

**O'Reilly USCS "ASPHALT THUNDER" SPRINT CARS HEADLINE at DILLON MOTOR SPEEDWAY SATURDAY NIGHT (APRIL 19TH)**

Dillon, SC - Wild and exciting winged Outlaw sprint car racing returns to Dillon Motor Speedway for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Carolina Speed Spectacular" on Saturday night, April 19th. The O'Reilly Auto Parts sponsored United Sprint Car Series "Asphalt Thunder" Tour will roar into the fast four-tenths mile paved oval for its first ever event. This will be the fourth event of the twelfth season for the O'Reilly USCS National touring drivers who also race on dirt ovals. The O'Reilly USCS is the only winged Outlaw sprint car series in the World that races on both dirt and paved surfaces.

The event is expected to bring top winged Outlaw sprint car drivers from at least six states to the Speedway. Their exotic fire breathing, alcohol burning, 700 horsepower open wheel cars weight just 1,300 pounds and will literally fly around the track surface at speeds in excess of 140 miles per hour. It is not uncommon to see O'Reilly USCS sprint cars popping "wheelies" or doing wheel stands because of the brute force of their engines and their huge 18-inch wide rear tires. Saturday night's Outlaw sprint car action will feature a full program that will include time trials, qualifying heat races and a 35-Lap A-main event.

The evening's first sprint car race will be the **Lucas Oil Power Dash** that showcases the top cars from the previous O'Reilly USCS main event in an edge-of-your-seat six-car shootout. In addition to the O'Reilly USCS winged sprint cars, the Speedway's weekly racing divisions will part of the action. Those classes include the popular Late Models, Street Stock and Charger divisions. Each of those divisions will contest a full racing program including qualifying races and features.

Heavy-hitter sprint car entries from across the nation including the six-time O'Reilly USCS National Champion Terry Gray from Bartlett, Tennessee and 2005 O'Reilly USCS Asphalt Thunder Champion Wayne Reutimann, Jr. from Zephyrhills, Florida. Reutimann will field a two-car team. One of the Team Reutimann drivers is legendary open wheel racer and three time O'Reilly USCS Asphalt Thunder feature winner Wayne Reutimann, Sr.

Another talented entry will be 17-year-old, 2006 O'Reilly USCS Rookie of the Year Derek Hagar from Marion, Arkansas. Hagar will be making his paved track debut after winning two O'Reilly USCS features in his sophomore season in 2007. He will be joined by several other talented USCS Young Guns (drivers under 25) including 2007 Asphalt Thunder Tour rookie of the Year, Nick DeFeo from Marietta, Georgia. Another expected young star is English road racing star turned sprint car racer, Adam Jackson who resides in Timmonsville, South Carolina. Jackson competed in five O'Reilly USCS events in 2007 and nearly pulled off a victory on two occasions. He is expected to be a contender for the victory here as well. Joining the youth movement will be O'Reilly USCS veterans Dave Thorman from Greenville, SC is also entered as is veteran sprint car racer Bronzie Lawson from North Carolina.

Additional out of state entries expected are: the field's only female open-wheel star, Wendy Mathis from Ocala, Florida who finished fifth in the O'Reilly USCS Asphalt Thunder tour season-opener at Watermelon Capital Speedway on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Also entered is twenty-four year-old Tom Winegardner, Jr. from Pierson, Florida who finished third in the 2006 O'Reilly USCS National standings and captured the 2007 Rebel regional Championship for the American Sprint Car Series.

Other expected top entries include several North Carolina drivers including and headed by, 2006 Florence Motor Speedway feature winner, Johnny Bridges from Cherryville, North Carolina and 2007 American Sprint Car Series Southern region Champion, Brian Smith from Mooresville, North Carolina. Veteran USCS sprint car driver and 2002 O'Reilly USCS series title runner-up Doug Day from Winder, Georgia is also entered. Other expected entries include Brad Wickham from Forest City, North Carolina and nineteen year-old rookie sprint car driver Brandon Ricco from South Dakota. He formerly was a Champion driver in Street Stocks in the great white North.

The Dillon Motor Speedway official website is [www.dillonmotorspeedway.com](http://www.dillonmotorspeedway.com) the track is located one quarter mile west of Interstate 95 at Exit 193. The track info number is 843-774-1888. For O'Reilly USCS info call 404-886-5913 or visit the official O'Reilly USCS web site at [www.uscsracing.com](http://www.uscsracing.com)

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