



ERIE, MICHIGAN (July 10, 2020) – Just as the legendary Phoenix rose from the ashes, Sprints On Dirt is poised to do the same. Denny Donaldson with Bob and Karen Garrett have partnered to acquire Sprints On Dirt. They are already partners in Butler Motor Speedway. The long-time supporters of Sprints On Dirt are determined to help sprint car racing thrive in Michigan, not only with their weekly sprint program, but with the opportunity for racers and fans to enjoy SOD's "beyond limits" traveling series in their area.

Denny Donaldson followed in the footsteps of his very successful father Ralph into racing, winning six Butler championships in three different divisions. Both Ralph and Denny are members of the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame.

Bob Garrett is also a 2nd generation driver, picking up seven track championships. As if that isn't enough, Garrett also has over thirty-five championships as a car owner. His teams are still winning today.

Butler and SOD have worked towards common rules for the benefit of sprint car racing in Michigan. The new acquisition will make the

cooperative efforts even more beneficial for Michigan racers. The partners have a strong drive to keep sprint car racing in Michigan alive and well.

Communication has begun with promoters and potential marketing partners in preparation for the 2021 season. SOD's prominence in Michigan sprint car racing took a nose dive in 2019, but is emerging from its near-death experience like the Phoenix and will be stronger, smarter and more powerful.

While the Covid-19 pandemic has been devastating for racing in general, there is a silver lining for Sprints On Dirt. Speedways and organizations have struggled to finalize schedules, but since SOD's plans were to sit out 2020 anyway, it has given SOD more time to finalize its plans. Sprints On Dirt will return to its values that made it so successful before.

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