



The Lucas Oil Canadian DIRT Challenge back in full force for the 2009 season!

Cornwall, On – Martin Bélanger - Monday, February 23, 2009 – With Lucas Oil back on board as being the main supporter of the series for the 2009 season, it is assured that the 9th edition will be the best one ever! Over \$150,000 in prize money will be given during the series making this edition the highest one in history!

An extra race has been added this year to bring the series to seven. The first race will be at Cornwall Motor Speedway on Sunday, May 17, 2009. After a two months break, the series will move to the Quebec province for a 2-night stop at Autodrome Granby on Friday, July 17 and Autodrome Drummond on Saturday, July 18. The best modified drivers of Quebec, Ontario and Northern United States will then make a trip to Mohawk International Raceway on Thursday, July 30, after a quick trip to the states, the series heads to Autodrome Edelweiss on Friday, July 31st then at Brockville Ontario Speedway the following night and it will all end at Cornwall Ontario Speedway on Sunday, August 2nd for their second visit of the tour.

With a lineup of 7 shows and over \$20,000 in purse each night plus all the bonuses involved and the winner of each event will receive a cool \$3,000 and each driver that will start a 100-lap feature will receive \$350. Each race will have time-trials and the fastest car will receive 100\$ for his success. Over \$150,000 will be distributed among the drivers making this edition the best paying series ever!

In 2008, David Hébert was a man on a mission as he won the first two races of the series at Autodrome Drummond and Mohawk International Raceway and never looked back to win his second title in the last 3 years. Mario Clair with wins at Edelweiss and Granby and Dale Planck at Cornwall, were the other winners. Quebec native drivers again dominated the point's race as Kayle Robidoux and Clément Therrien accompanied Hébert and Clair in the top 4 drivers. Joel Doiron, Pierre Dagenais, Laurent Ladouceur, Claude Brouillard, Yan Bussière and Michel Dusseault completed the top 10.

A total of 75 different drivers competed in at least one of the events as mother nature played a key role with Autodrome Granby and Brockville having their event postponed, with Brockville trying 3 times to get the show in after only getting 4 laps in the feature. The series averaged over 40 cars with Brockville having a series high of 49 drivers in the pits even though the weather was iffy.

With the huge contribution of Lucas Oil Products, we can tell that this edition will be the most lucrative and the most exciting series. Be sure to be part of it at one of the six tracks.