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UFO Race Championship Releases Preliminary 2010 Rules

(Mars, PA) – Officials of the UFO Race Championship have formulated the initial rules for the 2010 season. With no major changes to the procedure rules, the car rules will see an exciting, affordable, new motor option implemented for the upcoming season.

2010 procedure rules have received a few tweaks to cover various scenarios occurred during previous events, but the "world's best racing format" will remain 100% intact. Drivers will qualify for UFO feature events from pill draw, extended-lap heats which allow enough time for all drivers to race into a qualifying position. A redraw will determine the feature starting grid for the top heat race finishers, which gives an opportunity of the pole position to each driver that performed well in the heat races. Pure double file restarts will continue to be the restart procedure of choice, allowing the racers to better utilize all grooves of the racing surface.

Current Super Late Model motor weights have been adjusted to better fit national touring series standards in 2010. Open motor, aluminum block cars will be required to weight a minimum of 2,300 pounds after the race. Steel block, open motor cars will now receive a 50 pound weight break with a minimum weight of 2,250 pounds. Both motor types will continue to utilize an 8" spoiler. Spec motor cars will also weigh a minimum of 2,250 pounds and will be allowed a 12" spoiler and 4" nose spillboard. At PPMS, spec motor cars will weight 2,300 and will be allowed the use of the 4" spillboard again in 2010.

The major rule addition for 2010 is that the GM 525-horsepower, aluminum motor will be accommodated as a competitive option. This motor is currently retailing for around \$9,000 and was introduced to Super Late Model racing by the NASRA series based out of Indiana. The cars running a GM 525 motor will take a slightly more radical look as the free air will be used to even the difference in horsepower between the other motor types. GM 525 motor cars will be required to weight a minimum of 2,200 pounds and will be allowed use of a 12" spoiler. Two 5.5" nose spillboards and bigger dimension side spoilers will be permitted to give the lower power motor cars more sidebite. Additional rules adjustments may be made as the actual performance in competition of this motor is evaluated.

Because of the low cost of the GM 525 motor in relation to open motor costs and the comparability of the cost of a new GM 525 motor to a rebuild of an open motor, rebuilt motors will not be accepted for UFO competition in 2010 and the motor seals may only be opened for tech purposes. UFO officials feel this stance will better protect the integrity of the motor program. Protest procedures and a system to reassemble and reseal motors that have been torn down for tech purposes are currently being developed.

The emergence of the affordable GM 525 motor should help revitalize Super Late Model car counts in 2010. Both Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway and Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex will be using the UFO car rules for their non-UFO shows in the upcoming season. It is expected that this motor will allow some drivers that have left the Super Late Model class in recent years to make a return to competition in the division.

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Complete information on the UFO Race Championship may be found at <http://uforacechampionship.com>. The Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway is located just west of Pittsburgh off US 22/30 at Imperial, PA off the Noblestown exit. The track website is <http://ppms.com>, office phone 412-279-7223 and race day phone 724-695-3363 or 724-695-0393. Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex is located off US 40 between Farmington and Markleysburg, PA. The track website is <http://roaringknob.com>, office phone 412-771-0124 and track phone 724-329-0306.

Tyler County Speedway is located south of Middlebourne, WV on SR 18 at the Tyler County Fairgrounds. The track website is currently under development with race day phone 304-758-2660. Circle Track Management Group may be contacted at 304-483-2536. Lernerville Speedway is located at Sarver, PA off SR 356. Track website is <http://lernerville.com> with office and track phone 724-353-1511. The Elkins Speedway is located north of Elkins, WV off US 219 at the town of Kerens. WV Motorsports Promotions may be contacted at 304-842-6003 with track phones of 304-363-3339, 304-636-0880 and 304-636-0881. The track website is <http://elkinsspeedway.com>.

