

SOD 2017 MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge announced



Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP is pleased to announce the return of the popular MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge for 2017! The challenge offers SOD competitors the opportunity to compete in a mini-championship within the Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt presented by ARP full season series.

The 2017 MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge will consist of five races held at five different speedways in Michigan. Tracks and dates will be announced at a later date.

A separate MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge point fund will be paid out. In addition, the champion will be guaranteed a starting spot in the SOD season finale Mike Olrich Memorial Race at Crystal Motor Speedway on September 2nd.

MAHLE Original is the "Global Star" within the MAHLE Aftermarket brand portfolio. The brand MAHLE stands for engine parts, filters, thermo management and mechatronics of uncompromising quality – in original equipment and aftermarket.

Clevite is an American brand with one of the oldest pedigrees and supplies pistons, assemblies, cylinder liners, bearings and valves for American commercial vehicles as well as construction and agricultural equipment applications.

Competitors may debate who is the best on the track, but under the hood, there is no debate that Clevite and MAHLE are the one constant of winning teams throughout American grass roots racing.

For more information about MAHLE/Clevite, click [HERE](#). For more information about Engine Pro, go to www.enginepro.com. For more information about ARP, go to www.arp-bolts.com.

Hartford Speedway SOD King of Michigan dates set



What? – Engine Pro Sprints on Dirt by ARP 2017 King of Michigan Series

Where? – Hartford Speedway, Hartford MI

When? – Friday, May 19; Friday, June 16; Friday, August 11; Friday, September 1

Hartford Speedway will be the center of attention for the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP four-race 2017 King of Michigan series. The King of Michigan, as a single race, had long been a SOD tradition before 2016. Now the KoM series returns bigger and better with heightened excitement about the newly reconfigured 3/8 mile track and the expanded schedule. The 2017 KoM Champion will be crowned at the series finale on September 1.

To follow Hartford Speedway and the transformation of the track, go to the Hartford Speedway Facebook page and check out their website at www.hartfordspeedway.net for more information.

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Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP was brought to you in 2016 by many important sponsor partners including: Engine Pro (Title Sponsor), ARP (Title Sponsor), Hoosier Racing Tire (Official SOD Tire), MAHLE/Clevite (Beyond Limits Challenge Sponsor), Engine Pro (Lucky Dog Sponsor), Lane Automotive (Primary Heat Race Sponsor), Engler Machine & Tool (Primary Heat Race Sponsor), COMP Cams (Primary Heat Race Sponsor), RockAuto.com (SOD Series Rookie of the Year Sponsor & SOD Sprint Car Rookie of the Year Sponsor), XYZ Machining (Sportsman of the Year Sponsor & Crew Chief of the Year Sponsor), KSE Racing Products (Hard Charger Sponsor). In addition, SOD contingency sponsors include: Allstar Performance, ATL Racing Fuel Cells, BR Motorsports, Diversified Machine Inc. (DMI), K2W Precision/Keizer Aluminum Wheels, King Racing Products, Kistler Racing Products, License 2 Play, Maxim Racing, Racing Optics, Rod End Supply, Schoenfeld Headers, Simpson Racing Products, Ti22 Performance.

Butler Motor Speedway sets 3 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt by ARP dates for 2017



Butler Motor Speedway and Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP, have teamed up for three races in 2017. The first Butler Motor Speedway Sprints On Dirt race will be on June 17th during the first Michigan International Speedway NASCAR weekend, followed by the second race on July 22nd. The last SOD race will be the 2nd day of the Butler Bash on August 12, during the second MIS NASCAR weekend.

Butler Motor Speedway, recognized as the birthplace of sprint car racing in Michigan, has been where many of the state's top sprint car drivers started their careers. Coldwater, Union City, Litchfield and surrounding towns have been home to many sprint car standouts. None are better known than legendary driver Denny Donaldson who will be into his twenty-first year as owner of Butler Speedway in 2017.

Donaldson and promoter partners Bob and Karen Garrett are continuing the speedway's rich history as the home of weekly

sprint car racing in Michigan, and Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP is excited to again partner with the speedway in 2017.

For more information about Butler Motor Speedway, go to www.butlerspeedway.net and www.facebook.com/Butler-Motor-Speedway-1597852053832920/. To learn more about Engine Pro, go to www.enginepro.com. For more information about ARP, go to www.arp-bolts.com. Follow SOD at www.sprintsondirt.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sprintsondirt.

Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt by ARP returns to Merritt Speedway in 2017



Merritt Speedway and Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP will once again join for two races in 2017. The always popular jewel of the North will host SOD on June 24th and August 19th.

2016 Sprints On Dirt Champion Brian Smith found the racy

speedway to his liking last season, winning on June 18th. The race put an exclamation point on the engine equality created by the new SOD unlimited format with Thomas Schinderle and Dan McCarron finishing second and third with 305 cubic inch engines. Unfortunately, Mother Nature came out on top in the August 20th rained out SOD show.

The Merritt Speedway team is working hard to show that the track is "Michigan's Premier Dirt Track." The track's front stretch grandstands have been removed and several of the sections will be relocated for 2017. New aluminum bleachers will go up in the spring and be ready for opening night. A new Musco lighting system is already partially up, with the several thousand pound bases all set in the ground.

A new Merritt Speedway website, www.merrittspeedwaymi.com, is under construction and scheduled for completion in January. You can get all the latest Merritt Speedway news on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MerrittSpeedwayMI.

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Hartford Speedway & Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt by ARP team up for 4 in 2017



Hartford Speedway, Hartford, Michigan, and Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP have reached an agreement for four races in 2017.

Sprints On Dirt enjoys tremendous interest at Hartford Speedway. The Hartford Speedway Facebook page noted that: "...our fans love SOD and have proved to be our best crowd turnouts 3 seasons in a row."

Hartford Speedway and Sprints On Dirt are finalizing details regarding the four-race schedule; additional information will be released at a later date.

The historic Western Michigan speedway has underground a major reconfiguration. The track was turned from a 1/2 into a nonsymmetrical 3/8 that should prove to be challenging and fast. It will maintain its 100'-120' width. To get this accomplished, the former turns three and four of the 1/2 mile were moved toward turns one and two. The track is not at finish grade or race ready yet, but it will have some banking, although not as much as the old 3 and 4 turns. Track owner/promoter Tim Dibble said: "High banking and symmetrical track equals foot to the floor racing and that's not what we are going for in this change." Dibble's approach blends perfectly with SOD's beyond limits format to make driver skill a bigger factor.

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