

Street cars take to SIR this weekend

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For the final time this season, Saskatchewan International Raceway will be holding racing events during three straight days as the season starts to push toward the final championship for the provincial points series racers. For local fans, this will be an opportunity that they won't want to miss as they will have the privilege of seeing three different varieties of racing this weekend.

SIR's Friday night street legal event sponsored by PartSource will kick off this weekend's festivities as local racers will take to the track for a night of heads-up grudge match racing on the famed strip. For our street legal events, anyone can come to the track and race their vehicle, provided that it passes a quick inspection by our vehicle inspectors. The track is expecting a large car count Friday night as local points racers and some drivers from out of town will be out making some shakedown runs prior to Saturday's and Sunday's racing. It would be advisable to make your way out to the track prior to the gates opening at 5:30 p.m. to ensure you get as many passes in as possible during the evening.

Saturday's event will kick our street car racing into high gear as Performance Plus again presents the 2009 Fastest Streetcar Shootout during the afternoon. This event has become a yearly favourite for many race fans as they get to see who has the fastest street legal vehicle in western Canada. Historically, this race attracts some seriously fast street cars from other provinces which are vying for the prize money that comes with winning the event. In some cases, these cars look like full race cars. However, they are required to use DOT approved tires and also have working lights which would allow them to be driven on the street. In years past, it wasn't out of the ordinary to witness street legal cars going down the track in eight seconds at speeds of more than 240 km/h. Saturday will also feature a test and tune day as well as jackpot racing for the regular points series racers. Eliminations for the street car shootout competitors is expected to begin at 1:30 pm.

Sunday will see continued action at SIR as the fastest drag racers in the province will be attempting to go as many rounds as possible to generate points toward the year end championship. Sunday, July 26 was originally scheduled to be Points Race

No. 7 as well as the King of the Track Challenge, however rain throughout the morning forced the cancellation of the event and track manager Shawn Zezula rescheduled the event to this Sunday. The format will remain the same as the class champions from super pro, pro, sportsman, sport compact and street legal will face off for NHRA's most prestigious award, the Wally Trophy, named in honour of the NHRA's founder Wally Parks.

Gates on Sunday will open at 8 a.m. with time trials starting at 9 a.m. and eliminations getting under way at 1:30 pm.

Going into Sunday, the points series continues to be competitive as we did not see a lot of change after only getting in one out of two scheduled events from the previous race weekend. Lee Lyons of Regina continues to lead in super pro with a 22-point lead over Gord Spak of Saskatoon. In pro, Brian Hebert of Regina was able to pull away slightly from Mike Cote of Vanscoy during the last event and now has a commanding 86-point lead. In the sportsman class, Mike Cote remains on top with his '74 Duster, but gaining ground quickly is Brent Flaman of Regina, who is now just 19 points back. Sport compact currently has a tie for first place as Adam Knutson of Regina and Max Koenders of Watson are deadlocked at 297 points each going into this weekend. Chad Penner has regained the lead in street legal after a recent win and now sits 23 points ahead of Dwane Park of Lucky Lake. Last, but not least, Davis Roach of Saskatoon continues to do well in junior dragster as he sits atop the list with a 32-point lead over Alyssa Hicks of Regina.

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