

Swims raises purse for 2014

The 2014 racing season at Dixie and Rome Speedways has brought several changes with the recent release of the season's schedule. In addition to starting the year earlier with a practice at Dixie on March 29th, there will also be a practice at Rome Speedway for the first time ever on Saturday, April 5th.

Also, the usual Sunday night ½ mile track will see a Saturday night program for the first time in nearly 20 years on April 19th.

"The fans have been wanting more races at Rome for a long time, and we are as excited as they are to add two more races to the schedule this season," said track owner Mickey Swims.

In addition to making the fans happy, Swims is bound to make the drivers happy as well by raising the purses in all divisions this season.

"We are very fortunate to have some of the best local drivers in the country who support us every week, and we felt like they deserved to race for a little more," said Swims.

The new purses include \$2,000 to win in the Super Late Model division, \$700 to win in the Steelhead Late Model division, and \$600 to win in the Crate Late Model division. The Bomber divisions, Super and



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Econo, will run for \$400 and \$300, respectively. Ponystocks will now be \$300 to win, and finally, Cruisers will be \$200 to win.

"Last season was some of the most exciting racing we have ever seen, and we think this will ensure an even better season this year," said Swims.

Last season saw sixteen different winners in the Super Late Model division and a point battle that came down to the last race.

Swims is optimistic that this season will make that division even more competitive.

"With \$2,000 to win every week in Super Late Model, who knows who might show up here on Saturday nights." It has been an exciting offseason for Dixie and Rome Speedways, and with all the recent developments, the upcoming racing season already looks to be a memorable one.

Sinkhole Swallows Corvettes in Kentucky Museum

A sinkhole collapsed part of the National Corvette Museum in Kentucky damaging eight cars but not shutting down the building.

Museum spokeswoman Katie Frassinelli said six of the cars were owned by the museum and two — a 1993 ZR-1 Spyder and a 2009 ZR1 Blue Devil — were on loan from General Motors.

Bowling Green city spokeswoman Kim Lancaster said the hole opened up setting off an alarm and a call to the fire department. Frassinelli said no one was in the museum at the time.

The hole is in part of the domed section of the museum, and that area will remain closed. That's an original part of the facility for which was completed in 1994. The fire department estimated the hole is about 40 feet across and 25 to 30 feet deep. Pictures of the

sinkhole show a collapsed section of floor with multiple cars visible inside the hole.

A few feet away, other Corvettes sit undamaged and undisturbed. The other cars damaged were a 1962 black Corvette, a 1984 PPG Pace Car, a 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette, a 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette, a 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette and a 2009 white 1.5 Millionth Corvette.

Lancaster said information was still being gathered about what exactly happened, but it appeared to be the first problem of its kind at the property.

Bowling Green sits in the midst of the state's largest karst region — the Western Pennyroyal area, where many of Kentucky's longest and deepest caves run underground. A karst display distinctive surface features, including sinkholes.

No injuries were reported.



Frassinelli said a structural engineer has been called to the museum to assess existing damage and the stability of the surrounding area.

The museum is set to host the 2014 Corvette Caravan in September, a celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the museum. 1,200 people already are registered for the 2014

Corvette Caravan that will mark the 20th anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. Museum officials expect car clubs from all 50 states and Canada to converge on Bowling Green for the celebration. Bowling Green, Ky., is also the lone place where General Motors builds the iconic Corvette.



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