

20th Anniversary Season of Thunder on the Hill

20th Anniversary Season of Thunder on the Hill to salute Living Legends of Dirt Track Racing, Lynn Paxton, Ken Brenn & Others Thunder Season Opener Set for Wednesday night, May 20 with 410 Sprints & 358 Modifieds, Only at Grandview!

The twentieth season of the NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series presented by Lee Myles Transmissions will open its six race series at the Grandview Speedway on Wednesday night, May 20. On the program will be the Keystone Cup 410 Sprint Speed Week Series and the 358 Modifieds competing in a double-header that will get underway at 7:30 PM. The May 20 date will mark the eighty-sixth Thunder on the Hill event, since the series started back in August of 1990. Series organizers track owner Bruce Rogers and racing publicist Bob Miller have several anniversary celebrations planned for 2009.

Thunder on the Hill is rich in history and over the years, many racing greats have taken part in this series and at Grandview Speedway. New for 2009 will be a nightly salute to the Living Legends of Dirt Track Racing. Both Rogers and Miller are fond of racing's rich history and respect the many memorial events that take place throughout the season at various speedways to honor those who we lost. The salute to Living Legends is very similar, but it is a way to honor key figures of our sport while they are still with us to fully appreciate the honor. Throughout the six races of Thunder on the Hill in 2009, various dignitaries will be honored and asked to attend the Thunder on the Hill event presented in their honor.

On Wednesday night, May 20, Lynn Paxton will be the honored Living Legend Guest of honor. Paxton of Mechanicsburg, PA won nearly two-hundred and fifty races in his career that ended at the rather young age of thirty-nine because he wanted to spend more time with his family and work on numerous automobile restoration projects. We can only imagine what his career win total could have been if he would have raced for even just another five years. Paxton was a show-stopper and ranked among the best and one of the most popular and colorful sprint car drivers in Central Pennsylvania. Today, Lynn spends much of his time working with the Eastern Museum of Motor Racing and the Latimore Valley Fairgrounds. Lynn Paxton will be at Grandview to meet and greet the race fans on Wednesday, May, 20.

On Tuesday night, June 2 the always exciting USAC Wingless Sprints and ARDC Midgets will be the headline show for race two of the Thunder on the Hill Racing Series of 2009 at Grandview. The USAC Sprints will compete in a pair of twenty lap feature events plus qualifying as the ARDC Wingless Midgets battle the high banks in a series of qualifying leading up to their twenty-five lap feature event.

In a show like this, one name comes to mind as our Living Legend Guest of Honor, that being Ken Brenn Sr. Brenn was a member of ARDC from 1954 to 1972. More than one-hundred and fifty drivers sat in the seat of a Brenn owned Midget and the names are much like a who's who in the history of open wheel ranks. Names like Len Duncan, Johnny Coy, Mitch Smith, Ray Tilley, Don Branson, Wally Dallenbach Sr, Bert Brooks, Tommy Elliott, Jiggs Peters, Ernie McCoy, Gary

Bettenhausen, Jan Opperman, Bobby Adamson, Rodger Ward, Bobby Uncer, Larry Dickson and Jimmy Kirk were just a few of the great drivers to steer a Brenn owned race car. Needless to say, the Brenn cars always found their way to victory lane.

Ken Brenn Sr. also served two terms as President of ARDC and promoted midget races at the Grandview Speedway. He also took his promoting talents to the East Windsor and Bridgeport Speedways for a short time. After leaving the midgets, the Brenn name became quite popular as a modified car owner in the northeast as well.

Ken Brenn Sr was inducted into the National Midget Hall of Fame in 2007 and received many accolades along the way as a result a brilliant association with motorsports. The Most recently at the Dirt Track Heroes Car Show at the Phillipsburg Mall, Brenn Sr. and legendary driver Ray Tilley were reunited for the first time in nearly forty-three years. One thing you could always count on, if Ken Brenn Sr. Was involved, it was going to be done right. Thunder on the Hill is proud to honor Ken Brenn Sr as the Living Legend Guest of Honor on Tuesday night, June 2nd.

There is still more being planned for the Living Legends of Dirt Track Racing at Grandview. On Wednesday night, August 13 the Thunder on the Hill Racing Series will present the Triple Crown Thunder Thriller to include the 358 Modifieds, URC Sprints and ARDC Midgets. URC and ARDC are the oldest traveling organizations in racing and we would like to contact as many of their former drivers as possible to be invited to this special event. With the 358 Modified's also on the program, we would like to do the same for the past modified drivers at Grandview. Past modified champions, feature winners and drivers who completed at least one full year with the Grandview Modifieds, URC Sprints and ARDC Midgets are asked to contact Bob Miller by calling 443-514-4456. Please leave your name, division and a phone number so we can get back to you. This should be an awesome night of current day racing with many Living Legends of our sport also in attendance.

Advance tickets for the May 20 Keystone Cup 410 Sprint Speed Week Series and 358 Modifieds Double-header are on sale at this time. Adult tickets are \$20, Children 6-11 are \$5 and Children under 6 will be admitted for Free. Please make your check payable to Grandview Speedway and mail your payment to Thunder Series 2009 11747 Winding Creek Drive Berlin, MD 21811. Be sure to include a self-addressed and stamped envelope and your tickets will be mailed to you. If you are interested in purchasing your USAC Tickets for the June 2 event, Adult admission is \$25, Children 6-11 \$5 and Children under 6 will be admitted for free. We are happy to announce that ticket prices for both these shows will remain the same as previous years.

For more information on the NAPA Auto Parts Thunder on the Hill Racing Series presented by Lee Myles Transmissions, please visit our website at www.thunderonthehillracingseries.com. On the website, be sure to click on the sponsor logos for NAPA Auto Parts and Lee Myles Transmissions for help and service for all your automotive needs.

The Thunder on the Hill Racing Series takes place exclusively at the Grandview Speedway. Grandview is a one-third mile high-banked dirt oval located on

Passmore Road, just off Route 100 in Bechtelsville, PA 19505, just ten minutes north Pottstown. For more information, call the speedway at 610-754-7688. Grandview Speedway is in operation every Saturday night from April to October and presents NASCAR Modified and Late Model Stock Car Racing. The speedway offers FREE Parking, great food at reasonable prices, terrific viewing from every seat in the grandstands and a fun-family environment. Be sure to take in a Saturday night show on the hill.

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