

# Merritt Speedway, July 8th, Added to SOD MAHLE/Clevite Challenge Schedule



Merritt Speedway has announced that Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt will make up last Saturday's rain out on July 8<sup>th</sup>. With the announcement, SOD has been able to move the MAHLE/Clevite Beyond Limits Challenge back to Merritt, maintaining the series' format of five races at five different speedways.

SOD competitors eagerly looked forward to the first 2017 race at Merritt last Saturday, but Mother Nature had other plans. It is with heightened excitement that they now plan on making up the rain out at "Michigan's Premier Dirt Track."

Thomas Schinderle and Joe Swanson are tied for the MAHLE/Clevite BLC point lead after two races. Steve Irwin, Dain Naida, and Chris Jones are 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5th.

The first MAHLE/Clevite BLC race, scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, was rained out, but run the next day at Baer Field Motorsports Park and was won by Shawn Valenti. The 2<sup>nd</sup> race was at Thunderbird Raceway where Chad Blonde made a last lap pass of Schinderle to take home the win.

Beside the completed Baer Field Motorsports Park and Thunderbird Raceway races, 2017 MAHLE/Clevite BLC races are the Merritt Speedway race, one at Crystal Motor Speedway, and the last one at the Manistee County Fairgrounds Speedway. The BLC also includes its own point fund with \$1,000 going to the champion.

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