

Salem Speedway 2010 schedule

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Salem Speedway gears up for one of the most anticipated seasons in the 64 year history of the venerable oval in 2010 with a full slate of action to include 14 events and 17 days of on-track activity.

The diverse schedule of top-flight programs include traditional events on the .555-mile high banked oval, plus an exciting line-up of races for the new quarter-mile asphalt oval being constructed in the infield of the existing track.

The ARCA Racing Series, presented by RE/MAX and Menards, returns to the high banks for two shows in 2010, beginning with the Kentuckiana Ford Dealers ARCA 200 on Sunday afternoon, April 11. A second ARCA event, the Fall Classic 200, is scheduled for Saturday night, Sept. 18. The spring race also includes a visit by the Frank Kimmel Street Stock Series.

Open wheel racing is well represented on the 2010 Salem schedule and kicks-off with the Winged Sprint Spectacular on Saturday night, May 8. Over 30 sprint cars are expected for what will be the season opening event for the Must See Racing Xtreme Sprint Series.

The USAC National Sprint Car Series and the MSR Xtreme Sprint Series will share the high banks on Saturday night, August 14th, for the 51st annual Joe James/Pat O'Connor Memorial.

The gigantic Grand Opening of the new Salem "short-track" is planned for Sunday afternoon, May 23, with the International Outlaw Figure 8 Series headlining five different racing divisions scheduled for the historic event. The Grand Opening event will feature races on both the oval short-track and figure-8 track, as well as the high banks.

The International Outlaw Figure 8 Series is also scheduled for a race at Salem on Aug. 29.

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The USAR Racing Pro Cup Series, the former Hooters Pro Cup division, returns to the high banks in 2010 for a huge two-day event on July 9 and 10, that also features the ASA Late Model Series. The weekend of activity kicks-off on Friday evening with ASA practice, to be followed by racing for the Super Stocks and Street Stocks, and concludes on Saturday with a 200-lap race for the Pro Cup Series and 150-lap ASA main event.

The Ken-Ten (Kentucky-Tennessee) Late Model Series visits the high banks for the first time in 2010 for the June 19th Hoosier Hills 100. Some familiar drivers from the Kentuckiana area are expected to be in the starting line-up for the inaugural Ken-Ten race at Salem.

Nationally known stuntman Tricky Travelstead will be the center of attention on Saturday night, July 31st at Salem Speedway, as he adds to the excitement of the racing program with his death defying stunts and car crashes.

The ARCA Truck Series, a mainstay of the ARCA Fall Classic 200 for a number of years, returns in 2010, as part of the Spring Speed Fest on Saturday night, April 24. The Lucas Oil Super Stocks and Dave & Deb's Winner's Circle Street Stocks, both scheduled for regular appearances on the high banks in 2010, are part of the late April event.

The much anticipated return of the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League is set for Saturday night, June 5. The tenth annual Hoosier Classic Truck & Tractor Pull will feature the ground-pounding power of four different pulling divisions.

Other traditional events planned for 2010 include the 21st annual Papa John's Firecracker 200 on July 4 and the season ending 22nd annual Halloween 200 by Smoker Friendly Discount Tobacco on October 24.

An announcement concerning rules and other details for a pure stock class and front wheel drive class for the new Salem Speedway "short-track" will be forthcoming shortly.

Additional information concerning 2010 activities at Salem Speedway, including ticket information, may be obtained by calling (812) 883-6504 or accessing the Speedway web site at

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