

Armed Forces Night set for Friday, May 15 at Speedway

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Friday night racing makes a return to Salem Speedway on May 15, as Armed Forces Night, presented by McDonald's, takes center stage. This special end-of-work-week program features the Lucas Oil Super Stocks and Dave & Deb's Winner's Circle Street Stocks, plus the inaugural Salem race for the exciting Thunder Roadsters.

The evening of racing action also includes many fun-filled activities, including Exhibition Drags, Burnout Contest, special family pricing, prize giveaways and more.

Free admission to Armed Forces Night is being offered to all active and reserve U.S. Military Personnel with a valid military ID.

"This is our way of saying thank you to all of our brave men and women currently serving in the armed forces," said Salem Speedway general manager Richard Deaton.

Two-time Lucas Oil Super Stock champion, Todd Kempf, tops the Super Stock standings heading in to the first Friday night race at Salem Speedway in two years. Kempf of Huntingburg, Ind., who recorded his 24th career Super Stock win on April 25th, leads Frank Kimmel II of Borden, Ind., by 10 points (203-193) in the season standings.

Just four points separate second through fifth in the current Super Stock standings, with Skeeter Crum (192) of Jeffersonville, Chris French (191) of Vine Grove, Ky., and Tony "The Ice Man" Conway (189) of Louisville, occupying positions three through five.

Veteran Salem racer and former Dave & Deb's Winner's Circle Street Stock champion, David Bayens of Memphis, Ind., holds a slim seven point advantage (104-97) over Donnie Woodard in the Street Stock standings.

Woodard of Jeffersonville, Ind., a former McDonald's Dash Series competitor at Salem, is a Papa John's Rookie of the Year candidate in the street stock division, along with second-generation driver Winston Wood of Bloomington, Ind. Wood is just two-points (97-95) back of Woodard in the current standings.

A couple of Louisville drivers, Brent Gardiner and Chris Bayens, who is also a Papa John's Rookie of the Year candidate, round out the top five in the Street Stock standings.

Thunder Roadsters, open-cockpit cars which are reminiscent of the Indy roadsters of yesteryear, are also part of the racing action scheduled for Armed Forces Night, presented by McDonald's.

Spectator gates open on Friday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m., with practice getting underway at 5:00, qualifications at 6:30 and the first race at 7:30 p.m. (EDT).

The May 15 race has also been designated "Washington County High School Senior Night", with graduating members of the Class of 2009 from Salem, Eastern and West Washington admitted free.

Advance general admission tickets are priced at just \$8 for adults and \$3 for children (age 7-12). Kids 6 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. A special "Family 4-Pack" ticket package is also available for this event (see details below). For advance tickets visit the Salem Speedway office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or call 812-883-6504 or toll free 1-888-246-7223.