



## Perris News

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### July 3 Racing and Fireworks Shows Set at Perris Speedway

Things are heating up in anticipation of a City-sponsored fireworks extravaganza July 3 at the Perris Auto Speedway.

Track officials and Perris City representatives expect a sellout at the 8,000-seat capacity half-mile dirt track oval for the "Firecracker 30," a 30-lap sprint car shootout that features longtime veterans and up-and-coming youngsters.

Perris residents will be admitted free to the racing and fireworks shows that night. The City of Perris also has teamed up with March Air Reserve Base officials to distribute 1,000 tickets to military personnel and their families.

Some of the best open-wheel drivers on the West Coast will appear at the speedway to bring their own kind of fireworks to the Independence Day weekend.

At precisely 9 p.m., the racing action will halt for a 30-minute fireworks show and musical tribute to the United States, complete with patriotic narration and eye-popping explosions.

The "Sky Concert" at the PAS is always considered one of the best, if not the best, fireworks shows in Riverside County. The team of pyrotechnic professionals putting on this year's show enjoy a worldwide reputation, including conducting a fireworks show in China several years ago.

The hottest Sprint Car driver west of the Mississippi, David Cardey, won his third main event in his last three outings when he beat a 22-car field to win the USAC/CRA main event at the PAS last Saturday.

It was the third victory of the season for Cardey, a Riverside resident and PAS competitor for years.

Other top competitors expected on the racing program include Ventura's Cory Kruseman, a five-time winner of Firecracker 30 and a sure-bet future Hall of Famers. Three time champion Rip Williams, of Yorba Linda, is expected to make his first appearance at the PAS on July 3 after recovering from serious hand injuries. Williams, with 103 lifetime wins, was enshrined the Sprint Car Hall of Fame in 2009.

Two-time race winner Tony Jones, of Norco, and past champs Rickie Gaunt, of Torrance, and Santa Maria's Danny Sheridan also will fight for the honor of claiming the 2010 Firecracker 30.

Perris Auto Speedway has been the premiere sprint-car racing ground in California since 1996. More than a dozen PAS performers have raced or are currently running NASCAR. Several more have run in the Indy 500.

The Perris Auto Speedway is located on the Lake Perris Fairgrounds (home of October's Southern California Fair), approximately one hour east of Los Angeles and one hour North of San Diego. To get to the track, take the 215 freeway, exit on the Ramona Expressway and go three miles east to the fairgrounds.

Gates open at 3 p.m. on July 3.

For more information about the event, call the Perris Auto Speedway at 951-940-0134 or visit the website, [www.perrisautospeedway.com](http://www.perrisautospeedway.com)

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Sprint car racing around the half-mile Perris Auto Speedway.



Another sprint car making the turn on the half-mile Perris Auto Speedway.