

UARA and Teams Preparing for Season Opener

Time is drawing near for the season opener for the UARA-STARS. The STARS will hit the track with the first controlled UARA practice on March 12, 2010. Saturday March 13, 2010 will host the first UARA race of 2010.

The UARA officials were at Hickory Speedway Saturday putting the final touches on the start of the 2010 season. Robert Pressley Racing of Asheville, NC which is housed close to UARA headquarters worked along with the UARA by putting a Ford spec engine in one of his cars and a Chevrolet engine in the other to run comparison testing on the track.

With UARA veteran Coleman Pressley behind the wheel, the UARA was testing the new 347SR engine that was approved over the winter. UARA President Kerry Bodenhamer just wanted to see what the on track results were compared to the dyno results. Mike Delahanty, Program Manager Sportsman Circle Track Racing Ford Racing Technology came to the UARA last fall to discuss a contingency program for the 2010 season for any built Ford motor. After the contingency program discussion the 347SR was discussed. There was extensive dyno work done to compare to the 347SR to the existing engines that the UARA now runs." We were very pleased with what we saw on the dyno and now that there has been some on track testing we feel the 347SR is another affordable option for the competitor to have on engines" said UARA President Kerry Bodenhamer.



Some of the 2010 UARA Rookie contenders were at HMS on Saturday also testing. Tyler English, Adam Long and Ronnie Bassett, Jr. were on had shaking their cars down. The UARA looks to have a very strong rookie battle going on for 2010.



This will be a season of the veterans vs. the rookies. Frank Deiny Jr, Brennan Poole, Kyle Grissom and Lee Tissot are a few of the returning veterans. Robert Johnson, Ty Dillon, Clint King and Michael McGuire are more of the rookie contenders.

Racing along with the UARA-STARS will be the Pro Challenge series. The Pro Challenge Series host many young drivers who will be the up and coming late model drivers of the future. Also racing will be the PASCAR Legends making their first run with the UARA series. Also making their first appearance with the UARA will be The Carolina Vintage Stock Cars to round out the evening's events.

Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. Qualifying will be at 5:10 p.m. Followed by Racing at 7:00 p.m.

Grandstand Admission prices will be:

Adults \$15.00

Students (13-18) \$10.00

Family Pass \$25.00

Children 12 and under Free

A strong field is expected in each of these divisions and the fans will receive an excellent night of racing.

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