

Riverside Speedway's In the Driver's Seat: by Jean LeBlanc

Welcome to the second edition of In the Driver's Seat. Has the weather been crazy or what? That crazy weather has allowed us to get a jump on all of the up-grades that we have planned at Riverside Speedway before spring rolls around.

Turn One has been completed. All of the trees and stumps have been removed, the old wooden fence and the mesh fence have been ripped out, and a new road off of turn one has been put in. The old barrier wall that protected the light pole has been taken out, the light pole has been put behind the wall and thanks to Mason Excavating, we should never lose a car again off of turn one again. A cement block wall has been extended along side of the road and should be completed in the spring. It just doesn't look like the same track, check out the pictures on the web site.

The new front stretch fence is near completion. All that is left is the bottom part of the fence and a major improvement will be done thanks to Dave Rich, Dave LeBlanc, and Mike Holt.

Our forms for licenses, cement slabs, minor's release, pit crew licenses, and the campground permits have all been redone for 2010. The forms are on the web site, and if you need one you can call the speedway phone 636-2005 or our residence at 466-1028. The dead line for driver's to reserve their 2009 numbers will be 02/28/10. After that, if you haven't got your number yet, it will be fair game to anyone.

And speaking of dead lines, if you want to a cement slab before Christmas, we will reduce the price to \$200 for a full season and \$160 for LMS or Sportsman divisions. What better Christmas present than a cement slab for your favorite racer. Matt and Cody...forget it, buy your own...

The new truck division has stirred up some interest. Phone calls from as far away as Bethel Maine have been called in regarding the rules. Hopefully a division sponsor will be on board for 2010 in the near future and a few special races will be in line for the trucks.

Work on the 2010 schedule is nearing completion. No racing during the Lancaster Fair weekend and also the Milk Bowl weekend. Friday night racing on the cup weekends and possibly the Oxford 250.

Look for a couple of Wednesday night shows. We will call them Wacky Wednesdays and highlight our four cylinder divisions (enduros, spectator drags, truck pulls, Jack and Jill races etc). Prices to get in the pits will be \$8 and just \$4 to get into the grandstands. We will try this a couple of times to see what kind of response we receive.

Just completed a deal for my ride in 2010. With the help from some very special people, (Thanks to the Schartners) we hope to climb back into a racer next summer at Thunder Road.

Don't forget, if you or your race team has any news, let us know. We would love to let everyone know what you are doing for 2010.

It looks like Steve Patenaude will be returning again in the Late Model class. The veteran racer had his best night of the season in the Clash of the Titans and says he can't wait to run the Goodyear tires all season long.

That's it for now. Remember, there's no better place to be than, In the Driver's Seat.