

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 38th 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 | |

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| Drain pan | |
| Pitman arm | |
| Water temperature gauge | |
| Oil pressure gauge | |
| Mud scrapers | |
| Drag link tether | |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | |
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| 1 | Thomas Schinderle |
| 2 | Joe Swanson |
| 3 | Chad Blonde |
| 4 | Jay Steinebach |
| 5 | Steve Irwin |

2017 Performance Leaders

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

| 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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