



Perris Press Release

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Get Ready for the Annual July 4 "Sky Concert"

Last year, 3,207 Perris residents took advantage of a free Independence Day fireworks display and "sky concert" for City residents at the Perris Auto Speedway.

Track officials and City administrators say they hope many more will come again this July 4.

Gates at the half-mile speedway open at 3 p.m. on July 4 and Perris residents can get in for free by displaying a driver's license or other form of photo identification or utility bill with a City address.

The racing program is highlighted by the appearance of the USAC/CRA sprint cars, which will culminate the night of racing with the "Firecracker 30," a 30-lap feature around the dirt-track oval. The PAS Senior Sprints and California Lightning Sprints will also be racing July 4.

Other activities on the program include remote-controlled racing. The funny car known as "Wild Thang" is set to appear and music from several bands also are part of the pre-race program.

As they have for many years, track promoter Don Kazarian and his staff are raising money for the American Cancer Society.

On July 4, they will be hosting "The Power of Purple" Relay for Life Fundraiser.

Facilities manager Charlie Watson said fans can expect to see a great night of racing and rousing patriotism. Racing headliners include Hall of Famer Rip Williams, four-time defending series champion Mike Spencer, past champion Cory Kruseman and crowd-pleasing newcomer Nic Faas.

"These are the finest drivers on the West Coast and they always take great pride in putting on a terrific show during the July 4 show," Watson said.

The sky concert features a jaw-dropping series of fireworks accompanied by the playing of patriotic songs. Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, a competitor and sponsor at the Perris Auto Speedway, says the annual display is one of the finest he's ever witnessed.

"It's a great fireworks show and one I would highly recommend to all Perris residents," Yarbrough said. "It just doesn't get any better."

Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez, speaking at this month's City Council meeting, said the speedway fireworks display is a safe way to celebrate the country's 236th birthday.

"We want to discourage illegal fireworks and we hope people take advantage of this show," Belmudez said. The Perris Auto Speedway is located at 18700 Lake Perris Drive, just north of the Ramona Expressway three miles east of Interstate 215.