

Race Format Set for Meridian 2-Day Show

August 31, 2018 - Mountain Home, ID – The 2-day King of the Wing (KOTW) National Sprintcar show at Meridian Speedway, September 21st and 22nd is being run with the Northwest Sprintcar Racing Association (NSRA). Friday night's race is the Tom Elliott Sportsman Classic named after the late Super Modified and Winged Sprintcar racer from Idaho and will feature a 40 – lap main event. Saturday night's race is the Pink Lady Classic named after the 1968 Grant King Sprinter which is scheduled to compete with the Legend Ken Hamilton behind the wheel. This will be a 50-lap main event.

With over 25 cars expected to compete the top 20 qualifiers will be locked into the main event each night. All other cars will compete in a B-main with the top 4 transferring to the A-main. The B-main will be 12 laps with no invert.

Friday night's A-main will invert the top 14 qualifiers with the remaining 4 cars locked in will be lined up in by highest to lowest qualifying time. The 4 transfers from the B-main will line up behind the 20th car in order of finish. This race also has a bonus \$500 to the driver that advances the most positions.

Saturday night's A-main will invert the top 6, 8 or 10 top qualifiers determined by a pill draw by the top qualifier of the night. The remaining locked in cars will line up by order of qualifying time. The 4 transfers from the B main will again line up by order of finish behind the locked in cars.

Qualifying will consist of 2 timed laps. The fastest of the two laps will be the driver's official qualifying time. Heat races will be 8 laps and drivers must finish on the lead lap to keep their qualifying time.

Over \$38,000 is up for grabs over the 2-day show. A Friday win will net the winner \$2,000 and a minimum of \$500 will be paid to all starters of the A-main. Saturday's purse is higher with \$2,500 to win and \$650 to start the 50-lap feature.

This weekend's race will culminate with one driver being crowned as an overall King of the Wing for Idaho. The driver with the most accumulated points for the 2-nights will receive this honor. The driver must be a KOTW member in good standing to receive this award.

This is also the last 2 races of the season for the NSRA and their season champion will be crowned at the end of Saturday's race. Two Canadian drivers, Aaron Willison and Jeff Montgomery are tops in the points battle. Willison has a 23-point lead going in to the weekend.

Ticket prices for Meridian Speedway are:

Adults - \$18.00

Military and Seniors – \$15.50

Children (7-12) -\$6.50

Children (6 and under) - FREE

Family pass (2 adults and up to 4 children) \$46.00

Fans can save time at the gate by buying tickets in advance on-line through the speedway's website, www.meridianspeedway.com. You can save \$3.00 on all adult, military and senior tickets for Friday night's races if you buy them on-line.

About the King of the Wing Series:

The "King of the Wing" Series is designed to work with all teams, promoters, fans and sponsors, to strengthen pavement Winged Sprint Car racing from coast to coast, working directly with all existing pavement Sprint Car Series. Long term plans for the Series

are to provide a competitive rules package that can apply to all Sprint Cars and create race events that truly allows the promoters and racers to build bigger venues, show the sponsors and fans the world 's fastest short track cars, and to promote some of the best short track drivers competing head-to-head no matter what part of the country they are from or what Series they run on a regular basis. This is the only pavement Sprint Car Series that features competitors from across the United States and Canada. Since its inception in 2014 the series has run 32 races at 17 different tracks. A total of 165 different drivers have competed with an average of 24 cars at every race. Total purse money over the 4 years is over \$761,000. Series Champions are: 2014, Jojo Helberg; 2015, Aaron Pierce; 2016, Davey Hamilton Jr.; and 2017, Johnny Giesler.