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# Sprint Car Nationals set in Jackson

## Fans have opportunity to see Sammy Swindell on the track

A three-time World of Outlaws champion is coming to Jackson Speedway.

Sammy Swindell of Bartlett, TN, will race in the Big Game Treestands #24 car during the Third Annual 360 Spring Sprint Car Nationals Friday, May 21, at Jackson Speedway in Jackson, MN.

"He's one of the biggest sprint car drivers in the country," said Jon McCorkell, promoter for Jackson Speedway.

Swindell is filling in for the 2009 winner of the Spring Sprint Car Nationals, driver Terry McCarl of Altoona, who is recovering from an arm injury.

Swindell first appeared at Jackson Speedway Saturday, May 1, for a World of Outlaws race.

"We're really excited for having him come and join us," McCorkell said.

For this year's nationals, there will be a championship sprint car class as well as a junior division. Overall, nearly 70 cars from around the country as well as locally will race on the speedway's half-mile track.

"It's one of the most competitive forms of racing," McCorkell said. "You'll see some really good regional and national talent."

"We're big enough to draw in national talent, but an event all of our locals can still compete in," McCorkell said. "You can see a spectrum of sprint car racing."

The winner goes home with over \$5,000.

According to McCorkell, sprint car racing is unique.

"The cars are extremely light," he said. "To get them to go faster, they put wings on them."

Much like an airplane's wings provide lift, the reverse wings on a sprint car provide down force to keep the light car on the ground.

The open-wheeled cars have such high horsepower that they're faster



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### At a Glance:

**WHAT:** Third Annual 360 Spring Sprint Car Nationals

**WHERE:** Jackson Speedway, Jackson County Fairgrounds, 76748 550th Ave., Jackson, MN

**WHEN:** 4:30 p.m. gates open, 7:30 racing begins Friday, May 21; rain date is Friday, May 28

**COST:** \$20 for adults at the gate; \$17 for adults in advance; \$25 for pit passes; children 12 and younger are free

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### Season kickoff:

Following the Third Annual 360 Spring Sprint Car Nationals, Jackson Speedway begins its 2010 season with a Season Kickoff and Past Champions Honor Night Saturday, May 22. All past champions of the Jackson Speedway will be honored and there will also be a Jackson Speedway Touring Series Race. The first 200 kids will receive a free Kid's Club T-shirt. Admission is \$10 and children 12 and younger are free. For more information, and to view a complete 2010 season schedule, visit [www.jacksonspeedway.com](http://www.jacksonspeedway.com) or call the race hotline at (507) 841-1957.

than other dirt cars, McCorkell said.

And for some fans, such speed

can be a real crowd pleaser when it comes to crashes and flips.

"They can be quite spectacular

in their crashes," McCorkell said. "That's kind of the allure of sprint cars." ♦