

Track Talk



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New Season, New Looks

The 2010 season is less than a week away and race teams and officials have been busy preparing their cars and the track. The weather hasn't exactly cooperated, so it's been a balancing act making sure things get done that need to be done, but also there is enough practice time for race teams to make sure their cars are ready.

There's been three practice evenings so far, with the five standing divisions each getting a chance to hit the pavement. More sessions are planned leading up to the May 15 opening. So far, almost every car out is sporting a new look for 2010.



SKL Trailers Pro Truck Division 2009 champion Ken Ross drops the yellow in favour of white.



Rylan Utigard's stay in the Street Stock Division has been short lived. Rylan is taking over the wheel duties in the No. 19 R&R Racing Silverado for 2010. Gone is the purple that has marked R&R Racing vehicles for many years.



Brad Wrennicks look in the Budget Car and Truck Rental Street Stock Division remains relatively unchanged for 2010.



Guess who. This sharp looking paint job was once a pumpkin in the SKL Trailers Pro Truck Division.



After a very successful rookie season, this Budget Car and Truck Rental Street Stock takes on new colours.



Another SKL Trailers Pro Truck Division truck loses its purple skin.



There's just something wrong with Cooper Tire Thunder Stocks being this clean and shiny. I'm sure they won't be quite this straight at the end of the evening Saturday.



A new Parts Source Mini Stock, to be driven by 14 year old rookie Brett Ross.

There's only so much you can do with a sponge Bob! Given the year 2008 Parts Source Mini Stock Champion Todd Jalbert is coming off of, this car is probably lucky to still be alive. 2009 was not kind to "Sponge Car Square Tires".



Scott Barrand was running some impressive times during practice. Could this finally be his year?

Rookie Collin Puttick will be piloting "That'll Do" in the Part Source Mini Stock Division.



Kenny Heintz was another Parts Source Mini Stock driver that showed he's looking for some checkered flags in 2010.

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Cars in the WSSL Auto Parts Super Late Model Division were all recognized from 2009, though the No. 44 Got Mold? Impala is sporting new graphics. Though the paint schemes are relatively the same, owners have added some attention grabbing graphics.



Tire Test a Success

As part of Saturday's practice session for the WSSL Auto Parts Late Model Division, Competition Director Cliff Pompu had arranged for a test of the Good-year ten inch slick tires being used this year by the late models.

There were a number of complaints in the United States following a couple of races that the tires were falling apart. The controversy moved into the Dakota Dunes Western Canada Late Model Championship Ship Series as drivers and owners became concerned the tires would not last through the planned 150 lap races.

Thus the test, designed to simulate the race conditions of the WCLMCS. Three cars were chosen, considering setup and driving styles.

Chosen were Trent Seidel, known to be an aggressive driver, Greg Vangoool with his open motor car, also known to be hard on tires (and cars), and Glen Hertzke.

The simulated race consisted of a two lap time trial (finishing order Greg, Trent, Glen). The tires had already been scuffed in earlier during practice. Following a short cooling off period, the cars hit the track for the 150 lap Main.

The Main feature had a four lap caution at lap 30, a red flag at lap 60 where the cars were stopped and tires checked, a real two lap caution at lap 79 when Trent kissed the wall, then four lap cautions at laps 110 and 140. The race was finished up with a dash to the finish.

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