

COMP Cams Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic next for SOD



Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP returns to the most unique venue it has ever raced at. Michigan's renowned Berlin Raceway, a leader among paved short tracks, is being transformed into a dirt track for a few, select races this fall. Saturday, September 30, the raceway will present SOD's COMP Cams Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic.

COMP Cams, a 2017 SOD heat race sponsor partner, has signed on as title sponsor of the Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic. The thirty lap feature will pay \$4,000 to win and \$400 to start. As with all SOD shows, Engler Machine & Tool, COMP Cams, RockAuto.com, Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing & Heating, and Engine Pro will pay \$100 to each heat race winner. Lane Automotive and MSD Ignition will pay \$50 to the fast qualifier in each heat group. \$1,500 in contingency cash and awards will be available to competitors.

Berlin Raceway's storied 67-year history and SOD's status as the nation's most progressive and recognized regional sprint car series promise to make the race an event fans won't want to miss. The Classic will be part of an event that includes Michigan's three leading dirt series, Sprints On Dirt, the American Ethanol Late Model Tour (AELMT), and the American Ethanol Modified Tour (AEMODT).

When it comes to oval track racing in Michigan, Berlin Raceway's story is right at the top. In 1951, it was born as an oval dirt track located within the Berlin Fairgrounds. 1966 saw the track paved as a 7/16 mile asphalt oval track. In 2012, Berlin Raceway returned to its roots, covering the asphalt with clay and turning the track into a dirt track for the month of September. In 2013, 2014, and 2015, Berlin Raceway again hosted September dirt track racing. This will be SOD's third race at Berlin with previous appearances in 2013 and 2014.

Fuel will be for sale at the track by the drum or by the gallon. To order your drum(s) in advance, call Elite Fuels & Lubricants at 269-281-4100.

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COMP Cams Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic Schedule of Events



Full schedule of events here – CCGLSCC Schedule of Events

Steve Irwin 2017 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Champion



With the final points race in the books, Steve Irwin (Fenton, MI) has earned the 2017 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP championship. The Flying Zero team of Irwin, car owner/wife Adrianna, and crew chief Nathan Whitney put together a consistent season in their Krieger-powered Maxim Flying Zero, finishing in the top seven in fourteen races while dropping out of one.

Irwin isn't unfamiliar with championships. This is his second SOD championship, having won the first in 2001. He also won the 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2014 non-wing, dirt Michigan Traditional Sprints championships and the 2014 Spartan Speedway non-wing pavement championship. Irwin has 49 feature wins.

Besides the season championship, Irwin also won the SOD MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge four-race championship. He finished second in the King Engine Bearings Hartford Speedway King of Michigan four-race series and fifth in the Driven Racing Oil Butler Speedway Battlegrounds Bash four-race

series.

Thomas Schinderle finished second in the championship chase and earned the Perfit Corporation Series Rookie of the Year title as the highest finishing driver with previous sprint car experience but a first-time SOD regular.



Two-time SOD champ Gregg Dalman finished third in points, Chris Jones finished fourth and Ryan Ruhl finished fifth.

Thirteen-year-old Andrew Scheid finished eighth in the points, earning the Perfit Corporation Sprint Car Rookie of the Year title as the highest finishing driver with no previous full-



size sprint car experience.

Irwin's championship has earned him a guaranteed starting spot in the COMP Cams Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic at Berlin Raceway on Saturday, September 30th that will bring the 2017 season to a close.

The top twelve drivers in points have earned a share of the point fund that will be paid to drivers that attend the 2017 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Awards Banquet. It will be held at the Battle Creek Holiday Inn, Battle Creek, Michigan, on Saturday, November 11th. Eligible drivers are:

	Car #	Driver	Total
1	0	Steve Irwin	1899
2	41	Thomas Schinderle	1826
3	49T	Gregg Dalman	1770
4	10J	Chris Jones	1426
5	71H/16	Ryan Ruhl	1409
6	10S	Jay Steinebach	1385
7	47	Robert Bulloch	1366
8	77	Andrew Scheid	1342
9	20A	Andy Chehowski	1342
10	1A	Mark Aldrich	1132
11	7J	Joe Swanson	1114
12	58	Tony Bures	1106

Want to celebrate the 2017 season at the family-friendly banquet? Racers, teams, sponsors, promoters, fans, families, friends are all invited. Tickets will be \$35 per person. Email director@sprintsondirt.com to order yours.

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King Engine Bearings crowns Chad Blonde 2017 King of Michigan



With three wins and a second, Chad Blonde (Litchfield, MI) drove Sean Robinson's Krieger-powered Maxim to the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP King Engine Bearings King of Michigan championship at Hartford Speedway Friday night.

The King of Michigan, a SOD tradition as a single race before King Engine Bearings came onboard as the title sponsor, became a mini-series including all four 2017 SOD races at Hartford Speedway. The first KoM race rained out on May 19th. Blonde then won on June 9th and the rainout make up race on July 14th. Blonde was in victory lane for the third race also, a 5 minute and 25 second non-stop feature on August 11th. At the series closer on September 1st, Ryan Ruhl, a previous, single-race KoM winner, took the win in an exciting race over Blonde and Steve Irwin, 2001 and 2017 SOD champion.

As the King Engine Bearings King of Michigan champion, Blonde collected \$1,000. Irwin, Gregg Dalman (2015 SOD champion), Thomas Schinderle (2017 SOD Series Rookie of the Year), and Ruhl also earned a share of the KoM point fund.



*King Chad discovers that it isn't about the money or the trophy, but about the crown.
(Jim DenHamer photo)*

Hartford Speedway owner/promoter Tim Dibble's monumental decision last winter to reconfigure the track to a 3/8 mile oval proved to be an overwhelming success and a big hit with fan-pleasing racing.

King Engine Bearings was founded in 1960 with one simple objective: to supply the highest quality bearings available in the marketplace. By specializing in engine bearings, the King Engine Bearings team of bearing specialists has built an extensive product offering that includes a wide range of engine bearings for automobiles, light duty and heavy duty trucks, marine, aviation, standby power and many other types of internal combustion engines. Every King bearing utilizes the highest quality materials and the most advanced designs to ensure complete customer satisfaction.

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Ryan Ruhl takes his 3rd SOD Mike Olrich Memorial win at Crystal Motor Speedway



Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, MI) capped off a great weekend by putting on a dominating performance to win his third consecutive annual Mike Olrich Memorial last night at Crystal Motor Speedway. The race was the final points race for Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt Presented by ARP 2017 season. The 25 lap SOD feature was run caution-free and in record time. Ruhl also won the SOD King Engine Bearing King of Michigan race at Hartford Speedway Friday night.

The speedway was the scene of an epic battle; there was also an impressive race too! Track owner/promoter Ron Flinn went toe-to-toe for control of the track surface with Mother Nature. Flinn, who takes pride in his track prep, was challenged after SOD heats but before the SOD feature. Determined to win out, Flinn went to work bringing back the lost race surface. Crystal's track prep vehicles/push trucks went to work on track. All 22 SOD cars then took over and wheel packed the track. Everyone was rewarded with a lightning-fast, fan-pleasing track.

Jay Steinebach and Brett Mann led the field to the green with

Mann taking the initial lead. It was immediately obvious that the packed house was going to be treated to an all-out speed fest. Lapped traffic quickly made the leaders work hard, and Steinebach took advantage of a Mann check up to grab the lead. 4th starting Ruhl took the lead on lap seven though, and drove off into another time zone, expertly slicing through traffic. Steinebach faced a little pressure first from Mann, then from Dain Naida, but eventually opened up a comfortable gap. Mann got back by Naida on the last lap to claim 3rd.

Steve Irwin's 6th place finish was enough to claim the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt Presented by ARP 2017 Championship.

Thomas Schinderle finished 2nd in points and is the 2017 Perfit Sprints On Dirt Series Rookie of the Year. 2015 SOD champion Gregg Dalman finished 3rd in points. Chris Jones came back from a heat race flip to start the feature and take 4th in points over Ryan Ruhl. Andrew Scheid claimed the 2017 Perfit Sprints On Dirt Sprint Car Rookie of the Year title and finished 8th in season points.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	12.136	17x	Dain Naida
COMP Cams Heat	12.854	41	Thomas Schinderle
RockAuto.com Heat	12.166	16	Ryan Ruhl

Heat Races – Winners \$100 each

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1			
	#	Driver	Contingency

1	17x	Dain Naida	
2	0	Steve Irwin	Kistler Racing Products
3	77	Andrew Scheid	Racing Optics
4	46	Robert Huisken	
5	20A	Andy Chehowski	
6	21T	Troy Chehowski	
7	91L	Alexis Adgate	
8	28	Brian Slusarski	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	41	Thomas Schinderle	
2	89	Chris Pobanz	Allstar Performance
3	24	Eric Smith	Racing Optics
4	58	Tony Bures	
5	6	Tyler Bearden	
6	31	Tanner Astrauskas	
7	10J	Chris Jones	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	16	Ryan Ruhl	

2	10S	Jay Steinebach	Kistler Racing Products
3	19	Brett Mann	Racing Optics
4	49T	Gregg Dalman	
5	3A	Mike Astrauskas	
6	9E	Tim Evilsizer	
7	47	Robert Bulloch	

Feature

	#	Driver	Started	Contingencies
1	16	Ryan Ruhl		Rod End Supply
2	10S	Jay Steinebach		Rod End Supply
3	19	Brett Mann		Rod End Supply
4	17X	Dain Naida		Schoenfeld Headers
5	41	Thomas Schinderle		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	0	Steve Irwin		
7	49T	Gregg Dalman		Allstar Performance
8	77	Andrew Scheid		
9	46	Robert Huisken		King Racing Products
10	9E	Tim Evilsizer		
11	21T	Troy Chehowski		Keizer Aluminum Wheels

12	20A	Andy Chehowski		
13	58	Tony Bures	18	
14	91L	Alexis Adgate	13	
15	28	Brian Slusarski	22	
16	24	Eric Smith	21	
17	6	Tyler Bearden	23	
18	89	Chris Pobanz	17	
19	3A	Mike Astrauskas	16	
20	47	Robert Bulloch	9	
21	31	Tanner Astrauskas	24	
22	10J	Chris Jones	6	

KSE Racing Products Hard Charger – Tim Evilsizer (+6)

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Dain Naida

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Brian Slusarski

Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog – Chris Pobanz

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