

Midgets return to PCR for fair races

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Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association will repeat the American tradition, dirt midget race cars on the oval Phillips County Raceway during the Phillips County Fair Saturday, July 27.

“What’s more fun than good old fashion Midget racing at the county fair?!” said Bill Harper, president of the RMMRA.

This is the second time this year the mighty midgets will visit PCR.

Midget race cars, often called the purest form of racing, have been racing in the Rocky Mountain region since 1937. The term “midgets” was originally adopted to differentiate them from “big cars” (now known as sprint cars).



Chris Sheil whips his midget car around the dirt track. RMMRA midgets will make their second appearance at the PCR this season Saturday, July 27.

In the 1940-60s, racetracks dotted the countryside, each with its own local heroes. Many historical drivers came from midgets including such greats as AJ Foyt and Parnelli Jones. In their heyday, the career path to the Indy 500 was up from midgets.

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Today's midget top guns find their way into NASCAR Sprint Cup racing. Present day examples of former midget hot shots include Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne and Ryan Newman.

In 1940, first champion, Lloyd Axel and legendary Roy Leslie, formed the Rocky Mountain Midget Racing Association, the organization that would launch midgets into the 21st century as one of the oldest racing associations in the United States.



Ryan Gaylord will return to PCR Saturday to defend his first-place finish in the modified division from July 13.

This season the RMMRA is giving away prizes to fans who can answer midget racing trivia questions asked by the track announcer during events. All race fans are invited to participate in the American tradition of midget racing at the county fair!

Along with the RMMRA will be all four IMCA divisions with the dwarfs giving us six divisions all in one action-packed night during the fair.

For more information, go to the PCR Facebook page at PCR Raceway and/or www.pcraceway.com or www.bstracing.com

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