



TPS and Longhorn Speedway in ruins is re-posted

The following article was written and posted on <http://blackflag.jalopnik.com/the-tale-of-longhorn-speedway-the-forgotten-ghost-trac-1793925563> by Alanis King, journalism major at the University of Texas in Austin.

She asked Texas Pro Sedans Founder, Race Director & Administrative Director Neil Upchurch for a major input of his memory of the racing history of Longhorn Speedway in Austin, Texas and other Texas asphalt racing history material for her University of Texas THESIS and for posting on www.jalopnik.com website where she works as a writer.

Following is the complete posting of her long version story with all photos for re-posting on ... www.TexasProSedans.com authorized by Alanis King and was preceded by the following memo from Neil Upchurch.

Memo to: Alanis King

I read the entire article you wrote and studied every photo you posted to support the piece.
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As I read each paragraph with interest and anticipation of what would be next, from my perception and orientation I kept feeling like your story wasn't an article or even a thesis.

I regretfully had to consider that it reads more like an obituary. It described the "deceased". I was closely involved in auto racing. It is a "memorial" about a Texas and southwest motorsport that is gone, but not entirely forgotten because so many were dedicated to their sport in many ways. They were really involved.

I regret all the money, time and work spent by car owners, drivers and crews and the support of loyal spectators and track and car sponsors. I also regret all the effort and funds gambled and lost by track operators, (sometimes called promoters) which all eventually came up "snake eyes" in short track version of auto racing's craps.

I do sincerely regret all of it, but wasn't it fun? And, didn't almost everyone enjoy those many years and the fun they had at all of the tracks?

Having written quite a few racing News Releases. I appreciated your studied preparation and journalistic ability and I hope you receive a high grade.

Btw: Below is a complete list of the closed southwest asphalt tracks I know of ...

1. Meyer Speedway, Houston (1/2 mile)
2. Lubbock Speedway (1/4 mile)
3. Amarillo Speedway (1/4 mile)
4. Pan American Speedway, San Antonio (1/4 mile)
5. Twin Cities Speedway, Midland/Odessa (1/4 mile)
6. Sooner International Raceway, Altus, Oklahoma (1/2 mile)
7. Texas World Speedway, College Station (Texas Race of Champions 2 mile & 1/1/2 mile road course)
8. San Antonio Speedway (1/2 mile)
9. Longhorn Speedway, aka Austin Speed-O-Rama (1/4 mile)
10. Thunderhill Raceway, aka Central Texas Speedway, Kyle, TX (3/8 mile)
11. Red River Speedway, Wichita Falls (1/4 mile)
12. Houston Motorsports Park (3/8 mile) <Note: Non-operational for last 3 seasons>
13. Corpus Christi Speedway (1/4 mile) <Note: Non-operational for last 2 seasons>

Thank you for asking for my input - Neil Upchurch

Texas Pro Sedans Founder, Race Director & Administrative Director
Texas Intl Drivers Association TIDA-LM Founder & Race Director
Texas World Speedway Texas Race of Champions Race Director & P.A. Announcer

Following is all script of her article and photos below:

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