

Numerous changes made to raceway

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Races to be held on Fridays with new surface and beer garden

Raceway enthusiasts will experience a little something different this year when they head out to Phillips County Raceway in Holyoke.

Perhaps the biggest change will be racing action taking place on Friday nights instead of Sundays. Spectators will also view fast paced action on a brand new racing surface. A beer garden will also be available for spectators.

PCR has partnered with Budweiser and Monster Energy Drinks to offer the new addition for fans.

BST Promotions has been contracted by Phillips County Raceway for the 2012 season and is stepping up the race season with the changes.

The race season in Holyoke will span from May 4 through Aug. 24. Ten races will be squeezed into that time period.

Eighty loads of dirt have been laid down and county crews have transformed the old dusty, sandy, rough track into a bad fast, smooth, wide, zero sand, rock free, semi banked 3/8 mile one.

BST Promotions president Joe Bellm said racers took to the new surface Saturday, April 21 for hot laps and were very pleased. He noted there was no dust, cars were fast as they were two and three wide and it seemed to be a much smoother ride.

Bellm said the first ever BST stock car tour will visit Holyoke in addition to the sport mod tour.

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He said there has been interest from stock car drivers living in South Dakota, eastern Nebraska and even Iowa.

A Fan Appreciation night will be held during the Friday, May 18 race. Kids will receive free flags that can be autographed by the drivers.

Four IMCA sanctioned divisions will be featured each week on the PCR schedule. These include modifieds, sport mods, stocks and hobby stocks. Additionally, one extra main event will be featured each race night. Among the extra main events will be BST touring series, lightning sprints, late models and midgets.

Bellm noted there will be coupons in upcoming papers for spectators to take advantage of.

The event schedule for 2012 follows: May 4, BST IMCA stock and sport mod tour; May 18, Fan Appreciation Night with late models and dwarfs; June 1, URSS sprint cars; June 15, late models; June 29, lightning sprints; July 4, BST IMCA modified and stock car tour, midgets and dwarfs; July 13, lightning sprints; July 27, County Fair Show, midgets; Aug. 10, BST IMCA modified and stock car tour; and Aug. 24, late models and dwarfs.

To find out more about the Phillips County Raceway, visit www.pcraceway.com or contact Bellm at 720-422-5244.

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