

Welcome to Auto Clearing Motor Speedway's Season Opener. After what seemed like a never-ending winter, we could not be more thrilled to find ourselves back at the race track. With many exciting races planned, including the return of the Dakota Dunes Series, the Velocity Prairie Thunder 250, the Enduro, and the all new Windchill 100, the 2014 season will not disappoint.

Here at ACMS, we are pleased to begin our season with the Pro Trucks, Street Stocks and Mini Stocks. Each of these divisions are fan favourites at our track and will surely put on a spectacular show.

The Pro Truck division began racing at ACMS in 2006 and is sponsored by the Ffun Motor Group. This division has gained popularity over the past few years, becoming one of the most favoured divisions at our race track. Filled with tough competition, a unique look and high car counts, the Pro Trucks have snowballed into the amazing class you will see today.



These trucks begin life not as a pickup you might see on the street, but as a race vehicle created with some limitations to reduce operating costs. Our Pro Trucks have GM Metric Chassis' and aftermarket Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge or Toyota fibreglass bodies.



Sponsored by Brock Salvage, the Street Stock division is one you can find at most tracks throughout North America. Based on domestic cars with a minimum wheel base of 101 inches, the Street Stock division includes Camaros, Firebirds and Monte Carlos. They begin as street driven vehicles and have the interior cut away to reduce weight. Street Stocks don't have many adjustments in comparison to some other divisions, yet enough to make them handle well on the racetrack.

A fan favourite race at ACMS is the Martensville A&W Street Stock Invitational which will take place on September 6th. The other divisions that race on this day are the Sportsman, formerly known as Western Elite or Cascar, the Sask. Legends and our new division for youth ages 8-13, the Bandoleros.

The Sport Compact Mini Stock division, sponsored by Creepy Kritterz Pest Control, is an entry level class designed to allow new drivers seat time and race experience. These cars have the same style and modifications used by sport compact enthusiasts, and are limited to stock parts to keep costs down. The Mini Stocks are exciting to watch, with many competitive drivers who love to battle for the lead. Several drivers at our track began their racing career as Mini Stock drivers and have since moved into Street Stocks, Pro Trucks, Legends and even Super Late Models.



TRACK TALK NEWSLETTER

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Auto Clearing Motor Speedway would like to introduce you to our announcers; the people who inform and entertain us throughout the season with their jokes, trivia and Rough Rider updates. Be sure to read next week's Track Talk to hear from our other ACMS announcers.

Trevor Gowen

"I was born and raised in Estevan. From the time I was 13 I worked at a GM dealership in every department from the wash bay to the sales floor. In 1998 I entered the broadcasting world working with the local TV station and then off to radio in Regina, Prince Albert and Estevan.

Along with announcing at race tracks across Saskatchewan I announce at roller derby bouts, monster truck shows, demolition derbies, drag racing and tuff truck competitions. I love working with Don Pogoda at Auto Clearing Motor Speedway and admire his passion for the world of racing and consider him a mentor along with Toby Kruse from Marshalltown, Iowa. My dream job would be to host my own automotive tv show traveling across Canada and the USA to car shows, cruise nights, restoration shops and auto wreckers, but would keep myself open to emcee anything at the Playboy mansion!

One of every broadcaster's fears is "dead air" ... no music and no talking. I fill this void by asking Don a question (ha ha), telling a personal story or just reading over that sponsor list one more time. (Thanks again to our sponsors! We couldn't do it without places like Stinky Steve's septic service and bakery in Weirdale)." – Trevor Gowen



Don Pogoda

"I have a background as a driver. I utilize that experience as best I can as an announcer. I admired Joey Hadesback when he did infield announcing back in the day. He was oh so smooth, fun and informative. My goal is to entertain as well as bring information about racing to the fans. I strongly believe in the personal stories and struggles, the people part of racing is critical for fans to hear. I enjoy very much a warm raceday. I arrive early to speak with racers and look for stories. I love doing it and it sure helps to fill some dead air. It is my 25th year in racing and must say I enjoy it as much as the first." – Don Pogoda



Darren Dupont

"I was born and raised in Wynyard, Saskatchewan and am actually a relative of business and marketing director Herm Hordal. I attended Western Academy Broadcast College in Saskatoon in 2006 and have been in sports broadcasting ever since. My background in broadcasting includes mostly hockey as my first job was play-by-play voice for the Kindersley Klippers in the SJHL and I now work as colour commentator for the Saskatoon Blades radio broadcasts. I also have strong interests in football, golf, curling, baseball and pretty much every other sport you can think of.



I didn't grow up in a big racing family but we did always pull for Jeff Gordon. He's not a Dupont but he drives the Dupont car and that was good enough for us so he was adopted as our guy! The best part about this job is that I learn something new every single week. My biggest mentor has been Don. This guy is so smart and has seen so much that he knows everything. Just listen to his trivia each week! The experience and knowledge I have gained from that man is more than I could have ever imagined.

Thinking back it is funny how I kind of just fell into this job but I am glad that I did. I enjoy my nights out at the track and look forward to each and every one of them. I hope everyone who attends Auto Clearing has as much fun and excitement as I do up in the tower!" – Darren Dupont