June 19th and the Dorito's 50 on August 7th.

Second Annual Swap Meet August 22

The second annual swap meet will be at ACMS on August 22. This is a chance to sell or trade some of those extra race parts taking up room. For info, see Brent Olson.

The Rumour Field

- + Two Pro Trucks in the Wohlford family?
- + Also, a second Pro Truck in the Utigard family?
- + How about new rides for Jim Gaunt and Trent Seidel?
- + Shannon Harding running some SLM races?
- + More Saskatoon drivers in the NASCAR Canadian Tire Race August 4th?
- + A 2007 Mustang coming into the Street Stock division?
- + The Pro Truck division will see its first female driver?
- + At least one, possibly three or more new cars in SLM?
- + 16 or more trucks in the Pro Truck division?
- + The WEST stretching across three provinces with a new car from Manitoba?

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