# Big Labor Day weekend ahead for Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP



ERIE, MI (August 30, 2018) — The Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP 2018 championship points season closes out this weekend with two big races. Tomorrow, Friday, August 31, the King Engine Bearings King of Michigan series concludes at Hartford Speedway. Saturday, September 1, the MAHLE/Clevite Beyonds Limits Challenge concludes at Crystal Motor Speedway with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mike Olrich Memorial.

Chad Blonde (Litchfield, MI), the 2017 KoM champion, leads the King Engine Bearings King of Michigan Championship, winning the last two KoM races. Blonde leads Shawn Valenti (Fostoria, OH), Gregg Dalman (Bellevue, MI), Dustin Shriver (South Bend, IN), and Tyler Fitzpatrick (Goshen, IN) in KoM points. The 2018 champion will be crowned Friday, and will receive \$1,000; the top five will win a share of the point fund. Ryan Ruhl (Coldwater, MI) won the first 2018 KoM race with Blonde finishing second. KoM races were rained out on May 18, June 8, and August 10.

For more information about SOD's KoM series and 2018 Kids

Feature Draw marketing partner King Engine Bearings, go to www.kingbearings.com. Check out Hartford Speedway at www.hartfordspeedway.net for more information about the speedway.

The 5th annual Mike Olrich Memorial and 2018 MAHLE/Clevite Beyonds Limits Challenge Championship takes place Saturday, September 1 at Crystal Motor Speedway, capping off SOD's 39th consecutive season at the speedway.

Ryan Ruhl has been the man to beat in the Memorial, with wins in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Randy Hannagan (Lima, OH) won the 2014 race.

The MAHLE/Clevite Beyonds Limits Challenge points battle is a close one. Shawn Valenti leads Chad Blonde by just three points. Thomas Schinderle (Berkley, MI), Ricky Ferkel (Mt. Pleasant), MI), and Jay Steinebach (Hudsonville, MI) round out the top five.

The Mike Olrich Memorial honors the memory of former Sprints On Dirt official and series director Mike Olrich. Professionally, Mike was a greenhouse researcher at Michigan State University. His work lives on through a complex computer-based tool that he co-authored that still provides assistance to flower growers in production scheduling. Mike was a dedicated family man who always found time to be deeply involved coaching youth sports. Michael Steven Olrich, passed away suddenly August 3, 2013, at the age of 43. SOD continues to operate with the honesty and integrity Mike was known for, and honors him every year with the Mike Olrich Memorial Race.

The race will be the final points race of the Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP 2018 Season Championship. Currently, Chad Blonde holds the points lead over Shawn Valenti, Jay Steinebach, Ricky Ferkel, and Justin Ward, (Benzonia, MI), 2016 SOD Sprint Car Rookie of the Year). The SOD champion will have a guaranteed starting position in the

SOD season finale, the COMP Cams End-of-the-Year Shootout at Berlin Raceway on September 29th.

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## Rain for I-96 Speedway and Sprints On Dirt? Of course!



Erie, MI (August 25, 2018) — In spite of persistent threatening skies and light rain, I-96 Speedway promoter Jeff Dice was determined to get the Dual on Dirt program in for Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt last night. However, after heat races and the King Engine Bearings Kids feature Draw, he had to pull the plug.

The I-96 crew masterfully prepped the track and gave competitors a lightning fast track. The crew fought back each time the rain returned, but eventually the skies opened up enough to make any attempt to recover the track impossible.

I-96 Speedway has scheduled Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP to return on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

Group	Time	#	Driver	
Engler Machine & Tool Heat	13.871	5B	Chad Blonde	

RackAuto.com Heat | 14.225 | 11R | Chase Ridenour

#### Heat Races

Engler Machine & Tool Heat #1						
	#	Driver	Contingency			
1	27B	Boston Mead				
2	0F	Ricky Ferkel				
3	0	Steve Irwin	Benic Enterprises			
4	5B	Chad Blonde	Racing Optics			
5	41	Thomas Schinderle				
6	24+	Mike Schumacher				
7	8W	Josh Ward				
8	1a	Mark Aldrich				
9	5HP	Max Stambaugh				

	RockAuto.com Heat #2				
	#	Driver	Contingency		
1	5QB	Quentin Blonde			
2	11R	Chase Ridenour			
3	7	Shawn Valenti	Benic Enterprises		
4	5	Andy Tuenessen			
5	8	Justin Ward			
6	Jay Steinebach				

7	52	Zac Broughman	
8	71H	Ryan Ruhl	

Rod End Supply — Boston Mead, Shawn Valenti, Steve Irwin Schoenfeld Headers — Chase Ridenour ATL Racing Fuel Cells — Ricky Ferkel Allstar Performance — Quentin Blonde BR Motorsports — Ricky Ferkel DMI (Diversified Machine) — Chad Blonde Perfit Corporation Lucky Dog — Chase Ridenour Allstar Performance Better Luck Next Time — Ryan Ruhl

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## New Era Begins Friday for I-96 Speedway and Sprints On

### Dirt



Erie, MI (August 21, 2018) — I-96 Speedway and Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt share a long history, but this Friday, August  $24^{th}$ , a new era begins as SOD races at I-96 for the first time under new track owner Jeff Dice who purchased the speedway last winter.

Friday's race will be this year's Dual On Dirt, a repeat of last year's fan-favorite event. The Dual On Dirt 2018 will feature Sprints On Dirt and IMCA modifieds, being billed as "SODs plus mods."

Coldwater, Michigan's Ryan Ruhl drove his familiar #16 to victory in last year's Dual. Ruhl showed his strength early as Lane Automotive/MSD Ignition Fast Master in the Engler Machine & Tool Heat group. He then drove from his 4<sup>th</sup> place heat race starting position to the win. Chad Blonde (Litchfield, MI), current SOD championship point leader, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Gregg Dalman (Bellevue, MI) finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Track owner Dice, a Lansing area businessman, is excited about the speedway's future and is determined to take it to the next level as a center for family entertainment. Check out I-96 Speedway at www.i96speedway.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/I96Speedway/.

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# COMP Cams title sponsor of SOD End-of-the-Year Shootout at Berlin Raceway



ERIE, MI (August 7, 2018) — COMP Cams will be the title sponsor when Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP returns to Berlin Raceway on Saturday, September 29, for the End-of-the-Year Shootout.

SOD returns to the most unique venue it has ever raced at. Berlin Raceway is renown among paved short tracks, but for a few weeks each autumn, it is transformed into a dirt track. Saturday, September 29, the raceway will present its dirt finale with SOD's COMP Cams End-of-the-Year Shootout.

COMP Cams, a long-time SOD marketing partner is also a SOD heat race sponsor. The thirty-lap feature will pay \$4,000 to win. Engler Machine & Tool, COMP Cams, RockAuto.com, and Engine Pro will pay \$100 to each heat race winner and \$30 to second. Lane Automotive and MSD Ignition will pay \$50 to the fast qualifier in each heat group. Over \$2,200 in contingency cash and awards will be available to competitors.

Last year's COMP Cams Great Lakes Sprint Car Classic was Michigan's most popular 2017 dirt track race and this year's COMP Cams End-of-the-Year Shootout is sure to this year's most popular. It will once again 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).

Berlin Raceway's oval track racing history and SOD's status as the nation's most recognized, respected, and progressive regional sprint car series promise to make the race an event fans won't want to miss. This will be SOD's fourth race at Berlin with previous appearances in 2013 and 2014 as well as last year.

Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP appreciates its long marketing partnership with COMP Cams and works tirelessly to keep the COMP Cams name out front. For more information about COMP Cams, go to www.compcams.com.

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### Chad Blonde crowned SOD 2018 Hog Creek Showdown Champ



ERIE, MI (August 6, 2018) — The four-race Butler Motor Speedway/Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP Hog Creek Showdown wrapped up with the Butler Bash Friday and Saturday. Chad Blonde took the championship and will receive a \$1,000 payout at the Sprints On Dirt Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 27 at the Battle Creek (MI) Holiday Inn. The top five will receive a share of the point fund.

2018 Hog Creek Showdown final points are:

		Ca	ar#		
Driver				<u>Points</u>	
	1	5B			Chad
Blonde		569			
	2	7			
Shawn Valenti			545		
	3	27B			Boston
Mead		482			
	4	105			Jay
Steinebach		472			
	5	4			
Josh Turne	r		472		

For full point standings and all other Sprints On Dirt points, go to the SOD website and click on the "2018 Points" tab.

The 2018 Hog Creek Showdown dates and top three were:

Saturday, May 19, Chase Ridenour, Boston Mead, Chad Blonde

Saturday, June 16 — WWIII, Josh Turner, Chad Blonde, Shawn Valenti

Friday, August 3 — Butler Bash 1, Chad Blonde, Ryan Ruhl, Boston Mead

Saturday, August 4 — Butler Bash 2, Shawn Valenti, Chad Blonde, Quentin Blonde

For more information about Butler Motor Speedway, go to www.butlerspeedway.net and the speedway's Facebook page at https://goo.gl/csxUkX. 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.

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