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Perris Auto Speedway Donates Generously to Cancer Research and Fun

The Perris Auto Speedway made its annual \$10,000 donation to the City's Relay for Life during its annual Independence Day racing program/fireworks spectacular and City of Perris officials were on hand to take part in the ceremonies.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch and City Councilman Mark Yarbrough joined track promoter Don Kazarian during the intermission, at which time track Kazarian presented the check to Relay for Life co-chairs Bob McGinty and Maria Medina.

Also on hand was Jaime Hurtado, a candidate for Riverside County supervisor.



The Perris Auto Speedway made its annual \$10,000 donation to the Relay for Life July 2 during its Independence Day racing program and fireworks extravaganza. From left: Maria Medina, co-chair of the Perris Relay for Life; co-chair Bob McGinty; Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, PAS promoter Don Kazarian, Mayor Daryl Busch and Riverside County Supervisor candidate Jaime Hurtado.

In remarks to the near-sellout crowd, Kazarian thanked the City for its support of the Relay for Life, which funds research for the American Cancer Society.

"Mayor Busch and councilman Yarbrough have been huge supporter of this raceway since we opened 21 years ago," Kazarian said. "I could not do this without their support."

In the last decade, the speedway has donated \$120,000 to the Perris Relay for Life event, which is a major fundraiser for cancer research and treatments. Much of those contributions come from race-car drivers who walk through the stands, collecting small donations in their helmets.

The City of Perris hosts the Relay for Life and fields a team of volunteers to walk for the 24-hour duration of the event.

"Cancer is a disease which knows no boundaries," Kazarian said. "It strikes you if you're two or 92. Supporting the Relay for Life is the proudest thing I've ever done at this speedway."

McGinty likewise expressed praise for the City's and speedway commitment to Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society has raised \$45,000 in Perris this year.

"They are the most awesome organizations to work with," McGinty, a three-time cancer survivor, told the crowd.

"There are no other organizations I would rather partner with."

Mayor Busch thanked the crowd for supporting the Relay for Life and for attending the speedway to witness a fireworks spectacular. Perris residents were admitted free to the track to watch the holiday extravaganza.

"We're glad you're here to enjoy the racing and the fireworks," Busch said.



The action heats up on the track during the main event at the July 2 show at the Perris Auto Speedway.

Yarbrough, who has raced, sponsored and owned race cars at Perris and now tows at the track, said the PAS is a great partner for the American Cancer Society and Perris residents.

"What a better place to come to for an Independence Day celebration," he said.

Hurtado thanked the crowd for celebrating the holiday in a historic community, noting that Perris is 105 years old. No better place for such a celebration "of culture and fun" than the PAS.

"This place brings out a lot of fun," he said.



The fireworks extravaganza featured a series of spectacular pyrotechnics.

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