

## Scary-good field expected for Halloween 200

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The ultimate challenge of 200 grueling laps faces drivers from a multi-state area in the 25th annual Smoker Friendly Discount Tobacco Halloween 200 on Sunday, October 27th at Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery.

“It’s the most challenging and demanding race of the season at Salem,” said track general manager Richard Deaton. “It takes a combination of driving ability and good fortune to survive the three plus hours of intense on-track action.”

Sporting an entry list spiced with crafty veterans, young chargers and five former race winners the competition level is again expected to be outstanding.

Brett Hudson of Owensboro, Ky., who started 12th one year ago, took the lead on lap 133 and then held off a hard-charging Frank Kimmel II to capture the 2012 edition of the fall classic.

Hudson, who also won the 2010 Halloween 200, was one of five drivers to lead last year’s race.

“The overall competition level is looking extremely strong for this year’s race,” said Deaton. “Several teams have a legitimate shot at taking home the \$5,000 first place payoff.”

“Drivers can no longer bide their time in this race,” said Deaton, “they must go hard for the entire 200-laps. Pit stops and race strategy also play a big part in the final outcome.”

Along with Hudson, other former winners who have filed entries for the silver anniversary race include Chuck Barnes Sr. of Louisville (2009-2008-2007-2005-2001-2000-1999), Frank Kimmel II of Borden, Ind., (2011), Tony “The Iceman” Conway (1998) of Louisville and Phil Jenkins (1995-1993) of Greenfield, Ind.

2013 Firecracker 200 winner Brian Bayer of Birdseye, Ind., who also captured the 2013 Lucas

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Oil Great American Stock championship at Salem, has also filed an entry for the October 27th race.

Other former Firecracker 200 winners entered include David Bayens of Memphis, Ind. and Todd Kempf of Huntingburg, Ind.

Other notable drivers expected include Will Kimmel of Sellersburg, Ind., who finished eighth in the 2013 ARCA Racing Series standings, Blake Hillard of Owensboro, Kyle Hadley of Louisville, Calvin Parham of Knightstown, Ind., Chris Harmon of Brooks, Ky., Brian Hopkins of New Castle, Ind., Shawn Smith of Louisville, and Chad Hall of Orleans, Ind.

Also scheduled to return to the high banks for the first time in a number of years is former Salem Speedway Super Stock champion Skeeter Crum of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Dirt-track specialist Tim Rivers of Salem, who captured the 2013 Super Late Model championship at Brownstown Speedway, is set to make his first career pavement start in the Smoker Friendly Discount Tobacco Halloween 200.

Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery will be giving away Hoosier Lottery scratch-off ticket packets to several lucky fans, age 18 and older, before the start of the Halloween 200.

Spectator gates open at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday with practice slated for 10 a.m., and the start of the Smoker Friendly Discount Tobacco Halloween 200 at 1:30 p.m. (EDT).

Advance general admission tickets are priced at \$14 for adults and \$5 for children (age 7-12). Kids, age 6 and under, are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Advance reserved seat tickets are priced at \$19 each. All prices are \$2 more weekend of race. Tickets can be purchased on-line at [www.salemspeedway.com](http://www.salemspeedway.com) or by calling 812-883-6504 or toll free 1-888-246-7223.

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### Open practice Saturday

A practice session, open to all Smoker Friendly Discount Tobacco Halloween 200 competitors with a paid entry, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26th at Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery. The two-and-a-half-hour session begins at 1 p.m. with PNC pit gates opening at 11 a.m.

Spectators are welcome to view the practice session from the grandstand with no admission charge. Saturday pit passes are available at \$20 each. Sunday pit passes are \$30 or a two-day pit pass may be purchased for \$40.