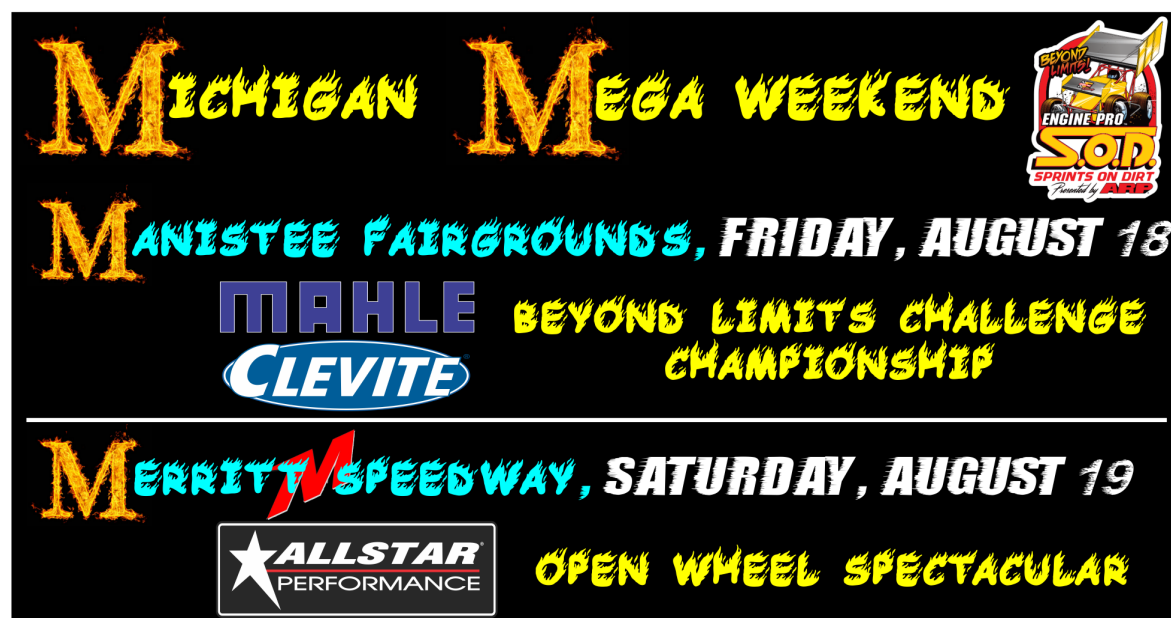


Big Northern Michigan Weekend up for Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP



Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP will be racing at the Manistee County Fairgrounds in Onekama, Michigan, this Friday, for the first time since July 18, 1999. The race, originally scheduled for August 4th rained out, will be the fifth and final race of the 2017 MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge, determining the BLC champion.

The MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge offers drivers the opportunity to focus on a mini-championship with its own point fund within the full Sprints on Dirt series points chase. The champion will receive \$1,000; 2nd, \$600; 3rd, \$400; 4th, \$300; 5th, \$200; 6th, \$100. All Manistee SOD competitors who do not receive point fund money will receive a \$100 bonus.

Steve Irwin (Fenton, MI) leads Thomas Schinderle (Berkley, MI), Gregg Dalman (Bellevue, MI), Chris Jones (Allen, MI), and Robert Bulloch (Pittsford, MI).

The Allstar Performance Open Wheel Spectacular is next this

Saturday. It will be the second 2017 appearance of Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP at Mike Blackmer's Merritt Speedway in Lake City, Michigan, "Michigan's Premier Dirt Track." 2007 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Rookie of the Year Ryan Ruhl won the July 8th caution-free feature at Merritt.

For the second time this year, SOD competitors will have the opportunity to race with SOD and in non-winged competition in the same program Saturday. Steve Irwin will race in both divisions and 2016 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Champion Brian Smith are expected to race in both divisions Saturday. Smith won the non-winged portion of the dual program at Hartford Speedway on July 9th.

For more information about MAHLE/Clevite, go to <https://catalog.mahle-aftermarket.com/eu/home/index.xhtml?l=EN>. To learn more about Engine Pro, go to www.enginepro.com. For more information about ARP, go to www.arp-bolts.com. For more information about Sprints on Dirt, visit www.sprintsondirt.com and the Sprints On Dirt Facebook page.

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Supply, Schoenfeld Headers, Simpson Racing Products, Walker Performance Filtration.

Thomas Schinderle tops SOD Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash



*Boston Mead
(3rd), winner Thomas Schinderle, Joe Swanson (2nd)*

Thomas Schinderle was dialed in as Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP invaded Butler Motor Speedway for the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash finale/4th Annual Butler Bash Saturday night. The spectacular show, the last 2017 SOD race at Butler, put an exclamation point on the three-race series.

The Driven Racing Oil, Butler Motor Speedway, Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP partnership was a huge success.

Schinderle (Berkley, MI) not only picked up his first sprint car feature win, but also the \$1,000 check as the 2017 Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash points champion. He started the night in fourth place in the points, but a combination of several factors, including his stellar performance, propelled him to the championship. Joe Swanson, Chad Blonde, Jay Steinebach, and Steve Irwin will also share in the point fund payout.

It was the “younger generation” in the front row to start the feature, thirteen-year-old leading SOD sprint car rookie of the year candidate Andrew Scheid (Sparta, MI) started from the pole. Butler competitor nineteen-year-old Quentin Blonde (Litchfield, MI) started outside front row. After a first lap caution for a Tony Bures spin, Scheid took the lead on the start and looked like anything but a sprint car rookie.

On lap five Joe Swanson (Etna Green, IN) used his experience to grab the lead from Scheid. Swanson looked fast, but sixth place starter Thomas Schinderle drove by Swanson, winner of the second Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash race, on lap 9 after a crowd-pleasing back and forth battle.

Once out front, Schinderle skillfully worked his way through traffic and maintained a small lead over Swanson. For a lap twenty-one restart, Chad Blonde had moved into third and all eyes were on him as the race went green. Schinderle and Swanson were up to the challenge though. Blonde's charge ended as he ran over the top of turn three, losing six places.

Josh Shantz , a regular at Ohsweken Speedway in Ontario, entered his first Engine Pro Sprints On presented by ARP. Former Michigander Chad Goff, now an Olathe, Kansas, resident and longtime winged and non-winged, pavement and dirt sprint car competitor also competed in the program.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast qualifiers) \$50 each

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.565	19Z	Doug Zimmerman
COMP Cams Heat	14.517	5QB	Quentin Blonde
RockAuto.com Heat	15.348	10s	Jay Steinebach

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	19Z	Doug Zimmerman	
2	5b	Chad Blonde	Kistler Racing Products
3	7J	Joe Swanson	Racing Optics
4	4T	Josh Turner	
5	20A	Andy Chehowski	
6	49T	Gregg Dalman	
7	21T	Troy Chehowski	
8	18x	Josh Shantz	
9	6	Tyler Bearden	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	27b	Boston Mead	
2	41	Thomas Schinderle	Allstar Performance
3	5QB	Quentin Blonde	Racing Optics
4	1a	Mark Aldrich	

5	9	Chad Goff	
6	9E	Tim Evilsizer	
7	10J	Chris Jones	
8	27K	Ryan Kirkendall	
9	8	Justin Ward	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	0	Steve Irwin	
2	77	Andrew Scheid	Kistler Racing Products
3	47	Robert Bulloch	Racing Optics
4	58	Tony Bures	
5	18	DJ Lamance	
6	17	Dustin Carl	
7	52	Zac Broughman	
8	10s	Jay Steinebach	
DNS	12	Mike Baker	

B-Main

	#	Driver
1	9E	Tim Evilsizer
2	10J	Chris Jones
3	49T	Gregg Dalman
4	18x	Josh Shantz
5	10s	Jay Steinebach

6	21T	Troy Chehowski
7	8	Justin Ward
8	27K	Ryan Kirkendall
9	52	Zac Broughman
10	17	Dustin Carl
11	6	Tyler Bearden

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	41	Thomas Schinderle		Rod End Supply
2	7J	Joe Swanson		Rod End Supply
3	27b	Boston Mead		Rod End Supply
4	19Z	Doug Zimmerman		Schoenfeld Headers
5	0	Steve Irwin		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	4T	Josh Turner		
7	5b	Chad Blonde		Allstar Performance
8	77	Andrew Scheid		
9	9	Chad Goff		King Racing Products
10	47	Robert Bulloch		
11	9E	Tim Evilsizer		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	49T	Gregg Dalman		
13	18x	Josh Shantz		

14	20A	Andy Chehowski		
15	10s	Jay Steinebach		
16	18	DJ Lamance		
17	58	Tony Bures		
18	5QB	Quentin Blonde		
19	10J	Chris Jones		
20	1a	Mark Aldrich		

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Gregg Dalman (+6)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Steve Irwin

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Gregg Dalman

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Tim Evilsizer

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Chad Blonde charges to SOD King Engine Bearings KoM win at Hartford



Kenny Wallace helps

Chad Blonde and crew celebrate win

Chad Blonde dominated the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt King Engine Bearing King of Michigan Race #3 at Hartford Speedway Friday night.

The large crowd was treated to an impressive display of masterful driving as Blonde charged from his eighth starting position and had little trouble with lapped traffic on the wide, expansive track. Blonde took the lead from Linden Jones on lap four and drove away from the field. He was chased to the checkered flag by Ryan Ruhl who took second from Steve Irwin on lap 17. Ruhl was also impressive as he ran the entire race on seven cylinders, losing a cylinder at the start of the feature. SOD championship point leader Irwin finished third. The caution-free feature was completed in just five minutes and twenty-five seconds with only seven cars finishing on the lead lap.

Blonde is perfect in the three King Engine Bearing KoM races so far in 2017 and also won the last SOD race on the old Hartford track configuration last year. He was also the fastest overall qualifier and heat race winner. His three wins give him a commanding lead in the King Engine Bearing King of Michigan point standings over Steve Irwin, Gregg Dalman, Thomas Schinderle, and Linden Jones.

The Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters also won their respective heats with Blonde in the Engler Machine & Tool heat, Joe Swanson in the COMP Cams heat, and Ryan Ruhl in the RockAuto.com heat.

Qualifying – Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters (fast qualifiers) \$50 each

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.008	5B	Chad Blonde

COMP Cams Heat	14.224	7J	Joe Swanson
RockAuto.com Heat	14.444	71H	Ryan Ruhl

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5B	Chad Blonde	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Kistler Racing Products
3	12	Chris Gurley	Racing Optics
4	10J	Chris Jones	
5	47	Robert Bulloch	
6	91L	Alexis Adgate	
7	DNS	Chad Goff	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	7J	Joe Swanson	
2	49T	Gregg Dalman	Allstar Performance
3	27B	Boston Mead	Racing Optics
4	1a	Mark Aldrich	
5	41	Thomas Schinderle	
6	77	Andrew Scheid	
7	58	Toney Bures	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	19J	Linden Jones	Kistler Racing Products
3	20A	Andy Chehowski	Racing Optics
4	18	DJ Lamance	
5	8	Justin Ward	
6	70	Eli Lakin	
7	10s	Jay Steinebach	

Feature

	#	Driver	Started	Contingencies
1	5b	Chad Blonde	8	Rod End Supply
2	71H	Ryan Ruhl	5	Rod End Supply
3	0	Steve Irwin	3	Rod End Supply
4	49T	Gregg Dalman	6	Schoenfeld Headers
5	19J	Linden Jones	1	ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	27B	Boston Mead	4	
7	7J	Joe Swanson	7	Allstar Performance
8	41	Thomas Schinderle	14	
9	10J	Chris Jones	10	King Racing Products

10	10s	Jay Steinebach	20	
11	77	Andrew Scheid	15	Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	20A	Andy Chehowski	9	
13	58	Toney Bures	17	
14	8	Justin Ward	13	
15	70	Eli Lakin	18	
16	47	Robert Bulloch	11	
17	18	DJ Lamance	12	
18	91L	Alexis Adgate	16	
19	12	Chris Gurley	2	
20	1a	Mark Aldrich	DNS	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Jay Steinebach (+10)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Linden Jones

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Eli Lakin

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Hot August Michigan Weekend next for SOD at Hartford & Butler



Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP is getting prepped for SOD's "Hot August Michigan Weekend," the first of two

consecutive two-day weekends that will have a major impact on not only the SOD season championship, but all three of the season's mini-series also.

On Friday, SOD rolls into Hartford Motor Speedway for the King Engine Bearings King of Michigan third race of the four-race series. Chad Blonde was the winner of the first two King of Michigan races and has a commanding KoM point lead over Steve Irwin, Thomas Schinderle, Chris Gurley, and Gregg Dalman.

On Saturday, SOD moves on to the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash championship race and 4th annual Butler Bash at Butler Motor Speedway. Ryan Ruhl leads the Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash points over Jay Steinebach, Chad Blonde, Thomas Schinderle, and Joe Swanson.

2001 SOD champion Steve Irwin leads SOD championship points going into this weekend followed by The Perfit Corporation leading SOD series rookie contender Thomas Schinderle, two-time SOD champion Gregg Dalman, 2016 XYZ Machining Sportsman of the Year Mark Aldrich, and The Perfit Corporation SOD series rookie contender Chris Jones.

Full SOD championship, King Engine Bearings King of Michigan, Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash, and MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge points are all posted on the Sprints On Dirt website.

Once this weekend is over, competitors will have to quickly get ready for the "Michigan MegaWeekend" on August 18th for the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge championship at the Manistee County Fairgrounds and August 19th for the Allstar Performance Open Wheel Spectacular at Merritt Speedway. The Merritt race will be SOD's milestone 900th race.

Check out King Engine Bearings at www.kingbearings.com and Hartford Speedway at www.hartfordspeedway.net. Get to know Driven Racing Oil at www.drivenracingoil.com and Butler Motor Speedway at www.butlerspeedway.net.

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