

Salem Speedway action Saturday

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The biggest non-racing event of the season at Salem Speedway is set for Saturday night, June 5th, as the Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League turns the focus from speed to power at the famed racing venue.

The Scott County Visitors Commission Hoosier Classic hits Salem's pit road with an outstanding pulling line-up, including Super Farm Tractors, Super Stock Diesel Trucks, Hot Farm Tractors and 4x4 Pro Stock Trucks.

The annual classic, which celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2010, has gained a reputation through the years for providing exceptional early-season pulling competition.

"We're looking forward to another great evening of championship pulling action," said Salem Speedway general manager Richard Deaton. "The Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League has certainly provided some memorable moments at Salem Speedway over the past few years and we're expecting more of the same on Saturday night."

"We anticipate a great field of competitors from throughout the region for our tenth anniversary event," said Deaton. "It's hard to believe that it was 10 years ago, on a unseasonably cold night in early June, that we hosted our inaugural Hoosier Classic."

Special preparations are currently taking place to have a Lucas Oil Pro Pulling League event at Salem Speedway. Over 70 dump truck loads of dirt have been placed on Salem's pit road. Renowned track builder, Dan Cristiani, who has built the track at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville for over 25 years, will once again be putting the finishing touches on the 300-ft. pulling surface.

Tickets are currently selling for the Scott County Visitors Commission Hoosier Classic and may be purchased at the Speedway office or by calling 812-883-6504 or toll free 1-888-246-7223.

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Advance general admission tickets for adults are priced at \$14 each and \$5 for children (age 7-12). Kids, age 6 and under, are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

Spectator gates open at 5 p.m. on June 5th, and the first pull scheduled for 7 p.m. (EDT).

Pull fans are invited to arrive early and see the powerful pulling machines up close before the start of the pulling action. Due to the current infield construction at Salem Speedway, the pit area for this year's event will be located on the outside of the track in the parking area.

"This will allow fans, both young and old, to get up close and personal with the competitors and their machines without having to purchase a pit pass," said Deaton.

Pit passes will still be required to enter the track area directly next to the pulling strip.