



ABOUT THE SPEED TOUR SUPERMODIFIED SERIES

The Speed Tour Supermodified Series is an open wheel short track race series for offset Supermodifieds. Once extremely popular on the west coast from the 1960s to the early 2000's, this class of cars had all but disappeared on the west coast over the past decade. Curt Kern, the former Series Director for the Northwest Supermodified Racing Association (NSRA) and the Western States Supermodified Tour (WSST) created the Supermodified Reunion in conjunction with the annual Diamond Cup Weekend held every June at Meridian Speedway since it was originated by Kenny Hamilton in 1989. Meridian Speedway is promoted by Adam Nelson, a longtime supporter of open wheel racing and an owner of Sprint Cars and Supermodifieds. The Reunion was intended to be an opportunity for former owners and drivers to get together to rekindle relationships and enjoy a weekend at the racetrack, additionally 4 to 5 supermodifieds would participate in a demonstration race during the weekend. The first Supermodified Reunion was held in 2018. Mark Pasquale and family approached Curt and Adam with the idea to sponsor a supermodified race in honor of their father Joseph Pasquale, a lifelong supermodified fan and the JP Memorial race was born. The first JP Memorial was held the next year in 2019. After a few years this stand-alone race gained popularity and the idea of a supermodified series was developed under the Speed Tour Banner, led by Adam Nelson, based in Meridian Idaho. The Speed Tour already included a sprint car series and a late model series, adding Supermodifieds made perfect sense.

The goal of the Speed Tour Supermodified Series is to bring supermodified racing back to the west coast. Recreating series like the Northwest Supermodified Racing Association (NSRA), Canadian American Modified Racing Association (CAMRA), Supermodified Racing Association (SMRA), Englewood Racing Association (ERA), Western States Supermodified Tour (WSST), Western Supermodified Racing Association (WSMRA), Supermodified Racing League (SRL), all thriving at one point but eventually ceasing operations.

The first season of the Speed Tour Supermodified Series was planned for 2023. Mark Pasquale assumed the duties of Series Director and Bill Birdsell agreed to take the roll of Race Director, a position he performed in prior supermodified series. The JP Memorial was included as part of a two-day show in conjunction with the Diamond Cup. Another two-day weekend was held at Meridian Speedway and Magic Valley Speedway in Twin Falls Idaho. Madera Speedway is a famous Supermodified racetrack in Central California. It was important to have Madera be part of the Speed Tour Supermodified schedule. A meeting was held with Kenny Shephard, the Madera Speedway promoter, influential supermodified drivers and owners, Mike Sargent, Jim Birges and Kyle Vanderpool, Larry King and Mark Pasquale. At that meeting it was agreed the Harvest Classic, an open wheel race that is going on its 52nd year, would feature the Speed Tour Supermodifieds and the first schedule was complete. Five races over three weekends. Then Davey Hamilton Jr created the Open Wheel Showdown

(OWS) at the Bullring at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Davey Jr agreed to include the Speed Tour Supermodifieds to the OWS schedule bringing the total number of races to 6 over 4 weekends. Bryan Warf of Boise Idaho driving the Pat Russell number 91 supermodified dominated the series in the inaugural year and became the first Speed Tour Supermodified Season Champion.

Year two saw a return to the Diamond Cup and a two-day show at the Motorplex at the Mill and Meridian Speedway. The race at the Mill as it is known was the first appearance for the Speed Tour Supermodifieds at the new facility. David Twyman and Shasta Speedway in Northern California also hosted the Speed Tour Supermodifieds for the first time. The Speed Tour Supermodifieds returned to Madera Speedway as part of the Harvest Classic. The series again consisted of 6 races over 4 weekends and Randy Anderson of Tacoma Washington driving his own number 2A supermodified was crowned the Driver and Owner Champion with six different main event winners showing the balance and competitiveness of the series.

The 2025 season saw two more new tracks host the Speed Tour Supermodifieds, the Wenatchee Valley Super Oval, and Stockton Speedway. These tracks were part of a 6-race series over five weekends that again included the two-day Diamond Cup and the Madera Harvest Classic and a race at Shasta Speedway for the second year in a row. Bobby Dalton, driving the 31 supermodified won the series title with car owner David Twyman winning the owner's title. In 2025 we had 5 different main event winners, with only Jimmy White was able to win multiple main events driving two different cars to victory circle.

2026 promises to be the most ambitious schedule for the Speed Tour Supermodified Series as it enters its fourth season. 10 races over 6 weekends are planned with Stateline Speedway in Post Falls Idaho hosting the series, bringing supermodifieds to the fast ¼ mile track for the first time in over 3 decades. Stateline will be part of a two-day weekend with the Wenatchee Valley Super Oval. The season will begin at Shasta Speedway bringing the supermodifieds back for the third consecutive year. The JP Memorial and the Diamond Cup will again be a premier two-day show at Meridian Speedway and a return to the Motorplex at the Mill as part of a two-day show with Meridian Speedway be on the schedule as well. The Speed Tour Supermodifieds will return to Madera Speedway and the Harvest Classic for the fourth consecutive year. The season will culminate with a return to the Open Wheel Showdown as a Speed Tour Sanctioned points race. With over 30 cars on the active roster representing drivers and teams in California, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Canada, we continue the goal of rebuilding supermodified racing on the west coast. The support of our sponsors, fans, teams, and promoters is greatly appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are available at multiple levels for anyone interested in being part of the Speed Tour Supermodified Series.