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Countdown Begins to UFO Chiller Thriller at Mercer!

(MARS PA) – The meltdown to Spring and the countdown to the 2010 UFO Super Late Model blastoff has begun. The UFO Super Late Models will make their first appearance ever at the Mercer Raceway Park on Saturday, March 27 for the “Chiller Thriller,” kicking off the biggest season to date for the UFO tour.

This early spring event will not only be the 1st race on the 2010 UFO tour, it will also will be the first major Super Late Model event in the entire PA-OH-NY-WV 4-state region for the new decade. With most every other area track not yet in operation for the season, a strong field of UFO Super Late Model racecrafts is expected as well as the other divisions. As Mercer features Super Late Models on a limited basis, the 3/8 mile will serve as the perfect neutral arena for the opening round of the UFO invasion

The “Chiller Thriller” will be highlighted by a Mach-41 lap UFO Super Late Model championship paying \$2,500 to win and \$250 to start. The UFO Super Late Models will compete in a full racing program of extended-lap heat races, consolation(s) and the exciting feature event. The UEMS E-mods and Open Stock class will also be in competition, running for a whopping \$1,000 to win each feature. The 4-cylinder Mini-Stock class will round out the program.

Pit gates will open at 3:30 PM with grandstands opening at 4:30. Warm-ups will hit the track at 6:15 with racing at 7:00 PM. Grandstand admission will be \$17 for adults, \$7 for students 6-15 years of age and \$35 for the pits. Mercer Raceway Park will offer their family pass for \$38 to the grandstands for this event, which includes 2 parents and up to 4 kids 15 years of age and under. The rain date for the “Chiller Thriller” is Saturday, April 3.

Alex Ferree of Saxonburg, PA is the 2-time defending UFO Race Champion. In 2009 John Mollick of Toronto, OH turned his first year on the UFO tour into a second place finish in the overall points. Keith Barbara of South Park, PA finished 3rd for the 2nd straight year followed by Jared Miley of South Park and Mike Johnson of Imperial, PA. Rounding out the top 10 in 2009 UFO points were Mike Basich of Adena, OH, John Flinner of Zelenople, PA, Lynn Geisler of Cranberry PA, Brandon Burgoon of McDonald, PA and Gregg Satterlee of Rochester Mills, PA.

Over the past 2 years, UFO has contested 22 races resulting in 17 different winners. John Flinner won the first UFO event of 2009 as well as the most recent Super Late Model show at Mercer. Bart Hartman of Zanesville, OH was a 3-time winner on the tour last season coming from the 20th position on the grid for his most recent win. Other 2009 winners include John Mollick, Zach Dohm of Cross Lanes, WV, Alex Ferree, Gary Dalton of Morgantown, WV, Davey Johnson of Greensburg, PA, Jared Miley and D.J. Myers of Greencastle, PA. Steve Baker of Fairmont WV topped the 2008 win list with 3 victories. Robbie Blair of Titusville, PA won the inaugural UFO race in 2008 on the white flag lap. Other 2008 winners were John Flinner from a 24th starting position, Al Atallah of Bridgeville, PA, Keith Barbara, Tim Dohm of Cross Lanes, WV and Jeremy Miller of Gettysburg, PA. Billy Drake of Bloomington, IL and Jimmy Mars of Menomonie, WI captured the final events of the 2008 UFO tour, which were also the historical final events at the Challenger Raceway.

The payoff for the UFO Super Late Models for the “Chiller Thriller” Mach 41-lap feature at Mercer will be 1st-**\$2,500** 2nd-**\$1,200** 3rd-**\$1,000** 4th-**\$800** 5th-**\$700** 6th-**\$600** 7th-**\$525** 8th-**\$475** 9th-**\$425** 10th-**\$400** 11th-**\$375** 12th-**\$350** 13th-**\$340** 14th-**\$325** 15th-**\$300** 16th-**\$290** 17th-**\$275** 18th-**\$275** 19th-**\$275** 20th-**\$275** 21st-**\$250** 22nd-**\$250** 23rd-**\$250** 24th-**\$250**. **\$100** for dnq cars starting a heat race. The “Chiller Thriller” has no car entry fee for the UFO Super Late Models, and UFO does not have an annual driver membership fee.

The UFO Race Championship is an event marketing alliance among supertracks in the Pennova region (Western PA-Northern WV-Northeastern OH). Participating speedways presents their own championship Super Late Model events under the UFO banner throughout the season using common tech and procedure rules with a year-end, group funded, point bonus for the top finishing drivers on the tour. Eligible tracks are within the 3 hour travel distance of the central point of Washington, PA.

The UFO Race Championship Tour is proudly sponsored by Lias Tire/American Racer of Indiana, PA, Hoosier Tire Mid-Atlantic with distributors in Saxonburg, PA, Roaring Springs PA and Finksburg, MD and Townsend Gas and Oil at Homer City, PA. 100% of their points fund sponsorship will be given to the top point standing drivers in prize money and awards. More information on these sponsors may be found at <http://www.hoosiermidatlantic.com>, <http://www.americanraceronline.com>, and <http://www.townsendgasoil.com>.

2010 Contingency awards are provided by Bernheisel Race Components and Lazer Chassis. Information on their products may be found at <http://www.bernheiselracecars.com>.

Complete information on the UFo Race Championship may be found at <http://www.uforacechampionship.com>. Dog Hollow Speedway is located east of Indiana, PA off US 422 on PA 403 at Strongstown. The track phone is 814-948-6812 and promoter phone is 814-948-4252. The track website is <http://www.dog-hollow.net>. Mercer Raceway Park is located just north of Mercer, PA off US 19 on Fairground Road. The track website is <http://www.mercerracewaypark.com>, race day phone 724-662-1310 and office phone 724-964-9300.

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://www.ppms.com>, office phone 412-279-7223 and race day phone 724-695-3363 or 724-695-0393. Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex is located east of Farmington, PA off US 40. Website information may be obtained at <http://www.roaringknob.com>, with office phone for Oval Track Promotions of 410-857-3821 and race day phone 724-329-0306.

Thunder Valley Raceway is located off PA 160 and US 30 at Central City, PA on Shade Church Road. The track website is <http://www.thundervalleyraceway.com>, race day phone 814-754-8090 and office phone 301-733-3688. Tyler County Speedway is located south of Middlebourne, WV on SR 18 at the Tyler County Fairgrounds. Tyler County Speedway is located south of Middlebourne, WV on SR 18 at the Tyler County Fairgrounds. The track website is <http://www.tylercountyspeedwayonline.com>. with race day phone 304-758-2660 and phones for Circle Track Management Group of 304-483-2536, 304-758-4426, 304-758-5186 and 304-904-0021.

2010 UFo Race Championship Schedule

Subject to additions and modifications

RACEceivers required at PPMS, Roaring Knob, Tyler Co and Dog Hollow.

Transponders Required at PPMS. Rentals available at the tracks.

Saturday, March 27 / Mercer Raceway Park / Chiller Thriller / 41 laps / \$2,500
Saturday, April 17 / Tyler County Speedway / Topless 51 / 51 laps / \$5,000
Saturday, May 15 / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / F-2 Shockwave / 2-22 laps / \$3,000 total
Saturday, May 22 / Thunder Valley Raceway / TVR Showdown / 38 laps / \$2,500
Saturday, June 12 / Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex / Laurel Highlander / 38 laps / \$2,500
Saturday, July 3 / Tyler County Speedway / Earl Hill Championship / 51 laps / \$5,000
Sunday, July 11 / Dog Hollow Speedway / Revolution 2010 / 44 laps / \$5,000
Saturday, July 17 / Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex / Supernational Road / 40 laps / \$3,000
Sunday, August 1 / West Virginia Motor Speedway / Crown Jewel Qualifiers / 2-22 laps / \$5,000 total
Saturday, August 28 / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / Red Miley Rumble / 41 laps / \$3,053 total
Friday, September 3 / Tyler County Speedway / The Black Diamond–WV State Championship / 51 laps / \$10,000
Saturday, September 4 / off for The Black Diamond 125 at Tyler County Speedway - \$50,000 total
Saturday September 11 / Roaring Knob Motorsports Complex / King of the Knob / 51 laps / \$5,000
Thursday-Friday-Saturday, September 16-17-18 / Pittsburgh's PA Motor Speedway / The Pittsburgher