

Sprints On Dirt Announces August Schedule Changes

ERIE, MI (July 9, 2018) – Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP announces two schedule changes.

First, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Saturday, August 25th, race at Merritt Speedway has been canceled.

Second, a King Engine Bearings King of Michigan presented by Merritt Speedway and Ti22 Performance race has been add to the schedule on Friday, August 10th.

Check out Hartford Speedway at www.hartfordspeedway.net and Merritt Speedway at <https://merrittspeedwaymi.com/>. Get to know Ti22 Performance at <https://www.ti22performance.com/>.

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**Ryan Ruhl SOD King Engine
Bearings King of Michigan at
Hartford**



ERIE, MI (July 7, 2018) – After being rained out twice, the third attempt proved to be a charm for the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt race #1 of the King Engine Bearings King of Michigan at Hartford Speedway Friday night. It was Ryan Ruhl's night to rule in his Krieger Racing Engines powered Maxim as he was the Lane Automotive/MSD Ignitions Faster Master in qualifying for his heat, won the RockAuto.com heat race, won the feature, then proposed to long-time girlfriend Courtney Squires in victory lane to the delight of the large, enthusiastic crowd.

Fastest qualifier and Engler Machine & Tool heat race winner Chad Blonde started on the pole after Braxton drew the number one pill in the King Engine Bearings Kids Feature Draw. Third place starter Brett Mann got out of shape in turn one of the first lap after a tire bleeder stuck and Eli Lakin got caught up in the melee and flipped, ending the race for both. On the restart, Michael Schumacher came to a stop in turn three with a shredded right rear tire.

Once back under green, Blonde looked like he was in control as he masterfully negotiated traffic, to maintain a twenty-car lead over Ruhl who started fourth and moved into second on lap two. A caution on lap ten gave Ruhl (Coldwater, MI) a chance

to deal with Blonde on an open track and he shot under Blonde to take the lead on lap 11. Although Blonde stayed close to Ruhl for a few laps, the lead grew throughout the race and a caution resulting in a green, white, checkered finish was no problem for Ruhl who stuck to his mid to low line to take the win. A few more laps may have proven disastrous for Ruhl as his left rear tire was slowly losing air and victory lane photos showed just how low the tire was; it eventually went flat in post-race celebration.

It was an interesting race that demonstrated the success of SOD's "Beyond Limits" format utilizing Hoosier spec tires. Winner Ruhl and second-place Blonde were powered by 410s and third-place Gregg Dalman and fourth-place Andy Teunessen had 360 motors.

Joining Ruhl and Blonde as Lane Automotive/MSD Ignitions Fast Masters and heat race winners was Joe Swanson in the COMP Cams heat race.

It was announced that a date has been added for Sprints On Dirt at Hartford Speedway, Friday, August 10 for a race sponsored by Ti22 Performance. SOD also returns to Hartford Speedway for already scheduled KoM dates July 13, July 27, and August 31.1

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

Group	Time	#	Driver
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	14.851	5B	Chad Blonde
COMP Cams Heat	15.615	7J	Joe Swanson
RockAuto.com Heat	15.882	71H	Ryan Ruhl

Heat Races

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1

	#	Driver	Contingency
1	5B	Chad Blonde	
2	7	Shawn Valenti	
3	27B	Boston Mead	Benic Enterprises
4	10s	Jay Steinebach	Racing Optics
5	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick	
6	8	Justin Ward	
7	70	Eli Lakin	

COMP Cams Heat #2			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	7J	Joe Swanson	
2	5	Andy Tuenessen	
3	18	Michael Summers	Benic Enterprises
4	1a	Mark Aldrich	Racing Optics
5	3	Dustin Shriver	
6	24	Eric Smith	
7	52	Zac Broughman	

RockAuto.com Heat #3			
	#	Driver	Contingency
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl	
2	19	Brett Mann	

3	49T	Gregg Dalman	Benic Enterprises
4	0	Ricky Ferkel	Racing Optics
5	11	Trey Smith	
6	24+	Mike Schumacher	
7	8W	Josh Ward	

Feature

	#	Driver	Awards	Contingencies
1	71H	Ryan Ruhl		Rod End Supply
2	5b	Chad Blonde	Jim Coffey & Son	Rod End Supply
3	49T	Gregg Dalman		Rod End Supply
4	5	Andy Tuenessen		
5	27B	Boston Mead		ATL Racing Fuel Cells
6	7J	Joe Swanson		
7	4	Tyler Fitzpatrick		
8	7	Shawn Valenti		
9	1a	Mark Aldrich		King Racing Products
10	0	Ricky Ferkel		
11	3	Dustin Shriver		Keizer Aluminum Wheels
12	8	Justin Ward		
13	24	Eric Smith		
14	18	Michael Summers		

15	10s	Jay Steinebach		
16	8W	Josh Ward		
17	11	Trey Smith		
18	24+	Mike Schumacher		
19	19	Brett Mann		
20	70	Eli Lakin		
21	52	Zac Broughman		

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

BR Motorsports Contingency (feature top 10 draw) – Mark Aldrich

DMI (Diversified Machine) Contingency (feature 12-16 draw) – Justin Ward

ARP Corporation Lucky Dog – Joe Swanson

Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time – Zac Broughman

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Hartford King Engine Bearings KoM kicks off SOD Month of

the King

July 6

KING RACING
HIGH PERFORMANCE BEARINGS

KING of MICHIGAN

HARTFORD
Speedway

BEYOND LIMITS
ENGINE PRO
SOD
SPRINTS ON DIRT
Presented by ARP

\$2,000+ in bonuses including:

- ★ Each heat fast qualifier
- ★ Each heat winner
- ★ Each heat 2nd place
- ★ Min. \$300 to start feature
- ★ Min. \$100 show money

Gates open 5:00
Hot lap at 7:00
Racing at 8:00

ERIE, MI (July 2, 2018) – The King is back, and going big in July, with the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Month of the King, including three King Engine Bearings King of Michigan races! The KoM opener was rained out on May 18 and again on June 8, so we travel to Hartford Speedway for the first 2018 KoM race this Friday, July 6.

SOD teams kick off the Month of the King Friday, then return to Hartford on July 13 for the KoM round 2. SOD will race at Crystal Motor Speedway on Saturday, July 14, for the season's third MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge race on July 14. The month is capped off at Hartford on July 27 for the KoM round 3.

The 2018 KoM Champion will be crowned at the series finale on August 31. The champion will have a guaranteed starting spot in the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Mike Olrich Memorial Race at Crystal Motor Speedway on September 1st. The King Engine Bearings King of Michigan will pay a point fund to the top five at the 2018 Sprints On Dirt Awards Banquet at the Battle Creek (MI) Holiday Inn on Saturday, October 27.

Chad Blonde won the first three 2017 KoM races, including a record 5 minute and 25 second, non-stop feature on August 11th; Ryan Ruhl won the 2017 KoM finale. Blonde won the KoM points championship over Steve Irwin (2001 & 2017 SOD champion), Gregg Dalman (2015 SOD champion), and Thomas Schinderle (2017 SOD Series Rookie of the Year).

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The race will be the first of four races of the Motul Leader of the Pack Stage 3. The LoP consists of four stages including all SOD races through September 1. Each stage finish is based on SOD points earned during the stage. The Motul Leader of the Pack Champion will be the driver with the best average finishing position for all stages and will pay a five-place point fund at the 2018 Awards Banquet. Chad Blonde won Stage 1 of the LoP. Shawn Valenti won Stage 2.

Blonde currently leads SOD championship points over Shawn Valenti and Ryan Ruhl.

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