

# **Steve Irwin crowned 2017 Sprints On Dirt Champion**

The curtain came down on the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP 2017 season with the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn Battle Creek (MI) Saturday night with the last of the season's \$76,535 points money and awards handed out.

The top 12 drivers in season points were led by Steve Irwin, now a two-time SOD champion. Irwin's share of 2017 points money and awards was \$7,609. Irwin and wife/car owner Adrianna looked ready to appear at a celebrity awards show in their vintage 50s-style attire.

Adrianna, Steve, Steve's daughter Madison, & mother Karla celebrate 2017 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Championship final points

Finish	Driver	Total	Trophy sponsor
1	Steve Irwin	1899	Hartford Speedway
2	Thomas Schindler	1826	Noiseel Motorsports
3	Gregg Dalman	1770	Crystal Motor Speedway
4	Chris Jones	1426	The Perfit Corporation
5	Ryan Ruhl	1409	Roger & Pat Holzinger
6	Jay Steinhach	1385	Lane Automotive
7	Robert Bulloch	1366	Raiz Tree & Landscape Services
8	Andrew Scheid	1342	Merritt Speedway
9	Andy Chehowski	1342	Pell's Tire Service
10	Mark Aldrich	1132	Engine Pro

11	Joe Swanson	1114	John & Kathie Naida
12	Tony Bures	1106	Butler Speedway



The custom-made SOD trophies ready to go to their new homes

## Championship points awards

Allstar Performance products compliments of Sprints On Dirt distributed among top 12	
Aluminum radiator	
Front axle	
Knee guard	
Wing tree	
Aero tank cover	
Heating pad	
Front bumper	
Rock screen	
Gear totes (10)	
Tool tray	
Top wing cap	

Drain pan	
Pitman arm	
Water temperature gauge	
Oil pressure gauge	
Mud scrapers	
Drag link tether	
Allstar Performance crew gloves compliments of Sprints On Dirt	Each driver
ATL Racing Fuel Cells product certificate	Ryan Ruhl
Driven Racing Oil Extreme Pressure Grease	Joe Swanson, Tony Bures
Hepfner Racing Products product certificate	Jay Steinebach
Hoosier Racing Tire SOD tire set	Steve Irwin
J & J Auto Racing product certificates	Ryan Ruhl, Tony Bures
Keizer Aluminum Wheels product certificates	Robert Bulloch, Joe Swanson
Maxim Racing product certificates	Gregg Dalman, Chris Jones, Andrew Scheid, Andy Chehowski, Mark Aldrich
Racing Optics tear off sleeve	Andrew Scheid
RockAuto.com product certificates	Mark Aldrich, Tony Bures
Rod End Supply product certificate	Steve Irwin, Thomas Schinderle, Chris Jones, Robert Bulloch, Andrew Scheid, Andy Chehowski, Tony Bures
Schoenfeld Headers	Gregg Dalman, Joe Swanson

Simpson driver gloves	Andrew Scheid, Andy Chehowski
Walker Performance sprint car filter system certificates	Steve Irwin (100%), Thomas Schinderle (50%), Chris Jones (20%)
Walker Performance filter cleaning kits	Steve Irwin, Thomas Schinderle, Chris Jones
Hoosier Racing Tire jackets	Steve Irwin, Thomas Schinderle, Gregg Dalman
Allstar Performance mud scrapers compliments of Sprints On Dirt	Driver draw
Driven Racing Oil Brake Cleaner	Driver draw
Driven Racing Oil Extreme Pressure Grease	Driver draw
Driven Racing Oil Foaming Degreaser	Driver draw

## 2017 Sprints On Dirt mini-series final standings

The MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge	
1	Steve Irwin
2	Thomas Schinderle
3	Gregg Dalman
4	Chris Jones
5	Robert Bulloch
The King Engine Bearings King of Michigan	
1	Chad Blonde
2	Steve Irwin
3	Gregg Dalman
4	Thomas Schinderle
5	Ryan Ruhl

The Driven Racing Oil Battlegrounds Bash	
1	Thomas Schinderle
2	Joe Swanson
3	Chad Blonde
4	Jay Steinebach
5	Steve Irwin

## 2017 Performance Leaders

Most Lane Aurtomotive/MSD Ignition Fast Masters	Ryan Ruhl	6
Most Engler Machine & Tool heat race wins	Gregg Dalman Ryan Ruhl	3
Most COMP Cams heat race wins	Ryan Ruhl	3
Most RockAuto.com heat race wins	Steve Irwin	3
Most feature wins	Chad Blonde	5

## Season Achievement Awards

Sprint Car Rookie of the Year	Andrew Scheid	Noizeel Motorsports
Series Rookie of the Year	Thomas Schinderle	Noizeel Motorsports
Crew Chief of the Year	Lisa Lukowski	XYZ Machining
Sportsman of the Year	Robert Bulloch	XYZ Machining

## Special Recognition Awards

Engine Pro	Series title sponsor
ARP	Series title sponsor
Hoosier Racing Tire	Series tire provider
Roger & Pat Holzinger	13 years as SOD officials



## Appreciation Awards

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Alexis Adgate	Banquet awards presenter
XYZ Maching, Inc.	Awards sponsorships
Noizee 1 Motorsports	Awards sponsorships
Dan McCarron	Promotional representative
Motor City Racing Promotions	Race officiating personnel
Jim Coffey & Son Plumbing & Heating	Race sponsorships

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