

Eddie Gilstrap Motors helps to celebrate Thompson's 20th season as speedway owners

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Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery has seen numerous owners over the past 68 years, but none have owned the track longer than the current proprietors, Owen and Beverly Thompson of Louisville.

The Thompson's purchased the track in the summer of 1995 and held their first race on August 20th of that year. And what a race it was, as Tony Stewart captured the first race of the Thompson era - winning a memorable battle with the late Kenny Irwin Jr. in the Joe James/Pat O'Connor Memorial sprint classic.

Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery is celebrating the Thompson's long term commitment to the famed racing venue on Saturday night, July 26th with the Eddie Gilstrap Motors "Thompson's 20th Season Celebration" presented by ACE Hardware of Salem.

The night of racing action; featuring the Lucas Oil Great American Stocks, O'Reilly Auto Parts Pure Stocks and Portland Recycling Front Wheel Drive Stocks; will also include a special thank you to the Salem fans for their many years of support.

Among the planned activities for the "Thompson's 20th Season Celebration" are door prize drawings throughout the evening, special Hoosier Lottery giveaways, plus dollar beer and dollar hot dogs.

"We have some very loyal Salem Speedway Fueled by the Hoosier Lottery fans," said track general manager Richard Deaton. "This is our way of saying thank you to them, while also celebrating the Thompson's 20th season."

Practice is slated to begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, with qualifications at 6:15 p.m., and the first race at 7 p.m. (EDT).

Advance general admission tickets, priced at just \$12 for adults and \$3 for children (age 7-12), are currently selling. Kids, age 6 and under, are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

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Tickets are available on-line at www.salemspeedway.com or by calling 883-6504 or toll free 1-888-246-7223.