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Regional Boy Scout Council Partners with Maryland International Raceway to Promote Cub Scouting

National Capital Area Council Launches Recruitment Drive Throughout Region

WASHINGTON, DC (September 18, 2006) — Against a backdrop of thrills, food and hot rod dragsters, the spectacle of championship drag racing is partnering with the National Capital Area Council (NCAC), Boy Scouts of America to promote “Race to Scouting” at the Maryland International Raceway. Featured as an incentive for those young boys who sign up for Cub Scouting during Join Scouting Night (September 19 – October 1), these “Race to Scouting” events allow new Scouts to experience the speed and excitement of drag racing firsthand.

“Cub Scouting is about fun, adventure, and activities you do with your den and pack, but there's more to it than just fun. Being a Cub Scout means you are a member of a worldwide youth movement that stands for certain values and beliefs,” said Al Lambert, Scout Executive for NCAC. “We’re thrilled to partner with Maryland International Raceway and offer a unique experience in an action-packed environment. This is why we say that Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose.”

Every new Cub Scout joining before Friday, September 29 will receive a special edition replica “Race to Scouting” car and two tickets and an adult discount coupon to the Torco Race Fuels President’s Cup Nationals on September 29th and again on October 1st, when the race will be televised nationally on SPEED TV. “Race to Scouting” replica cars will be distributed to those joining between October 1 and December 1.

“We’re very pleased to be featuring the National Capital Area Council as part of the President’s Cup Nationals to help promote Cub Scouting,” said Royce Miller, President of Maryland International Raceway. “Racing, like the Cub Scouts, is about having a great time and doing exciting new things with your friends while developing leadership skills.”

A list of Join Scouting Night events in each of the Council’s 28 Districts is available at www.boyscouts-ncac.org

About NCAC

Organized in 1911, the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) is the third largest council in America. Representing inner city and rural communities, its territory includes the District of Columbia and 16 counties in Maryland and Northern Virginia. The area is divided into 28 districts and one Learning for Life Division. Registered membership for year-end 2005 was 48,550 in traditional programs and 33,992 in Learning for Life; plus 22,555 adult volunteers and 1,851 Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venturing Crews and Ships.

About Maryland International Raceway and the Torco Race Fuels President’s Cup

Maryland International Raceway in Budds Creek, Maryland has been home to the IHRA President’s Cup Nationals professional drag races since 1988. Under the ownership of the Miller family the track has undergone extensive renovations and improvements, including expanded paved pits and parking, a newly resurfaced and lengthened track surface and concrete walls. A state of the art control tower including corporate hospitality suites was built in 2002. Following these improvements, 300 mile per hour Top Fuel dragsters were added to the President’s Cup in 2003. This year, The President’s Cup features the first appearance of the popular Nitro Funny Car class. For the past two years, MIR has been selected as the host track for the highly-rated “Pinks” television program on SPEED Channel.

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About IHRA

Headquartered in Norwalk, Ohio, the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA), a division of Live Nation, promotes professional, semi-professional and local level racing opportunities for drivers at all levels. The eMax Drag Racing Series is an 11-event North American professional drag racing circuit. In 2006, the series will be comprised of eight events in major cities throughout the United States and three in Canada. The Mr. Gasket Pro-Am Championship consists of competition at national events and 35 events in six regional divisions, while IHRA's Summit SuperSeries is conducted nearly every weekend at over 90 IHRA-sanctioned tracks. Providing a safe environment to develop future stars, IHRA offers the PM-1 Junior Dragster Racing Series for youths ages 8-17. Stand-alone events include Live Nation's entertainment-filled "Thunder Jam" shows and the street legal racing and lifestyle event series Kumho Street Warriorz presented by Hooters. More information can be found at www.ihra.com.

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