

KEYSTONE CUP/SPEEDWEEK FAST APPROACHING

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York Haven, Pa.....The best of central Pennsylvania's 410 Sprint Car racers are already gearing up for two big weeks of racing later this season. The 18th Annual Cindy Rowe Auto Glass Pennsylvania Sprint Car Speedweek, and the 2nd Annual Keystone Cup Series are prominent on the local racing calendar.

The Keystone Cup Series kicked off last year over the Memorial Day holiday week. It's set to run during that time frame again. The Keystone Cup will be contested at five tracks over a six day period, beginning at the Grandview Speedway on Wednesday May 21. After one night off, the Keystone Cup moves to Williams Grove Speedway on Friday May 23rd, followed by Lincoln Speedway, Saturday May 24, Selinsgrove Speedway Sunday May 25, and ending Monday May 26 at Port Royal Speedway.

The Grandview event will be contested over 35 laps, while the other four events will be 30 lap features. Each race offers \$5000 to win. The Grandview Keystone Cup show will also mark the season opener for the 19th season of the popular Thunder on the Hill Racing Series sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts.

Last year the Keystone Cup Series averaged 36 cars per night at it's six races. Lucas Wolfe won twice during the series, while Mark Smith, Greg Hodnett, Stevie Smith and Danny Lasoski were single night winners. Winless Fred Rahmer claimed the Keystone Cup title last season.

The Cindy Rowe Auto Glass Pennsylvania Sprint Car Speedweek covers the week of the Independence Day holiday. Now entering it's 18th season, Speedweek has hosted 112 racing events at 12 different Speedways.

This year's Speedweek will kick off on Saturday June 28 at Lincoln Speedway with the Kevin Gobrecht Memorial Race. This 30 lap feature will offer \$7000 to win. The very next evening, Sunday June 29 the Sprinters move off to the Bedford Speedway for a 30 lap race with \$5000 to win.

After one night off things kick into high gear Tuesday July 1 at Grandview Speedway where the 35 lap feature offers \$5000 to win. Wednesday July 2, Speedweek moves south of the boarder to Hagerstown (MD) Speedway for another 30 lap feature with \$5000 to win.

Port Royal Speedway has the first of two Speedweek shows on Thursday July 3. That one is 30 laps with \$5000 to win. Friday July 4, Williams Grove Speedway will offer the \$10,000 to win Mitch Smith Memorial Race. The feature will be 30 laps. It's back to Port Royal on Saturday July 5 for a 30 lap race with \$7000 to win. Speedweek wraps up Sunday July 6 at Selinsgrove Speedway for the 30 lap Jan Opperman Memorial Race, which offers \$5000 to win.

Last year the Cindy Rowe Auto Glass Pennsylvania Speedweek averaged nearly 35 cars per night during its seven race swing. Greg Hodnett and Keith Kauffman each won two races, while Lance Dewease, Todd Shaffer and Sean Michael each won single features. Winless Lucas Wolfe claimed the overall point title.

Over the years, 19 different drivers have won Speedweek feature events. While he didn't win last year, Fred Rahmer is the biggest winner in Speedweek competition. Rahmer has claimed ten Speedweek titles, and 28 of the 112 races. Three time champ Lance Dewease is second on the win list with 17 victories. One time champ Greg Hodnett is third in wins with 16 triumphs.

Seven time winner Keith Kauffman, five time winner Steve Smith and winless Lucas Wolfe are the other Speedweek champions. Other drivers to score Speedweek wins are; donnie Kreitz Jr. (8), Cris Eash (6), Billy Pauch (5), Todd Shaffer (5), Sean Michael (2), Jeff Shepard (2), Doug Esh (2), Billy Brian Jr. (2), Stevie Smith (2), Mark Smith (1), Lenny Krauthaim (1), Brett Mann (1), Jerry Stone (1), and Tyler Walker (1).