ASCS SOD Set for First Two Rounds of Northern Summer Nationals!

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TULSA, Okla. (June 20, 2011) — The Engine Pro ASCS Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP ventures north of the border for the first time in 2011 this weekend for the initial two rounds of the Northern Summer Nationals.

The series takes to Ohsweken Speedway in Ohsweken, Ontario on Friday night for a \$3,000-to-win tilt and then moves on to Merlin, Ontario's South Buxton Raceway on Saturday night for a \$2,000-to-win event.

The initial pair of Canadian events finds the ASCS SOD forces tangling with the Patriot Sprint Tour, the Southern Ontario Sprints and CORR/Pak Sprint Series. The four series will converge again upon Ohsweken and South Buxton in August for another pair of events, with the overall points champion from the four events earning a guaranteed starting spot in Ohsweken Speedway's Canadian Sprint Car Nationals.

Leading the Engine Pro ASCS Sprints on Dirt forces across the international border is Portland, Michigan's Dustin Daggett, who bested a field of 51 in last year's Northern Summer Nationals event at Ohsweken.

Daggett, with three wins in four SOD tries thus far in 2011, holds a 92-point advantage over St. Johns, Michigan's Ryan Grubaugh. Grubaugh, the defending series champion, picked off his first win of the season this past weekend at Cherry Raceway.

Cloverdale, Ohio's Jared Horstman is currently third in series

points, with Robert Huisken (Marne, MI) and two-time series champion Brett Mann (Goshen, IN), rounding out the current top five in points.

The balance of the current top ten in points includes Joe Bares (Traverse City, MI), Gregg Dalman (Bellevue, MI), Davey Brown (Eaton Rapids, MI), Matt Lumbert (Dowling, MI) and Marques Huffer (Eagle, MI).

Friday's action at Ohsweken Speedway fires off at 7:45 p.m., with Saturday's card at South Buxton Raceway going green at 7:00 p.m.

Ontario's Ohsweken Speedway is located on the east edge of Brantford on PR 403 to Garden Avenue exit, then 3.3 miles south on CR 18, then 6.7 miles east on CR 54, then 1.5 miles south on Chiefswood Road. For more information, contact the track at 888-720-7223.

Also in Ontario, South Buxton International Raceway is 3.4 miles northeast of CR 7 in Merlin on CR 8 to South Buxton, then 0.2 miles south on CR 6. For more information, contact the track at 519-354-6827 or 519-689-7474 on race day.

The 32nd year of competition for the Engine Pro ASCS Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP consists of 27 scheduled nights of action at 13 different tracks throughout Michigan, Ohio and Ontario.

The 2011 season marks the 20th year of sanctioning Sprint Car racing for the American Sprint Car Series, with approximately 200 nights of competition at tracks throughout the nation and into Canada. Anchored by the Lucas Oil Sprint Car Series presented by K&N Filters, ASCS also consists of ten different Regions throughout the nation.

Additional information regarding the American Sprint Car Series is available at www.ascsracing.com.